

April 21, 2015

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 21, 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, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 7, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Cash Report for March 2015
Cash Balances as of February 28, 2015	\$3,354,116.28
Cash Receipts for March 2015	\$518,896.41
Total	\$3,873,012.69
Cash Disbursements for March 2015	\$1,184,347.90
Cash Balances as of March 31, 2015	\$2,688,664.79
Account Balances as of March 31, 2015	
Current – Checking	\$912,420.23
Capital – Checking	\$1,361,430.20
Escrow – Checking	\$63,030.61
COAH-Developers Fees	\$65,004.09
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$122,438.22
Snow Trust	\$7,430.55
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$140,544.95
Special Rec. – Checking	\$3,821.60
Special Donations	\$7,544.91
Dog Trust Account	\$4,999.43
Total Account Balance	\$2,688,664.79

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, 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.

#### **Tax Collector-Overpayment Refund Resolution**

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,738.17 DUE TO THE APPROVAL OF A 100% DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLOCK 14, LOT 1.02

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration assigned a 100% Disabled Veteran rating to Matthew Fredericks, who resides 188 Beaver Run Rd., known as Block 14, Lot 1.02; and

WHEREAS, an application for 100% Exempt Disabled Veteran status was made to the Tax Assessor, and the Tax Assessor approved the determination, making the property tax exempt beginning year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes had previously been billed in the amount of \$1,738.17 for the 1st quarter of 2015, and Corelogic Tax Services, the servicer for Mr. Fredericks mortgage company, paid the 1st quarter taxes on February 6, 2015, creating an overpayment; and

WHEREAS, Corelogic Tax Services has asked that the overpayment be refunded to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Daryn Cashin, the Tax Collector, be authorized to refund Corelogic Tax Services in the amount of \$1,738.17.

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**

**Recreation Commission** – Bruning reported the annual fishing contest will be held on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported that COAH is now under the jurisdiction of the State court. A letter needs to be sent asking to remain in the court's jurisdiction for protection from builders' remedy lawsuits.

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

Old Truck – Road Foreman Macko recommended selling the old truck to Hopewell Township. The Committee decided to sell the truck for \$8,000 without the plow.

Bruning discussed the addition of three (3) street lights along Route 94. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to authorize JCP&L to install three (3) additional street lights along Route 94 at the intersections of Morris Farm Road, Valley View Road and Snover Road. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Excavator - Discussed ensued regarding the purchase of a Bobcat excavator. Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of May 5, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOBCAT EXCAVATOR AND APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 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 purchase of a Bobcat excavator is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$60,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$60,000.00 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-no, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to purchase a Bobcat excavator, including three (3) buckets, a thumb, hammer and 4-way blade for the cost of \$58,445.41. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-no, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

### **Correspondence**

a. Green Township Resolution Supporting SCMUA's opposition to SWMP

b. Aberdeen Township re: Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

c. John Mitch, MCANJ President re: Municipal Clerk's Week

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to support Municipal Clerk's week:

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Municipal Clerks Week**  
**May 3 -9, 2015**

**Whereas**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

**Whereas**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

**Whereas**, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

**Whereas**, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

**Whereas**, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

**Whereas**, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations,; and

**Whereas**, it is most important that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**Now, Therefore, We**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, do recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2015 as Municipal Clerks Week and further extend appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, AnnaRose Fedish, and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-no, Hughes-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

d. Hamburg Borough Resolution re: Restoration of State parks programs funding

**Vouchers**

1 <sup>st</sup> Alarm Security	125.00
AG Pizza	74.41
American Wear	226.00
Amerigas-Chester	402.78
AnnaRose Fedish	63.12
Atlantic Communications	500.00
Aurora Electrical Supply	24.47
Bagful O’ Bagels	287.45
Banisch Associates, Inc.	916.50
CenturyLink	562.18
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
CoreLogic	1,738.17
Custom Bandag, Inc.	208.32
Dependable Hydraulics	1,859.00
Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.	1,574.23
Ficor Co., LLC	3,325.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,521.22
Franklin Precast	45.00
High Point Regional High School	185,746.00
Home Depot Credit Services	324.38
IIMC	155.00
JCP&L	1,248.03
Joe Onorevole	146.20
Joe Onorevole Construction	3,416.22
Joe’s Heating & Cooling Service	185.84
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	18.87
Kathie Reimels	1,140.19
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	810.03
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	305,000.00
MicroSystems-NJ.Com, LLC	814.25
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	54.89
Morton Salt, Inc.	21,406.82
Morton Salt, Inc.	21,098.36
ND Engineering, LLC	1,071.00
Nestle Pure Life Direct	89.00
Old Dominion Brush	434.88
Opdyke’s Sales & Service	634.49
R&S Business Machines	215.00
R.S. Phillips Steel, LLC	256.00
Roy E. Kurnos	7,472.50
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
ServPro of N. Sussex County	11,446.17
Sheaffer Supply, Inc.	69.06
Staples Business Advantage	66.56
Statewide Insurance Fund	23,344.50
Sussex County Fire Sales & Service	178.00
Sussex County Technical School	500.00
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	30.00
Weisenbach Specialty Printing	485.85

Yettters Diner	67.75
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	272.00
ND Engineering, LLC	816.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	39.00
Roy E. Kurnos	648.00
Township of Wantage	2,070.00

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**

**Fiddlers Way Spending Ordinance** - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Fiddlers Way Spending Ordinance.

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

**Lafayette Day** - Bruning reported Lafayette Day planning is proceeding. Road Foreman Macko said Fire Police will be available for traffic control.

**Zoning Department** - Bruning would like an update from the Zoning Officer for the Carlwood Development and Oriolo properties.

**Tax Abatement Ordinance** - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on May 5, 2015.

**New Business**

**Land Use Board Minutes** - Henderson asked that the Land Use Board minutes be up to date and posted on the Township's website.

**Old Lafayette House (Rt. 15)** - Bruning reported he spoke to the owner of the old Lafayette House about his intentions for the property, which he has none and would be would entertain selling to the Township. Bruning suggested the building being razed for town parking. Henderson feels this would be a very expensive parking lot. This issue will be carried to the next meeting on May 5, 2015.

**Dog Park** - Bruning reported a dog park is being considered on the "Lawler" (open space property) farm and grant money may be available for this project. Hughes suggested a partnership with an organization to maintain the area. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting on May 5, 2015.

**Audience**

Kevin O'Leary, Land Use Board/Open Space, said the Beaver Run Farms solar project will be pursued this summer.

Mr. O'Leary said the Land Use board will work with David Banisch, planner, on an agreement for affordable housing. Hughes said Mr. Banisch should work with the Township attorney to file a declaratory judgment.

Mr. O'Leary said a recreational trails grant could be sought. Parking would be installed that would be used for the trails (for large horse trailers) and dog park.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk