

August 6, 2013

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

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

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 D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of July 2, 2013 Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For July 2013

Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$14,670.21
Current Year Taxes	\$549,321.86
Prepaid Taxes – 2014	\$7,513.22
Interest	\$3,081.47
Total	\$574,686.76

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO LIMECREST ROYALTY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197.00 FOR AN OVERPAYMENT OF 2013 TAXES FOR BLOCK 1.01 LOT 1.01

WHEREAS, 1st and 2nd quarter taxes in the amount of \$4,214.00 were paid by property owner Limecrest Royalty, LLC, for Block 1.01, Lot 1.01 known as 1111 Limecrest Rd.; and

WHEREAS, due to the 2013 reassessment of properties, the value of the above mentioned parcel property has decreased from 2012 to 2013, and the 2013 taxes are only \$4,017.00, creating an overpayment of \$197.00; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested that the overpaid amount be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a refund to Limecrest Royalty, LLC in the amount of \$197.00.

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.

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO FRANKLIN SCHURICH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$490.80 FOR AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER 2013 TAXES FOR BLOCK 22, LOT 7.02

WHEREAS, credit was applied from the State of New Jersey representing a 2011 Homestead Rebate in the amount of \$490.80 for the 3rd quarter 2013 taxes for Block 22, Lot 7.02, known as 129 Meadows Rd; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Franklin Schurich, is fully exempt veteran and beginning year 2013 does not pay property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that a refund be issued to Franklin Schurich in the amount of \$490.80.

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.

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO WALTER AND JOANNE ALBERT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$616.88 FOR AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER 2013 TAXES FOR BLOCK 21, LOT 16.03

WHEREAS, credit was applied from the State of New Jersey representing a 2011 Homestead Rebate in the amount of \$616.88 for the 3rd quarter 2013 taxes for Block 21, Lot 16.03, known as 175 Beaver Run Rd; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Walter Albert, is fully exempt veteran and beginning year 2013 does not pay property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that a refund be issued to Walter & Joanne Albert in the amount of \$616.88.

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 by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report as submitted and adopt the three (3) resolutions. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Treasurer's Report	Cash Report for June 2013
Cash Balances as of May 31, 2013	\$2,943,791.70
Cash Receipts for June 2013	\$174,470.96
Total	\$3,118,262.66
Cash Disbursements for June 2013	\$600,368.49
Cash Balances as of June 30, 2013	\$2,517,894.17
Account Balances as of June 30, 2013	
Current – Checking	\$760,258.09
Capital – Checking	\$1,135,198.56
Escrow – Checking	\$50,956.56
COAH-Developers Fees	\$67,158.31
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$344,901.24
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$138,975.13
Special Rec. – Checking	\$6,754.91
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$6,149.89
Total Account Balance	\$2,517,894.17

Treasurer's Report	Cash Report for July 2013
Cash Balances as of June 30, 2013	\$2,519,894.17
Cash Receipts for July 2013	\$702,196.21
Total	\$3,222,090.38
Cash Disbursements for July 2013	\$467,734.59
Cash Balances as of July 31, 2013	\$2,754,355.79
Account Balances as of July 31, 2013	
Current – Checking	\$1,002,853.82
Capital – Checking	\$1,128,101.65
Escrow – Checking	\$49,488.82
COAH-Developers Fees	\$67,158.31
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$344,901.24
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$138,975.13
Special Rec. – Checking	\$7,165.57
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$6,166.77
Total Account Balance	\$2,752,355.79

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

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the summer recreation program was a success.

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

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reviewed the meeting of July 23, 2013.

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the EMS report.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of July 25, 2013.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the certification report has been submitted to the State.

Rehabilitation Program - The documents for a resident have been submitted.

Advance Housing - The open house is anticipated within the month; and they are pursuing more land in the Township.

SCARC - The project is continuing.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Emergency Operations Plan is being updated. Electrical safety training information will be forwarded to the Road and Fire departments.

Correspondence

1. Three (3) letters regarding the intersection of State Routes 15 & 94 & County Route 623 (Sunset Inn Road)
2. From George Stafford, NJ Highlands re: Resolution of continuing support for the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act
3. Resolutions from Hamburg Borough, Hampton Township & Vernon Township expressing support for the continued tax exemption for municipal bonds
4. Resolutions from Byram, Hampton & Vernon Townships opposing S-2528 and proposed exemption from source separation requirements

Vouchers

Ace Well & Pump, LLC	750.00
Zep Manufacturing Co.	177.12
Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	157.50
Atlantic Communications	50.35
Banisch Associates, Inc.	2,141.50
Bob's Machining, LLC	40.00
Carlson's Custom Creations	480.00
CenturyLink	521.69
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Cintas Corp #111	217.96
D.Lovenberg's Portable Toilet	130.00
E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	224.00
Ficor Co., LLC	3,250.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	2,398.84
Finelli Consulting Engineers	167.50
Frankford Township	13,897.52
Franklin Schurich	490.80
Gus Schetting Welding	200.00
Home Depot Credit Services	396.48
JCP&L	1,428.57
Kuperus Farmside Gardens	208.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	870.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	9.18
Lafayette EMS	2,954.98
Lafayette Twp. Board of Ed	294,750.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Ed	211,400.00
Limecrest Royalty, LLC	197.00
MaryPaul Laboratories, Inc.	325.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	125.11
Munidex, Inc.	222.20
ND Engineering, LLC	51.00
Roy E. Kurnos	5,191.50
SCMCA	25.00

Service Electric Cable TV	34.00
Staples Business Advantage	426.30
Statewide Insurance Fund	21,943.00
Sussex County Treasurer	359,986.63
Sussex County Treasurer	10,019.89
Sussex County Treasurer	21,507.75
Sussex County Treasurer	1,812.85
The Grand Hotel	179.00
The New Jersey Herald	89.10
The Roy Company, Inc.	26.50
Treasurer, S/NJ	100.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	501.60
Tri-State Power & Pump	542.50
Verizon Wireless	238.50
Walter & Joanne Albert	616.88
Walt's Auto Radiator, LLC	135.00
Beaver Run Farms	1,790.21
Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	262.73
Morris Asphalt Co., Inc.	842.07
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	930.00
ND Engineering, LLC	892.50
Stephanie Pizzulo	62.18
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	3.60

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, 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

Meadows Ridge Lane Spending Ordinance #2 - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing on the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF MEADOW RIDGE LANE AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Meadow Ridge Spending Ordinance #2. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI) - Hughes recommended this issue be tabled until a conference call is arranged with Nancy Lawrence, Judith Yancy and Rich Osborne from the Green Acres Program for clarification and guidance. It was the consensus of the Committee to table this issue.

Firemen Appointments - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to appoint Dylan Pegg and Blaine Washer as new members of the Lafayette Township Fire Department. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

McCloud Lane/Mountain Ridge Estates - Attorney Kurnos reported he spoke with the Township Engineer, Nevitt Duveneck, about the paving of McCloud Lane. Mr. Duveneck said he will speak/meet with the developer.

New Business

Solid Waste Amendment Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION FOR THE SOLID WASTE AMENDMENT FOR SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY LANDFILL EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette has reviewed the application from Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) facility currently located at 34 Route 94, Lafayette and part of the current Sussex County District Codified Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan), requesting that the Plan be amended to provide for the landfill expansion; and

WHEREAS, based on the existing landfill capacity and projected waste flow, it would reach permitted capacity at the end of Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the SCMUA Plan Amendment Application was prepared by Cornerstone Engineering Group and proposes horizontal and vertical expansion of the landfill would increase

its capacity with 5,370,216 cubic yards of additional volume and extend its useful life from Year 2020 to 2062; and

WHEREAS, the landfill expansion is proposed in six (6) discrete stages; and each stage of expansion could be constructed as needed, depending upon actual future waste disposal or until such time as a proven, viable, cost-effective alternative technology becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed solid waste facilities be in conformance with an approved Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established a plan amendment procedure as the method of incorporating facilities into a Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders held a Public Hearing on July 24, 2013 at 5:00pm. at the County Administrative Center, One Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey regarding the proposed SCMUA landfill expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that it hereby consents to the Solid Waste Plan Amendment for SCMUA landfill expansion for the purpose of incorporation into the Sussex County Solid Waste Management Plan.

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

Route 15 Bridge Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the bridge on Route 15 over Paulins Kill is in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Federal, State, County and Township government entities have consulted on this project and are in agreement as to the work that must be done; and

WHEREAS, this project will be funded by federal and state money; and

WHEREAS, as part of the conditions for the bridge replacement project, the Township must pass a Resolution supporting the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, through the passage of this Resolution, supports the replacement of the Route 15 over Paulins Kill Bridge and control devises as proposed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township understands that the Department of Transportation will coordinate construction staging of the project with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to minimize the closure of Route 15 over Paulins Kill Bridge.

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

Raffle Licenses

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Our Lady Queen of Peace Church for October 10, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Kiwanis Club of Sparta - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve a raffle license for Kiwanis Club of Sparta for October 3, 2013. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

3,000 Gallon Fire Tank Spending Ordinance - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of September 3, 2013:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 3,000 GALLON FIRE TANK AND APPROPRIATING \$61,200.00 FROM 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 purchase of one (1) 3,000 Gallon Fire Tank is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$61,200.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$61,200.00 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: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

3,000 Gallon Fire Tank Award Resolution - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette to award to Amthor Welding Service, Inc., 20 Osprey Lane, Gardiner, NY 12525, the following bid:

One (1) 3,000 Gallon Fire Tank
\$61,200.00

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

Road Department Uniforms - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to enter into a contract with AmericanWare for Road Department uniforms. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-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