

May 6, 2014

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 6, 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, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 15, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

### **Reports**

#### **Tax Collector** - For April 2014

Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$10,879.65
Current Year Taxes	\$446,384.12
Interest	\$2,031.91
Total	\$459,395.68

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

**Recreation Commission** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to hire the following lifeguards for the 2014 swim season: Brandon Robbins-\$9/hr.; Mills Macken-\$9/hr. and Nick O'Conner-\$10.50/hr. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to hire the following for the 2014 summer recreation program: Rachel Start-\$15/hr.; Victoria Pizzulo-\$9/hr. and Eliza Osborne-\$8.50/hr. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Bruning reported the fishing contest has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 24, with registration starting at 8:30am.

Bruning reported some clients at Sunrise House need to do community service. Flowers will be purchased, at a cost not to exceed \$300, for them to plant at the Municipal Building and Lafayette Park.

### **Affordable Housing**

Advance Housing - Hughes reported Phase II is featured in Advance Housing's publication.

Rehabilitation Program - Hughes reported a second rehabilitation program application has been accepted. The replacement of six (6) sliding doors for heat, insulation and security will begin soon.

COAH - Hughes reported a public hearing for the proposed third round rules and regulations will take place on June 2, 2014. Hughes reported he will arrange a meeting with David Banisch at the Trenton office to discuss the Township's obligations. Mr. Banisch will be updating the Township's COAH plan to include the 29 existing special needs units.

**AED Training** - Hughes reported AED training will be held the week of May 19, 2014.

**Business Sustainability** - Hughes reported temporary signs and the replacement of Municipal signs was discussed at the April 29, 2014 meeting.

Bruning reported planters were discussed for the placement at the parking lot on Morris Farm Road and Route 15. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to purchase four (4) planters at a cost of \$40 each. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the April 24, 2014 meeting.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reviewed the April 28, 2014 meeting.

**EMS** - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 16 calls in April.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to approve the application of Nicholas Farischon as a Deputy Member of the Lafayette Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls and held one (1) drill.

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. It was the consensus of the Township Committee to trade the roller to the Borough of Ogdensburg for their trailer with the understanding that if either municipality needs to use the equipment it will be shared.

#### **Correspondence**

a. From Don Kihlstrom re: Request to waive \$150 gathering permit fee

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to waive the \$150 Gathering Permit Fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

b. From Tor Andersen, Andersen Farms re: Termination of farming agreement

The Township Committee accepted Mr. Andersen's request to terminate the farming lease agreement. An advertisement for accepting bids will be placed in the newspaper.

c. Andover Township Ordinance to Add and Supplement Chapter 190 "Zoning"

d. From Gary Whyte re: FOP Awareness Campaign

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP) is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone where bone should not form, such as within muscle, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues. Symptoms of FOP include excruciating pain and distortion of the existing skeletal frame; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by age ten (10), depriving children of normal development. One (1) in every seven (7) Americans suffers from a musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain. FOP affects approximately 2,500 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the University of Pennsylvania is currently the only known research facility investigating a cure for FOP. On April 24, 2006, the university announced the discovery of the gene that causes FOP. Now researchers and scientists can concentrate their work on finding a cure or treatment for such a debilitating disease. Discoveries made in the FOP laboratory may, also, aid in research of other genetic diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis and spinal cord injuries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette to support additional funding from the Federal government for research and treatment of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP).

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

e. From Matthew Sinke, SC Engineering re: L-11 Culvert Replacement/Little Road

## **Vouchers**

Joe Onorevole	156.02
Roy E. Kurnos	5,465.43
Sussex County Treasurer	397,188.90
Sussex County Treasurer	11,135.29
Sussex County Treasurer	26,558.64
Sussex County Treasurer	1,996.74
Verizon Wireless	231.00

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**

**Board Member Attendance/Absence Policy** - It was the consensus of the Township Committee that if a board member is unexcused from three (3) consecutive meetings, the member's appointment will be terminated.

**OSAC Appraisals** - This issue will be carried to the June 4, 2014 meeting.

**Parking on Township Roads** - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of May 20, 2014:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING "TRAFFIC" OF SAID TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-3.4 AND SCHEDULE II "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Traffic Chapter, shall be and is hereby amended as follows as follows:

Section 1. 7.3-4 "Parking Prohibited during Certain Hours on Certain Streets" shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

7-3.4 Parking Prohibited on Municipal Streets and Roads

No person shall park a vehicle upon any streets or parts of streets and roads described in Schedule II attached to and make a part of this Chapter.

Section 2. Schedule II - shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Parking Prohibited on Municipal Streets and Roads

In accordance with provisions of subsection 7-3.4, no person shall park a vehicle upon any streets or parts of streets and roads between November 1 of each year and April 30 of the following year.

Section 3. All conflicting or inconsistent ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication and passage according to law.

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

## **New Business**

**Amend Structure Heights** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to recommend the Land Use Board review and increase the height of an accessory from fifteen (15') feet to twenty (20') feet to allow the construction of a two (2) car garage with a ten (10') foot high garage door. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Building Height Measurement** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to recommend the Land Use Board review and amend the building height definition that the building height be measured from average grade. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Emil Conforth Subdivision** - It is the consensus of the Township Committee to advise the Land Use Board that it approves the recording of the Conforth deeds as requested by Ms. Joanne Sorrentino, Esq.

**Tax Court Appeals Expert** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to appoint Michael Holenstein as expert for tax court appeals for Olde Lafayette Village (Levin Management), 11

Millpond Drive LLC (One Main Street Sparta) and Carlwood Land Development (Merck). Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Audience**

Mr. Carl Luthman, 17 Brandywine Court, said the building height limit was due to the fire department not have a ladder able to reach height more than 35 feet. Committeeman Bruning stated the fire department has reviewed and approved plans for homes higher than 35'.

Discussion ensued regarding past surplus amounts and tax rates. Mr. Luthman requested a list of capital projects.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Secretary, said the farming lease should be advertised in the paper for bids. The Clerk said an ad will be placed this week.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk