

Florence Township Council Regular Session 2/6/19

Florence, New Jersey
February 6, 2019

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 Sandusky at 8:00 PM. Council President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board on January 3, 2019; published in the Burlington County Times on January 6, 2019; placed on the Township website, and given to the Trenton Times for information on January 3, 2019.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, Dave Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie, Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator, Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Ostrander made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston to approve the following minutes. Voice vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

- Township Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2019
- Township Council Regular Session – January 16, 2019
- Township Council Closed Session – January 16, 2019

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Woolston, seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the CFO's Report of Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes, Police Chief's Monthly Reports for November and December 2018, CFO's Budget Report and Cash Report for December 2018, Court Administrator's Monthly Report for January 2019. Voice vote – all ayes.

It was on the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Social Affair Permit for Florence Township Education Foundation Casino Night
Florence Township Community Center, 69 Main Street, Roebling
February 9, 2019 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm

It was the Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Lovenduski to approve the permit. All ayes.

APPLICATIONS

- A. On-Premise Merchandise Raffle and On-Premise 50/50 Raffle
Florence Township Memorial H.S. Parent Organization
March 22, 2019, 6:00pm to 10:00pm
Florence Township Memorial High School, 1050 Cedar Lane, Burlington, NJ 08016

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve the application. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-48

**Authorize Refund
Land Use Application Fee**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-49

**A Resolution Canceling 2019 1st and 2nd Quarter Taxes for
1301 Hornberger Avenue**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-50

**Deny Request for Release of Two Maintenance Bonds
The Estates at Oak Mill, Pulte Homes**

It was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolution Nos. 2019-48 through 2019-50.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01
MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(2nd Reading) (Public Hearing)**

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to open the meeting to the public regarding Ordinance No. 2019-01.

Administrator Brook explained that the state has two caps. One is on the amount that a municipality can raise, it is called the tax levy. The second cap is a cap on appropriations. By adopting this ordinance, the municipality can go to a cap that is about \$10,863,000. The township's spending will be in the range of \$10,425,000. The township does not need to go to the higher level, but it is done as a form of protection in case it is ever needed. The state requires that it be done by ordinance.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, it was the Motion of Lovenduski, seconded by Ostrander to close the public hearing.

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-01.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

**ORDINANCE 2019-02
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND THE
FLORENCE TOWNSHIP YACHT CLUB REGARDING
THE LEASE OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LANDS
(1st Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 2/20/2019)**

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 and set the public hearing and adoption for February 20, 2019.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None

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ABSENT: None

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers:

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said he wanted to take this opportunity to introduce a resident who was in attendance this evening. He is a member of the armed services. His name is Joshua Bickley and he is a member of the American Legion Post 194. A couple of years ago he was able to bring armed forces members he served with to participate in the parade. Many of the active members of Post 194 are unable to walk the entire parade. He thanked Mr. Bickley for attending this evening.

Mayor Wilkie said the Social Affair Permit for Casino Night was on the agenda this evening. It is being held by the Education Foundation, which supports the school district. The event is this Saturday night. The tickets have sold out. It is a very nice event.

He wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day. He noted that next week's meeting has a very lengthy agenda and it will be a long meeting. There will be review of some budget items and information provided by some department heads. The Road Program will also be discussed.

Municipal Administrator

Administrator Brook said he would like to have a motion to authorize the county to provide aerial mosquito control in the municipality. The form was signed and sent to the county this morning.

It was the Motion of Woolston, seconded by Baldorossi authorizing county mosquito control. All ayes.

Administrator Brook said there were some recent articles regarding New Jersey lawmakers approving a bill that would assist federal workers if the federal government shuts down again. The bill would authorize municipalities to provide a grace period to those affected by a government shutdown. If the law does go into effect, the administration would come back to Council to see what could be done to implement the grace period. Hopefully it won't be needed. It is the least the township could do for the people who would not have paychecks coming in.

He said there was an article in the Burlington County Times stating that 2018 rainfall total was 21" more than the twentieth century average. It is good to keep that in mind when there are calls levels in the basins and other rain issues. There is a high water table that is taking place in the region and it has been over the past year or even more. It is something that the township monitors and takes into account when looking into concerns of residents. The township can't help the high water table. There has been no true relief. It is not just Burlington County. The township is taking it into consideration right now regarding some issues on Morris Court.

He thanked Clerk Erlston and all of the municipal employees who participated in the Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic. There was a great number of dogs and cats vaccinated. He thanked them for

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coming in on a Saturday to serve the community. Council President Sandusky said he agreed and extended his thanks to the employees.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol shared a photograph supplied by NJ Transit. Transit is having issues with gate damage at John Galt Way. People are trying to get around them. NJ Transit has installed breakaway barriers to try and dissuade the trucks from crossing the lane and trying to snake through the gates. It's one step towards safety that NJ Transit is trying. They have used it elsewhere and have found it to be successful.

There was a memo and aerial photograph regarding PSE&G and its infrastructure needs based on the very large project that will be taking place. There will be new high voltage lines that will run from North Jersey into South Jersey. There is also going to be a reconstruction of the transformer station that is located on Burlington-Columbus Road by Coachman's Drive. They will need to set up a temporary transformer station during the implementation of the project. They feel the most appropriate location for this station would be on Cedar Lane, somewhere between Route 130 and Bustleton Road. He met with them and there is a possibility that the town and PSE&G can work together. One request from the township is for some pathway lighting that has been absent from the path since it was first installed. People have asked about it. PSE&G is investigating the cost and they are interested in doing that if the town allows them to use a quarter of an acre of land for about 16-19 months. If Council is interested, he would like to continue working with the utility. It is for the betterment of that area as well as to make sure the country portion of the township has the power they need during the project. All were in agreement to proceed.

Division of Law

Division of Engineering

Unfinished Business

New Business

Board of Health

Miscellaneous

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Council President Sandusky opened the meeting to the public.

Joshua Bickley, 540 Shaver Drive, asked if there was a possibility of getting lighting on the paths around Veteran's Field and the field hockey field loop. Mayor Wilkie said normally lighting is not installed in the parks. That doesn't mean it won't be done sometime in the future. Mr. Bickley noted that the basketball courts have lights that come on when the button is pushed. Mayor Wilkie

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said that was correct. Mr. Bickley asked that lighting like that be supplied for the path from dusk until a determined time. Mayor Wilkie said it is primarily a funding issue.

It was the Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comments. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:16 PM MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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