

June 3, 2015

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, June 3, 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, Attorney Kurnos, 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 Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of May 19, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

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

Tax Searches	\$10.00
Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$14,947.10
Current Year Taxes	\$1,490,777.30
Interest	\$2,988.45
Total	\$1,508,872.85

Motion by Henderson, 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 May 2015

Cash Balances as of April 30, 2015	\$2,567,267.79
Cash Receipts for May 2015	\$1,688,748.32
Total	\$4,256,016.04
Cash Disbursements for May 2015	\$1,101,852.72
Cash Balances as of May 31, 2015	\$3,154,163.32
Account Balances as of May 31, 2015	
Current – Checking	\$1,379,224.16
Capital – Checking	\$1,361,650.21
Escrow – Checking	\$63,768.38
COAH - Developers Fees	\$20,251.73
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$44,105.03
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$122,443.24
Snow Trust	\$7,430.55
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$140,078.54
Special Rec. – Checking	\$4,122.45
Special Donations	\$7,545.91
Dog Trust Account	\$3,543.12
Total Account Balance	\$3,154,163.32

Motion by D'Angeli, 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.

**Committee Reports**

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of May 28, 2015.

**EMS** - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 24 calls in May.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported building repairs are needed.

**OSAC (Open Space)** - Henderson reported the ROSI is in need of updating.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported the rehabilitation project is continuing.

Hughes reported Attorney Kurnos will be drafting a declaratory judgement for COAH.

**Economic Development** - Hughes reported meetings with business owners are continuing.

Bruning reported a meeting will be held soon with Lehigh Gas (Exxon gas station).

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

### **Correspondence**

a. Hampton Township Ordinance Amending Chapter 108, Article IX and Repealing Article VIII

b. Montague & Stillwater Townships Resolution Supporting Sussex County Farmland Preservation, Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund

c. Vernon Township Resolution Supporting Protection of Federal Military Bases in NJ

### **Vouchers**

Airgas East	335.26
Airgas USA, LLC	277.32
Anna Rose Fedish	154.00
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	175.00
Atlantic Communications	75.00
CenturyLink	532.88
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Diamond Sand and Gravel, Inc.	300.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,078.85
High Point Regional High School	185,746.00
Home Depot Credit Services	361.79
JCP&L	189.25
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	65.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	224.00
Lafayette Twp. Fire Department	20,500.00
Lafayette Twp. Fire Department	7,000.00
Lafayette Twp. Fire Department	4,056.23
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	306,000.00
MicroSystems-NJ.Com, LLC	1,200.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	23.39
ND Engineering, LLC	594.00
NJ State League of Municipalities	20.00
Roy E. Kurnos	283.50
Sara Decker	60.00
Statewide Insurance Fund	23,344.50
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	30.00
United States Postal Service	606.35
Verizon Wireless	153.24
Zion Grove Trout Hatchery	1,093.50
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	304.00
ND Engineering, LLC	2,270.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	39.60

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.

**JCP&L** - Jackie Espinoza, Representative, asked for the Township's support of JCP&L's Montville-Whippany Reinforcement Project. This is a proposed transmission line from Montville to East Hanover, Morris County which, also, supports Sussex County lines. The Township Committee unanimously agreed to support JCP&L's project.

Ms. Espinoza said LED lights are in the process of being approved by the BPU.

### **Old Business**

**Sunrise House** - Attorney Kurnos said he has spoken to the perspective buyer regarding the use of the Sunrise House. He instructed their attorney to apply for a zoning permit for a formal answer.

**New Business**

**Township Agendas** - Henderson asked that agendas for upcoming meetings for the Committee and Land Use Board be posted on the website.

**Old Beaver Run Road Spending Ordinance** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of July 7, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ENGINEERING AND ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD BEAVER RUN ROAD AND APPROPRIATING \$19,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS

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

Section 1. The funding for Engineering and additional costs for the Improvements to Old Beaver Run Road and appropriating \$19,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

Section 2. The total amount of \$19,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

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.

**2016 Truck with Dump Body Spending Ordinance** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of July 7, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2016 INTERNATIONAL SFA 7500 4X2 CHASSIS WITH DUMP BODY AND SANDER \$184,000.00 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 2016 International SFA 7500 4x2 Chassis with Dump Body and Sander is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$184,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$184,000.00 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.

**2016 Truck Award** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to award the 2016 International SFA 7500 4x2 Chassis with Dump Body to Deluxe International Trucks, Inc. for the amount of \$177,987.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

**OSAC (Open Space)**

Castimore Property - Mr. Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Secretary, reported Mr. Emery Castimore wants to farm the portion of the farm the Township acquired from him. Bruning feels Mr. Castimore could farm until the end of this year. Attorney Kurnos will draft a license agreement.

ROSI - Mr. O'Leary reported the Land Use Board is working on the ROSI, which needs to be updated by October.

**Economic Development** - Hughes said a joint special meeting is needed with the Land Use Board to discuss strategy. Meeting dates will be sought.

**Loughman Property (old Lafayette House)** - Bruning reported Mr. Loughman is asking \$350,000 for the property. It was the consensus of the Township Committee not to pursue this any further.

**Court System** - Bruning suggested, and the Committee, to solicit other courts for participation and fees. The Clerk will send a letter to Frankford Joint Court for an accounting of fees and revenues.

**Sparta Township Equipment Sharing Resolution** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH SPARTA TOWNSHIP FOR THE LENDING OF EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette and the Township of Sparta have agreed to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the lending of various equipment to each other pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.

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

1. The Equipment Sharing Agreement between the Township of Lafayette and the Township of Sparta whereby each party may loan certain equipment to each other is approved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. The terms and conditions of the Agreement (Exhibit "A") are made a part of this Resolution.

2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately; and the Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of a similar Resolution by the Township of Sparta.

4. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for information purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4.

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

**Kubota Tractor Presentation** - Hughes noted a Kubota tractor will be presented to farmer-veteran Matt Soldano on June 4, 2015 at the property located at 144 Route 94. All are invited.

**Medivac Helicopter Pad** - Mr. O'Leary said a sketch of the area on the "Lawler" property for the proposed Medivac helicopter pad is needed.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk