

May 1, 2012

The first regular meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 1, 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, 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.

**Minutes** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 17, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Reports**

**Tax Collector** - For April 2012

Tax Searches	\$10.00
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$27,876.92
Current Year Taxes	\$559,838.77
Interest	\$4,568.54
Total	\$592,414.23

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, 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 April 2012	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$83.00	\$6,656.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$9.00	\$976.20
Licenses Sold	5	538
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	25.00	375.00
Lost Tags	0	\$2.00

Miscellaneous Notes: Final ACO report from William E. Kaufman, Sr.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, 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 the final water test is scheduled for May 7, 2012.

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to purchase 200 tons of salt. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported work on the reimbursement from FEMA for the October 2011 storm is continuing. He complimented Gail Magura (CFO), Bill Macko (Road Foreman) and Jim Ando (Asst. Rd. Foreman) for their work.

### **Affordable Housing**

Advance Housing - Hughes reported Advance Housing is anticipating a closing and groundbreaking within the next few months.

COAH - Hughes reported the spending and rehabilitation plans are being worked on.

**Electricity Supplier** - Hughes reported the Township is now a member of the New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting (NJSEM) for the purchasing power of energy.

**2013 Reassessment** - Hughes reported the Sussex County Tax Board will sign their approval of the town wide reassessment and forward it to the State for their approval.

**Business Meeting** - Hughes reported he and Committeeman Bruning held a business meeting with local business owners; and approximately 25 were in attendance. He reported signage, pedestrian crossing and parking were discussed. Hughes said email addresses were collected and will be used for ordinance changes and/or modifications.

A letter will be sent to the NJDOT for the timing of the light on Route 15-Meadows/Morris Farm Roads. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to purchase two (2) free-standing pedestrian crossing signs to be placed on Meadows Road and Morris Farm Road.

Bruning reported a suggestion was made to purchase the Nurge home, next to the existing parking lot, for additional parking. Bruning will discuss the feasibility with the Township Engineer.

**Open Space (OSAC)** - Henderson reported the cost to dispose of the contaminated soil on the Lawler property is approximately \$7,000-8,000. Green Acres would give a grant of approximately \$44,000 for the demolition of the two (2) houses. If the cost is more, the balance would be funded by the Open Space trust. Henderson reported discussion is ensuing regarding the owner paying for the disposal of the contaminated soil.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reviewed the April 23, 2012 meeting.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the April 26, 2012 meeting.

**EMS** - Corcoran reported Karen Mitchell asked for a year's sabbatical; and Katie Moriarity resigned due to expecting a baby. Miss Lafayette, Miranda Savioli, held a bake sale and donated \$200 to the EMS.

### **Correspondence**

1. From Assemblyman Anthony Bucco re: Thank you for supporting A-2717
2. Wantage Township Resolution Supporting In-Patient Services at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex, NJ
3. From John Eskilson, SC Admin. Re: Potential sale of Homestead Nursing Home
4. Hampton, Montague, Walpack & Wantage Townships resolutions supporting military employment initiative program
5. Montague & Stillwater Townships resolution opposing Senate Bills 1451 & 1452
6. Stillwater Township resolution calling for restoration of energy taxes to municipalities
7. Stillwater Township resolution supporting A-2717
8. Andover Borough & Montague Township resolutions supporting referendum for the sale of the Homestead Nursing Home
9. Stillwater Township resolution supporting extending the Permit Act of 2008

### **Old Business**

**Amend Chapter XIII-Outdoor Dining Ordinance** - Mayor Corcoran stated the public hearing was held at the last meeting.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter XIII-Outdoor Dining. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Fire House Well Spending Ordinance (#3)** - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

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 \$8,100.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the fire house well spending ordinance (#3). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Wantage Dog Pound Shared Service** - D'Angeli stated the shared service agreement has been approved by both Townships and became effective today, May 1, 2012.

**Accident & Health Insurance for Fire Department and EMS Members** - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on May 15, 2012 for further review. Hughes reminded the Committee that this amount was not included in this year's budget. Funding would need to be reviewed.

**SCARC Garbage Collection** - A letter will be sent to SCARC explaining the Township's garbage collection policy.

**Routes 15 & 94 Left Turn Signal** - Henderson reported he spoke with Senator Oroho regarding the cost of the turn sign. The Senator will pursue this issue.

**Municipal Tax Liens** - Bruning will review this with the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector.

**Corrective Action Plan** - The Township Committee acknowledged the recommendations and Corrective Action Plan of the 2011 Annual Audit.

#### **New Business**

**Annual Audit Resolution** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following resolution:

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT  
RESOLUTION 2012-26

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2011 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations", as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five (45) days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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

**Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2012-27

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2011 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Lafayette Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Lafayette Township hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Stephanie Pizzulo, Recycling Coordinator, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848 to ensure that said Application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

**Summer Meetings Cancellation** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to cancel the following summer meetings: June 19, 2012, July 17, 2012 and August 21, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk