

September 7, 2010

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

Members Present: Mayor Bruning, Committeemen Corcoran, D'Angeli and Sweeney (arr. 7:40pm.)

Members Absent Committeeman Hughes

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, 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 August 3, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Health Insurance - George Morville, The Morville Agency
Duke DeGroat, The Duke Agency

Mr. DeGroat reviewed the health insurance information and said prescriptions are not applied to the annual deductible. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to drop the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program and join the Horizon BCBSNJ Advantage Program effective January 1, 2010 for all eligible full-time employees; elected and appointed officials and any others are not eligible for in the program; the employee is responsible for all deductibles and co-pays; the Township will pay the plan premiums; if an employee opts out of the plan, he/she will be receive 10% of the cost of the premium; if an employee opts back into the plan, he/she must reimburse a pro-rated amount to the Township; and the Clerk is directed to send a letter of termination to the NJSHBP. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending August 31, 2010

Duplicate Bills	\$6.00
Print Outs	\$3.00
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$709.13
Current Year Taxes	\$1,317,901.07
Prepaid Taxes-2011	\$556.35
Interest	\$2,042.36
Total	\$1,321,317.91

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of August 2010	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$24.00	\$5,162.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$3.60	\$1,046.40
Licenses Sold	3	548
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	4
Cats Picked Up	0	3
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	4
Cats Taken to Pound	0	4
Dogs Redeemed	0	2
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00

Late Fees Collected	0	\$345.00
Lost Tags	0	\$1.00

Note: The annual free rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Lafayette pavilion on Route 15 from 9:00am-12noon.

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

Committee Reports

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the August 2010 report.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported August's regular meeting was cancelled due to the lack of an agenda.

Fire Department - Sweeney reported they are still working on the well issue.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. The paving of Garrison Road will begin tomorrow, September 8, 2010.

Road Foreman Macko explained the garbage situation at 20 Voight Lane and feels this is now harassment. D'Angeli advised that if the can is too heavy, Road Foreman Macko is to notify him; and they will both investigate.

Buildings and Grounds:

Grit Shed - Bruning reported quotes are being submitted for the roof on the grit shed. He will have further information at the next meeting on September 21, 2010.

Footbridge - Bruning thanked the Road Department and Sheriff's work program for a job well done on the footbridge.

Correspondence

a. From Maureen Kaman, CTA re: Exemption

It is the consensus of the Committee to approve the exemption but not refund the current year's taxes.

b. From NJDEP-NJ Forestry Service re: NJ Shade Tree Meeting

c. From NJDEP-Water Resource Management re: Clean Water Financing

d. From JCP&L re: NJBPU Clean Energy Program

Old Business

Clothing/Shoes Recycling Bins - It is the consensus of the Committee that no clothes/shoes recycling bins be placed in the Township due to the potential garbage problem.

Dennis Road Wall - Mayor Bruning summarized the history of the Dennis Road problem. Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, that the Township Attorney send a letter (by certified mail/return receipt) to the Wreden's and their attorney and engineer stating that within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the letter that the two (2) easements and plan be signed by them and the engineer and be returned to the Municipal Clerk by 3:00pm. on the tenth (10th) day. If the documents are not signed and returned by that time, the Township will proceed with all work within the Township right-of-way. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Ball field Pavilion - Corcoran reported the electrical work has been approved and work is continuing.

Recycling Coordinator - Bruning reported he is pursuing this issue.

New Business

Home Occupancy Ordinance - This is tabled until the next meeting on September 21, 2010.

Appointment of 2 Fire Department Members - This is table until the next meeting on September 21, 2010 as further information is needed. The Township Committee requests Fire Department representation at the next meeting.

Schering Corporation - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Statements of Consent-by Governing Body for the Schering Corporation/Merck TWA and adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application be endorsed to allow the temporary hauling of wastewater during the closure of the site.

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

Lafayette Preservation - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D’Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation is working to preserve the historic Ludlam House, also known as the Mabee Mansion, owned by the Township of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette recognizes the importance of preserving and restoring the Ludlam House to ensure that present and future visitors have access and can enjoy the history of the house; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has established grants through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund to provide financial support to aide historic preservation projects; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation to apply for such a grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to the stewardship of this building which is historically significant not only to its locality but to the broad interpretation of our Nation’s architectural and cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Township of Lafayette hereby endorses the submission of a Capital Preservation Grant Level I application to the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund 2010 grant round.

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

Audience

Mr. Charlie Clink, Fire Department Member, reported the fire house well is totally contaminated with E. coli and coliform. He said he has given up the position of buildings and grounds with the Fire Department and will no longer be handling the well situation. Mayor Bruning will pursue the well issue.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, said the Land Use Board is considering an ordinance for recycling bins.

Executive Session - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D’Angeli, 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 ongoing litigation 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: Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Executive Session - Ongoing litigation

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

Mayor Bruning stated ongoing litigation was discussed in executive session.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk