

February 3, 2009

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish

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 January 20, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Reports**

**Tax Collector** - For the Month Ending January 31, 2009

Duplicate Bills	\$6.00
Print Outs	\$8.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$55,093.41
Current Year Taxes	\$466,985.44
Interest	\$3,141.25
Total	\$525,234.10

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

**Animal Control Officer**

Month of December 2009	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$2,701.00	\$2,701.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$543.00	\$543.00
Licenses Sold	310	310
Kennel Licenses Sold	2	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	0
Cats Picked Up	0	0
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	0
Cats Taken to Pound	0	0
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	0
Lost Tags	0	0

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to accept the ACO'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 reviewed the January 2009 report. Hughes asked Sweeney to remind the Fire Department to update the radio frequencies with Emergency Management.

**EMS** - Corcoran reviewed the January 2009 report. He reported that Larry Decker stepped down as Captain for personal reasons; and Ron Decker was elected Captain for 2009.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the applications before the Land Use Board.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reported the reorganization/meeting was held last week. David Muscalo is the President; and Edith McGrath is the Vice-President.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes said the SCARC project is proceeding. The COAH report has been sent to Trenton; and other pertinent information is being sent.

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reported routine work is being done along with snow plowing.

D'Angeli asked the Clerk to forward the specifications for a new loader to the Township Attorney to prepare a bid package.

**Correspondence**

1. From Kevin O'Leary re: Open Space Advisory Committee  
(letter states \$10,500; amount in contract is \$11,000)

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey for the amount of \$10,500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

2. From Elizabeth Mataset, NJDEP re: Open Space & Recreation Plan
3. Frankford Township Ordinance Amending Land Use Ordinances

**Vouchers**

Sussex County Treasurer	8,158.90
Sussex County Treasurer	256.78
Sussex County Treasurer	705.71
Sussex County Treasurer	673.79
Sussex County Treasurer	382,215.21
Sussex County Treasurer	11,306.77
Sussex County Treasurer	32,209.55
Sussex County Treasurer	29,671.23

Motion by Bruning, 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, D'Angeli-yes.

**Old Business**

**Amend Chapter 13-“Zoning” Ordinance** - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE ENTITLED “ZONING”

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor D'Angeli closed this portion of the meeting.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to adopt the Chapter 13-Zoning Amendment Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Amend Salary Ordinance** - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing on the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2009” WHICH WAS ADOPTED DECEMBER 16, 2008

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor D'Angeli closed this portion of the meeting.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Salary Amendment Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**WMP Amendment – Nouvelle Associates** - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on February 17, 2009.

**Fire Department Rescue Tools** - Hughes noted acknowledgement by the Fire Department that the tools and warranty information have been received is needed before final payment is forwarded.

**Budget Requests** - Budget requests have yet to be received from the LAA, Fire Department and EMS. The respective liaisons will notify the groups.

**New Business**

**Millpond Drive No Parking Ordinance** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Sweeney, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for February 17, 2009:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING MILLPOND DRIVE TO SCHEDULE 1 OF CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP CODE TO RESTRICT PARKING

WHEREAS, Millpond Drive is a cul-de-sac located in Lafayette Township and as a result of parking on this road, cars and buses are unable to safely navigate.

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

Section 1. Schedule 1 of Chapter VII Traffic of the Lafayette Township Code is hereby amended to include Millpond Drive on Schedule 1 to restrict parking. Schedule 1 is amended as follows:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Millpond Drive	Both	From the southerly curb line of Route 94 to the cul-de-sac at the northerly end of said street.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in the manner required by law.

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

**Audience**

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Open Space Advisory Committee, stated the Torre property has been confirmed as being number two (#2) on the preservation list. He said this would be funded by the County.

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, said the problem on Snover Road was a NJ State Police dispatch problem. Committeeman Hughes noted the next emergency services/dispatch meeting will be held in March.

**Executive Session** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, 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 property 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, D'Angeli-yes.

Exec. Session - Property Acquisition

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.

Mayor D'Angeli stated that property acquisition was discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to authorize The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to negotiate on behalf of Lafayette Township for the property located on the corner of Warbasse Junction Road and Route 94. 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,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk