

April 7, 2015

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

Members Present: Mayor Bruning, Committeemen Corcoran, Henderson, Hughes (arr. 7:45pm.), D'Angeli

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish

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 March 17, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

2015 Municipal Budget Public Hearing - Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor

Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Ms. Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor, reviewed the budget saying there would be a \$21 per year increase on the average home.

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

Budget Amendment - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution and set the public hearing date of May 5, 2015 for the public hearing:

RESOLUTION 2015-32

April 7, 2015

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2015 was approved on the 3rd day of March, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2015 be made:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Anticipated Revenues:		
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 335,000.00	\$ 349,000.00
Total Surplus Anticipated	<u>\$ 335,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 349,000.00</u>
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1, 2, 3 and 4)	\$ 1,270,608.58	\$ 1,284,608.58
7.Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 2,135,688.21</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,688.21</u>
8. General Appropriations:		
(A) OPERATIONS - within "CAPS"		
PUBLIC WORKS:		
Road Repairs and Maintenance:		
Other Expenses	\$ 54,100.00	\$ 68,100.00
Total Operations (Item 8(A)) within "CAPS"	<u>\$ 1,117,006.63</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,006.63</u>
Total Operations including Contingent within "CAPS"	<u>\$ 1,117,006.63</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,006.63</u>
Detail:		
Other Expenses	\$ 714,946.00	\$ 728,946.00
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	<u>\$ 1,202,951.63</u>	<u>\$ 1,216,951.63</u>
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations - Items		

(H-1) and (O)	<u>\$ 1,760,688.21</u>	<u>\$ 1,774,688.21</u>
9. Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 2,135,688.21</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,688.21</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that three (3) certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for their certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9, be published in the New Jersey Herald, in the issue of April 15, 2015, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Building on May 5, 2015, at 7:30 pm.

RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE:

Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

It is hereby certified that the budget amendment annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof is an exact copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Township of Lafayette, that all additions are correct, that all statements contained herein are in proof and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

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

Tax Collector's Report - For March 2015

O/S Liens	\$128,512.80
Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$24,818.09
Current Year Taxes	\$74,722.86
Interest	\$2,752.34
Total	\$230,956.09

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, 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.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following lien redemption Resolutions:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO US BANK CUST FOR PRO CAP III, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #2013-009 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 17, LOT 2.05, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,776.38

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-009 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 17, Lot 2.05, owners of record Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC to US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC in the amount of \$2,728.69; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$24,502.93; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$27,231.62, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, penalties in the amount \$1,429.09, and interest in the amount of \$4,063.67 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III in the amount of \$32,776.38.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO M & V LIENS IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2013-005 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 13, LOT 3, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,876.52

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-005 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 13, Lot 3, owners of record Nouvelle Holdings, LLC to M & V Liens in the amount of \$248.89; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, M & V Liens paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$1,277.03; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Nouvelle Holdings, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$1,525.92, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, penalties in the amount of \$4.98, and interest in the amount of \$293.62 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to M & V Liens in the amount of \$1,876.52.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO M & V LIENS IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2013-006 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 13, LOT 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$922.77

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-006 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 13, Lot 5, owners of record Nouvelle Holdings, LLC to M & V Liens in the amount of \$143.31; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, M & V Liens paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$585.26; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Nouvelle Holdings, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$728.57, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, and interest in the amount of \$142.20 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to M & V Liens in the amount of \$922.77.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO RIDGEBACK VENTURES, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2013-004 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 10 LOT 4, Q0006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,110.81

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-004 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 10, Lot 4, Q0006, owners of record Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$284.86; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Ridgeback Ventures, LLC paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$2,294.43; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$2,579.29, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, penalties in the amount of \$5.70, and interest in the amount of \$473.82 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$3,110.81.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO RIDGEBACK VENTURES, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2013-003 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 10 LOT 3.02, Q0006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$747.10

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-003 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 10, Lot 3.02, Q0006, owners of record Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$110.83; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Ridgeback Ventures, LLC paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$472.81; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$583.64, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, and interest in the amount of \$111.46 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$747.10.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO RIDGEBACK VENTURES, LLC IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2013-001 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 9, LOT 21.01, Q0006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,086.41

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, tax sale certificate #2013-001 was sold for delinquent 2012 taxes on Block 9, Lot 21.01 Q0006, owners of record Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$431.05; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Ridgeback Ventures, LLC paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter 2013 thru the 1st quarter 2015 in the amount of \$3,822.68; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2015, Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$4,253.73, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, penalties in the amount of \$8.62, and interest in the amount of \$772.06 through April 8, 2015, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2013-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Ridgeback Ventures, LLC in the amount of \$5,086.41.

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

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.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 21, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF FIDDLERS WAY AND APPROPRIATING \$26,000.00 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 repair of Fiddlers Way is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$26,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$26,000.00 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.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to ten (10) calls and conducted two (2) drills in March.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported the Castimore/Mosse property had its closing.

EMS - Corcoran reported the Lafayette EMS responded to 26 calls in March.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a success..

Vouchers

M&V Liens	2,799.29
Ridgeback Ventures, LLC	8,944.32
US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC	32,776.38
Verizon Wireless	153.19

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, 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

Property Maintenance Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

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

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

Lafayette Day - Henderson said the Fire Department members can only direct traffic during emergency situations. Otherwise, they must be certified fire police to direct traffic.

Grant Research - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to enter into an agreement with eCivis for one (1) year at a cost of \$1,100 for two (2) logins to help research grants for the Township. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

New Business

Raffle Licenses - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve three (3) raffle licenses for Lafayette Twp. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary for May 7, 2015 and May 16, 2015 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk