

November 1, 2011

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: CFO Magura, Attorney Kurnos, Road Foreman Macko

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

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

**Reports**

**Tax Collector** - For October 2011

Cost of Sale	\$719.92
Prior Year Taxes	\$44,812.18
Current Year Taxes	\$854,953.19
Prepaid Taxes – 2012	\$2,874.07
Interest	\$9,055.95
Total	\$912,415.31

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

**Committee Reports**

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. He stated two (2) more proposals are to be submitted for lawn mowing and weeding services.

Road Foreman Macko reported on storm clean-up.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reported a discussion was held at the recent meeting regarding the removal of the pig ordinance as this may be in violation of the Right to Farm Act.

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reviewed the damage from the recent snow storm.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported the funding for Phase II is being pursued.

**Correspondence**

- a. Stillwater Township Resolutions – Oppose S-2887/A-3992 & Pre-Disaster Plan
- b. Andover Township Resolution – Community Planning Month
- c. From Gregory Thompson re: Bollinger Insurance

**Vouchers**

20/20 Business Solutions, Inc.	125.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	246.00
CenturyLink	459.06
CenturyLink Communications, Inc.	33.24
Chelbus Cleaning, Co., Inc.	275.00
Centias Corp. #111	243.30
Custom Docks, Inc.	227.00
D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet	130.00
Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.	113.80

Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	2,464.14
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	315.00
Frankford Township	15,046.13
Garden State Plumbing & Heating	150.00
Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	234.00
Hampton Convenience Store	27.72
High Point Regional High School	209,983.84
Jean Perlee	775.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3,270.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	300,950.00
Limecrest Quarry Developers, LLC	88.60
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Millside Café	222.14
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	226.89
Municipal Software, Inc.	620.00
SK Office Supply, Inc.	34.99
Sussex County Treasurer	445,777.79
Sussex County Treasurer	11,827.10
Sussex County Treasurer	32,249.61
Sussex County Treasurer	71.71
Sussex County Assessor's Association	30.00
The New Jersey Herald	456.04
Township of Sparta	8,905.00
Vital Services Group	98.00
W.S. Darley & Co.	731.71
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	2,045.78
Garden State Plumbing & Heating	11,850.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	2,853.50
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	4,882.50
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	975.00

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, 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**

**Salary Amendment Ordinance** - Mayor Sweeney opened the public hearing for 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 comments from the public, Mayor Sweeney closed the public hearing.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the salary amendment ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

**Van Sickle Road Repair Spending Ordinance** - Mayor Sweeney opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF VAN SICKLE ROAD AND APPROPRIATING \$4,750.00 FROM AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the salary amendment ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Sweeney-yes.

### **New Business**

**Raffle License** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 10, 2011 and waive the local

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

**County Veteran's Program** - Mr. Jeffrey Parrott, Acting Sussex County Clerk, explained the Veteran Discount Program. He, also, advised the Committee to alert residents of phone scams involving Social Security or certified copies of deeds.

**Transfer Resolution** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2011 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-58 permits transfers to be made in the last two (2) months of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
Mayor & Council o/e	\$ 100.00	General Administration o/e
Municipal Clerk o/e	500.00	Elections o/e
Recreation s/w	2,000.00	Snow Removal s/w
Tax Collections s/w	1,000.00	Snow Removal s/w
Social Security	3,000.00	Snow Removal s/w
Legal Services o/e	8,000.00	Gasoline & Diesel
Total Transfers	\$14,600.00	

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

**Emergency Appropriation Resolution** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the cost of storm damage due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee; and no adequate provision was made in the 2011 budget for the aforesaid purpose; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation(s) created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$22,500.00; and three (3%) of the total operations in the budget for the year is \$49,081.38.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, State of New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 that:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Streets and Roads o/e in the amount of \$22,500.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2012 budget.
3. That the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the expenditures to be financed through this resolution are related to the aforementioned emergency.
4. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution are to be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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

**Emergency Appropriation Ordinance** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 20, 2011:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S. 40A:4-46 FOR THE COST OF STORM DAMAGE DUE TO HURRICANE IRENE AND TROPICAL STORM LEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-46 the sum of \$22,500 is hereby appropriated for the cost of storm damage due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee and shall be deemed a special emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S. 40A:4-46.

The authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (N.J.S. 40A:4-55).

This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

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

**2012 Budget** - All departmental budget requests are to be submitted by January 6, 2012.

**Merck Corporation Assessment** - Attorney Kurnos will speak to Tax Assessor, Maureen Kaman, regarding this issue.

#### **Audience**

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS member, said there was no power at the EMS building. Committeeman Hughes stated he needs to know immediately when there is an emergency as he is the Emergency Management Coordinator. He will contact JCP&L regarding this problem.

Mr. David Astor, Lafayette Township Superintendent/Principal, thanked the Road Department for their help with plowing during the recent snow storm. He invited the community to the Christmas tree lighting and Christmas program to be held at the school.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk