

September 18, 2012

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

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Hughes, Henderson, and D'Angeli

Members Absent Bruning and Corcoran

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Road Foreman Macko

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

Minutes - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to accept and place on file the minutes of August 7, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Animal Control Report - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to accept the Animal Control Report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

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

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - David & Rita Atamanchuk, 116 Meadows Road

Mr. & Mrs. Atamanchuk were asked about their drainage problem. Mr. Atamanchuk said all water goes into a storm drain and flows onto his property. He said he has burned out three (3) sump pumps because of the flooding. Mr. Atamanchuk suggested the Road Department use a backhoe to clear the area to drain to the back of his property.

Hughes said the Township Engineer will inspect the property the next time he is in the Township. The Township will keep in touch with the Atmanchuk's.

Municipal Court - Henderson reported he spoke to the Court Administrator regarding the extra time needed to complete DUI cases. She indicated they are catching up and doesn't see a need for more time.

Fire Department - Road Foreman Macko said the new stainless tanker is leaking and will be inspected this Friday.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the emergency operations plans are being updated.

Affordable Housing

SCARC - Hughes reported the SCARC project is continuing.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported Advance Housing is waiting for HUD's closing.

Correspondence

a. From Roy Kurnos re: SCARC-Val Court

b. From Sara Scott requesting use of Conference Room on October 11th

The Committee approved the request.

c. From Andover Township & SC Administrator re: Ethics/"Cooling Off" Period

d. From Governor Christie re: State Budget

e. From Reenee Casapulla re: Recycling in SC

D'Angeli will attend with the Recycling Coordinator.

- f. From Mary Emilius, United Way re: Municipal Housing Trust Fund
- g. From Gruber, Colabella & Liuzza, Esq. re: Municipal Court Public Defender

Vouchers

Beaver Run Farms	3,330.06
D.Lovenberg's Portable Toilet	235.00
Diamond Sand and Gravel, Inc.	1,560.00
Dolores Pecorari	1,205.15
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	640.00
Home Depot Credit Services	34.44
JCP&L	1,370.95
Lafayette Amateur Athletics, Inc.	3,564.70
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	573.77
Marypaul Laboratories, Inc.	240.00
NJ State League of Municipalities	235.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	48.00
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Sprint	141.21
T.A.Mountford Co.	540.00
US Postal Service	206.46

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Old Business

Windmill Installation - The Attorney's information will be forwarded to the Land Use Board.

Amended Sign Ordinance - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for October 2, 2012:

ORDINANCE 2012-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS VIII AND XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE BUILDING AND HOUSING AND ZONING CHAPTERS, REGARDING SIGN REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter XIII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Zoning Chapter, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. §8-1.3(a)(4) shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

4. Sign Permit. The fee for a permit to construct a sign shall be one (\$1.00) dollar per square foot of the surface area of each sign, computed on one (1) side only for double-faced signs, provided that the minimum fee for each sign shall be thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars. The fee for a permit for a temporary sign shall be thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars, which shall be valid for a maximum of six (6) months.

Section 2. §13-17.2.j. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

j. *Window Signs.* Window signs designed to promote the sale of any merchandise or business activity shall not exceed twenty (20%) percent of any total window area. "Open" signs shall not be counted as part of the twenty (20%) percent total.

Section 3. §13-17.8.k. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

k. *Neon signs,* with the exception of one sign designating the business as "open", as provided for in Ordinance 13-17.13(h).

Section 4. §13-17.8.m. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

m. *LED signs,* with the exception of one sign designating the business as "open" as provided for in Ordinance 13-17.13(h).

Section 5. §13-17.10.b.2. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. Special promotion and event signs may be displayed not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days in any 3-month period, and not more than fifty-six (56) days in any calendar year. Special promotion and event signs shall be erected no more than fourteen (14) days prior to the event, and shall be removed not more than two (2) days after the event. Grand opening signs may be displayed not more than forty-four (44) consecutive days. Grand opening signs shall be erected no more than thirty (30) days prior to the grand opening, and shall be removed not more than fourteen (14) days after the grand opening.

Section 6. §13-17.11 shall be and is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph:

The **sign height** of freestanding signs shall be limited to ten (10) feet.

Section 7. §13-17.13.g. shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

g. One (1) freestanding sign may be permitted on each lot, not exceeding thirty (30) square feet in area. Shopping centers and multi-tenanted **limited industrial use** shall be permitted to have one (1) additional freestanding sign for the shopping center or multi-tenanted **limited industrial use**, and the size of such additional freestanding sign shall only list the shopping center or industrial park name and/or list the tenants, and shall be limited to four (4) square feet per tenant or a maximum of thirty (30) square feet, whichever is less.

Section 8. A new section §13-17.13.h. shall be added and shall read as follows:

h. One (1) internally illuminated sign designating the business as “open”, provided the sign is an interior window sign, is no larger than four (4) square feet, and provided the said sign is continuously lit and is not blinking, flashing, flickering, and/or using sequential lighting.

Section 9. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 11. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. The Township Clerk is further directed to refer this Ordinance to the Township Land Use Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board, as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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

New Business

Old Beaver Run Road Repair Spending Ordinance - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for October 2, 2012:

ORDINANCE 2012-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF OLD BEAVER RUN ROAD AND APPROPRIATING \$32,000.00 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 repair of Old Beaver Run Road is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$32,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$32,000.00 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: Henderson-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Fuel Oil Co-Op - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D’Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Lafayette approves the Central Morris County Cooperative Pricing Consortium for #2 fuel oil effective October 1, 2012.

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

Raffles - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for High Point High School Bowling Club for December 1, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Audience

Mr. Eric Gabrielson, ReCommunity Recycling, explained his company's program of material recovery. He said he has spoken to Ms. Cassapulla, SCMUA Recycling Coordinator, about diverting material out of the landfill.

Road Foreman Macko said the Township takes its recycling to Trinity.

Mr. Gabrielson will send references for the Township Committee to review.

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