

Florence Township Council Regular Session 11/6/19

Florence, New Jersey
November 6, 2019

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date at the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 p.m. followed by 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.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Bruce Garganio, Paul Ostrander, Dave Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also Present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator, Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Township Administrator; Thomas J. Hastie, Jr., Township Solicitor; Nancy L. Erlston, Township Clerk

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Closed Session of October 16, 2019
- Regular Session of October 16, 2019

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve the minutes as submitted. Voice vote – all ayes.

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Motion of Baldorossi seconded by Woolston to receive and file the following reports. Voice vote – all ayes.

- Court Administrator's Monthly Report for October 2019
- Township Clerk's Monthly Report for October 2019

Motion of Ostrander seconded by Baldorossi to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous vote – Motion carried

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APPLICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, a motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to close Public Comment. Voice vote – all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2019-185
Change Order No. 1 for the 2019 Road Program**

**RESOLUTION 2019-186
Final Payment No. 8 2018 Road Program to MECO, Inc.**

**RESOLUTION 2019-187
Buy Board Purchase Valve Machine Diamond Hydraulic Saw**

**RESOLUTION 2019-188
Accept work for 2016 Park Grant and Approve Final Reimbursement**

**RESOLUTION 2019-189
Approve Bond Release GeoPeak Energy, LLC**

**RESOLUTION 2019-190
Authorize Placement of Liens for Failing to Address Property Maintenance Violations**

**RESOLUTION 2019-191
Deny Bond Release, NFI Phase IV, QPSI**

**RESOLUTION 2019-192
Support Traffic Improvements – Route 130 and Cedar Lane (revised)**

**RESOLUTION 2019-193
Amend Financial Certification for Contract Award for 2019 Road Project**

**RESOLUTION 2019-194
Current Estimate No. 3 Mallard Creek Pump Station Electrical Upgrade**

Motion of Woolston, seconded by Garganio to approve Resolutions 2019-185 through 2019-194.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval – Motion carried

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ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2019-23

**Rescind Redevelopment Plan for Parcels in Roebing Steel Plant Redevelopment Area
(2nd Read, Public Hearing & Adoption)**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to open public hearing on Ordinance 2019-23.

Mayor Wilkie explained that we had partnered with Kampack to develop the Roebing Steel Mill site and approximately two months ago, their majority owner decided to sell and the international company decided not to move forward. It is in the best interest of the community to rescind the redevelopment ordinance so in the future, if they decided they wanted to come back, they will have to start over and they will have no vested interest in the property.

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to close public hearing. Voice vote – all ayes.

Motion of Baldorossi, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2019-23.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval – Motion carried

ORDINANCE 2019-24

**Amend Ch. 140 of the Florence Township Code
(Intro. & 1st Read) (2nd Read, Public Hearing & Adoption 12/4/19)**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Baldorossi to approve Ordinance No. 2019-24.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval – Motion carried

ORDINANCE 2019-25

**Authorize Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law
(Intro. & 1st Read) (2nd Read, Public Hearing & Adoption 12/4/19)**

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to approve Ordinance No. 2019-25.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky
NOES: None
ABSENT: None Unanimous approval – Motion carried

REPORTS OF COMMITEES, BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Nothing at this time.

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REPORTS: ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

The Mayor spoke about Resolution 2019-192, Support Traffic Improvements at Route 130 and Cedar Lane. Weiss Developments is constructing the hotel and apartments at Route 130 and Cedar Lane. This is being passed in order to show support for them for traffic improvements there and, in turn, we get that intersection improved.

There is a park cleanup on Saturday, November 9, 2019. The Riverside Chapel, who is housed in the former Baptist Church on Front Street, is hosting a cleanup and working with the town who is providing them with trash bags to help with that.

Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. the Veteran's Day celebration by Post 194 will be held at Broad and Front Streets. The Police Department's Honor Guard will participate with the veterans. At 11:30 a.m. the Township celebration will be held at the Municipal Complex in conjunction with Post 194 as we honor our veterans. It is also the 100th Anniversary of the creation of the American Legion which was formed one year after the end of World War I.

At the next Council meeting he will again be discussing the PILOT presentation that was introduced last meeting. He hopes to have it cleaned up so that it can be distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

There was no Board of Health at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was no Miscellaneous at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to open the meeting to the public at this time

Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, asked if the traffic improvements at Route 130 and Cedar Lane still include the roundabout. The Mayor answered yes and explained that the Department of Transportation's recommendation is to eliminate the right turn by the Wawa, which has been failing for years, and have the turn closer to the intersection and the roundabout will roughly be where Hunt Circus Drive is now. It will be wider than what is at Cedar Lane and Railroad Avenue and school buses should not have any issues crossing over the lip.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, a motion was made by Ostrander, seconded by Garganio to close Public Comment. Voice vote – all eyes.

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Motion of Ostrander, seconded by Woolston to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. where no action will be taken. Voice vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to the Regular meeting at 8:57 p.m. No action was taken. Motion of Garganio, seconded by Ostrander to adjourn. Voice vote – all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk
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