

February 15, 2011

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 15, 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, Attorney Kurnos, CFO Magura, 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.

Minutes - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of February 1, 2011. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For the Month Ending December 31, 2010

Duplicate Bill	\$6.00
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$20,784.26
Current Year Taxes	\$156,570.04
Interest	\$705.66
Total	\$178,115.96

Motion by Bruning, 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.

Treasurer

Cash Report for January 2011

Cash Balances as of December 31, 2010	\$2,207,595.15
Cash Receipts for January 2011	\$205,088.64
Total	\$2,412,683.79
Cash Disbursements for January 2011	\$607,803.98
Cash Balances as of January 31, 2011	\$1,804,879.81
Account Balances as of January 31, 2011	
Current – Checking	\$313,282.98
Capital – Checking	\$826,198.23
Escrow – Checking	\$67,380.97
COAH-Developers Fees	\$124,986.40
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$312,407.92
Trust Accounts for Developer's Agreements	\$144,001.27
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,462.62
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$3,614.94
Total Account Balances	\$1,804,879.81

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, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Animal Control Officer

Month of January 2011	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$3,507.00	\$3,507.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$526.80	\$526.08
Licenses Sold	299	299
Kennel Licenses Sold	2	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	0

Cats Picked Up	0	0
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	0
Cats Taken to Pound	0	0
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	\$50.00	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	0
Lost Tags	0	0

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.

Committee Reports

Fire House Well - Bruning reported John McGowan is requesting information to complete the report to the State. He needs to include why a new well is not being drilled and a 4-log systems is being installed.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the report. He reported Dennis Road was inspected by the State. There is still the possibility the Township could receive discretionary funding for this project.

Road Foreman Macko reported there are approximately 12 dead trees around the Township that need to be taken down by a professional tree remover as they cannot be reached by the Road Department. Foreman Macko said the cost would be approximately \$1,104 per day; and he estimates the tree remover being needed for two (2) days. Discussion ensued; and this was not approved.

Electrical Inspections - D'Angeli reported he spoke with Cliff Storms, Electrical Inspector, about reducing his inspections days from three (3) to two (2). He reported Mr. Storms agreed.

Fire Department - Sweeney reviewed the report.

Correspondence

1. From Stephanie Pizzulo re: Use of building Saturday, 2/26, for Girl Scout cookie drop
The Township Committee approved the use of the building for the Girl Scouts.
2. Land Use Board - 2011 Recommendations
3. From Robert Confer, NJDEP re: SCMUA Solid Waste Landfill Operating Permit Renewal
4. From Nick Angarone, State Office of Planning, re: SC Wastewater Management Plan
5. From Ed Duffy, Elizabethtown Gas re: energySMART Program
6. From High Point Regional High School & Sussex County Technical School requesting Phase II Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants
Attorney Kurnos will pursue this issue for the Township.
7. Stillwater Township Resolution urging passage of S-2174 & A-2951
8. Resolutions from West Milford Township & Borough of Hamburg seeking State intervention for safety and awareness on State Highway Route 23
9. Branchville Borough Resolution opposing Sussex Tech tuition fee
10. Wantage, Stillwater & Green Townships Resolution opposing A-2095 & S-818
11. Hampton Township Ordinance amending Chapter 108, Zoning Chapter, re: farm stands or farm markets

Vouchers

A & G PIZZA	98.42
AM/PM SERVICES	184.00
BAGFUL O' BAGELS	127.75
CENTURY LINK	446.95
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	33.32
CHELBUS CLEANING CO., INC.	275.00
CINTAS CORP #111	313.85

DELAWARE VALLEY ASSOCIATES INC.	114.55
DIAMOND SAND AND GRAVEL, INC.	3,078.09
DONALD CLARK	93.82
FINCH FUEL OIL CO., INC.	3,413.11
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	5,965.00
G.F.O.A. OF NEW JERSEY	90.00
HIGH POINT REG HIGH SCHOOL	184,416.99
INTERNATIONAL SALT CO., LLC	16,807.65
J. FLETCHER CREAMER & SONS, INC.	26,940.00
JCP & L	1,880.37
LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	4,845.00
LAFAYETTE AUTO PARTS	666.18
LAFAYETTE TWP BD OF ED	499,695.00
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	355.50
PUBLIC WORKS ASSOC. OF NJ	60.00
R.S. PHILLIPS STEEL LLC	97.00
ROY E. KURNOS	4,800.00
SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE TV	17.00
SPRINT	148.03
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	150.95
STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND	20,892.00
TC/TREAS ASSOC SUSSEX/WARREN	21.00
THE NEW JERSEY HERALD	149.45
TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH	1,100.00
YETTERS DINER	86.24
BRUNING CONSTRUCTION	159.32
DOUGLAS AGNE	26.88
FINELLI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.	192.50
LADDEY, CLARK & RYAN, LLP	510.00
SUNRISE HOUSE	230.00
NJ DEPT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES	526.80
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	536.60

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

Old Business

Amend Salary Ordinance - Sweeney opened the meeting the public hearing on the following ordinance:

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

With there being no public comments, Sweeney closed the public hearing.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the amending salary ordinance.

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

Renewable Energy Ordinance - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on March 1, 2011 as the Land Use Board is waiting for responses from the Board's Attorney and Engineer.

New Business

Recycling Seminar - D'Angeli reported he gave approval to Stephanie Pizzulo to attend a recycling seminar this Thursday at the SCMUA.

PTO Raffle Licenses - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Lafayette Twp. PTO for April 15, 2011 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Fire Code Fee Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of March 1, 2011:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7, NON-LIFE HAZARD USES

(A) In addition to the registrations required by the Uniform Fire Code, all non-life hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention. These uses shall be

inspected once per year and pay an annual fee. The following is the fee schedule for non-life hazard uses:

1. Premises under 3,000 square feet: \$65.00
2. Premises from 3,000 square feet and under 6,000 square feet: \$100.00
3. Premises from 6,000 square feet and under 12,000 square feet: \$150.00
4. Premises from 12,000 square feet and above: \$200.00
5. Multilevel premises under three stories: \$125.00
6. Multilevel premises three to six stories: \$175.00
7. Hotels and motels without interior stairways and with less than 50 rooms: \$75.00
8. Hotels and motels with out interior stairways and more than 50 room: \$150.00
9. Multifamily dwellings (Use group R-2 as defined in the Uniform Construction Code): \$100.00
10. Life-Hazard registration fees as per the Uniform Fire Code N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(a)
11. Residential smoke detector/ carbon monoxide/ fire extinguisher inspections:
 - (a) Request for CSDCMAC received more than 10 business days prior to change of occupant: \$50.00
 - (b) Request for CSDCMAC received less than 10 business days to the change of occupant: \$75.00
 - (c) Re-inspection fee for CSDCMAC: \$50.00

(B) Permits:

1. Type 1: \$42.00
2. Type 2: \$166.00
3. Type 3: \$331.00
4. Type 4: \$497.00

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

Shared Services Agreement-Tax Collector - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION ACT CONCERNING THE SERVICES OF A CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette is seeking the services of a Certified Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, both the parties have the authority to enter into the attached Agreement pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et. seq.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute the attached Agreement with the Township of Andover concerning the services of a certified tax collector.
2. A copy of this Resolution and Agreement shall be forwarded to the Administrator/Clerk of the Township of Andover and the Clerk of the Township of Lafayette.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall commence on March 1, 2011; and

BE IT, ALSO, FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement shall be subject to review by the Township Attorney for legal sufficiency.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Township Website - D'Angeli asked the Clerk to update the Township's website.

Fire Department Action Plan - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Fire Department's action plan. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Recreation Commission Budget - Discussion ensued regarding the Recreation Commission's budget request. Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve the Recreation Commission budget of \$10,800 and reduce their o/e five (5%) from last year's amount. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Organizational Funding - Discussion ensued regarding the funding of Township organizations. Bruning suggested a letter be sent to the organizations describing the system for payment and tracking of expenses. Bruning and Hughes will be the subcommittee to meet with representatives of the organizations within the next few weeks to explain the tracking. Hughes said audits should be performed per the organization's procedures.

Audience

Ms. Sara Dolinski, Fire Department member, feels purchasing operations are not going smoothly. Bruning suggested she attend the subcommittee meeting to discuss this further.

Road Foreman Macko asked what the raise would be for the lifeguards. D'Angeli said it would not be more than what the current employees received.

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