

April 3, 2012

The first regular meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

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

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

Lafayette Township School - 2012-2013 Budget Presentation

Anna Hessler, Board Administrator David Astor, Superintendent

Mrs. Hessler reviewed the 2012-2013 Lafayette Township School budget and said there would be a 1.1 cents increase.

2012 Municipal Budget Kathy Mantell, Auditor

Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the Lafayette Township 2012 Budget. With there being no comments, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution adopting the 2012 Lafayette Township Municipal Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$181,502.67 for municipal purposes and \$43,880.17 for the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

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

Reports

Tax Collector - For March 2012

Duplicate Bill	\$5.00
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$9,073.73
Current Year Taxes	\$66,154.55
Interest	\$1,858.92
Total	\$77,142.20

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

Animal Control Officer

Month of March 2012	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,517.00	\$6,573.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$196.80	\$967.20
Licenses Sold	99	533
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	2
Dogs Picked Up	0	0
Cats Picked Up	0	4
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	0
Cats Taken to Pound	0	4
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0

Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$50.00
Late Fees Collected	350.00	350.00
Lost Tags	0	\$2.00

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

Committee Reports

Fire House Well - Bruning reported one (1) more water test result will be received shortly; and the pump will be installed. An updated Corrective Action Plan (CAP) was submitted to the DEP and County Health Department. The cost to abandon the well in the building will cost approximately \$1,000.00.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following spending ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 17, 2012:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL FOR THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE AND APPROPRIATING \$3,000.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The funding for the drilling of a new well for the Lafayette Township Fire House is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$3,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$3,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to hire Ace Well & Pump to file the necessary permits and to abandon the well inside the fire house. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt is rescheduled for this Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 10:00am.

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

Emergency Management - Hughes reported reimbursement from FEMA is anticipated for the recent storms. He commended CFO Magura, Road Foreman Macko & Assistant Ando for their work with FEMA.

Hughes reported he is working on revising the Emergency Operations Plan.

Affordable Housing

COAH - Hughes reported he is working on the spending plan with the planner, David Banisch.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported they are getting closer to closing on funding.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported their next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2012.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the fire department responded to six (6) calls since the last meeting.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 19 calls in March. EMS responded to 206 calls in 2011.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported no meeting was held.

Board of Health - Corcoran reported the next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2012.

High Point Regional High School

John Hannum, Superintendent
Walter Stumpf, President/Lafayette Rep.
Carolyn Joseph, Interim Business Admin.
Mr. Hannum described the goings on at High Point Regional High School.

Ms. Joseph reviewed the 2012-2013 budget and said there will be a 2 cents increase.

Correspondence

a. From David J. Martin, NJDOT re: Parking Space Markings Rte 15 N
This issue will be carried to the next meeting on April 17, 2012.

- b. From Governor Christie re: Pension Savings
- c. Vernon Township Ordinance Amending the code of the Township
- d. Hampton Township Resolution Opposing S-1085, Forest Harvest on State Lands
- e. Sussex Borough Resolution Opposing Public Water Supply Fluoridation Act
- f. Andover Township Resolution to Restore Energy Taxes to Municipalities
- g. Hamburg Borough & Stillwater Township Resolutions Supporting a Referendum for the sale of the Homestead Nursing Home

Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REFERENDUM FOR THE SALE OF THE HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME

WHEREAS, the Homestead Nursing Home is owned by the County of Sussex, and has served the residents of Sussex County for many years; and

WHEREAS, the facility serves Sussex County residents, and has a relatively high number of Medicaid patients; and

WHEREAS, the County has contemplated the sale and privatization of said facility; and

WHEREAS, interested residents of Sussex County have opposed this sale for a number of reasons, including the fact that if this facility is sold, the number of Medicaid patients and low income patients who need the facility may not be served by this facility, and may have to be sent to other facilities outside of Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette wants to go on record of requesting that the Freeholders of Sussex County not make this decision without a public referendum to determine the position of the voters as to this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the Township Committee does hereby request that the Freeholders of Sussex County not offer for sale the Homestead Nursing Home, but, rather, place the question as to whether or not the facility should be sold as a public referendum at the next general election, which referendum should be non-binding upon the Freeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Freeholders of Sussex County, and to all the other municipalities in Sussex County.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Henderson-no, D’Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

- h. From Hank Pomerantz re: American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to proclaim the week of May 14, 2012 as “Relay For Life Days”.

PROCLAMATION

RELAY FOR LIFE OF SUSSEX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Relay For Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

WHEREAS, money raised during Relay For Life of Sussex County supports the American Cancer Society’s mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays – by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures for cancer and by fighting back; and

WHEREAS, Relay For Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Lafayette does hereby proclaim the week of May 14 as

“RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS”

and encourages citizens to participate in the Relay For Life event at Sussex County Community College from 4:00pm. Saturday to 6:00pm. Sunday.

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

Old Business

Repealing of Ordinance 5-17 – “Keeping of Pigs” - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 17, 2012:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEALING SECTION 5-17 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SPECIFICALLY “THE KEEPING OF PIGS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, to repeal Section 5-17 of the Lafayette Township General Ordinance, specifically “The Keeping of Pigs”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication and passage according to law.

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

NJDOT – Mid-block crosswalk/Route 94 - A letter will be sent to the NJDOT asking to curtail roadside sign pollution and install signs on the trail notifying users of vehicle traffic on Route 94.

Electric Utility Supplier - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on April 17, 2012.

Fire Department Incident Command Vehicle - Henderson reported he received Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs); and they were followed. He said a review of the SOGs will be completed by a subcommittee; and he will be a member. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase and use of the Incident Command Vehicle.

Mr. Joe Farischon, Fireman, said the vehicle is needed but further review of the policy needs to be done.

New Business

Raffle - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D’Angeli, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for the Lafayette Fire Department Auxiliary for May 3, 2012 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Outdoor Dining) - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Hughes, introduce and set the public hearing date of April 17, 2012 for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING “ZONING” OF SAID TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-15 “OUTDOOR DINING”

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

Section 1. Upon recommendation of the Zoning Officer, Section 13-15.2.a.7, “Furniture Storage”, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. All conflicting or inconsistent ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication and passage according to law.

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

Business Forum - Hughes reported the Clerk will send out a letter to local business owners encouraging them to attend a meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, to discuss growth and sustainability.

2013 Reassessment - Hughes reported the package requesting a town wide reassessment in 2013 will be sent to the County Tax Board next week.

ACO Shared Services - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on April 17, 2012.

Audience

Ms. Gizelle Garren, thanked the Township Committee for supporting the sale of the Homestead be on the ballot as a referendum.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, said the zoning ordinance amendment was not referred to the Land Use Board for comment. Committeeman Hughes said this will be referred to the Land Use Board.

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, feels a meeting with Sunrise House is needed again as many calls are being received from the facility. Mayor Corcoran will pursue this issue.

Mr. Joe Farischon, Fireman/Boy Scout Leader, said the Lafayette Boy Scouts were awarded first place in the First Aid competition at the recent Klondike.

Mr. Ron Decker, said the EMS received a \$200 donation from Miss Lafayette, Miranda Savioli, that she raised holding a bake sale.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary said the sign ordinance provides for new businesses.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk