

November 5, 2008

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7:30pm. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Bruning

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura, Road Foreman Macko, Attorney Kurnos

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

Minutes

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to accept and place on file the Minutes of September 16, 2008, October 7, 2008 and October 21, 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending October 31, 2008

Duplicate Bills	\$36.00
Print Outs	\$28.00
Current Year Taxes	\$944,154.56
Prepaid Taxes 2009	\$5,023.01
Interest	\$2,881.81
Total	\$952,123.38

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Report for October 2008

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2008	\$1,636,681.02
Cash Receipts for October 2008	\$1,053,381.63
Total	\$2,690,062.65
Cash Disbursements for October 2008	\$653,094.38
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2008	\$2,036,968.27
Account Balances as of October 31, 2008	
Current – Checking	\$1,139,585.56
Capital – Checking	\$192,903.13
Escrow – Checking	\$139,696.15
Tax Map Updates	\$1,599.56
COAH – Developers' Fees	\$185,752.13
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$140,055.37
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$220,826.92
Special Rec. – Checking	\$6,014.77
Special Donations	\$7,543.00
Dog Trust Account	\$2,991.68
Total Account Balances	\$2,036,968.27

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of October 2008	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	0	\$4,861.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	0	\$1,022.80
Amount Paid to Lafayette Township	0	0
Licenses Sold	0	528

Kennel Licenses Sold	0	3
Dogs Picked Up	0	2
Cats Picked Up	0	10
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	2
Cats Taken to Pound	0	10
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$75.00
Late Fees Collected	0	\$190.00
Lost Tags	0	\$3.00

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the ACO's report as submitted.
 Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Committee Reports

EMS - Corcoran reviewed October's report. He reported they are in the process of buying a new ambulance next year. It will be paid for through fund raising and the sale of the existing ambulance. The matching donation from Schering Corporation will be received by year's end.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported the application for Lafayette Holdings, at the 84 Lumber site, was approved; and three (3) others were carried to November 13, 2008.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reported routine work was done; and the missing signs were replaced. He reported Jason Beshada is still out on workmen's compensation and will be for approximately one (1) more week.

D'Angeli reported the block for the repair by the stream will cost approximately \$1,800. He said the area is now caving in and is a safety issue.

Emergency Management - Hughes said the report of radio frequencies has been submitted to the County.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the SCARC home is ahead of schedule.

Correspondence

1. From Joseph Zoltowski re: Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey
 This will be carried to the next meeting on December 2, 2008
2. From Donna DelValle re: Advance Housing requesting waiver of site plan approval
 Hughes said no fees should be incurred as the application has been approved; and they are just reducing the size of the footprint
3. From Daniel Jansen re: Land Use Board Letter of Interest
 Hughes thanked Mr. Jansen for his interest; however, there are no current openings on the Land Use Board.

Vouchers

A & G PIZZA	94.05
AMERICAN TRAFFIC & STREET SIGN CO.	143.25
AMERIGAS – FREDON	121.88
AURORA ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	26.67
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	188.28
D. LOVENBERG'S PORTABLE TOILET	65.00
EMBARQ	416.48
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS INC.	52.44
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	1,083.60
GAIL MAGURA	82.05
GATES FLAG & BANNER CO., INC.	280.45
GEDDIS SIGN STUDIO INC.	152.50
HAMBURG PLUMBING SUPPLY CO., INC.	937.83
HIGH POINT REG HIGH SCHOOL	174,185.33
HOME EXPOT CREDIT SERVICES	294.50
INTERNATIONAL SALT CO.	7,870.24
JCP & L	1,492.37

LAFAYETTE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION	795.99
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,700.00
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	289,525.00
MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	132.00
POLOWY STONE & MASON	61.50
SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTERS	2,750.90
SNOOKS EXCAVATING INC.	1,050.00
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	225.93
SUSSEX BLOCK & SUPPLY	462.40
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	379,741.06
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	7,340.68
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	30,873.92
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	17,509.38
SUSSEX CTY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	52.00
T.A. MOUNTFORD CO.	60.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	386.10
ESTATE OF VERA SWANSON	321.64
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	5,511.94
HELEN KIPSEY	639.37
JEFF KULSAR	128.61
JEREMIAH LOUGHMAN	340.50
MARCUS UTTER	48.81
ONE MAIN STREET SPARTA	4,040.65
ROY E. KURNOS	1,480.50
SKYRIDGE ESTATES	314.01
LISA DEUTSCH, ACO	280.00

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Transfers - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2008 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-58 permits transfers to be made in the last two (2) months of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
General Liability	\$1,600.00	General Administration o/e
Collection of Taxes o/e	\$ 300.00	Municipal Clerk o/e
Collection of Taxes o/e	\$ 240.00	Computer Services
Group Ins. for Employees	\$2,000.00	Streets and Roads s/w
Group Ins. for Employees	\$2,000.00	Snow Removal o/e
Total Transfers	\$6,140.00	

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

Old Business

OWB Furnace Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened this portion of the meeting to the public for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE'S BUILDING AND HOUSING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 8), SPECIFICALLY ADDING SECTION 8-8 REGULATING OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACES

Mr. Bob McDonnell, Voilet Trail, asked what would prevent this type of unit being installed inside a home and not comply with all regulations. Mayor Hughes said this unit is to be installed outdoors. However, if it is approved by the manufacturer to be installed indoors, it will still need to be inspected by the Construction Official and would be regulated.

Mr. Steve asked who came up with the findings as he feels this is an opinion. Mayor Hughes said the EPA website has similar language. Steve feels the units are now substantially better.

Mr. Scott McGrath feels the language in the findings is opinionated and negative.

Mr. James McGrath, Beaver Run Road, said there is a safety factor of having a fire inside the home. He feels the outside unit is safer.

A Gentleman in the audience feels the new units are more efficient than some home furnaces.

With there being no further public comments, Mayor Hughes closed this portion of the meeting.

Committeeman D'Angeli said it could be a nuisance if not properly controlled. After discussion the sentence beginning with "However..." will be deleted from Section 2, Findings.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the OWB Furnace Ordinance as amended. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Township Website - Mrs. Jean Perlee, website designer, reviewed the design of the website. Mrs. Perlee will put together three (3) designs for review and will register the domain name of lafayettetwp.org, with the second choice being lafayette-nj.com. Mayor Hughes will be the Township liaison.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the agreement between the Township and Jean Perlee for the website design and maintenance and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

New Business

Raffle Licenses - Kiwanis Club

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to approve a raffle license for Kiwanis Club of Sparta, NJ, Inc. for January 8, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve raffle licenses for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 13, 2008 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Audience

Mr. Bob McDonnell said he spoke with Keith Neuhs, Lafayette Township School Superintendent, regarding the seventh and eighth graders contributing to the Township's website. Mayor Hughes said this was reviewed and found to be feasible. Mr. McDonnell said it would only be for maintaining the content. Mayor Hughes will look into this issue further.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk