

November 5, 2014

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, November 5, 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 and Bruning

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, 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 Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 21, 2014. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Reports**

**Tax Collector** - For October 2014

Tax Searches	\$10.00
Lieu of Tax	\$409.77
Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Cost of Sale	\$793.03
Prior Year Taxes	\$22,588.57
Current Year Taxes	\$620,651.11
Prepaid Taxes – 2015	\$225.46
Interest	\$7,827.61
Total	\$652,655.55

Motion by Bruning, 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.

**Treasurer's Report** Cash Report for October 2014

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2014	\$3,646,589.00
Cash Receipts for October 2014	\$1,072,812.44
Total	\$4,719,401.44
Cash Disbursements for October 2014	\$787,902.48
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2014	\$3,931,498.96
Account Balances as of October 31, 2014	
Current – Checking	\$1,835,165.14
Capital – Checking	\$1,456,574.56
Escrow – Checking	\$66,117.21
COAH-Developers Fees	\$64,222.04
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$347,954.00
Snow Trust	\$7,886.05
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$141,268.37
Special Rec. – Checking	\$3,749.14
Special Donations	\$7,544.48
Dog Trust Account	\$1,017.97
Total Account Balance	\$3,931,498.96

Transfers Resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2014 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-58 permits transfers to be made in the last two (2) months of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
Plumbing Inspections s/w	\$ 1,600.00	General Administration o/e
Construction Official s/w	300.00	Mayor & Council o/e
Construction Official s/w	300.00	Municipal Clerk o/e
Construction Official s/w	400.00	Finance o/e
Fire Sub-Code s/w	100.00	Collection of Taxes o/e
Fire Sub-Code s/w	900.00	Assessment of Taxes o/e
Land Use Bd-Eng. Litigation	12,000.00	Engineering services o/e
Construction Official s/w	2,000.00	General Liability
Electrical Inspection s/w	5,000.00	Streets & Roads o/e
Construction Official s/w	19,000.00	Snow Removal o/e
Fire Sub-Code s/w	2,000.00	Public Bldg & Grounds o/e
Electrical Inspection s/w	500.00	Public Employees Retirement Sys.
Total Transfers	\$44,100.00	

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted and adopt the Transfers Resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

### **Committee Reports**

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported the Township has the contact numbers for the County 9-1-1 system.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls in October. The Fire Department held elections for the 2015 officers. John Elzinga was elected Chief; and Bill Macko was elected Assistant Chief.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 23, 2014.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reported the number meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014. The annual free rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9am-12noon at the fire house.

**EMS** - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 27 calls in October.

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. New Christmas lights for the tree in the park would cost approximately \$2,700. It was the consensus of the Township Committee not to light the tree this year due to the cost.

Road Foreman Macko discussed the purchase of an excavator and equipment for milling. This issue will be carried to the next meeting on December 2, 2014.

### **Correspondence**

From Michael Mihalic, NJDOT re: Route 15 Speed Limit to remain 50MPH & 35MPH

### **Vouchers**

Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	63.00
AMANJ	60.00
American Wear	208.00
Aquatic Analysis, Inc.	375.00
Bally's Atlantic City	1,668.00
Bill's Equipment Repairs	780.00
CenturyLink	537.65
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Denville Line Painting, Inc.	7,829.42
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,300.35
G&G Diesel Service, Inc.	99.00
J&B Electric Motor Svc., LLC	80.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	480.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	305,000.00
ND Engineering, LLC	7,816.00
Staples Business Advantage	43.35
Sussex County Treasurer	554,681.16
Sussex County Treasurer	26,068.39
Sussex County Treasurer	51,574.07

Sussex County Treasurer	2,559.12
The New Jersey Herald	214.80
Verizon Wireless	225.80
Banisch Associates, Inc.	656.50
Foundation Title, LLC Morristown	1,301.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	816.00
ND Engineering, LLC	2,556.00
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	15,689.65

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, 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**

**Equipment Recovery Ordinance** - Mayor D'Angeli opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FEE TO BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the equipment recovery Ordinance.

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

**Tax Assessor** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning to amend the starting salary for the Tax Assessor to \$15,000.00. Mr. Jason Laliker will begin employment with the Township on January 1, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

### **New Business**

**Lakeland-Andover School Raffle License** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes to approve a raffle license for Lakeland-Andover School for June 19, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Preservation Foundation Raffle License** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 13, 2014 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Recreation Commission Appointment** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to appoint Dennis Noonan to the Recreation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jason Juskiewicz. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

**Amend Chapter VII-Traffic Ordinance** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 2, 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 municipal street, road or right-of-way between November 1 of each year and April 30 of the following year.

Section 2. Schedule II - is hereby repealed.

Section 3. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit parking on municipal streets, roads and rights-of-way to facilitate snow plowing between November 1 of each year and April 30 of the following year.

Section 4. Any unoccupied vehicle stopped or standing, in violation of this section, shall be deemed a nuisance to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any police officer or member of the Township Road Department may authorize the removal of such vehicle by a private towing company. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for the cost of removal and storage before regaining possession of the vehicle.

Section 5. All conflicting or inconsistent ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 6. 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.

**Clothing Drive** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to approve Sussex County Technical School using the Township municipal building parking lot for a clothing drive in the Spring of 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes.

### **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