

December 1, 2009

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 7:30pm. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor D'Angeli 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 Hughes, to accept and place on file the Minutes of November 4, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

HPRHS Referendum Presentation

Linda Alvarez, Board Administrator/Board Secretary
Walter W. Stumpf, Board of Education VP/Lafayette Representative

Ms. Alvarez explained the HPRHS Board of Ed. will be retiring \$12 million of debt on June 30, 2010 and reviewed the Board's list of items to be repaired/replaced. She said the cost would be approximately \$18 million, which 40% will be a grant from the State. Mr. Stumpf reviewed some of the needed energy repairs.

A referendum for \$12 million is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 2:00-9:00pm.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending November 30, 2009

Duplicate Bills	\$21.00
O/S Liens	\$5,120.18
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,500,359.60
Prepaid Taxes – 2010	\$5,731.67
Interest	\$1,661.06
Total	\$1,512,993.51

Be it resolved to refund to Park Finance, LLA, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927, the amount of \$5,120.18 for redemption of Tax Lien #09-003.

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of November 2009	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	0	\$4,910.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	0	\$1,003.20
Licenses Sold	0	528
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	2	2
Cats Picked Up	0	14
Dogs Taken to Pound	2	2
Cats Taken to Pound	0	14
Dogs Redeemed	2	2
Cats Redeemed	0	0

Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	\$280.00
Lost Tags	0	0

Miscellaneous Notes: Both dogs taken to the pound belonged to Lutfi Leka (41 Statesville Quarry Road) who paid all impounding fees – no cost of Lafayette Township. Monthly impounding fees - zero.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Animal Control Officer’s report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Committee Reports

Fire Department - Sweeney reported the annual Christmas tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 6:00pm. Sweeney reviewed the November 2009 report.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of November 12, 2009.

EMS - Corcoran reported a meeting was held on November 30, 2009; and the following officers were elected: Captain - Ron Decker, Lieutenant - John Strowe, Treasurer – Karen Macko, Secretary – Margaret Strowe.

Corcoran reported the EMS is considering a Cadet EMS squad. He reviewed the October and November 2009 reports.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Sweeney, to approve Sergio Meminio as a new EMS member. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the ribbon cutting for the SCARC home took place last week.

Office of Smart Growth - Hughes reported response to the 2006 letter for concurrence is still being sought.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported construction has started.

COAH - Hughes reported our response was submitted; and a hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2010.

Streets and Roads - D’Angeli reported routine work is being done as well as vacuuming of leaves. The Christmas lights are up; and work was done at the ball field for the new snack bar.

Road Foreman Macko said some of the Christmas lights need to be replaced.

Correspondence

1. From Maureen Kaman, CTA re: Urging opposition to Senate Bill S-2356
2. From Rich Lamont re: Escrow of \$1,000 for future engineering involvement
The Township Committee recommends retaining \$1,000.
3. From Lafayette Preservation Foundation re: Mabee House roof
4. From Matt Murphy, US Census Bureau re: Requesting use of meeting room for census training
The Township Committee approved the request subject to availability and during regular office hours of 9:00am.-3:00pm.
5. Metuchen Borough resolution re: Open Public Records Act
6. From Tom D’Angelo re: American Forests renewal

Vouchers - Discussion ensued regarding the bills for Quick Check. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to hold the bills for Quick Check for the next meeting and pay the bills for Park Finance, LLC for the amount of \$5,120.18. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Old Business

Mower Spending Ordinance - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SCAG 61" CUB LAWN MOWER AND APPROPRIATING \$7,500.00 FROM THE RESERVE FOR ROAD EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE

With there being no public comments, Mayor D'Angeli closed this portion of the meeting. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the Mower Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Footbridge Spending Ordinance - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING EXPENSES FOR THE FOOTBRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT LAFAYETTE PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$3,850.00 FROM THE RESERVE FOR RECREATION IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

With there being no public comments, Mayor D'Angeli closed this portion of the meeting. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the Footbridge Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Dennis Road - Bruning noted there has not been a response from the attorney's letter.

Audience - Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, said there have been many calls to Sunrise House; and they have not received any donations in the past few years. Committeeman Sweeney will attend a meeting with Mr. Decker and representatives from Sunrise House.

Mr. Decker asked about the cadet program. The Township Committee approved the program.

Executive Session - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Sweeney, 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 personnel 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, D'Angeli-yes.

Exec. Session - Personnel

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

D'Angeli stated personnel was discussed in Executive Session. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for December 14, 2009:

ORDINANCE 2009-20 - AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2010

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2010 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed are hereby established and fixed at the following sums in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

	Annually	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	36,183.14			Bi-weekly
Treasurer/CFO	28,182.23			"
Tax Collector	39,029.40			"
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			"
Tax Assessor	16,877.02			"
Construction Official/ Driveway Inspector	28,420.00			"
Fire Subcode Official	3,278.40			"
Police	1,000.00			"
Animal Control Officer	6,514.52			Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board Construction Official, Board of Health	26,206.56			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	4,060.00			Quarterly
Plumbing Subcode Official	5,726.12			Bi-weekly
Electrical Subcode Official	11,253.49			"
Tax Search Officer	1,000.00			"
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			"
Registrar	1,000.00			"
Zoning Officer	4,000.00			"
Road Foreman		17.00	35.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	25.00 PH	"
Road Employee #1		10.00	19.00 PH	"
Road Employee #2		10.00	17.00 PH	"
Road Employee #3		10.00	17.00 PH	"
Temporary Road Employee	13.50 PH			Monthly
Temporary Snow Plowing	15.00 PH			Monthly
Fire Prevention Official	2,685.85			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector	25.00 per inspection			Quarterly
Life Guard		7.00	11.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Recreation Director		13.00	16.00 PH	"
Assistant Recreation Director		7.00	11.00 PH	"

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk