

January 4, 2011

The first regular meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Sweeney opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending December 31, 2010

Print Out	\$2.00
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Current Year Taxes	\$114,870.22
Prepaid Taxes-2011	\$22,936.07
Interest	\$3,992.62
Total	\$141,900.91

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of December 2010	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	0	\$5,205.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	0	\$1,055.40
Licenses Sold	0	553
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	5
Cats Picked Up	0	3
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	5
Cats Taken to Pound	0	4
Dogs Redeemed	0	3
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	\$345.00
Lost Tags	0	\$1.00

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, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Emergency Operation Plan is being revised.

Affordable Housing

COAH - Hughes reported the public trust fund reports will be completed by the CFO and Housing Administrator.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported the construction of the first ten (10) units is continuing.

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the year end report. He noted ten (10%) percent of the calls were to Sunrise House. D'Angeli asked if a donation has been received from Sunrise House. Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Member, said they have donated to the Lafayette EMS.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report.

Fire Department - Sweeney reviewed the report.

Bruning reported the Fire House situation is ongoing. They are currently looking for a location for the 4-log system.

Correspondence

1. From OSAC re: Recreation & Open Space Inventory
Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve the amount of \$4,900 for professional engineer services for the Township's ROSI as per the Open Space Advisory Committee's recommendation of December 30, 2010. Hughes stated the \$4,900 would be paid from the Open Space trust. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

2. From Sara Cureton, NJ Historical Commission re: \$7,650 Grant Approval
3. From Joan Smith, President Preservation Foundation to Up & Above Contractors

Old Business

Township Water Testing - This issue will be tabled until the next meeting on January 18, 2011 to obtain quotes.

Renewable Energy Ordinance - This issue will be tabled until the next meeting on January 18, 2011 for further review.

Insurance Audit-Fire Department - Chief Decker was asked to submit a plan of action to the Township Committee at the next meeting on January 18, 2011.

New Business

Temporary Budget - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution for a temporary budget:

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2011 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2010 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$1,911,887 and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2010 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$501,870,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the following appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

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

2011 Municipal Budget Meeting - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to schedule a 2011 Municipal Budget Meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 2:00pm. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Defend Tax Appeals Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution to defend tax appeals:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Township of Lafayette tax list including, but not limited to, rollback complaints, added and omitted

assessment complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessments for the Township of Lafayette; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and hereby designated as agents of the Township of Lafayette for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

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

Junkyard License - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve the junkyard license renewal for Lafayette Salvage, Inc. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Risk Management Consultant Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution appointment a Risk Management Consultant:

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of "Local Unit", in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Lafayette Township hereby appoints George Morville & The Morville Agency its local Risk Management Consultant.

The Mayor and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2011 in the form attached hereto.

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

Risk Management Consultant Agreement - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2011 Fund Year Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant's Agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Audience

Fire Chief David Decker, explained he has had conversations with the fire house well consultant, John McGowan, and will continue for the placement of the 4-log system.

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 contracts 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, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Executive Session - Contracts

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to return to the regular meeting.

Mayor Sweeney stated contracts was discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to authorize the Township Attorney to draw up a contract for CFO shared services, per the memorandum of December 29, 2010, for the amount of \$68,000. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk