

Florence Township Council Regular Session 11/13/24

Florence, New Jersey
November 13, 2024

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Council President Baldorossi at 7:00 p.m.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on January 7, 2024; published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2024, placed on the Township website and given to the Trenton Times for information on January 7, 2024.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Joseph Frappolli, John Fratinaro, Nicholas Haas, Talaya Loftin, Frank Baldorossi

Also Present: Mayor Kristan I. Marter; Thomas A. Sahol, Administrator, Robert Wright, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk; Jenise Silinsky, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion of Loftin, seconded by Fratinaro to approve the minutes. Voice vote – All ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinaro to receive and file the following correspondence. Voice vote – All ayes.

- Township Clerk’s Monthly Report for October 2024
- Court Administrator’s Monthly Report for October 2024

Motion of Frappolli, seconded by Haas to approve the **Treasurer’s Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinaro, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

None at this time.

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APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Loftin, seconded by Haas to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Voice vote – All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-205
Refund Deposit – FAAD Building**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-206
Donate Surplus Body Camera Equipment to Bordentown Twp. Police Department**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-207
Refund Deposit – FAAD Building**

Motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to approve Resolution Nos. 2024-205 through 2024-207.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinardo, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

None at this time.

REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

Mayor Marter explained that the Thanksgiving turkey drive sponsored by Troy Singleton and Amazon will not be at the Community Center in Roebling this year, although Florence Township residents will be afforded the first opportunity to register. Instead it is going to be a drive thru turkey and food distribution on Friday, November 22nd from 4-6pm at the Emergency Services Training Center, 53 Academy Drive, Westampton. There will also be a winter coat giveaway on Saturday, November 30th from 10-12pm at the same location. Both of these events require pre-registration.

Mayor Marter recognized and thanked Lou Borbi, a local historian, retired educator, accomplished publisher, painter, friend and Township resident. He designed new signs that tell some of Roebling’s history and adds some interesting information for anyone visiting the park along the Delaware River Heritage Trail.

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Administrator

Administrator Sahol stated that concrete work and paving will begin on Broad Street and will be from Fifth to Ninth Steets. He also explained that two more radar signs were acquired and will be placed on Station Road, where there seems to be a need.

Council Representative Loftin asked Administrator Sahol about reconvening the subcommittee to get started on the new building for the police department. Administrator Sahol explained that the soils need testing, the outbound survey needs to get started and a few little things have to happen before we know how far we are going to go and it is anticipated that the subcommittee will reconvene in December.

Council Representative Frappolli stated that Chief Boldizar took him through the police facility and he didn't realize how small that space is stating that they are doing a wonderful job in the small space and are improvising in a lot of different areas. It is far from being good enough and the new building is very necessary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Representative Frappolli mentioned that he has been approached about leaf piles all over the community and asked Administrator Sahol for a report about the leaf truck. Administrator Sahol explained that the machine is down at this time because the fuel pump went bad. The machine had been fully serviced, everything was replaced, all of the consumables were replaced over the summer and it was made ready for the season. But it has already worked hard and it is the only machine that works the entire town. Dave Wright reached out to a vendor to see if we can get a loaner machine but in the meantime they are operating with just the street sweeper which doesn't have the capacity of the vacuum unit. They are doing the best they can with what they have.

Council Representative Frappolli also asked if Council could send a letter to the County regarding the voting issues on Election Day. Administrator Sahol agreed to send a letter to the County Commissioners and Board of Elections expressing the concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Baldorossi opened the meeting to the public at this time. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was a Motion of Fratinardo, seconded by Haas to close public comment. Voice vote – All ayes.

ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2024-208 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Township Council and Support Staff to meet on Closed Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions:

-Discussion of litigation related to Affordable Housing, possible acquisition of real property, and matters of attorney client privilege

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It was a Motion of Haas, seconded by Fratinardo to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:28 p.m. where no action will be taken.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

- YEAS: Frappolli, Fratinardo, Haas, Loftin, Baldorossi
 - NOES: None
 - ABSENT: None
- Unanimous vote – Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:38 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Loftin seconded by Frappolli to adjourn. Voice vote – All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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