

April 2, 2013

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura, Attorney Kurnos, Road Foreman Macko

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 Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of March 19, 2013 Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

2013 Municipal Budget Public Hearing/Adoption - Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor

Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the 2013 municipal budget.

Ms. Wohlleb said there would be a three (\$3.00) dollar increase to property owners.

Mr. Carl Luthman commented on the Township's good collection rate.

Shared services, garbage collection costs and the Capital Improvement fund were discussed.

With there being no further comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing for the 2013 budget.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following resolution adopting the 2012 Lafayette Township Municipal Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$845,903.43 for municipal purposes and \$33,408.00 for the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

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

Reports

Tax Collector - For March 2013

Tax Searches	\$50.00
O/S Liens	\$9,770.64
Lieu of Tax	\$386.25
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$25,194.63
Current Year Taxes	\$50,515.83
Interest	\$2,176.63
Total	\$88,143.98

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

Lien 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 US BANK CUST. FOR CRESTAR CAPITAL, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #12-002 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 23, LOT 4.04 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,970.64

WHEREAS, On October 15, 2012 tax sale certificate #12-002 was sold for delinquent 2011 taxes on Block 23, Lot 4.04, owner of record Dennis Kuchta to US Bank Cust. For Crestar Capital, LLC in the amount of \$9,344.85, and the lien holder, also, paid a premium of \$16,200.00 to obtain the lien; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2013, First Hope Bank paid the lien principal of \$9,344.85, a redemption penalty of \$373.79, search fees in the amount of \$12.00 and recording fees in the amount of \$40.00 through April 3, 2013 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by of the Township Committee of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to US Bank Cust. for Crestar Capital, LLC in the amount of \$25,970.64.

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

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the policies and procedures are being reviewed.

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to declare the roller surplus and put out to bid for sale. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Bruning asked about a Subaru that has been in the Township parking lot on Route 15 for some time. Road Foreman Macko will pursue this through the NJ State Police.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department held their meeting on April 1st; and things are moving along.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 22 calls in March. They are continuing to work on the by-laws.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting held on March 28st.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the 9-1-1 and Emergency Operation plans are being updated.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the spending and rehabilitation plans are being updated.

The Advance Housing & SCARC are continuing and anticipate occupancy this year.

School Liaison - Hughes reported the Township School Budget was adopted, which has an increase of approximately less than one (\$.01) cent.

Correspondence

- a. From NJDEP re: FY2013 Annual Fee Report Public Hearing
 - b. SC Freeholders Resolution re: Open Space Program revisions
 - c. Sandyston Township Resolutions Opposing Early Voting & OPMA Amendments
 - d. Stanhope Borough Resolution Opposing A-3780 (Short Sales)
 - e. From Richard Osborn, NJDEP re: Green Acres Project Agreement
- This will be carried to the meeting on May 7, 2013.

Vouchers

Banisch Associates, Inc.	15,344.35
Banisch Associates, Inc.	9,607.00

US Bank Cust. For Crestar Capital 25,970.64

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

Old Business

“Lawler” Demolition - Committeeman Henderson reported the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) discussed the Township road department handling the demolition at the “Lawler” property. The OSAC does not recommend them doing the demolition because of the possibility of asbestos and the time frame it needs to be completed. Road Foreman Macko said the homes were inspected; and no asbestos was found. Committeeman Henderson said there could be some in the tiles. Discussion ensued regarding the Township’s liability.

It was the consensus of the Committee that it be advertised that proposals for demolition will be accepted.

Farming Agreement - Two (2) bids were received for farming: \$350 from Jason Wesling and \$750 from Tor Andersen. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to award the farming of the “Lawler” property to Tor Andersen for a flat fee of \$750. Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Discussion of farming the Township’s recreation property on Warbasse Junction Road ensued. Bruning said Sue Van Sickle is willing to farm these parcels without payment to the Township because of its condition with a five (5) year agreement.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to allow Sue Van Sickle to farm the Township’s recreation property on Warbasse Junction Road for a five (5) year term with no payment to the Township. The Township Attorney will draft this agreement. Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, OSAC Chairman, said the revenue from the farming agreement should go into the recreation trust account.

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