

February 1, 2011

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 1, 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

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

Minutes - Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 18, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Reports

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported Advance Housing is proceeding with the first ten (10) units and anticipating completion in April. The funding for the second ten (10) units is continuing.

Board of Health - Corcoran reported a meeting was held on January 24, 2011. David Muscalo is the President; and Edith McGrath is the Vice President. Corcoran reported they are discussing moving the annual rabies clinic from the pond to the Municipal Garage.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported a meeting was held on January 27, 2011. Barnside Inc. was the only application; and it was denied.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS met on January 31, 2011. They are in the process of an audit, tax exempt status is being worked on, and they are looking to purchasing a GPS in the near future.

Fire House Well - Bruning reported the engineering for the system is complete and was submitted to the State for approval.

Fire Department - Sweeney reported the Fire Chief is concerned with the length of time it takes to purchase equipment. Hughes suggested they plan more efficiently and approach the Committee in a timely manner.

Correspondence

a. From Mary Spector – letter of interest for OSAC

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to appoint Mary Spector to the Open Space Advisory Committee for a two (2) year appointment expiring on December 31, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Mayor Sweeney appointed Sue Van Sickle to the Land Use Board as Alternate #2 for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2012.

b. From Petar Bubalo – letter of interest for Land Use Board

The Clerk was asked to send a letter to Mr. Bubalo thanking him for his interest.

c. From Hardyston Twp. to Governor Christie re: COAH Reform Bill S1/A3447

d. Hampton Township Resolution re: Opposing A-2095 & S-818

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

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX
OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. A-2095 AND SENATE BILL NO. S-818 WHICH
REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE DELIVERY

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-2095 and Senate Bill S-818 are currently undergoing an examination by both State legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the intent of A-2095 and S-818 is to regulate the emergency medical services system, referred to as inefficient and lacking in accountability by the sponsors of this legislation; and

WHEREAS, upon reading the proposed sweeping reform measures, It is apparent that these bills, while seemingly beneficial, set forth a number of requirements that will have a deleterious impact on New Jersey Municipalities and volunteer rescue squads; and

WHEREAS, set forth below are issues raised in the bill:

1. Qualification and training levels that will discourage and/or overly burden volunteer rescue squad members, reducing volunteer participation in rescue squads;
2. Creation of a new Office of Emergency Services in the Department of Health with all costs associated in appointing and maintaining a new bureaucracy;
3. The requirement that two (2) emergency medical technicians ride in every ambulance at all times, again burdening volunteer rescue squads leading to their demise;
4. Creation of a new State Fund and directing the assessment and collection of fees (taxes) in support of same;
5. Establishment of the titles of State Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services and three regional medical directors who will undoubtedly require appropriate staff to support said titles; and
6. By default, municipalities in the absence of viable volunteer rescue squads shall remain responsible for providing Basic Life Support services through the hiring of personnel or by contracting with a service provider (area hospital) to provide ambulance support; and

WHEREAS, the unspoken consequence of said legislation will be the end of volunteer rescue squads across New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, State government, as a result of this legislation, will expand its bureaucracy at a time when the citizens wish to see State government reduced; and

WHEREAS, the cost to provide Basic Life Support Services will increase dramatically as a result of the loss of volunteers and volunteer rescue squads.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee in the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Lafayette stands firmly opposed to this legislation;
2. The Township of Lafayette stands firmly opposed to this legislation as the requirements therein will dramatically increase the cost of emergency medical services to our citizens in the form of taxes, fees, and service charges; and
3. The Township of Lafayette calls upon its legislative delegation to vote against this legislation and, in the event that same is adopted, Governor Christie is respectfully requested to veto the legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Stephen Oroho, Assemblyman Gary Chiusano, Assemblywoman Alison McHose, all Sussex County Municipalities, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

- e. High Point RHS Resolutions/Minutes opposing Sussex Tech tuition fee
- f. Wantage Twp. Resolution opposing Sussex Tech tuition fee
- g. From Stephanie Pizzulo requesting the placement of a book donation box for the Girl Scouts

Vouchers

Sussex County Treasurer	406,525.31
Sussex County Treasurer	10,981.57
Sussex County Treasurer	29,701.85
Sussex County Treasurer	7,308.64

Motion by Bruning, 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, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Old Business

Township Water Testing - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to hire Agra Environmental and Laboratory Services to perform water testing for the Municipal Building and Fire House and send quarterly reports to the State for an annual cost of \$450 as stated on the December 6, 2010 proposal and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Fire Department Action Plan - The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Fire Department requesting a copy of their action plan for the recommendations from last year's insurance audit.

Renewable Energy Ordinance - This will be tabled to the next meeting on February 15, 2011.

New Business

Salary Amendment Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of February 15, 2011:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2011" WHICH WAS ADOPTED DECEMBER 21, 2010

1. The annual salary of the officer named hereafter for the year 2011 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed, are hereby established and fixed at the following sums in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

CFO Shared Services	Annually	Payable
With Andover Township	\$46,800.00	Bi-Weekly
Interim Tax Collector	\$30 PH	Bi-Weekly

2. That the aforesaid salary shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries.

3. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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

Interim Tax Collector Appointment - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to appoint Daryn Cashin as the Township's Interim Tax Collector. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

New EMS Members - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Sweeney, to approve Devan Adams, Jacob Bush and Laura Gasperino as members of the Lafayette Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to appoint Richard Hughes as Emergency Management Coordinator to a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2013 and adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette has need of an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hughes has expressed interest to continue in the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Richard Hughes as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Lafayette for a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2013.

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 Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk