

March 4, 2014

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Corcoran

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

Mayor D'Angeli 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 Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of February 18, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-abstain, D'Angeli-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For February 2014

Prior Year Taxes \$1,772.05

Current Year Taxes \$1,613,295.76

Interest \$1,004.78

Total \$1,616,072.59

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

Committee Reports

Emergency Management - Hughes reported a meeting will be held this month.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the plan revisions are continuing to be worked on.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to four (4) calls in the month of February.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported an email was received from Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Chairman, regarding appraisals being completed for the Castimore/Moose property. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to authorize The Land Conservancy to obtain three (3) proposals for appraisals of the Castimore/Moose property. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

EMS - Captain John Stowe reported the EMS responded to 19 calls in the month of February.

Captain Stowe presented an application from Warren Potter, III for EMS membership for the Township's approval. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to approve Warren Potter, III as a member of the Lafayette Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Captain Stowe said they have received their EIN from the IRS; and their accountant is applying for 501(c)3 status.

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

Land Use Board - Hughes reviewed the meeting of February 27th.

Correspondence

a. Sussex County Freeholders Resolutions: (1) Urging Permanent Extension of 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration & (2) Extending Moratorium on County Taking Township Roads

b. Sussex County Freeholders Ordinances: (1) Capital Ordinance of \$22,120 to Acquire Two Vehicles & (2) Bond Ordinance for 2014 Capital Improvements

c. From Glenn Frant, Admin. Office of the Courts re: Municipal Court Information Technology Improvements

- d. From Debbie Hirt, NJDOT re: Routes 15, 94 & 23 NB & SB Resurfacing Project
- e. From Mayors Against Illegal Guns re: Invite to Join Coalition
- f. From Adriana Maloney re: Puppy Mills
- g. From Mountain Ridge Estates, Inc. re: Maintenance Cash Bond
- h. Land Use Board – 2014 Recommendations
- i. From Walter Stumpf re: Support for Passenger Rail Service

Old Business

Development Fee Ordinance - Mayor D’Angeli opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE” PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION AND USE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES AND AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL COLLECTION AND USE THEREOF

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor D’Angeli closed this portion of the meeting. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Development Fee Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

New Business

AED Purchase/Training - Motion by Hughes seconded by Bruning, to proceed with the application to purchase an AED at the cost of \$700 and train the municipal employees. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Committeeman Henderson is a certified trainer and volunteered to train the employees at no cost.

2014 Municipal Budget - Discussion ensued regarding an increase of \$11,000 to the salt line of the budget and a decrease in several other lines. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to increase the salt line and decrease others. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

The information will be given to the CFO and Auditor to have the budget ready for adoption at the next meeting.

Audience

Mrs. Barbara Hansen, 24 Beaver Run Road, explained her financial situation and asked the Township Committee to waive the late fee for her two (2) dog licenses. She asked that it be waived until March 20, 2014 when she will be able to get the rabies vaccinations and pay for the licenses. Mrs. Hansen said she would pay the late fee if she did not pay for the licenses by the 20th. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to waive the late fee of \$15 per dog until March 20, 2014 based on Mrs. Hansen have hard financial times. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes.

Mrs. Tammy Hayes, 80 Old Beaver Run Road, asked for an update regarding the Routes 15 & 94 and Sunset Inn Road intersection. Mayor D’Angeli said he was told they have limited resources and will work on this as soon as they can.

Ms. Anne Sellinger, Board of Education Member, reported the school has seen a decrease in enrollment; and the participation in the School Choice program has been capped at 30 students.

Committeeman Henderson asked if the busing has decreased due to decreased enrollment and parent’s driving students to the school. Ms. Sellinger said they have not decreased because they still need to have transportation for all students.

Mr. John Strowe, EMS Captain, thanked the Township Committee for the important purchase of an AED. He, also, said he and his wife are certified and would be willing to help if needed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted,
ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC - Municipal Clerk