# November 3, 2010

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, November 3, 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, CFO Magura, 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 D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 19, 2010. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoranyes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Executive Session** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, 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 pending 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: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Exec. Session - Pending Litigation

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

Mayor Bruning stated pending litigation was discussed in Executive Session.

## Reports

**Tax Collector** - For the Month Ending October 31, 2010

 Duplicate Bills
 \$156.00

 Tax Map Fee
 \$50.00

 Prior Year Taxes
 \$33,889.73

 Current Year Taxes
 \$409,011.84

 Prepaid Taxes-2011
 \$1,397.21

 Interest
 \$7,465.27

 Total
 \$451,970.05

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

# **Treasurer's Report**

Cash Report for October 2010

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2010 \$1,869,824.69 Cash Receipts for October 2010 \$632,708.35

Total	\$2,502,533.04
Cash Disbursements for October 2010	\$574,453.59
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2010	\$1,928,079.45
Account Balances as of October 31, 2010	
Current – Checking	\$964,786.75
Capital – Checking	\$335,755.46
Escrow – Checking	\$56,152.79
COAH-Developers Fees	\$124,944.31
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$278,235.02
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$154,015.40
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,489.55
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$1,155.69
Total Account Balances	\$1,928,079.45

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

## **Animal Control Officer**

This Month	To Date
\$43.00	\$5,205.00
\$9.00	\$1,055.40
5	553
0	2
0	5
0	3
0	5
0	4
0	3
0	0
0	\$50.00
0	\$345.00
0	\$1.00
	\$43.00 \$9.00

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, 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 Affordable Housing**

<u>COAH</u> - Hughes reported the response has been sent to the State.

<u>Advance Housing</u> - Hughes reported they are proceeding with the first ten (10) units; and the funding application for the second ten (10) units is proceeding.

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2010 at 7:30pm.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reported the dog license fee ordinance has been adopted. A budget line needs to be included in the 2011 budget for the Board of Health. The rabies clinic will need to be removed from the pavilion as dogs are not allowed at Lafayette Park.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reported the Beaver Run Solar Farm, Phase I, variance application was granted. The Barnside application is continuing.

**EMS** - Corcoran reviewed the October report. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve Jaime Jensen as a Jr. Cadet on the Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Fire Department** - Sweeney reported the well was tested today. They are still having a problem with calls. A report from the Fire Department is forthcoming. Sweeney

reported the firemen are concerned money in the budget for a new truck is being used for the well.

Joint Municipal Court - Sweeney reported Stillwater is proposing to join the Municipal Joint Court; and it may still cost the Township approximately \$60,000. The \$39 court cost is not being charged to innocent parties.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the report.

Fire House Well - Bruning reported \$1,400 is to be paid to the Fire Department for the submersible pump.

## Correspondence

1. From Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation re: amended lease & historic register Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to amend the lease to 20 years with the Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation/Mabee House to be eligible for the Historic Trust Fund. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes. The Township Attorney will amend the lease for signature.

- 2. From Susan Wiener, Insurance Admin., re: Liability Program
- 3. From Wantage Township re: Amending Chapter XIII, Zoning
- 4. From Alan Spector re: Renewable Energy Ordinance This is to be referred to the Land Use Board for further review.

## 5. From Andover Township re: Amending Zoning Ordinance

#### Vouchers

vouchers	
ANNA ROSE FEDISH	30.00
BANISCH ASSOCIATES INC.	9,335.00
BERGEY TIRE SERVICE	749.84
CASAGRANDE USA	127.98
CENTURY LINK	438.94
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	32.70
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	297.09
CULLIGAN	37.50
CUSTOM DOCKS INC.	224.00
D. LOVENBERG'S PORTABLE TOILET	26.00
DENVILLE LINE PAINTING INC.	2,723.76
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	1,725.21
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	866.25
FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP	15,026.99
GARDEN STATE PLUMBING AND HEATING	200.00
HERMAN GOBLE	125.00
HIGH POINT REG HIGH SCHOOL	184,417.17
JCP & L	1,367.97
KUIKEN BROTHER CO., INC.	825.24
LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	2,280.00
LAFAYETTE SENIOR CITIZENS	1,000.00
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	298,200.00
MONTAGUE TOOL & SUPPLY CO.	81.59
NORTHWEST BUILDING SUPPLY INC.	1,665.25
SK PAPER SHRED	65.00
STRUCTURAL METAL FABRICATORS, INC.	111.98
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	406,413.89
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	9,286.52
SUSSEX COUNTY TREASURER	20,449.57
SUSSEX CTY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	80.00
THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF NEW JERSEY	2,625.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	297.85
TILCON/NEW YORK INC.	60,212.06
TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA	8,645.00
WILLCO	262.00
ACUITY SPECIALTY PRODUCTS GROUP, INC.	150.22
DENVILLE LINE PAINTING INC.	5,227.20
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	2,347.50
LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	300.00
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES	9.00

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, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

#### **Old Business**

**Health Insurance** - Bruning reported a meeting was recently held with the Township employees and insurance agent. The savings would only be \$15,000, not the \$30,000 as previously discussed. Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to remain in the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Bruning feels discussion is needed for the opt-out incentive. D'Angeli feels this amount is too low of an incentive. This issue will be carried to the next meeting on December 7, 2010.

### **New Business**

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Representative** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to appoint Melissa Dietz, Recycling Coordinator, as the Township's representative to SWAC. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Raffle License** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 11, 2010 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**OSAC-Allison/Wintergreen Farm Farmland Preservation** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to support the Allison/Wintergreen Farm application for farmland preservation. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Dennis Road** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to authorize an application for discretionary aid from the NJDOT for the Dennis Road project. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Road Improvements Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for December 7, 2010: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF TOWNSHIP ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,432.53 FROM THE RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND \$3,093.69 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

Ambulance Purchase Ordinance - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for December 7, 2010: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE HALF SHARE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE AND APPROPRIATING \$5,085.87 FROM THE RESERVE FOR FIRST AID SQUAD EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND \$14,914.13 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Voicemail** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to purchase a refurbished voicemail card for the phone system for the amount of \$549.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli, Sweeney-yes, Bruning-yes.

#### Audience

<u>Bill Macko</u>, Road Foreman, inquired about the cable agreement. This issue will be scheduled for the next meeting on December 7, 2010.

<u>Frank LoPorto</u>, Road Employee, said he must opt-out of the health insurance because his wife is, also, in the State Health Benefits Program and said he cannot afford to do so if he only receives ten (10%) percent. He is requesting the opt-out amount remain at fifty (50%) percent. This issue will be reviewed at the next meeting on December 7, 2010.

## Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC Municipal Clerk