

October 20, 2009

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Committeepersons Hughes, Corcoran, Sweeney, Bruning

Members Absent: D'Angeli

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

Deputy Mayor Bruning opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 and 13.

Minutes - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 6, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-abstain.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Report for September 2009

Cash Balances as of August 31, 2009	\$2,477,825.09
Cash Receipts for September 2009	\$573,311.34
Total	\$3,051,136.43
Cash Disbursements for September 2009	\$889,329.54
Cash Balances as of September 30, 2009	\$2,161,806.89
Account Balances as of September 30, 2009	
Current – Checking	\$1,020,689.23
Capital – Checking	\$363,007.14
Escrow – Checking	\$103,217.54
COAH-Developers Fees	\$232,193.19
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$208,410.22
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$219,453.89
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,912.54
Special Donations	\$7,543.00
Dog Trust Account	\$1,380.14
Total Account Balances	\$2,161,806.89

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

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the LAA has requested the Road Department drag and line the ball fields during the baseball season. It was the consensus of the Committee that this cannot be done due to the Road Department's already busy schedule.

Streets and Roads - Hughes reported he will pursue further discussion with the land owner for the repair of the pond with the standpipe on the Utter farm. He will, also, pursue the donation of materials from Beaver Run Farms for the repair.

Correspondence

1. From Steven Dilts, NJDOT Commissioner re: \$100,000 grant for Garrison Road
2. From NJDEP re: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program
3. From Wm. Budenheim, Riverdale Borough Mayor re: Jason Cullen for Governor
4. From Guy Watson, NJDEP Recycling Chief re: SC Solid Waste Facility
5. From Mike Finelli, PE re: Dennis Road

The conceptual plan has been submitted; and the professionals are in agreeance. The Township Engineer will need to finalize the plan; and the Wreden's will need to grant a temporary construction easement and a drainage easement, which they have agreed they will do. Bruning will follow-up.

6. From Mike Finelli, PE re: NJDEP Footbridge Application
 Bruning noted the application has yet to be submitted; & he is concerned about the timing. Bruning will follow-up.

Vouchers

ADVANCE HOUSING, INC.	125,000.00
AIRGAS EAST	161.10
ANNA ROSE FEDISH	48.98
AQUATIC ANALYSTS, INC.	455.00
BASSANI POWER EQUIPMENT, LLC	9.95
BOB'S MACHINING LLC	40.00
CHAMBERS TRACTOR SALES, INC.	872.16
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	325.08
CMX ENGINEERING	4,058.50
CULLIGAN	11.35
CUSTOM DOCKS INC.	223.00
D. LOVENBERG'S PORTABLE TOILET	210.00
DENVILLE LINE PAINTING INC.	4,743.36
EMBARQ	408.82
EMBARQ COMMUNICATIONS INC.	48.17
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	2,180.88
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	78.75
FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP	14,433.55
FREDON WELDING & IRON WORKS	91.80
G & G DIESEL SERVICE INC.	79.20
G & H SERVICE INC.	592.73
H2M ASSOCIATES INC.	4,298.70
HAMPTON CONVENIENCE STORE	231.24
HCAA	125.00
HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL	165,230.64
JCP & L	1,965.97
LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	173.57
LAFAYETTE EMS	10,500.00
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT	13,750.00
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	293,300.00
MACMILLAN OIL CO, OF ALLENTOWN	406.03
MARYPAUL LABORATORIES INC.	50.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	375.90
MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	1,195.72
MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	145.00
NEW JERSEY MAYORS ASSOCIATION	100.00
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	258.53
NIELSEN AUTOMOTIVE CORP.	83.25
NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	360.00
OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE	768.68
POLOWY STONE & MASON	36.90
SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV	17.00
SIGNS ETC.	138.00
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	153.82
THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY	2,625.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	274.05
TREASURER, S/NJ	100.00
TRUMP TAJ MAHAL CASINO RESORT	1,960.00
VERES ELECTRICAL SERVICE INC.	196.62
VITAL SERVICES GROUP	107.40
BCI BURKE COMPANY	992.32
BEAVER RUN FARMS	13,654.24
DENVILLE LINE PAINTING INC.	7,882.38
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	12,405.04
CERENZIO & PANARO, P.C.	737.00
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FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	1,323.75
H2M ASSOCIATES INC.	1,793.23
SAM HAUBRICH ENTERPRISES	3,577.59
DR. SHERRI TALBOT-VALERIO	375.00
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES	6.60
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	203.40

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

Old Business

Nouvelle Wastewater Management Plan Amendment - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on November 4, 2009. The Township Attorney is to draft a resolution.

Green Acres Act of 2009 Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE "GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 2009."

WHEREAS, continued investment in open space, farmland and historic preservation is vitally important to the state, as it enhances New Jersey's economy and health, safeguards its remaining natural, agricultural, recreational and cultural resources and preserves its character; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey continues to face incredible pressure from development, losing 50 acres of open space daily in recent years to new development projects; and

WHEREAS, protecting open spaces and improving community parks throughout the State, including urban areas, supports New Jersey state and local economies by stabilizing local property taxes and revitalizing communities; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Preservation Trust, the financing authority for the Green Acres, Blue Acres, Farmland Preservation, and Historic Preservation programs, is virtually depleted; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2009, the voters of New Jersey will be asked to approve the "Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009," which authorizes the state to issue \$400 million in bonds to fund New Jersey's preservation programs for three years; and

WHEREAS, passage of the Bond Act, which will equate to \$10 per household per year, is desperately needed to fund the continued protection of New Jersey's natural areas and cultural sites while a long-term funding solution for the Garden State Preservation Trust is determined and secured; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. We support the passage of the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009
2. We encourage the voters of New Jersey to vote yes on the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Act of 2009 on November 3, 2009.

The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to provide a copy of this Resolution to the following: Honorable Jon Corzine, Office of the Governor, PO Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; State Senators; State Assemblypersons; The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, 19 Boonton Ave., Boonton, NJ 07005; Keep It Green c/o NJ Audubon Society, 142 W. State Street, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608; Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and Sussex County Municipalities.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Animal Control Bills - Bruning reported a transfer will need to be made in November to pay the pound facility. A new pound will need to be found for next year.

New Business

Meeting Cancellation - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to cancel the November 17, 2009 meeting due to the League of Municipalities Convention. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Lafayette Restaurant Holdings Liquor License Renewal - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on November 4, 2009 for further review.

Garbage Collection - A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the non-collection of garbage that included recycling materials. It is the consensus of the Township Committee that the Road Department can open garbage bags if there is a suspected violation as they are expected to enforce the recycling policy.

Audience - Ms. Colleen Burlace, Board of Education President, reported the roof on the school is to be repaired; and a refund of some of the cost is possible. She said the

next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27; and the public hearing for the refinancing of bonds will be on the agenda.

Executive Session - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

A matter relating to pending litigation and land acquisition shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session - pending litigation & land acquisition

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Corcoran, to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Deputy Mayor Bruning said pending litigation and land acquisition were discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to authorize the Township Attorney to send a proposal to Yorkshire Country Club for the purchase of land. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk