

September 17, 2013

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, September 17, 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, 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 September 3, 2013 Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

SCMUA Update - Tom Varro

Mr. Varro gave the Township Committee of the goings on at the SC Municipal Utilities Authority. The solid waste management plan was approved by the County Freeholders and sent to the State; and the plan extends the life of the landfill to 2060. A new contract has been entered into for landfill gas extraction which includes 11 new wells and more coverage. Presently, the SCMUA receives \$2,000 per month rent. The landfill will go up higher, approximately 20'-50', with rock berms.

Mr. Bill Sparling, 49 Beaver Run Road, asked how much product is coming from other towns. Mr. Varro said the solid waste management plan calls for mandatory recycling; and all goes to the landfill.

Mrs. Cathy Clink, 60 Beaver Run Road, said a friend in another town told her recycling was voluntary. Mr. Varro said it is mandatory and enforced by the County Health Department. He recommended she speak with the Township Recycling Coordinator to have this issue brought up at the next solid waste meeting. Mayor Hughes explained the County plan is in effect; and the County Freeholders are responsible for its enforcement.

Mr. Sparling is concerned as this brings the longevity of the landfill into question. Mr. Varro said the County Health Department is called when they see a problem with a truck. They have called a few times this past month.

Mrs. Clink is concerned about the landfill being on the large aquifer. Mr. Varro said the SCMUA tests approximately 30 wells twice a year along Old Beaver Run Road, Route 15 and some in Sparta.

Mr. Charlie Clink asked how contractors are being stopped from dumping recyclables. Mr. Varro said they are reported as soon as it is seen. Mr. Clink suggested levying heavy fines.

Mr. Clink asked why the height will be increased as this will be seen from Sunset Inn Road. Mr. Varro explained the topography.

Mrs. Tammy Hayes, 80 Old Beaver Run Road, asked about separating the garbage and recyclables. Mr. Varro said they can be retrieved if seen; however, they cannot be separated if it is mixed.

Mr. Sparling asked if the width of the landfill will be expanded. Mr. Varro said the expansion will be done in six (6) stages and will including widening.

Mr. Ed Mueller, 166 Statesville Quarry Road, asked if the SCMUA was confident the landfill will be able to handle the height and weight. Mr. Varro explained the liner was tested and found to be able to handle the expansion. It was height and water tested and monitored by the NJDEP.

Committeeman Bruning asked if the DEP will approve the plan. Mr. Varro said the SCMUA met with the DEP; and they were confident and supportive of the project. He said this technology was approved in Cape May and Atlantic Counties. Mr. Varro explained the landfill will be capped daily and capped with more at the end of each week.

Mr. Mueller expressed his concern about recyclables coming into the landfill and the SCMUA having to contact the County to enforce the problem. Mayor Hughes said this issue needs to be addressed with the County Solid Waste Committee.

Mrs. Clink asked if the fire department is able to handle an explosion/fire at the landfill. She asked what benefit the landfill to the Township. Mayor Hughes said a portion of the tipping fees helps with the tax base. He noted the SCMUA gave the Township its first garbage truck.

Mayor Hughes said the Fire Chief would need to be addressed regarding firefighting. He noted, however, that in 2004/5 there was a fire; and it was handled with the plan that is in place.

Mrs. Debbie Johnson, 99 Beaver Run Road, is concerned with the safety of the drinking water. Committeeman Henderson, 123 Beaver Run Road, said his well was just tested; and it passed. Mayor Hughes said his was tested 2-1/2 years ago and passed. He noted that the fire department well problem was because of E.Coli and not landfill related.

Ms. Anne Sellinger, 144 Meadows Road, asked about the flow of water. Mr. Varro said the water flows north.

With no other comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed this portion of the meeting. He thanked Mr. Varro for attending the meeting and said he will follow-up with the County regarding the recycling violations.

Mr. Varro noted the Township clean-up will be in October and asked that all flammable materials (gas, batteries, etc.) be removed from all items being discarded.

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported a program will be discussed to recruit lifeguards. He said the YMCA expressed interest in running a program for the Township for a fee.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. He noted the grant application for Statesville Quarry Road was submitted by the Township's Engineer.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls in July and seven (7) in August.

Affordable Housing

Plan Amendment - Hughes reported an estimate has been received from the planner for a plan amendment, which was last updated in 2009. This will be carried to the next meeting on October 1, 2013.

Rehab Program - Hughes reported there is an application for the rehab program. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting on October 1, 2013.

SCARC - Hughes reported they are anticipating obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy in October.

Advance Housing - Hughes reported the walk-through/pre-planning meeting is complete.

Correspondence

- a. SC Freeholders Resolution to Amend Solid Waste Management Plan to include SCMUA
- b. From Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control re: Angry Erik Brewing, LLC
- c. Sandyston Township Resolution Supporting Tax Exempt Municipal Bonds
- d. Fredon Township Resolution Opposing S-2528 – Source Separation

Vouchers

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| Cintas Group #111 | 76.00 |
| D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet | 130.00 |
| JCP&L | 951.03 |
| Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC | 304.86 |
| Lafayette Mill Market Partnership | 400.00 |
| MaryPaul Laboratories, Inc. | 130.00 |
| Kimball-Midwest | 101.88 |
| ND Engineering, LLC | 561.00 |
| Nestle Pure Life Direct | 53.33 |
| Pitney Bowes, Inc. | 76.25 |
| Service Electric Cable TV | 17.00 |
| Storr Tractor Company | 6,541.68 |
| Town of Newton | 9,180.00 |
| US Postal Service | 210.93 |
| Vital Services Group | 110.70 |
| Weather Works | 1,510.00 |
| Beaver Run Farms | 2,250.92 |
| Snooks Excavating, Inc. | 375.00 |
| NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services | 3.60 |

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

Christmas Lights - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of October 1, 2013:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) TIMERS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING \$5,400.00 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 twelve (12) timers for Christmas lights is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$5,400.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$5,400.00 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.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Road Foreman to contact JCP&L to install 12 timers at \$450 each. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-no.

New Business

Best Practices Survey - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to approve the Best Practices Survey and authorize the mayor to sign it. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Statesville Quarry Road Grant Application Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, 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 STATESVILLE QUARRY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT (MA-2014-LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP-00405)

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-2014-LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP-00405,

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

\$75 Fee for Pavilion Use - Bruning noted that an applicant wrote on the application to use the pavilion that the fee was waived. He said it is not waived at this time and needs to be discussed at a Recreation Commission meeting; and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Township Committee.

Corcoran reported an application has been submitted for a bike run fundraiser for the two (2) young men killed on motorcycles three (3) years ago, which proceeds benefit local causes. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to waive the \$75 use fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Audience

Mrs. Tammy Hayes is concerned about safety at the Routes 15/94 & Sunset Inn Road intersection. Committeeman D'Angeli said the Township Committee has tried many times to get this resolved. The Township was told it must contribute 25% of the cost; however, these are State and County roads.

Mr. Bill Sparling feels money should be spent on the intersection instead of Christmas lights.

Mr. Charlie Clink suggested contacting the State Police who could, also, send a report to the NJDOT. Committeeman D'Angeli noted Senator Oroho was contacted; and the decision has not changed. Mayor Hughes noted statistics were, also, sent in letters to the NJDOT.

Mrs. Cathy Clink feels the lights should stay in the town and expand to Exxon/Quick Chek. Committeeman D'Angeli said the merchants are requesting the lights. Committeeman Henderson suggested approaching the merchants for donations. Mrs. Clink said the residents are paying for the lights.

Ms. Anne Sellinger asked about receiving more money from the landfill. Mayor Hughes said a contract is currently in effect and doesn't feel it's in the best interest of the Township to open this issue.

Mr. Sparling feels that if recycling is an issue, it would be in the town's best interest to ask for enforcement and fine violators.

Mr. Bill Tubito, Route 15, said the garbage at the landfill is getting high. Committeeman D'Angeli said the Township has no control over this; but only in-county garbage is being accepted.

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