

December 6, 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, Committeemen Hughes, Corcoran, and D'Angeli

Members Absent Bruning

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, 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 Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, 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.

Lafayette Preservation Foundation

Joan Smith, President

Michael Margulies, Historical Architect

Wayne McCabe, Historian

Mrs. Smith explained a grant was received from the State to pay for Mr. Margulies' services for the required work on a historic district application; and the application has been submitted for approval.

Mr. Margulies said 80 structures are included in the district. He said the cemetery is included even though it is not contiguous to the other properties.

Mr. McCabe explained the process and work in detail. Mr. McCabe will draft a resolution for the Township Committee endorsing this application.

Mr. Margulies said letters from the State will be sent to those property owners affected in January 2012.

Tax Collector - Fees and Liens

Daryn Cashin, Tax Collector

Mrs. Cashin explained the proposed fees and liens she asked the Township Committee to consider. The Township Committee approved the drafting of an amended fee ordinance to include the fees.

Reports

Tax Collector - For November 2011

Township Liens	\$451.47
O/S Liens	\$1,025.45
Current Year Taxes	\$1,325,497.50
Prepaid Taxes – 2012	\$4,577.48
Interest	\$3,957.49
Total	\$1,335,509.39

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.

Treasurer

Cash Report for October 2011

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2011	\$1,862,331.01
Cash Receipts for October 2011	\$1,310,276.46
Total	\$3,172,607.47
Cash Disbursements for October 2011	\$930,825.13
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2011	\$2,241,782.34

Account Balances as of October 31, 2011

Current – Checking	\$641,672.90
Capital – Checking	\$941,942.17
Escrow – Checking	\$58,472.59
COAH-Developers Fees	\$128,043.91
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$311,128.81
Trust Accounts for Developer’s Agreements	\$143,242.41
Special Rec. – Checking	\$7,910.08
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$1,824.99
Total Account Balances	\$2,241,782.34

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.

Animal Control Officer

Month of October 2011	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	0	\$7,013.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	0	\$1,034.40
Licenses Sold	0	546
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	1	5
Cats Picked Up	0	5
Dogs Taken to Pound	1	6
Cats Taken to Pound	0	4
Dogs Redeemed	0	3
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	\$615.00
Lost Tags	0	\$2.00

Month of November 2011	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$25.00	\$7,038.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$5.40	\$1,039.80
Licenses Sold	2	548
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	5
Cats Picked Up	0	5
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	6
Cats Taken to Pound	0	4
Dogs Redeemed	0	3
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	0	\$615.00
Lost Tags	0	\$2.00

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the ACO’s report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - D’Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman’s report and stated work has begun on Dennis Road.

Regarding the letter from Mr. Bob Brown, Road Foreman Macko said the Road Department will install a “Children at Play” sign. Attorney Kurnos will contact the Township Engineer to instruct the developer to install stop and speed limit signs.

D’Angeli reported tree limbs need to be taken down. Road Foreman Macko has a man lift the Township can borrow; however, a seal needs to be fixed. With there being a cost savings, the Township authorized the payment of the seal; and the Road Department will borrow the man lift and remove the limbs.

Affordable Housing (Advance Housing) - Hughes reported Advance Housing has rented seven (7) of the ten (10) units in Phase I. A walk-through with emergency services has been done. A decision from HUD for the second ten (10) units is expected in February.

Advance Housing is available senior citizens, as well as those with special needs.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported discussions with State and FEMA representatives were held.

Hughes reported proposals were received for 9-1-1 dispatch services. Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to contract with the Town of Newton for 9-1-1 dispatching services effective January 1, 2012 at 0800. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Open Space Advisory Committee - Hughes reported they are proceeding with the application for the Lawler property. Mr. Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Secretary, said they are waiting for the signed contract; and details need to be finalized.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran thanked the Township Committee and all involved for the Christmas Tree lighting.

EMS - Corcoran reported elections for 2012 officers was held: Ron Decker, Captain; Mike Camerata, Lieutenant; Katie Moriarty, Treasurer; and Laura Gasperino, Secretary. Larry Decker was voted out as Captain due to non-attendance. Mike Camerata will be Acting Captain for the remainder of the year.

Fire Department - Sweeney reported one (1) bid was received for the system; and it was exceptionally expensive. D'Angeli said another alternative is drilling a new well and reinforcing the casing. This matter will be carried to the next meeting on December 20, 2011.

Correspondence

- a. From Bob & Rebecca Brown re: Road Signs on Violet Trail
- b. From William H. Gettler re: High Point Regional High School Surplus
- c. Wantage Township Ordinances:
 1. Solar Energy Systems
 2. Small Wind Energy Systems
 3. Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces
- d. From Finelli Consulting Engineers re: Completion of Improvements Cost Estimate
- e. "Tie a Ribbon" campaign Thank You

New Business

Lawn Mowing Services - D'Angeli reported the Township solicited Township businesses for lawn mowing services; and only one (1) bid was received. Motion by D'Angeli, seconded Corcoran, to hire James Ando for Township lawn mowing services at a rate of \$250.00 per cut and this will be terminated if the Township hires a fifth full-time employee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Sweeney-yes.

Kumetz Tax Certificate Redemption Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO ALLEN KUMETZ IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2007-002 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 30, LOT 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,025.45

WHEREAS, On July 30, 2007, tax sale certificate #2007-002 was sold for delinquent 2006 taxes on Block 30, Lot 5, owners of record Joanne & Mark Bacco, to Allen Kumetz, in the amount of \$185.36; and,

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Allen Kumetz, paid subsequent taxes for 2007 in the amount of \$380.42; and,

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2011, BAC Tax Service paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$565.78, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, and interest in the amount of \$407.67 through November 16, 2011, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2007-002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Allen Kumetz in the amount of \$1,025.45.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and Township Auditor for their records.

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

Energy Audit Program - Hughes reported the State BPU has funds for low-moderate income people to help with the payment of repairs.

Surplus Equipment Bid Opening - D'Angeli opened the bids submitted for the surplus equipment. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to award the following and such is to be paid for by certified check or cash:

1985 International-1954 Series Dump Truck - Jersey One Auto Sales - \$2,636.00
Allis-Chalmers Diesel Model 2900 Generator - Jersey One Auto Sales - \$1,050.00
Cummins Diesel Generator - William Washer - \$2,000.00

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

Audience

David Decker, Fire Department Chief, said Joshua Maat has become their tenth (10th) Eagle Scout. The Fire Department is having a Christmas tree and wreath sale every weekend until Christmas.

Executive Session - Motion by Hughes, 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 personnel 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.

Exec. Session - Personnel

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

Mayor Sweeney stated personnel was discussed in Executive Session. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date for December 20, 2011:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2012

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2012 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:

	Annually	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	37,460.41			Bi-weekly

Treasurer/CFO	29,177.06			“
Finance-Interlocal-Andover Twp.	47,736.00			“
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			“
Tax Assessor	17,472.78			“
Construction Official/ Driveway Inspector	29,423.23			“
Fire Subcode Official	3,394.13			“
Police	1,000.00			“
Animal Control Officer	6,744.48			Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board Construction Official, Board of Health	27,131.65			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	2,550.00			Quarterly
Plumbing Subcode Official	5,928.25			Bi-weekly
Electrical Subcode Official	7,767.18			“
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			“
Registrar	1,000.00			“
Zoning Officer	2,000.00			“
Road Foreman		17.00	35.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	25.00 PH	“
Road Employee #1		10.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #2		10.00	17.00 PH	“
Temporary Road Employee		13.50	20.00 PH	“
Fire Prevention Official	2,780.66			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector	25.00 per inspection			Quarterly
Life Guard		7.00	11.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Recreation Director		13.00	16.00 PH	“
Assistant Recreation Director		7.00	11.00 PH	“

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. 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, Sweeney-yes.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk