

January 2, 2008

The Annual Organization meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

The Clerk called the meeting to order stating that it was being held in compliance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish

Sussex County Clerk Erma Gormley administered the Oath of Office to Committeemen Bruning and Hughes.

The Clerk called for nominations for Mayor for 2008. Corcoran nominated Hughes; and D'Angeli seconded the nomination. The Clerk called for further nominations and there being none the nominations were closed; and Mr. Hughes was declared Mayor for 2008. Sussex County Clerk Erma Gormley administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Hughes.

Mayor Hughes called for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Hughes nominated D'Angeli; and Bruning seconded the nomination. Further nominations were called for and there being none Mr. D'Angeli was declared Deputy Mayor for 2008. Sussex County Clerk Erma Gormley administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor D'Angeli.

Meetings

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to continue holding regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Lafayette Township Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ with the exception of the first meeting in February which shall be held on the first Wednesday, second meeting in April which shall be held on the third Wednesday and the first meetings in June and November which shall be held on the first Wednesday of those months. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Designees

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to designate the New Jersey Herald and the Sunday Herald as the official newspapers for the Township of Lafayette. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Lakeland Bank and New Jersey Cash Management Fund be designated as the depositories for all current funds for the Township and the Custodian shall be CMFO Gail Magura. Mayor Hughes, Gail Magura and Anna Rose Fedish shall sign all checks with the Deputy Mayor to sign in an emergency.

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of Lafayette Township to provide for the orderly administration of Township business to permit the Deputy Mayor to execute any and all legal documents that the Mayor is authorized to execute in the event the Mayor is unable due to vacation, illness or general unavailability;

WHEREAS, in the recent past there have been documents that required execution where the Mayor because of vacations or other scheduling problems has not been available; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Township Committee has resolved that it is in the best interest of the Township to allow the Deputy Mayor to sign all documents in the Mayor's absence so long as the same are attested to by the Township Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette Township Committee as follows: That the Deputy Mayor be permitted to execute and bind the Township on all documents that the Mayor would have otherwise been authorized to execute on the behalf of the Township in the event of the absence of the Mayor and the inability to secure the

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the rate of interest to be charged is hereby fixed at 8% per annum for amounts under \$1,500 and 18% per annum for any amount in excess of \$1500; the date of delinquency shall be ten (10) days after the quarterly due date, after which interest shall be charged form the due date of the quarter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to collect interest at the rate aforesaid.

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution appointing professional services:

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 11-5 Local Public Contract Law permits Governing bodies to contract for certain professional services without competitive bidding and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette has need for said professional services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that the following appointments be made for the year 2008:

Township Attorney: Roy E. Kurnos, One year term

Township Auditor: Nisivoccia & Company, LLP, One year term

Township Engineer: Finelli Consulting Engineers, One year term

Township Tax Map Services: Finelli Consulting Engineers, One year term

Township Insurance Agent: The Morville Agency, One year term

Township Affordable Housing Administrator: Maureen Fullaway, One year term

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Township Clerk be directed to have published this Resolution in the official Township newspaper in compliance with P.L. 1971.

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

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to appoint Linda Pettenger as Tax Search Officer for the year 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to appoint Anna Rose Fedish as Deputy Tax Collector and Assessment Search Officer for the year 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to appoint William Kaufman as Animal Control Officer for the year 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Land Use Board - The following appointments to the Land Use Board were made:

Class I – Hughes

Class II - Charles O'Connor

Class III – Corcoran

Peter Randazzo - Regular Member

Donald Leuthe - Alternate #1

Robert Taylor - Alternate #2

Board of Health - The following appointments were made to the Board of Health:

2 Four Year Appointments - Tamara Didyk and Stephanie Pizzulo

Recreation - The following appointments were made to the Recreation Commission:

3 Three Year Appointments - Hal Conover, Howard Drake and Neal Sharpe

Open Space Advisory Committee - The following appointments were made to the OSAC:

3 Two Year Appointments - Winifred Straub, Karen Macko and David Musaclo

Committee Appointments - The following Committee Appointments were made:

Buildings and Grounds – Bruning

Streets and Roads – D’Angeli

Finance – Sweeney

Personnel – D’Angeli

Recreation – Bruning

Police and Fire – Sweeney

Board of Health – Corcoran

ADA Compliance Officer/Coordinator – Sweeney

Sussex County Transportation Advisory Committee – Hughes

Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) - Nancy Podkowka

Sussex County 208 Water Quality PAC – David Muscalo

Sussex County Strategic Growth Committee – Hughes

911 and Emergency Management Coordinator – Hughes

Court – Sweeney

EMS-Corcoran

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk