

December 1, 2015

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, December 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

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 D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of November 4, 2015. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

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

Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,659,957.94
Prepaid Taxes – 2016	\$8,554.60
Interest	\$2,122.77
Total	\$1,670,785.31

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.

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2015 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-58 permits transfers to be made in the last two (2) months of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
Legal Services	\$11,000.00	Snow Removal S/W
Land Use Board O/E	\$10,000.00	Snow Removal O/E
Mun. Economic Dev. Partnership	\$ 8,000.00	Streets & Roads S/W
Gasoline & Diesel	\$ 6,000.00	Streets & Roads S/W
Celebration of Public Events	\$ 2,000.00	Streets & Roads O/E
Heating Oil & Propane	\$ 500.00	General Liability
Total Transfers	\$37,500.00	

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

**Committee Reports**

**EMS** - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 15 calls in November. The officers for 2016 were elected at their last meeting: John Stowe-Captain, Ron Decker-Lieutenant, Margaret Stowe-Secretary, and Jeff Hookway-Treasurer.

The EMS will hold the next meeting/Christmas party on Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Municipal Building. The Township Committee is invited.

**Fire Department** - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 13 calls in November.

**Streets and Roads** - Bruning thanked the Road Department for their work in putting up the Christmas lights/decorations around the Township.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported a subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 5pm. at the Municipal Building.

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported the mitigation plan has been submitted to the County.

**Recreation Commission** - Bruning suggested purchasing pre-paid credit cards for use by the Recreation Commission to purchase supplies for recreational activities so the members do not have to buy first and then get paid. The Township Committee agreed.

Mayor Bruning changed the order of the agenda to address the Township PTO's walk/run race.

**Tiger Chase 5K** - Liane Jenkins, Race Coordinator, said the race will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016. She explained the length and course of the race. The race will be a 5K, 10K and Kids Fun Run. Mrs. Jenkins said the State Police will monitor the road closures.

Committeeman D'Angeli questioned the time the roads would be closed. Mrs. Jenkins said they races will take approximately three (3) hours; and portions will reopen as the course clears. She said no one will be able to use the roads until the races were finished.

Mrs. Jenkins said there will be better communication with the residents advising them of the race and road closures.

The Township Committee wished Mrs. Jenkins good luck.

### Correspondence

a. From Jim Cutler re: Change in zoning office hours

The Township Committee agreed to Mr. Cutler's request to change his office hours. He will be in the office on Thursday's from 11am-2pm, beginning on December 10,2015.

b. From Sen. Orhoro/Asmblymn Space re: Paulins Kill Bridge project/Sidewalks

c. Hopatcong Borough Resolution re: Opposing Restructure of SC Health & Environ. Svcs.

d. From SC Board of Chosen Freeholders re: Hopatcong Borough Resolution

e. From Anita Kopera, NJDEP re: January is Radon Action Month

### Vouchers

American Wear	137.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	6,084.00
Beaver Run Farms	430.57
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	177,987.00
Dolores Pecorari, CTA	1,300.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	463.17
G&G Diesel Service, Inc.	99.00
Home Depot Credit Services	291.15
JCP&L	1,058.16
Jean Perlee	735.00
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	205.00
Jonathan Verkon	125.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	832.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	379.37
Lafayette EMS	1,288.42
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	803.91
Opdyke's Sales & Service	1,175.09
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	3.99
Service Electric Cable TV	17.00
Staples Business Advantage	231.08
The Branchville Agency	435.00
Verizon Wireless	160.34
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	694.01

Motion by D'Angeli, 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

**Fire Department Generator** - Henderson reported a proposal of \$1,800.00 for the electrical work to install the generator at the fire house was received from Steve Snook.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following spending Ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 15, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR AT THE TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE AND APPROPRIATING \$1,800 FROM THE RESERVE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT 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 installation of a generator at the Township Fire House is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$1,800.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$1,800.00 is hereby appropriated from the Reserve for Emergency Management Equipment 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 Air Bottles** - Joe Farischon, Fireman, explained 14 air bottles are out of date and out of service. Also, the existing face masks need to be replaced as they cannot be used because of changes made in 2013.

Committeeman Hughes stated a proposal, showing the exact cost of replacing the equipment, is needed before the Township Committee can act on this request.

## New Business

**Sale of 1989 Dump Truck Resolution** – Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO SELL THE 1989 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SALTER/SANDER TO SUSSEX BOROUGH

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2) allows municipalities to enter into contracts with other municipalities without public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette desires to enter into a contract to sell one (1) 1989 International S2500 dump truck with plow and salter/sander for the amount of \$7,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette does hereby authorize the sale of one (1) 1989 International S2500 dump truck with plow and salter/sander to Sussex Borough for the amount of \$7,500.00.

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

**2016 Reorganization/Regular Meeting Date** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to schedule the 2016 Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00pm., with the regular meeting immediately following. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

**Beaver Run/Pelletown Roads Intersection** - Henderson reported a serious accident occurred at the Beaver Run/Pelletown Roads intersection tonight and recommended more signage. The Township Committee will ask the Road Foreman to follow-up on this issue. Because Beaver Run Road is a County road, further investigation is required.

## Audience

Mr. Jay Fischer, AgChoise Organic Recycling, explained he is a food waste recycler with a composting facility in Andover Township. He is looking at 211 Route 94 as a future site. He said he is a special type recycler and employees SCARC residents.

Mr. Fischer said he now recycles espresso pods and is, also, discussing doing business with Keurig to recycle the K-cups.

Mr. Fischer said he spoke with the Zoning Officer, Jim Cutler, as was told this was resource recovery; and a variance would be needed from the Land Use Board. Mr. Fischer said he was not happy with Mr. Cutler's attitude.

Committeeman D'Angeli told Mr. Fischer this discussion is not appropriate without Mr. Cutler attending the meeting. He suggested Mr. Fischer obtain a variance from the Land Use Board if he wishes to move his business to Lafayette Township.

**Executive Session** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

A matter relating to Personnel shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session - Personnel

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes.

**2016 Salary Ordinance** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date for Tuesday, December 15, 2015:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2016

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2016 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed are hereby established and fixed at the following sums in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

	Annually	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	40,945.89			Bi-weekly
Treasurer/CFO	31,891.82			“
Finance-Interlocal-Andover Twp.	52,177.55			“
Finance-Interlocal-Sussex Borough	16,480.00			“
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			“
Tax Assessor	15,450.00			“
Tax Assessor-Interlocal-Hamburg	15,767.33			“
Police	1,000.00			“
Administrator-Animal Control/ Dog License		1.00 per license		Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board				
Construction Official, Board of Health	29,656.10			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	2,787.26			Quarterly
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			“
Registrar	1,000.00			“
Zoning Officer	4,202.40			“
Road Foreman		17.00	35.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	27.00 PH	“

Road Employee #1		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #2		16.00	17.00 PH	“
Temporary Road Employee		15.00	24.00 PH	“
Fire Prevention Official	3,039.39			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector	25.00 per inspection			Quarterly
Life Guard		7.00	16.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Recreation Director		13.00	18.00 PH	“
Assistant Recreation Director		7.00	16.00 PH	“

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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 D’Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk