The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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, 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 August 4, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Accessory Structure Setbacks - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to recommend the Land Use Board revise the accessory structure setbacks in the residential zones to 15' for the side yard and 30' for the rear yard. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Ridgeline Maximum Building Height - Bruning recommended the Land Use Board review the existing ridgeline Ordinance as a two-story house cannot be built to comply with it. He feels the maximum height for a principle structure should be increased to 35' from the existing 30'. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Land Use Board to review the ridgeline principle structure maximum height.

Tax Collector's Report	-	For August 2015
Tax Map Fee		\$50.00
Cost of Sale		\$317.88
NFS Check		\$20.00
Prior Year Taxes		\$15,394.59
Current Year Taxes		\$1,613,048.25
Prepaid Taxes 2016		\$57,156.55
Interest		\$5,872.46
Total		\$1,691,859.73

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.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO GEORGE & DEBRA DE FEO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$793.36 FOR AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE 2ND QUARTER 2015 TAXES FOR BLOCK 5.01, LOT 20

WHEREAS, credit was applied from the State of New Jersey representing a 2012 Homestead Rebate in the amount of \$793.36 to the 2nd quarter 2015 taxes for Block 5.01, Lot 20, known as 25 Snover Rd; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, George De Feo, is fully exempt veteran and beginning year 2015 does not pay property taxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that a refund be issued to George and Debra De Feo in the amount of \$793.36.

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.

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Committee Reports

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of August 27, 2015.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to eight (8) calls in the month of August.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported a meeting is to be scheduled to identify parcels for mixed use.

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

D'Angeli reported that the mailbox at 10 Meadow Ridge Lane was damaged this past winter; and he displayed pictures of the damage. The mailbox will be replaced with a metal one the Township purchased.

Road Foreman Macko reported the speed limit of 50 on the western side of Pelletown Road is too fast. The Township Committee asked the Clerk to send a letter, copying Frankford Township as the road continues into Frankford, asking for a reduction in the speed limit on Pelletown Road from Beaver Run Road to the Frankford Township boundary.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the family movie night was a success with approximately 90 in attendance.

Bruning reported the Recreation Commission is recommending a community garden being constructed at Lafayette Park replacing the volley ball area. The cost would be \$25 for the season for a 6' x 10' raised bed area; and the person would be responsible for its upkeep. The project would be overseen by the Commission.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of September 15, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AT LAFAYETTE PARK AND APPROPRIATING \$3,500.00 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 construction of a community garden at Lafayette Park is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$3,500.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$3,500.00 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.

Correspondence

- 1. From: Montville Township Committee re: JCP&L Transmission Project
- 2. Sandyston & Sparta Townships Resolution re: Supporting Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic
- 3. Sandyton Township Resolution Authorizing Refunding Life Hazard Registration Funds to Hampton Township
- 4. Hampton Township Resolution Adopting Master Plan Reexamination Report

Vouchers

Action Drives & Bearings, Inc.	88.58
Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	157.50
American Wear	172.00
Andover Township	10,857.00
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	440.00
Atlantic Communications	190.00
Aurora Electrical Supply	20.15
Banisch Associates, Inc.	728.00
Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	39.95

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Bucket Supply & Equipment Parts	387.50
Central Alliance	829.34
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,266.64
Garden State Plumbing & Heating	210.00
Home Depot Credit Services	111.82
JCP&L	1,327.08
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	215.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	704.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	192.12
MaryPaul Laboratories, Inc.	260.00
Montage Enterprises, Inc.	689.89
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	546.89
Morris Asphalt Co., Inc.	1,327.76
Mulch Concepts, LLC	308.00
ND Engineering, LLC	2,916.00
Nestle Pure Life Direct	17.94
NJ Division of ABC	9.00
Blue Tarp Financial	172.45
Peerless Concrete Products Co.	300.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	76.25
R&S Business Machines	145.00
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	207.04
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Staples Business Advantage	742.16
T.A. Mountford Co.	440.00
The Land Conservancy of NJ	5,250.00
The New Jersey Herald	449.70
TJTK, Inc.	13,000.00
Verizon Wireless	160.39
Warren County Service Center, Inc.	99.34
Weather Works	1,580.00
Weldon Quarry Co., Inc.	11,355.81
Motion by Henderson seconded by Corcoran	to nay the hills

Motion by Henderson, 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 Zoning Map Ordinance – Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL ZONING MAP With there being comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

Improvements to Roads Spending Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PELLETOWN ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,000 AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,000 FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

Amend Chapters XIII & XIV Zoning Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-13E, ENTITLED "RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE VIEWSHED PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE" AND TO AMEND CHAPTER XIV, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES CHAPTER, TO REVISE SCHEDULES H AND I, REGARDING APPLICATION FEES AND REVIEW FEE ESCROW DEPOSITS

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With there being comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

SECTV Franchise Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FRANCHISE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF SAID MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

Message Board 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 PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARDS AND APPROPRIATING \$13,000 FROM THE RESERVE FOR FEMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

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

Grant Program Use – Bruning and Hughes have reviewed the program and will continue to do so.

Sewer System – Bruning and Hughes have started a discussion with the SCMUA regarding a feasibility study for a sewer system in portions of the Township.

Route 15 & 94 and Sunset Inn Road Intersection - The Clerk reported that Helen Carew, from Sen. Oroho's office, called saying the NJDOT will be sending a reply to the Township's letter regarding an explanation of their progress of the intersection.

New Business

Amend Peddlers Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing for September 15, 2015:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IV (GENERAL LICENSING) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE CODE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 4-3, PEDDLERS AND VENDORS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter IV (General Licensing) of the Township of Lafayette Code, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. 4-3 shall be and here is amended as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any person to carry on or conduct the business of door-to-door sales or solicitation on residential properties with the Township.

Section 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law

Motion failed by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-no, Hughes-no, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-no. The Ordinance was withdrawn.

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High Density Zoning - Bruning recommended the Land Use Board review zoning to include high density areas. Hughes said this is part of affordable housing in areas; but areas need to be identified for sewer service. He noted this is permitted in the Gateway Overlay area.

Audience

Mrs. Lorene Caroleo, Hampton Heights Road, asked about the goings on of Olde Lafayette Village. Bruning said rumors are going around. However, this is private property; and the Township is not involved.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, said the ridgeline maximum height was previously discussed at Land Use Board meetings. Mayor Bruning said a two-story home constructed in the ridgeline area would require a flat roof. Mr. O'Leary said the Board will revisit the Ordinance.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC Municipal Clerk

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