

November 7, 2012

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

Members Present: Mayor Corcoran, Committeemen Hughes (arr. 8:00pm.), 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 Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 16, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

### Reports

**Tax Collector** - For October 2012

O/S Liens	\$11,060.76
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Cost of Sale	\$925.28
NFS Check	\$20.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$39,789.85
Current Year Taxes	\$306,929.14
Prepaid Taxes - 2013	\$110.96
Interest	\$9,434.66
Total	\$406,070.65

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

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

**Open Space (OSAC)** - Henderson reported The Land Conservancy suggested the well, septic and homes on the former Lawler property be demolished within six (6) months to one (1) year. The OSAC recommends The Land Conservancy obtain proposals (RFPs) for all of the work.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to approve The Land Conservancy to obtain proposals (RFPs) for all of the work required at the formerly owned Lawler property. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported there are new guidelines/operating procedures for the Incident Command Vehicle.

Henderson reported an estimate of \$3,000-\$5,000 was received from Amthor to repair the tanker. It would cost an additional \$2,500 to repair the springs. Road Foreman Macko was asked to obtain more quotes.

Henderson said the fire department's gear is out of date. Mr. Ron Decker, EMS/Fire Dept., said the life span for gear, per the National Fire Equipment Association, is 10-15 years.

### Correspondence

1. From Kevin O'Leary, OSAC re: Lawler Property
2. From The Land Conservancy re: Contract for 2013 services
3. From Wantage Township re: 2013 Shared Service Agreement for Dog Pound

The Clerk will pursue this matter as it should be in the current interlocal agreement

4. From Richard Lecher, SCARC re: Thank you for contribution
5. From Roy Kurnos re: Lafayette Tax Foreclosure (Statesville Quarry Rd)
6. From Roy Kurnos re: Schering Corp c/o Merck tax appeal
7. From Fran O'Brien (Fiddlers Way) re: JCP&L power outage
8. From Betsy Towle, PSS re: Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Partnership
9. Stillwater Township Amending Ordinances (2)
10. From Bob & Pat Fargo thanking the Road Department for the great job they do

### **Old Business**

**Turnout Gear Spending Ordinance** - 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 ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) SET OF TURNOUT GEAR AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$2,240.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND  
With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the Turnout Gear Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

### **New Business**

**Raffle License** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 8, 2012 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Pelletown Road Grant Application Resolution** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution:

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PELLETOWN ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT (MA-2013-LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP-00707)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey has given ND Engineering, LLC the approval to submit this grant on behalf of the Township of Lafayette.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2013-LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP-00707, Pelletown Road Resurfacing to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Lafayette Township.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Lafayette and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

**Frick Tax Redemption Resolution** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO LIEN TIMES, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #12-001 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 14.01, LOT 18 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,560.76

WHEREAS, On October 15, 2012 tax sale certificate #12-001 was sold for delinquent 2011 taxes on Block 14.01, Lot 18, owner of record John A. and Maria A. Frick, to Lien Times, LLC in the amount of \$10,423.36, and the lien holder also paid a premium of \$21,500.00 to obtain the lien; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2012, Maria A. Frick paid the lien principal of \$10,423.36, plus a redemption penalty of \$625.40 and search fees in the amount of \$12.00 through November 8, 2012 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by of the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Lien Times, LLC in the amount of \$32,560.76.

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, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Portable Generator** - Corcoran will pursue the issue of purchasing generators for the municipal building, EMS and Fire Department.

**Building Department Costs** - The Clerk will contact the CFO for a copy of the Building Department's expenses.

**Vouchers**

Central Jersey Title Co., Inc.	875.00
Central Jersey Title Co., Inc.	685.00
Lien Times, Inc.	32,560.76
Roy E. Kurnos	7,130.50
Sussex County Treasurer	459,109.97
Sussex County Treasurer	14,789.74
Sussex County Treasurer	33,510.87
Sussex County Treasurer	1,342.12

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, 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.

**Audience**

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, said the Road Department, also, needs a generator.

Mr. Decker said the Fire Department gave out water to those without power because of the hurricane.

Mr. Decker said the EMS and Fire Department are very disturbed with JCP&L as they were without power for approximately seven (7) days which to is long for emergency services.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk