

April 15, 2014

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 1, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

2014 Municipal Budget

Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor

Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the 2014 Municipal Budget.

Mr. Carl Luthman, 17 Brandywine Court, commended the Township Committee for the decision of the State taking over the Construction Department. He reviewed several line items. Mr. Luthman feels the Township budget should be zero (0).

With there being no further comments from the public, Mayor D'Angeli closed the public hearing.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution for the adoption of the 2014 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 \$862,822.39 for municipal purposes and \$33,212.12 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

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

Lafayette Township School Budget Presentation

Anne Hessler, Business Administrator David Astor, Superintendent

Mrs. Hessler reviewed the 2014-2015 school budget and said there will be a \$0.02.2 increase.

Mr. Astor said there are approximately 254 students enrolled, with 30 students being from school choice.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Report for March 2014

Cash Balances as of February 28, 2014	\$3,242,277.13
Cash Receipts for March 2014	\$78,993.94
Total	\$3,321,271.81
Cash Disbursements for March 2014	\$642,176.81
Cash Balances as of March 31, 2014	\$2,679,094.26
Account Balances as of March 31, 2014	
Current – Checking	\$883,172.08
Capital – Checking	\$1,152,772.01
Escrow – Checking	\$55,781.27
COAH-Developers Fees	\$60,016.57
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$360,519.87

Snow Trust	\$7,886.05
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$142,814.67
Special Rec. – Checking	\$2,714.07
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$5,873.19
Total Account Balance	\$2,679,094.26

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

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 12, 2014 and was a success.

He reported the Recreation Commission will donate money to the Fire Department for the redesign/reinstallation of the marquis sign at the fire house.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported a second rehabilitation project has been submitted.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the emergency operation plan is being updated. The Countywide 9-1-1 system is moving forward.

Business Sustainability - Hughes reported the next business meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 7-8pm.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the fire department responded to nine (9) fire calls and held one (1) drill.

Streets and Roads - D’Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman’s report. Road Foreman Macko recommends the Township Engineer inspect the road damage at the intersection of Old Beaver Run Road and Route 94.

Bruning recommends the Township Engineer attend the next meeting on May 6, 2014, at no charge to the Township, to discuss grants. Bruning will contact the Township Engineer.

Correspondence

- a. Freeholders Board Bond Ordinances (2)
- b. From Stephanie Pizzulo re: Late dog license fee

It was the consensus of the Township Committee that the late fees be waived for the resident for this year only.

Vouchers

Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	94.50
Airgas Use, LLC	73.39
American Hose & Hydraulic Co., Inc.	1,440.00
American Wear	156.00
Amerigas – Chester	1,001.12
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	175.00
Associated Artists	275.00
Atlantic Communications	77.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	923.00
Bergey Tire Service	538.79
CenturyLink	551.99
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
D. Lovenberg’s Portable Toilet	65.00
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	105.02
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,596.75
Galion-Godwin Truck Body Co., Inc.	427.82
High Point Regional High School	192,744.00
Home Depot Credit Services	240.11
IIMC	145.00
JCP&L	1,270.45
Joe’s Heating & Cooling Service	161.85
Kathie Reimels	890.06

Kuiken Brothers Co., Inc.	116.06
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	736.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	916.98
Lafayette Township Board of Ed	294,750.00
MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown	961.25
MGL Printing Solutions	443.90
Microsystems-NJ.Com, LLC	1,200.00
Kimball-Midwest	256.38
Millside Café	69.98
Montage Enterprises, Inc.	1,036.62
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	185.93
ND Engineering, LLC	1,014.50
Nisivoccia & Company LLP	2,650.00
North Jersey Garage Doors, LLC	80.00
Northern Safety Co., Inc.	362.37
R&S Business Machines	567.50
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	374.18
RR Donnelley	105.00
SCMCA	10.00
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Staples Business Advantage	218.52
Statewide Insurance Fund	22,594.08
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	25.00
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	171.31
Town of Newton	9,363.60
Treasurer, S/NJ	25.00
United States Postal Service	1,212.70
Verizon Wireless	230.75
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	303.80
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	80.00
ND Engineering, LLC	1,372.50
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	81.60

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

Old Business

Amend Chapter XIV Ordinance - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES CHAPTER, TO ADD "CONSENT OF OWNER FOR FEES"

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor D'Angeli closed the public hearing.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIV. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Township Board Member's Attendance - Henderson asked if a policy has been drafted regarding Board member's attendance. The Township Attorney will be contacted for the draft policy.

Open Space (OSAC) Appraisals - Hughes asked about the appraisals being performed for the Castimore/Moose properties. This issued will be carried to the next meeting on May 6, 2014.

New Business

NJDOT Supporting Resolution - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 94 in Lafayette Township; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 94 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current No Passing Zone conditions along NJ Route 94.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, in the State of New Jersey, that it supports the use of a “No Passing Zone” on Route 94 in Lafayette Township as recommended by the NJDOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the NJDOT as requested.

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

Audience

Mr. Tor Andersen, Andersen Farms, feels there was some miscommunication regarding a parcel of land to be farmed on Warbasse Junction Road. He said he cleaned up the property and does not feel it is fair that the lease was given to another farmer.

Committeeman Bruning noted the advertisement for the farming agreement was for two (2) separate parcels; and Mr. Andersen’s proposal was for the “Lawler” property, only.

Mr. Andersen stated he has to pay for his parcel; but the other was given to someone else for free. He does not feel this is fair.

Mr. Carl Luthman, 17 Brandywine Court, mentioned a discrepancy in the farmland preservation as shown in the 2014 budget.

Chief John Elzinga, Fire Department, said the Ladies Auxiliary would like to make the fire department’s sign bigger and better. He recommends the Recreation Commission work with them and the fire department.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, 13 Brandywine Court, asked about the resolution for the NJ Department of Transportation. It was explained that this is supporting the NJDOT’s decision to keep Route 94 a “no passing zone”.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk