

September 16, 2008

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30pm. In the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

Members Present: Mayor Hughes, Committeemen Sweeney, Corcoran, D'Angeli and Bruning

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Hughes opened the meeting stating it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Report for August 2008

Cash Balances as of July 31, 2008	\$1,700,722.01
Cash Receipts for August 2008-10-05	\$1,435,918.12
Total	\$3,136,640.13
Cash Disbursements for August 2008	\$1,781,776.14
Cash Balances as of August 31, 2008	\$1,354,863.99
Account Balances as of August 31, 2008	
Current – Checking	\$279,590.59
Capital – Checking	\$353,572.94
Escrow – Checking	\$153,412.99
Tax Map Updates	\$1,599.56
COAH – Developers' Fees	\$185,589.42
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$139,932.69
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$220,632.29
Special Rec. – Checking	\$6,304.20
Special Donations	\$7,543.00
Dog Trust Account	\$6,686.31
Total Account Balances	\$1,354,863.99

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reported routine work is being done. The Dennis Road project is now complete.

D'Angeli reported a platform is needed for the bucket loader per the suggestion by OSHA. The approximate cost would be \$710.00 Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to approve the purchase of a platform for the bucket loader. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

D'Angeli reported a crew has been soliciting homeowners for driveway work and leaving tar and stones along the roads. Road Foreman Macko feels the Zoning Officer should pursue issues like this so the residents are not scammed. Mr. Macko will speak with the Zoning Officer as the Township Committee wants this issue pursued.

D'Angeli reported the fall clean-up is scheduled for next month starting the week of October 6th.

Fire Department - Sweeney reviewed the August report.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported he is in the process of setting up a meeting with Sparta regarding 9-1-1 issues.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported Maureen Fullaway is working on the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the COAH trust fund plan. This will be reviewed in October and a hearing will follow.

SCARC - Hughes reported the initial closing took place last week; and the HUD review is complete. The ground breaking will be October 7th or 8th.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported additional funding is being sought for the first ten (10) units.

Correspondence - From David Messineo re: Route 15 repairs
Bruning recommends a letter being sent to the NJDOT and informing Mr. Messineo this has been done.

Vouchers

20/20 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC.	47.50
AMERICAN FOREST	25.00
AQUATIC ANALYSTS, INC.	803.33
BASSANI POWER EQUIPMENT, LLC	389.20
CHAMBERS TRACTOR SALES, INC.	56.10
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	564.84
CULLIGAN	22.00
D. LOVENBERG'S PORTABLE TOILET	65.00
DEPTCOR	165.00
DOLAN & DOLAN, P.A.	10,034.91
EMBARQ	406.00
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS INC.	50.34
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	3,310.94
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	775.64
G & H SERVICE INC.	1,151.68
H2M ASSOCIATES INC.	25,123.22
HAMBURG PLUMBING SUPPLY CO., INC.	173.60
HIGH POINT REG HIGH SCHOOL	174,185.33
HOME EXPOT CREDIT SERVICES	391.58
HOME EXPOT CREDIT SERVICES	124.92
JCP&L	2,194.13
KUPERUS FARMSIDE GARDENS	152.00
LAFAYETTE AMATEUR ATHLETICS, INC.	6,000.00
LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	208.18
LAFAYETTE EMS	10,500.00
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	289,525.00
MARYPAUL LABORATORIES INC.	200.00
MULCH CONCEPT LLC	680.00
MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	1,389.00
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	570.97
NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	315.00
NORMAN J. GOLDBERG, INC.	2,750.00
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING	30.00
OWL CONTRACTING	119,273.96
PETERSON & SON TREE SERVICE INC.	2,560.00
PITNEY BOWER GLOBAL MAILING SOLUTIONS	48.00
POLOWY STONE & MASON	61.50
ROWE & COMPANY	142.32
ROY E. KURNOS	4,800.00
SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV	34.00
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	117.84
SUSSEX CTY ASSESSOR'S ASSOCIATION	65.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	131.30
TILCON NEW YORK INC.	237.80
TIRE KING	30.00
TREASURER, S/NJ	50.00
TREASURER, S/NJ	216.00
W. JIROUX	1,250.00
BEAVER RUN FARMS	6,405.02
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	3,535.06
LARRY VAN VELKENBURGH	3,150.00
LENTINI REDI-MIX INC.	6,550.00
OWL CONTRACTING	82,204.50
RECLAMATION OF KINGSTON, LLC	15,839.77
RECLAMATION OF KINGSTON, LLC	6,936.80
SNOOKS EXCAVATING INC.	14,870.00

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Cancel Old Funding Ordinances - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to cancel old funding ordinances for a total of \$4,289.44 and return to various funds.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Return To Reserve For</u>
Fire Department Scott Packs	\$ 0.01	Purchase of Fire Truck
Funded '08 - Dump Truck	\$3,677.65	Purchase of Road Equipment
2007-19 - Swing Set	\$ 396.80	Improvements to Rec. Property
Squad Payoff	\$ 147.70	First Aid Squad Equipment
2008-08 – Turnout Gear	\$ 67.28	Purchase of Fire Truck

Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces

Bob McDonnell, 13 Violet Trail

Bill James, 10 Violet Trail

Mr. McDonnell said the cost of fuel is rising; and people are using outdoor wood burning (OWB) furnaces. He explained the difference of outdoor and indoor furnaces and said the creosote creates a hazard. He said the Federal and State governments have suggestions; but no one is abiding by them.

Mr. McDonnell explained there are three (3) homes in a row near him that have OWB's; and the pollution and nuisance are tremendous. His son has asthma issues.

Mr. James said he has asthma; and the furnaces burn everyday during the year and emit huge clouds of smoke.

Mr. McDonnell explained they live in a valley; and the smoke travels towards his home. The neighbor across the street is, also, impacted. Mr. McDonnell said the Barnes family, who live approximately 1,400' away, is impacted; and their children have asthma. He is asking that something be in place for the community.

Mr. McDonnell said he spoke to a manufacturer of OWB's and was told that in a densely populated area they suggest the pipe be extended above the roof line. The NJDEP's response is that if smoke is emitted more than 3 minutes every 30 minutes, there is a violation. Mr. McDonnell said the residences at 15 and 19 Violet Trail do violate this regulation. He suggests the smoke stacks be extended and only burn from October to March. He, also, received information from the EPA stating wood burning smoke is hazardous.

Committeeman D'Angeli asked what he thought the Township should do. Mr. McDonnell said they have been banned in Sparta because of health issues and nuisance calls.

Mayor Hughes referred to the NJDEP violations. Mr. McDonnell said he will comply with the NJDEP and meet with the residents. He said he will, also, try to meet with the Assembly people. Mr. McDonnell said he contact the Sussex County Health Department and was referred to the NJDEP because the County did not have anyone to test the smoke.

Mayor Hughes suggested a draft ordinance be sent to the Township Attorney for review. He does not feel the existing furnaces can be removed; however, it will be investigated to ensure permits were obtained.

Committeeman Bruning recommended the Construction Official be sent a memo to investigate 15, 17 and 19 Violet Trail for necessary permits and, if needed, take any necessary action. A report should be provided by the next meeting of October 7, 2008. Committeeman Bruning asked the Clerk to contact the Township Attorney regarding the prevention of the issuance of further permits until this issue is resolved.

Mr. James said that, aesthetically, the neighbors are looking at an outhouse with a 20' stack.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk