

March 2, 2010

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Bruning 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 D'Angeli, to accept and place on file the minutes of February 16, 2010 and February 17, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending February 28, 2010

Duplicate Bills	\$129.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$18,718.63
Current Year Taxes	\$1,520,000.48
Interest	\$1,190.61
Total	\$1,540,038.72

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted and adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved to return to Park Finance, LLC, PO Box 109, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 the amount of \$16,448.18 for the redemption of Tax Lien #09-005 on Block 21, Lot 16.03.

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of February 2010	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,020.00	\$3,922.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$244.80	\$846.00
Licenses Sold	114	445
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	1
Cats Picked Up	0	0
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	1
Cats Taken to Pound	0	0
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 Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to accept the ACO's report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Committee Reports

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the January and February reports.

Affordable Housing

Advance Housing - Hughes reported the construction for the first ten (10) units is ongoing. They are awaiting funding for the 2nd ten(10) units.

COAH - Hughes reported a meeting was held with Senator Steve Oroho to discuss the amount of money the Township has spent on COAH issues since 2005. He explained the projects that have been completed and are progressing for SCARC and Advance Housing.

Lafayette Township School - Hughes reported the budget process is ongoing; and approximately \$38,000 will be used from the school's surplus. He explained they refinanced bonds for a reduction in debt service and will remove one (1) bus run.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the quarterly meeting was held last week. The State is to look at all municipal disaster plans; and the flood maps are being redrawn.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reported routine work is being done; and a quote for the sweeper rental was submitted. The cost would be \$1,750 per week; and a sweeper is needed for two (2) weeks. Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve the rental of a sweeper for two (2) weeks for a cost of \$1,750 per week. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

D'Angeli reported the Road Foreman, Bill Macko, has been researching the cost of a new dump truck. Macko said this new one would replace the 1989, which would then be used as a spare. The existing spare, a 1985, would be disposed of. It was the consensus of the Township Committee to prepare bid specifications for a new truck.

Garrison Road - Road Foreman Macko asked about the status of Garrison Road. D'Angeli reported he has spoken to the Township Engineer and was told plans are being worked on for the curve and some paving. Road Foreman Macko explained it would cost the Township approximately \$11,000 to realign the curve, which would enable the Township to use the entire \$100,000 grant to overlay the entire road and install guide rail.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for March 16, 2010:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF GARRISON ROAD AND APPROPRIATING \$11,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The funding for the repair of Garrison Road is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$11,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$11,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

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

Dennis Road - Road Foreman Macko reported Washington Township is interested in purchasing the blocks used for the wall on Dennis Road. It is the consensus of the Township Committee to sell the blocks to Washington Township.

Route 15 Work - Road Foreman Macko asked if the Township is aware of the proposed work to be done on Route 15. D'Angeli said he was contacted by a NJDOT representative who indicated he would send information to the Clerk.

Correspondence

1. From John Eskilson re: Solid Waste Flow Control
2. Andover Township Resolution Opposing "Time of Decision Rule"
3. From Maureen Kaman, CTA re: Resolution opposing P.L. 2009, c. 118
(County Tax Assessment)

4. From Janice Huizenga re: Rtes. 15 & 94 Intersection
The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter will be sent to the NJDOT.

5. Green Township Resolutions:
- a. Opposing A-4151
 - b. Opposing A-4305
 - c. Opposing S-3094
 - d. Opposing "Time of Decision Rule" Legislation

Old Business

Chapter XIV Amendment Ordinance - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for March 16, 2010:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIV OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE CODE, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES CHAPTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter XIV of the Township of Lafayette Code, being the Land Use Procedures Chapter, shall be and are amended as follows:

Section 1. §14-1.3 shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Vacancies. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1, any member of the Board who fails to attend and participate at meetings of the Land Use Board, without being excused, for a period of eight (8) consecutive weeks, or for four (4) consecutive regular meetings, whichever shall be of longer duration, shall be deemed to have vacated their position. If a vacancy of any class shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by appointment as above provided for the unexpired term.

Section 2. §14-2.2(f) shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Work Sessions. For purpose of administration of the Board's affairs, a workshop meeting may be held and noticed and shall be known as a "workshop meeting". The purpose of a workshop meeting shall be to discuss and study any applications or other planning, engineering and legal matters coming before the Board and shall not be for the purpose of holding hearings as described in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10. The Board, however, may or may not take formal action such as, but not limited to, the adoption of resolutions and vote on the payment of bills.

Section 3. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable; and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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

Court System - The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Frankford Township asking for a meeting to review court operating costs.

Fire Department - Hughes stated that a new member, Sara Dolinski, was approved; but the application was not complete. The Clerk is to ask the Chief to attend the next meeting with completed documentation. Effective immediately, Ms. Dolinski's approval is on hold.

Dennis Road - Bruning brought the Committee up-to-date and said the Wreden's need to sign two (2) easements.

Attorney Kurnos explained the Wreden's engineer needs to put his agreement with the plan in writing; and he emailed their attorney the same. Attorney Kurnos needs a map showing the exact easements, including the metes and bounds. Mayor Bruning will contact the Township Engineer for the metes and bounds.

New Business

Raffle Licenses

Lafayette Township PTO - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Lafayette PTO for April 23, 2010 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Hampton Township Educational Foundation - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve a raffle license for Hampton Twp. Educational Foundation for March 27, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk