

March 3, 2009

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 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, and Bruning

Members Absent Sweeney

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, 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 February 17, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-abstain, D'Angeli-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending January 31, 2009

Duplicate Bills	\$51.00
Print Outs	\$8.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$27,718.47
Current Year Taxes	\$1,455,072.64
Interest	\$3,245.36
Total	\$1,486,095.47

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of February 2009	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,156.00	\$3,857.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$265.20	\$808.20
Licenses Sold	131	441
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	0
Dogs Picked Up	0	0
Cats Picked Up	1	1
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	0
Cats Taken to Pound	1	1
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	0
Lost Tags	0	0

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

Committee Reports

EMS - Corcoran reported a meeting was held last month; and Joe Farischon's application to become a member was accepted. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to approve Joe Farischon as a member of the Lafayette Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Corcoran reviewed the February report.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of February 26, 2009. He stated the conditions for Nouvelle Associates were approved.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported Advance Housing is working on funding. SCARC is waiting for the JCP&L hook-up; and they are anticipating an April/May opening.

Hughes reported more classes for COAH will be taken.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported training sessions for coordinators are being held.

School Liaison - Hughes reported a special budget meeting is to be held on Monday, March 30, 2009. The bus coordinator will be a shared service.

Fire Department - Hughes noted the Fire Department has yet to submit their budget and radio frequencies. He reported the installation dinner will be held in April and will include the swearing in of officers.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reported routine work was being done; and the trucks have been serviced.

Parking Lot Sign - Road Foreman Macko reported the sign, on the municipal lot between the Chocolate Goat and Johnny Angel, was blown down. He was told by Don Kihlstrom that the Township sign would not be put back up. The Township Committee agree this should be replaced as it is a Township lot.

Decker Road Bridges - D'Angeli reported a letter was received from the County regarding the bridges on Decker Road. It stated the County anticipates repairing bridges L-10 and L-11 within the next 12-18 months.

Loader Bid - The bid for the loader was reviewed. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to advertise the loader bid with an opening date of Monday, March 30, 2009 at 10:30am. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Truck Washing - Road Foreman Macko reported the NJDEP representative was satisfied with the Township's current plan for truck washing. He stated he will attend a truck washing meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009. Hughes reported Eastern Propane is offering their truck washing services to the County and municipalities.

Correspondence

1. To Richard Polton; from Bab Canace, The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
re: Township Offer to purchase Block 4, Lot 4.04
2. From Eric Grove, County Engineer
re: Sussex County Bridge L-06 – Decker Road
3. Andover Township Ordinance amending Chapter 190, Zoning
4. From Robin Alston-Santiago, JCP&L re: Posting signs & banners on utility poles

Vouchers - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to pay the bill for ESI Equipment, Inc. for the amount of \$39,026.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Old Business

COAH MHL Ordinance - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

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

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the COAH Municipal Housing Liaison ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

WMP Amendment-Nouvelle Associates - Hughes reported a meeting was held last Friday with the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) to determine if the SCMUA would operate and maintain Nouvelle Associates' proposed package treatment plant. It is the policy of the SCMUA not to operate a treatment plant less than 100,000 gallons per day (gpd). The Nouvelle plant, in its first phase, would be approximately 14,000 gpd. The Township is to retain an engineer to review the WMP Amendment from Nouvelle Associates.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to hire Cerenzio & Panaro as the engineering firm to review and provide a report for the WMP Amendment submitted by Nouvelle Associates. An escrow deposit of \$5,000 is required from Nouvelle Associates and is to be replenished should it go below \$2,000. The Mayor is authorized to sign the agreement with Cerenzio & Panaro. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

OSAC-Green Acres Sign-On Letter - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Green Acres Sign-On Letter. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Tax Map Fee Ordinance - Attorney Kurnos reported he is working on this ordinance with the Township Tax Assessor.

Budgets - The Township Committee is waiting for budgets from the Fire Department and EMS.

NJ State League of Municipalities Scholarship - The Clerk reported the scholarship information has been sent to the local high schools.

Cul-De-Sac No Parking Ordinance - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 7, 2009:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CUL-DE-SACS TO SCHEDULE I OF CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE CODE TO RESTRICT PARKING

WHEREAS, the following roads are located in Lafayette Township; and as a result of parking on these roads, cars and buses are unable to safely navigate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Traffic Ordinance, Schedule I-No Parking, is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of subsection 7-3.3, no person shall park a vehicle upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets between the hours of 6:30am.-5:00pm., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Voight Lane	Both	From the westerly curb line Beaver Run Road to the cul-de-sac at the easterly end of said street.
Cliffview Drive	Both	From the easterly curb line of Meadows Road to the cul-de-sac at easterly end of said street.
Indian Terrace	Both	From the easterly curb line of Cliffview Drive to the cul-de-sac at easterly end of said street.

Alpine Court	Both	From the northerly curb line of Pelletown Road to the cul-de-sac at the northerly end of said street.
Sophie Court	Both	From the easterly curb line of Beaver Run Road to the cul-de-sac at the easterly end of said street.
Millpond Drive	Both	From the southerly curb line of Route 94 to the cul-de-sac at the northerly end of said street.
Race Road	Both	From the southwesterly curb line from Mudcut Road to the cul-de-sac at the southwesterly end of said street.
William Way	Both	From the westerly curb line from Meadow Ridge Lane to the cul-de-sac at the southwesterly end of said street.
Country Squire Lane	Both	From the westerly curb line from Lantz Road to the cul-de-sac at the southwesterly end of said street.
Val Court	Both	From the northerly curb line from Beaver Run Road to the cul-de-sac at the northwesterly end of said street.
Thomas Road	Both	From the southerly curb line from Warbasse Junction Rd. to the cul-de-sac at the southerly end of said street.
Mullen Lane	Both	From the southerly curb line from Warbasse Junction Rd. to the cul-de-sac at the southerly end of said street.
Hampton Heights Road	Both	From the westerly curb line from the Township line on Hampton Heights Road to the cul-de-sac at the southerly end of said street.
Violet Trail	Both	From the westerly curb line from Fiddlers Way to the cul-de-sac at the southwesterly end of said street.
Brandywine Court	Both	From the westerly curb line from Snover Road to the cul-de-sac at the westerly end of said street.

Section 2. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed: All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, but only the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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

New Business

PARIS Grant Submission Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARIS GRANT RECORDS PURGING PROJECT TO BE SPONSORED BY THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township has completed a Needs Assessment and Records Management Strategic Plan that has been approved by the New Jersey State Records Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township is now eligible to apply for PARIS Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sussex is applying for a 2009 PARIS Grant from the State Division of Archives and Records Management to conduct a Records Purging Project as a Shared Service for participating Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made PARIS Grant funds available to assist county and municipal governments in their records management, preservation and storage efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette Township Committee that Lafayette Township shall participate in the PARIS Grant Records Purging Project to be sponsored by the County of Sussex.

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

COAH Municipal Housing Liaison Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) for substantive certification of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on December 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette's Fair Share Plan promotes an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq.) and COAH's Third Round Substantive Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., the Township of Lafayette is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of Lafayette Township's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette has amended its Code to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer Lafayette Township's affordable housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex and the State of New Jersey that Richard Hughes is hereby appointed by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program pursuant to, and in accordance with the Township of Lafayette's General Code.

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

Clean Communities Coordinator - Bruning will pursue this position with Mrs. Edith McGrath.

Lafayette Education & Advancement Foundation (LEAF)

Andy Antanaitis & John Kelly

Mr. Antanaitis explained LEAF is planning a 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 2, 2009. It will start and end at Olde Lafayette Village. They need to close Route 94 from 8:45am.-9:15am. and Morris Farm Road, at a later time, for the racers.

Mr. Antanaitis said he needs a letter from the Township approving the race for the NJDOT application to close Route 94.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to send a letter to the NJDOT supporting the 5K run/walk on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Land Use Board Budget - This matter will be carried to the next meeting on March 17, 2009.

Open Space/Farmland Preservation Grant Agreement - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Open Space & Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement for the “Lafayette Recreation Field” project, subject to attorney review. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Kihlstrom/Playground Lease - This matter will be carried to the next meeting on March 17, 2009.

Audience

Mr. Joe Farischon, Fire Department, said the installation dinner is tentative scheduled for April 18, 2009.

Mr. Farischon said the State will soon be making it mandatory that fire department members have yearly physical. Committeeman Hughes said the bill has been introduced but not signed. He suggested the fire department send a letter of opposition to Legislative representatives as this would be a non funded State mandate.

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