

June 4, 2014

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

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

Members Absent Henderson

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos

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 Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of May 20, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

99 Route 15, LLC Parking

William Askin, Esq.

Jason Dunn, PE

William Rogers, Owner

Tammy Didyk, Owner

Mayor D'Angeli recused himself as his daughter works for Mr. Askin's law firm.

Mr. Askin said the applicant has an application before the Land Use Board for site plan approved with parking variances. It is located in the Village Commercial zone and has been used as a residence until they purchased it last year. Mr. Askin said nine (9) parking spaces are required; however, they can only provide four (4). They are requesting an agreement with the Township to use the municipal lot for parking.

Ms. Didyk said this would be an antique-retail establishment and would not produce a high volume of traffic.

Mr. Jason Dunn explained the parking situation pointing out the flood hazard area reaches to the wall on the property. Therefore, they cannot expand parking in that area.

Mr. Dunn proposed expanding the municipal parking lot onto the applicant's property, which would allow them to have six (6) parking spaces; and the ADA compliance would be met. They would, however, need to access the municipal lot to reach their parking spaces. Attorney Kurnos noted an easement would be needed.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to grant an easement between Lafayette Township and 99 Route 15, LLC for the use of their two (2) parking spaces, subject to site plan approval from the Land Use Board. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes.

Mayor D'Angeli rejoined the Committee meeting.

Reports

Tax Collector - For May 2014

Lieu of Tax	\$397.09
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$4,409.37
Current Year Taxes	\$1,615,477.98
Interest	\$2,451.31
Total	\$1,622,835.75

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

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the annual fishing contest was held on May 24, 2014 and was very successful.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to hire Gina Onorevole and Victoria Pizzulo for the summer recreation program at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Affordable Housing

Rehab Program - Hughes reported additional information is needed from the applicant for the rehab program.

COAH - Hughes reported the revised COAH regulations have been published. There has not been a big change; however, the regional contributions have not been included. Hughes reported Mr. David Banisch will pursue the actual calculations and submit a response for the Township.

Lafayette Preservation - Hughes reported the Miss Lafayette contest will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at the Mabee House.

Business Sustainability - Hughes reported the next business meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.

EMS - Corcoran reported EMS responded to 15 calls in the month of May.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of May 22, 2014.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. It is the consensus of the Committee to order salt subject to the availability of funds.

Old Beaver Run Road - D'Angeli suggested the Township Engineer apply for a discretionary grant for Old Beaver Run Road due to the approximate \$66,000 cost of the repair. In the meantime, patching will be done.

Attorney Kurnos noted there is no paved apron on the driveway of the Northwest Jersey Development property. He will write to Northwest Jersey Development regarding the apron and to Waste Management as their trucks are damaging the road.

Vouchers

American Wear	208.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	552.50
Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	141.33
Bird-X	975.99
CenturyLink	535.60
Cerbo's Hampton Nursery, LLC	96.00
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
City Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	857.70
D.Lovenberg's Portable Toilet	130.00
Fastenal Company	128.44
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,959.33
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	920.00
Gus Schetting Welding	2,725.00
High Point Reg. High School	192,744.00
Home Depot Credit Services	208.91
Ideal Farm & Garden Center	131.40
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	240.00
Lafayette EMS	1,362.87
Lafayette Preservation Foundation	435.24
Lafayette Senior Citizens	2,000.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	294,250.00
MGL Printing Solutions	466.40
Microsystems-NJ.Com, LLC	351.72
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	97.38
ND Engineering, LLC	360.00
Nestle Pure Life Direct	17.91
NJ Div. of ABC	9.00
NJ State League of Municipalities	19.00
North Jersey Septic, Inc.	330.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	707.14
Peerless Concrete Products Co.	300.00

Peerless Concrete Products Co.	1,060.00
Piney Bowes Inc.	81.25
R&S Business Machines	185.00
Sara Decker	106.00
Staples Business Advantage	103.65
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	25.00
U.S. Postal Service	600.00
Verizon Wireless	226.00
Weisenbach Specialty Printing	492.75
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	55.72
West Payment Center	360.00
William Macko	70.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	512.00
Landmark I Appraisal, LLC	2,650.00
ND Engineering, LLC	216.00
Norman J. Goldberg, Inc.	2,125.00

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

Old Business

Amend Chapter XIII-Temporary Holiday Signs Ordinance - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER, TO ALLOW AND REGULATE TEMPORARY HOLIDAY SEASON SIGNS

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

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter XIII-Temporary Holiday Signs. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

New Business

Raffle Licenses - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Sussex County Tech PTA for August 15, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

A's Liquor License Renewal - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt a Resolution to renew the Liquor License of A's Country Spirits for the year 2014-2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Computer for Tax Assessor - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to order a new computer for the Tax Assessor's office for a cost not to exceed \$1,030.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Little Road Closure - Little Road will be closed for approximately two (2) weeks beginning June 9, 2014 for the replacement of a pipe by the County.

"Welcome" Municipal Signs - Hughes reported the replacement of the "Welcome to Lafayette" signs has been discussed during the business meetings. He will pursue quotes.

Lafayette Twp. School Sign Replacement - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to send a letter to Lafayette Township School opposing their proposed new sign citing the existing Township sign Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Audience

Todd Deming, 25 Statesville Quarry Road, congratulated Messrs. Corcoran and Henderson on winning the primary election. He appreciates their service to the community.

Mr. Deming feels the business meetings have been productive; and the business owners are encouraged.

Wilfred Jiroux, 175 Statesville Quarry Road, sees illegal signs throughout the Township. He said he, also, sees tractor trailers on residential property; and there is a car carrier parked at a

residence on Meadows Road. Mayor D'Angeli recommended Mr. Jiroux speak to the Zoning Officer regarding these issues.

Mr. Jiroux said rules are rules; and only one (1) pickup is allowed. He said that dump trucks or trailers on personal property is not allowed and is getting out of hand.

Mr. Jiroux feels some businesses put people in danger if a fire occurs. He feels there are too many illegal business in the Township. He, also, feels tandem vehicles are around the Township.

Kevin O'Leary, Open Space Secretary, said there is a lot on Route 15, owned by the Sonnenberg family, with a foundation and barn that the Township could possibly purchase for municipal parking.

Mr. O'Leary explained the open space programs and funding procedure.

Mr. Todd Deming questioned why the property next to the existing municipal parking was not purchased for additional parking yet the Committee will look at a lot approximately 200' up the road.

Mr. Wilfred Jiroux feels the zoning laws should be revisited to allow properties being acquired on Route 15 to have more businesses. The laws should be more user-friendly and attractive.

Mr. Jiroux asked that the Township lower the speed limit on Route 15 to 35 mph to the Frankford Township line.

With there being no further comments from the public, Mayor D'Angeli closed this portion of the meeting.

Bruning suggested the Township Attorney send a letter to the Sonnenberg family expressing the Township's interest in purchasing the property for municipal parking.

Executive Session - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

A matter relating to property acquisition shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session - Property Acquisition

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

Mayor D'Angeli stated property acquisition was discussed in Executive Session.

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