

December 4, 2012

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, December 4, 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

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 Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to accept and place on file the minutes of November 20, 2012. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Volunteer Service Award** - Mayor Corcoran presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to Victoria Pizzulo.

### Reports

**Tax Collector** - For November 2012

Tax Searches	\$20.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,883,593.77
Prepaid Taxes - 2013	\$1,561.83
Interest	\$4,285.25
Total	\$1,889,460.85

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, 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.

### Committee Reports

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

**Meeting With Business Owners** - Hughes reported a meeting with Township business owners will be scheduled next month.

**Open Space** - Henderson reported Green Acres guidelines need to be followed for leasing the property on Warbasse Junction Road for farming.

**Fire Department** - Henderson said an estimate of \$12,326 was received from the company in Paterson to fix the tanker. Henderson said the tanker is usable but needs to be topped off each time it is used.

Henderson reported the Fire Department members recommend having Amthor fix the tanker. This issue will be carried for further review.

### Correspondence

Open Space Advisory Committee re: 2013 Budget

**Old Business** - None

### New Business

**Cancel 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Taxes Resolution** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2012 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,950.55 DUE TO THE ACQUISITION OF PARCELS BY LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FOR USE AS OPEN SPACE

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2012, Lafayette Township purchased parcels known as Block 4, Lot 14, Block 4, Lot 14 Q0007, and Block 4, Lot 13.02 Q0007 from the Lawler family for use as open space; and,

WHEREAS, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 taxes remain open and should be cancelled, as the properties are now owned by Lafayette Township and will be exempt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, authorize Daryn Cashin, Tax Collector, to cancel the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 taxes due for the three properties in the amount of \$1,950.55.

AND 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.

**Farmland Inspection Fee Ordinance** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 18, 2012:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE FOR FARMLAND INSPECTIONS

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

SECTION 1. Chapter II, Administration, Section 2-7 Fees, of the General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette is hereby amended and supplemented to add paragraph f to read as follows:

f. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-23.21 and N.J.A.C. 18:15-3.4(b), the fee for on-site inspection of property pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act, payable every three (3) years is \$25.00

Note: Contiguous and non-contiguous parcels of land under the same ownership are subject to a single fee.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

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

**2013 Reorganization/Regular Meeting Date** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to schedule the 2013 reorganization/regular meeting for Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Discussion ensued regarding the timeframe in which the meeting must be held. The Clerk will pursue this matter. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Executive Session** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

A matter relating to personnel shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session - Personnel

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to adjourn to the regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Mayor Corcoran stated personnel was discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 18, 2012:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2013

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2013 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed are hereby established and fixed at the following sums in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

	Annually	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	38,209.62			Bi-weekly
Treasurer/CFO	29,760.60			“
Finance-Interlocal-Andover Twp.	48,690.72			“
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			“
Tax Assessor	17,822.24			“
Tax Assessor-Interlocal-Hamburg	15,007.93			“
Construction Official/ Driveway Inspector	30,011.69			“
Fire Subcode Official	3,462.01			“
Police	1,000.00			“
Administrator-Animal Control/ Dog License	.50 per license			Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board Construction Official, Board of Health	27,674.28			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	2,601.00			Quarterly
Plumbing Subcode Official	6,046.82			Bi-weekly
Electrical Subcode Official	7,922.52			“
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			“
Registrar	1,000.00			“
Zoning Officer	2,000.00			“
Road Foreman weekly		17.00	35.00 PH	Bi-
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	25.00 PH	“
Road Employee #1		10.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #2		10.00	17.00 PH	“
Temporary Road Employee		15.00	20.00 PH	“
Fire Prevention Official	2,836.27			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector		25.00 per inspection		Quarterly
Life Guard		7.00	11.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Recreation Director		13.00	16.00 PH	“
Assistant Recreation Director			7.00 11.00 PH	“

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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 D’Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
ANNAROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk