

March 16, 2010

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura

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 Sweeney, to accept and place on file the minutes of March 2, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Sweeney-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Health Insurance Review - George Morville, The Morville Agency
Mr. Morville made a comparison of the State Health Benefits Program and Private/Commercial Program. He reviewed options the Township can take and the costs/savings of the programs. Mr. Morville is to make a comparison sheet for the Township Committee's review.

Reports

Treasurer

Cash Report for February 2010

Cash Balances as of January 31, 2010	\$1,741,700.42
Cash Receipts for February 2010	\$1,547,454.95
Total	\$3,289,155.37
Cash Disbursements for February 2010	\$1,254,190.28
Cash Balances as of February 28, 2010	\$2,034,965.09
Account Balances as of February 28, 2010	
Current – Checking	\$1,032,333.13
Capital – Checking	\$394,791.76
Escrow – Checking	\$62,710.29
COAH-Developers Fees	\$107,360.67
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$278,032.72
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$143,910.63
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,320.94
Special Donations	\$7,543.00
Dog Trust Account	\$2,961.95
Total Account Balances	\$2,034,965.09

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

Committee Reports

Emergency Services - Hughes stated an equipment status report is needed for the next meeting from both the Fire Department and EMS.

Affordable Housing

COAH - Hughes reported Senate Bill S-1 made it through the Senate Committee and is on its way to the Governor for his signature.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported construction is ongoing and is on schedule. He reported the funding application has been submitted to the Federal Home Loan Fund and anticipating an answer in July. An answer to the application to HUD is due next month.

Nouvelle Associates Wastewater Management Amendment - Hughes reported the wastewater management amendment for Nouvelle was heard at the County level. It was approved and will be submitted to the County Freeholders for approval.

Prevailing Wage Act - Hughes reported a letter from the State Department of Labor was received regarding the roof work on the Mabee House. No fines or penalties will be levied on the Township; but the State will pursue this issue with the contractor. Hughes reported that all public projects are subject to the prevailing wage requirements if the cost is more than \$14,000.

Streets and Roads - D’Angeli reported routine work was done along with clean-up from the recent storm. An inspection was made by OSHA; and corrections will be made.

Mayor Bruning asked that maintenance be done on the parking lot on Morris Farm Road.

Correspondence

1. From NJDEP re: 30-Day Extension to Pending Application (Footbridge)
2. From Shivaun Gaines re: Red Tape Review Group public hearing
3. From Nancy Spoerke re: Silver Star Families of America
4. Andover Township Resolution designating March as “Women’s History Month”
5. Andover Township Master Plan Hearing Notice
6. Green Township Resolution Supporting Senate Bill S-1
7. Fredon Township Resolution Opposing Amending the Time of Decision Rule
8. Sandyston Township Resolutions:
 - a. Supporting Senate Bill S-1
 - b. Opposing Amending the Time of Decision Rule
 - c. Opposing Senate Bill S-458

The Clerk was asked to resend the time of decision rule resolution to the County municipalities and asking them to send theirs to the Governor.

Vouchers

A & G PIZZA	146.69
AIRGAS EAST	97.00
ALLIED METRICS SEALS & FASTENERS	100.00
AM/PM SERVICES	184.00
AMERIGAS – CHESTER	639.29
ATLANTIC SALT, INC.	18,036.42
AURORA ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	88.68
BAGFUL O' BAGLES	34.75
CENTURY LINK	426.44
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	51.25
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	286.71
CMX ENGINEERING	324.00
CULLIGAN	75.99
D. LOVENBERG'S PORTABLE TOILET	65.00
DANFORTH'S	166.84
DELUXE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS INC.	656.30
DIAMOND SAND AND GRAVEL, INC.	1,960.32
DISCOVER SECURITY	420.00
DISCOVER SECURITY	225.00
DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH CO., INC.	224.00
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	2,445.19
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	4,729.75
G & G DIESEL SERVICE INC.	1,506.57
HIGH POINT REG HIGH SCHOOL	165,230.65
HOLZHAUER & HOLENSTEIN, LLC	2,055.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	200.53
INFORMATION SYSTEMS GROUP	60.00
JCP & L	1,969.41
KOCH AUTO PARTS, INC.	13.52
LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	313.74
LAFAYETTE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION	500.00
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	293,300.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	38.00
MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	140.21
MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC.	480.00

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	194.10
OPDYKE'S SALES & SERVICE	1,225.84
PITNEY POWES INC.	48.00
REGISTRARS ASSOC OF NJ	50.00
SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV	17.00
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	101.77
TC/TREAS ASSOC SUSSEX/WARREN	50.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	43.75
TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	8,645.00
TREASURER, S/NJ	50.00
VISION SUPPLY INC.	268.99
YETTERS DINER	82.40
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES	244.80

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

Old Business

Amend Chapter XIII (Zoning) Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XIII (ZONING) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE
 With there being no further public comments, Mayor Bruning closed this portion of the meeting.

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

Amend Chapter XIV (Land Use Procedures) Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIV OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE CODE, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES CHAPTER
 With there being no further public comments, Mayor Bruning closed this portion of the meeting.

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

Garrison Road Spending Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

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
 With there being no further public comments, Mayor Bruning closed this portion of the meeting.

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

Master Plan - Hughes reported the Township's master plan is required to be done every six (6) years; and the last time it was done was in 2004. The Land Use Board is soliciting proposals from planners; and they estimate the cost to be approximately \$15,000. Hughes asked if this can be set up as a special emergency appropriation.

CFO Magura explained this does qualify under the State's definition of a project which can have its cost deferred over five (5) years. After the ordinance is adopted a resolution is done.

Reassessment - CFO Magura reported she spoke with the Auditor and was told this qualifies as a special emergency appropriation.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to direct the Tax Assessor to proceed with obtaining proposals for the purpose of a reassessment for 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Land Use Board Bills (Dolan & Dolan) - Bruning asked the Clerk to send a letter to the firm stating that numerous meetings were held, bills were to be removed and this was felt to be resolved.

New Business

9-1-1 Consolidation - D'Angeli reported Mr. Skip Danielson spoke about the 9-1-1 consolidation at a recent meeting. The fee would increase approximately \$100,000 for the Township; however, further work is being done on this proposal.

Recycling Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Lafayette Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Lafayette Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Edith McGrath, Recycling Coordinator, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848 to ensure that said Application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

Raffle Licenses

Preservations Foundation - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve three (3) raffle licenses for Lafayette Center Preservation for April 30, 2010 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Ladies Auxiliary - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Lafayette Township Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for May 6, 2010 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

PARIS Grant Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARIS GRANT ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION 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 2010 PARIS Grant from the State Division of Archives and Records Management to assist with the implementation of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) technology offered 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 Electronic Document Management System Implementation Project to be sponsored by the County of Sussex. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Special Emergency Appropriation Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 6, 2010:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S. 40A:5-53 FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF SPECIAL CONSULTANTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN OR PLANS WHEN REQUIRED IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THE PLANNING LAWS OF THE STATE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-53 (Ch. 48, P.L. 1956 as amended by Ch. 144, P.L. 1965 and Ch. 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$20,000 is hereby appropriated for the engagement of special consultants for the preparation of a master plan or plans when required in order to conform to the planning laws of the State and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S. 40A:4-55.

The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (N.J.S. 40A:4-55).

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.

Land Use Board Escrow Accounts - Corcoran said the outstanding escrow accounts for applicants will be discussed at the Land Use Board's workshop meeting this Thursday.

State League of Municipalities Scholarship Competition - Hughes reported only one (1) essay was submitted for the scholarship competition. Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to submit the essay from Jeremy Alosio to the NJ State League of Municipalities Scholarship Committee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Audience

Mr. David Decker, Fire Chief, submitted the now complete application for Sara Dolinski. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Sweeney, to approve Sara Dolinski as a regular member of the Lafayette Township Fire Department. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Mr. Decker said he will submit the man hours to the Emergency Management Coordinator for the recent storm.

Committeeman D'Angeli asked about the well situation at the Fire House. Mr. Decker said he has not been involved with this; and the Committee can contact Messrs. Charlie Clink or John Blackford. Mayor Bruning requested Mr. Decker submit an update in writing to the Committee for the next meeting on April 6, 2010.

Mayor Bruning said budget requests from the Fire Department and EMS must be submitted.

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, requested a generator for the EMS so they do not have to manually release the bay door if power was to go out. Committee Hughes stated the Township has a generator; and he will pursue estimates for the electrical work.

Ms. Colleen Burlace, Lafayette Board of Education President, reviewed some of the budget items being considered by the Board of Education. She thanked the Fire Department and EMS for their help with the recent evacuation noting everything went smoothly.

Ms. Burlace stated she is not running for re-election to the Board of Education and thanked the Township Committee for their support during her tenure on the Board. The Township Committee thanked Ms. Burlace for her many years of service and wished her luck.

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