

October 16, 2012

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish

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 Bruning, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 2, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Treasurer's Report Cash Report for September 2012

Cash Balances as of August 31, 2012	\$2,926,665.30
Cash Receipts for September 2012	\$751,331.55
Total	\$3,677,996.85
Cash Disbursements for September 2012	\$390,499.00
Cash Balances as of September 30, 2012	\$3,287,497.85
Account Balances as of September 30, 2012	
Current - Checking	\$1,027,066.82
Capital - Checking	\$1,114,149.90
Escrow - Checking	\$46,385.67
SCARC Housing	\$65,013.36
Green Acres Trust	\$455,685.22
COAH-Developers Fees	\$67,393.16
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$350,796.31
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$139,755.00
Special Rec. - Checking	\$9,119.21
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$4,588.72
Total Account Balance	\$3,287,497.85

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

Animal Control and SWAC Reports - Both reports were acknowledged as received.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. A letter will be sent to Mr. Art Hahn requesting the removal of the bush that is obstructing sight distance.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to increase the amount of garbage containers/bags for residents to four (4) containers/bags with the size remaining at 35 gallons and not to weigh more than 50 lbs. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported Advance Housing and SCARC are proceeding.

Fire Department - Henderson reviewed the Fire Department's report. They placed second in the antique original truck class at the County Fireman's Parade.

Henderson reported turnout gear is needed for Fireman Joshua Maat. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing for November 7, 2012:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) SET OF TURNOUT GEAR AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$2,240.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL 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 Acquisition of one (1) set of turnout gear and related Appurtenances is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$2,240.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$2,240.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital 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.

Tanker - Road Foreman Macko said the leaks in the tanker need to be repaired. The tanker has a 20 year warranty; however, all companies associated with the tanker are out of business. Road Foreman Macko was authorized to take the tanker to Walden, NY for an inspection and written quote.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson said the Lawler property was closed on; and demolition of the houses on the property need to be scheduled. Mr. Kevin O’Leary, OSAC Chairman, said the existing farming activity may continue; however, Green Acres needs to approve the lease.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 17 calls in September.

Correspondence

- a. From Kevin O’Leary, OSAC re: Warbasse Jct. Rd. property
- b. From Daryn Cashin, CTC re: 2012 Tax Sale
- c. From NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking re: Human Trafficking Day

Vouchers

A&G Pizza	84.30
Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	63.00
Allied Oil, LLC	1,360.19
American Hose & Hydraulic Co., Inc.	2,099.98
Amerigas-Chester	138.23
Appraisal Systems, Inc.	5,100.00
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	380.00
Aurora Electrical Supply	207.37
Bob’s Auto Upholstery	370.00
Bob’s Auto Upholstery	295.00
Central Jersey Title Co., Inc.	1,200.00
CenturyLink	530.15
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	550.00
Cintas Group #111	477.26
Custom Docks, Inc.	217.00
D.Lovenberg’s Portable Toilet	56.34
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	5,098.22
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	2,257.50
Gus Schetting Welding	610.00
Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	92.56
Hampton Convenience Store	257.09
High Point Regional High School	792,813.72
JM Sorge, Inc.	6,117.54
James Ando	196.00
JCP&L	1,423.46
Jonathan Verkon	179.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	810.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	280.24
Lafayette Senior Citizens	950.00
Lafayette Twp. Bd. of Ed.	297,750.00

Montage Enterprises, Inc.	400.59
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	475.15
ND Engineering, LLC	51.00
NJ State Treasurer	50.00
Opdyke;s Sales & Service	180.29
Polowy Stone & Mason	135.00
Roy E. Kurnos	3,189.50
SCARC, Inc.	65,000.00
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Spatial Data Logic, Inc.	500.00
Sprint	141.73
Staples Business Advantage	284.42
Storr Tractor Company	220.35
Sussex County MUA	250.00
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	15.00
The Morville Agency	350.00
The New Jersey Herald	139.50
Treasurer, S/NJ	1,576.22
Treasurer, S/NJ	75.00
United States Postal Service	1,624.20
Vital Services Group	113.40
W. Jiroux	2,500.00
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	8,694.93
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	32,000.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	390.00
ND Engineering, LLC	255.00
ND Engineering, LLC	484.50
Van Sickle Holdings	418.50
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Svcs.	26.40
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Svcs.	9.60
The New Jersey Herald	256.28
United States Postal Service	547.40

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

Old Business

Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt a resolution supporting A-2681 and Opposing A-2405/S-1651. After discussion of the resolution, D'Angeli withdrew his motion; and Hughes withdrew his second. The resolution was not adopted.

Amended Sign Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to withdraw the following ordinance:

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

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2012-44

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING CERTAIN TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE TO BE DISPLAYED BY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2013

WHEREAS, the national and local economy persists in a state of recession; and

WHEREAS, local merchants are experiencing the effects of the recessed economy and have reported the lowest sales figures in the past (ten) 10 years; and

WHEREAS, local merchants are projecting the same or a weaker sales outlook for the upcoming holiday season; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote the local economy, the Township Committee desires to temporarily allow local businesses located in commercial zoning districts to display additional commercial sign advertising, subject to certain restrictions, during the Thanksgiving to New Year's Day holiday shopping season, running from November 15, 2012 through January 15, 2013.

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

1. This resolution shall be in effect only during the time period running November 15, 2012, through January 15, 2013 (the "Effective Period").

2. The provisions of Township Code Section 13-17 notwithstanding, during the Effective Period, businesses located in Lafayette Township in HC and VC zoning districts shall be allowed to display one (1) item of temporary commercial signage, subject to the following restrictions:

- A. Allowable temporary signage items shall be limited to a sandwich sign, single post podium sign or a banner, as further defined in this Ordinance.
- B. An allowable sandwich is defined as an "A" frame style board of no greater area dimensions than twenty-eight inches wide by thirty-six inches high (28" W x 36" H) and shall have interchangeable lettering or be professionally printed and shall be securely anchored.
- C. A single post podium sign is defined as sign of no greater area dimensions than twenty-eight inches wide by thirty-six inches high (28" W x 36" H) attached to a single center support post and shall have interchangeable lettering or be professionally printed and shall be securely anchored.
- D. An allowable banner is defined as a banner of no greater area dimensions of three feet wide by six feet in length (3' W x 6' L). All such banners shall be professionally printed and shall be securely attached to the face of the business premises.
- E. Allowable temporary signage may be double sided to allow for viewing from two directions.
- F. Allowable temporary signage shall not be placed in a manner that may or does obstruct vision so as to present a safety hazard.
- G. Allowable temporary signage shall not be illuminated.
- H. A no-fee permit shall be required for each allowable temporary sign under this resolution. Such permits shall be obtained by application to the Township Zoning Officer. A rendition of the sign shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- I. Temporary Signage deemed inappropriate and/or inconsistent with this Ordinance by the Township Zoning Officer or Township Land Use Board may be subject to modification and/or removal by the Township.
- J. All temporary allowable signage shall comply in all aspects with all other Township ordinance provisions related to commercial signage to the extent that such other Township ordinance provisions are not inconsistent with this resolution.

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

Township Website - The Clerk was asked to update the Township's website to ensure current information is available.

Sewer Service Area - Hughes suggested an expansion of the sewer service area to the Light Industrial zone and recommend this to the Land Use Board. A letter would then be sent to the County for this change after Land Use Board review. The Committee agreed.

New Business

Building Department Information - Bruning requested a report of permits issued, their type, department revenue and expenses. The Clerk will discuss this with the Building Secretary.

New Pavilion N.O.V. - Bruning contacted the Township Engineer; and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the application with the NJDEP. A cost estimate is needed.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to authorize a maximum of \$1,500 for the initial work and NJDEP meeting. An estimate should be received if additional work is needed.

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

Audience

Ms. Anne Sellinger, Lafayette Twp. School Board of Education representative, said the school audit is complete.

Mr. Bill Macko, Road Foreman, asked about the future of the Merck property. Committeeman D'Angeli said a meeting was held and options are being discussed.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Open Space Committee, said trails go through some of the property; and this is being reviewed by Open Space.

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