

November 4, 2015

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, November 4, 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 Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 20, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Tax Collector's Report - For October 2015

Lieu of Taxes	\$422.07
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Cost of Sale	\$893.98
Prior Year Taxes	\$18,010.80
Current Year Taxes	\$439,610.97
Interest	\$8,932.70
Total	\$467,920.52

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, 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.

Committee Reports

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 22, 2015.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 26, 2015. He stated the annual rabies clinic will be held Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9am-12noon at the Fire House.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 20 calls during the month of October. He said a fundraising letter will be mailed soon.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to five (5) calls during the month of October and held one (1) drill.

Henderson reported the Fire Department held fire prevention programs at Lafayette Township School and Lafayette Federated Church.

Henderson reported the viewing for ex-Chief Mr. Bill Plotts will be held on Thursday, November 5, at the Fire House from 2-5pm & 7-9pm.

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. D'Angeli reported Mr. John Wottle has been for the Road Department.

D'Angeli reported a resident on Millpond Drive is complaining about the increase in traffic. A "No Outlet" or "Dead End" sign will be installed at the beginning of the street.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the County.

Hughes reported the electrical work needed to install the Fire Department generator will be paid for through Emergency Management.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the plan is being updated.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported an update was received by Chairwoman Kathie Reimels. A gingerbread house making and winter festival are being planned.

Correspondence

- a. From Liane Jenkins re: Tiger Chase 5KRun/Walk
Because the run/walk is getting more involved, the Township Committee asked the Clerk to request Liane Jenkins, Race Director, to attend the next meeting on December 1, 2015.
- b. From Kathie Reimels re: Recreation Commission Activities
- c. From Daniel Mahler, Wanaque Mayor re: County Government Reduction
- d. Hardyston Township Ordinance Amending Chapter 185, Zoning
- e. From Dominick Cantatore, Union City re: Human Trafficking

Vouchers

AG Pizza	78.30
American Wear	61.00
Andover Township	10,857.00
Beaver Run Farms	693.12
CenturyLink	549.52
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	93.91
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,390.54
Foremost Promotions	642.60
Hampton Convenience Store	267.58
High Point Regional High School	175,732.34
JCP&L	181.34
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	140.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	315,000.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	212.64
Morris Asphalt Co., Inc.	215.85
ND Engineering, LLC	4,404.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	1,901.67
Pack 180	500.00
Roy E. Kurnos	8,345.00
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	125.50
Sheila Adams	40.00
Smith Tractor & Equipment Inc.	45.82
Staples Business Advantage	614.69
Sussex County Treasurer	404,667.30
Sussex County Treasurer	2,528.88
Sussex County Treasurer	11,947.41
Sussex County Treasurer	1,928.43
The New Jersey Herald	609.06
Tropicana Hotel	980.00
TruGreen Commercial	550.00
U.S. Postal Service	600.00
Verizon Wireless	160.34
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	8,491.26

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, 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 Chapter XIII, Zoning-Sheds Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIII, ZONING, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 13-8 AND 13-13, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, TO PERMIT LIMITED SHEDS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the Amend Chapter XIII, Zoning-Sheds Ordinance. In discussion it was voted to remove the word "electricity" to allow electric to sheds. Messrs. Henderson and D'Angeli amended the motion to include electric in sheds. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Renewable Energy Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE CODE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE A NEW SECTION REGARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

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

Mayor Bruning noted this Ordinance is being re-adopted after being mistakenly removed from the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Renewable Energy Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Sewer/Treatment Plant - Bruning said the NJDOT is interested in a sewer project for their garage on Route 94. He indicated, however, it is cost prohibitive to hook up to the Wallkill facility in Hardyston. Nouvelle Associates would need a treatment plant for their project; and Sunrise House and the NJDOT may be interested.

Bruning asked about obtaining a proposal from Pellow Associates; and the Township Committee agreed.

New Business

Raffles - Lakeland-Andover School - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, Motion to approve a raffle license for Lakeland-Andover School for June 21, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for December 12, 2015 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

Route 15 Southbound Sidewalks Resolution - Mr. Carl Luthman said he spoke with Senator Oroho to have sidewalks installed with the bridge reconstruction project. He presented a Resolution for the Township Committee's consideration.

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation of the State of New Jersey is proposing the replacement of the Route 15 bridge over the Paulins Kill Creek (Structure Number 1922-150 – Route 15 MP 17 to MP 17.80); and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will include a new segment of sidewalk extending from Lafayette Park to the former Mabee House located on Route 15 Southbound (see Note 2 on Progress Print dated March 20, 2013); and

WHEREAS, the Village Center of the Township of Lafayette was designated as a historic district by both the State of New Jersey and the Federal government in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Village Center has become a well-known shopping area for antiques and other unique products thus generating significant pedestrian traffic adjacent to Route 15 Southbound; and

WHEREAS, sidewalks are not present the entire length of the Village Center along Route 15 Southbound causing pedestrians to walk on a very narrow shoulder creating a significant pedestrian hazard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette as follows:

1. As part of the bridge replacement project, sidewalks be constructed within the Route 15 Southbound right-of-way along:
 - a. Block 7, Lot 17 if not already included in the plans (a distance of approximately 60 feet).
 - b. Block 7, Lot 18 across the grass island between the two (2) driveways of a municipal parking lot (a distance of approximately 28 feet).
 - c. Block 8, Lots 1 and 2 (a distance of approximately 136 feet).
2. As part of the bridge replacement project, approximately six (6) street lights that are of a style appropriate for the historical era of the Village Center of Lafayette be installed along Route 15 Southbound from the bridge replacement to Block 8, Lot 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be sent to Senator Steven Oroho, Assemblyman Parker Space; Assemblywoman Gail Phoebus; Debbie Hirt, Regional Manager, Office of Communication Relations, NJDOT; Bob Lee, NJDOT; Walter Camp, Sussex County Engineer.

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

Audience

Joan Smith, Lafayette Preservation President, thanked Road Foreman Macko for his help with the Ghost Walk.

Mrs. Smith supports the sidewalk proposal and feels the Township Committee should do more with the historic designation; perhaps create an advisory historic commission.

She, also, noted the "Welcome to Lafayette" signs need to be redesigned. Committeeman D'Angeli asked Mrs. Smith for her help with the signs.

Mrs. Smith feels a major concern is the appearance of the Township, specifically properties on Route 15. She said there are an old foundation and silo on the SCMUA property that needs attention.

Mr. Carl Luthman, Land Use Board member, feels Angry Erik makes a lot of the traffic on Millpond Drive.

He does not feel the sewer project would help commercial ventures.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk