

February 17, 2015

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

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

Mayor Bruning 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 February 3, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Tax Collector's Report** - For January 2015

Tax Searches	\$30.00
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$22,613.20
Current Year Taxes	\$371,610.87
Interest	\$537.05
Total	\$394,841.12

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

**Treasurer's Report** Cash Report for January 2015

Cash Balances as of December 31, 2014	\$3,091,986.31
Cash Receipts for January 2015	\$450,025.50
Total	\$3,542,011.81
Cash Disbursements for January 2015	\$581,497.59
Cash Balances as of January 31, 2015	\$2,960,514.22
Account Balances as of January 31, 2015	
Current – Checking	\$939,792.61
Capital – Checking	\$1,367,560.63
Escrow – Checking	\$62,949.13
COAH-Developers Fees	\$64,998.74
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$362,534.46
Snow Trust	\$7,430.55
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$140,532.79
Special Rec. – Checking	\$3,744.73
Special Donations	\$7,544.91
Dog Trust Account	\$3,425.67
Total Account Balance	\$2,960,514.22

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

**Committee Reports**

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

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported the Emergency Operation Plan has been accepted by the State.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported he is working on a rehab application with a resident and Dave Banisch.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported the insurance adjuster will be meeting with the Fire Department for the damage to the fire house by the furnace restarting (puff back).

**Open Space (OSAC)** - Henderson reported the Castimore/Moose property will close within the next three (3) to four (4) weeks.

**Board of Health** - Corcoran reported the Board of Health had its reorganization meeting on February 4, 2015. Dave Muscalo is the President; and Bob Watts is the Vice President.

### **Correspondence**

SC Board of Chosen Freeholders & Vernon Township Resolutions Requesting the Restoration of Funding to State Parks Programs

### **Vouchers**

1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm Security	420.00
AG Pizza	258.73
American Wear	166.00
Amerigas-Chester	866.62
Anna Rose Fedish	88.80
Beyer Bros. GMC Corp.	17.58
CenturyLink	534.43
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	550.00
Danforth's	162.57
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	424.84
Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.	16.99
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	2,635.43
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	952.50
Frankford Township	16,265.58
G&G Diesel Service, Inc.	99.00
Gates Flag & Banner Co., Inc.	140.40
Gus Schetting Welding	580.00
Hampton Convenience Store	29.75
High Point Regional High School	185,746.00
Holzhauer & Hostenstein, LLC	2,730.00
Home Depot Credit Services	175.75
J&P Crushing, LLC	265.97
JCP&L	1,436.40
Jersey Central Power & Light	1,851.36
JS Aikens & V Henderson	100.46
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	320.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	515,650.00
MGL Printing Solutions	229.00
Morton Salt, Inc.	19,628.56
Municipal Software, Inc.	6,071.30
Nestle Pure Life Direct	8.97
Nisivoccia & Company, LLP	14,700.00
North Church Gravel, Inc.	2,630.00
North Jersey Garage Doors, LLC	153.50
Opdyke's Sales & Service	510.41
Public Works Assoc. of NJ	60.00
R.B. Painting, Inc.	5,065.00
R.S. Phillips Steel, LLC	395.00
Rachles/Michele's Oil Company	3,331.32
Roy E. Kurnos	702.00
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	9.01
SCMCA	60.00
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Staples Business Advantage	663.90
Structural Metal Fabricators, Inc.	20.67
TC/Treas. Assoc. – Sussex/Warren	30.00
Team Life	55.00
The New Jersey Herald	99.00
Tire King	270.00
Township of Randolph	1,100.00
Van Dine's, Inc.	429.00

Viral Services Group	119.40
Winters Auto Parts, Inc.	55.56
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	429.60
Spatial Data Logic, Inc.	550.00

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

**Old Business**

**Amend Salary Ordinance** – Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2015” WHICH WAS ADOPTED DECEMBER 16, 2014

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

**Lafayette Day** - This issue will be carried to the next meeting scheduled for March 3, 2015.

**Grant Writers** - Mayor Bruning researched this issue; and it was the consensus of the Committee that this not be pursued.

**2015 Budget** - The Township Committee will take the Auditor's advice and increase the budget by \$40,000 using surplus and SCMUA funds. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-no, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

**New Business**

**Aikens/Henderson Refund Resolution** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2014, the Sussex County Board of Taxation granted a tax appeal for an added assessment on Block 21, Lot 32.02, owner of record J. S. Aikens & V. Henderson, for the year 2014, reducing the original assessment from \$7,200 for 6 Months to \$0.00 for 6 months; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of the added assessment resulted in the 2014 added taxes being reduced from \$99.32 to \$0, resulting in an overpayment \$99.32; and

WHEREAS, Statutory interest pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2 in the amount of \$1.14 is also due to the owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, in accordance with State Statutes that the Tax Collector be authorized to make the necessary refund, payable to J. S. Aikens & V. Henderson, in the amount of \$100.46.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, Township Attorney, and Township Auditor for their records.

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

**Cancel Old Grant Balances Resolution** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the following receivable balances remain on the Current Fund balance sheet dedicated to:

Stormwater Grant	\$ 1,250.00
Garrison Road Grant	\$ 5,834.18
Dennis Road Grant	\$47,840.28

WHEREAS, the funds were collected in full and listed as outstanding in the audit, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and its offsetting appropriation reserve balance from the balance sheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following grant receivable and appropriation reserve balances be cancelled:

<u>Grant Title</u>	<u>Amount Cancelled</u>
Stormwater Grant	\$ 1,250.00

Garrison Road Grant \$ 5,834.18

Dennis Road Grant \$47,840.28

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

**New Copier** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing for March 3, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A KYOCERA TASKalfa 3501i COPIER AND APPROPRIATING \$6,596.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The funding for the purchase of a Kyocera TASKalfa 3501i copier is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$6,596.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$6,596.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

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

**Audience**

Ms. Anne Sellinger, Board of Education Member, reported school uniforms and the PARCC testing were discussed.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk