

February 2, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Henderson, Committeemen Hughes, Corcoran, D'Angeli

Members Absent Bruning (excused)

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Henderson 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 Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 19, 2016 (Regular Meeting) and January 27, 2016 (Budget Meeting). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

High Point Regional High School

Scott Ripley, Superintendent

Shamus Campbell, Curriculum Director

Messrs. Ripley and Campbell explained the programs and types of studies at the high school. They noted that the graduation rate has increased.

Reports

Tax Collector - For January 2016

Lieu of Tax	\$422.07
Prior Year Taxes	\$16,531.15
Current Year Taxes	\$485,428.41
Interest	\$631.65
Total	\$503,013.28

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Committee Reports

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

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported a meeting will be scheduled with the subcommittee in the next few weeks.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the Land Use Board meeting of January 21, 2016.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the Board of Health meeting of January 25, 2016.

EMS - Corcoran reported the Lafayette EMS responded to 13 calls in the month of January.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to eight (8) calls and held three (3) drills in the month of January.

Open Space - Henderson reviewed the OSAC meeting of January 26, 2016. Henderson said there is hunting on open space properties; and it could possibly be controlled by permitting.

Correspondence

a. From Tom Butler, Laf. School Interim Supr. Re: Thank you to Road Department

b. From Heide Hassing, Angry Erik Brewing re: Parking for anniversary celebration

The Township Committee stated the parking is only for this event. The Clerk was asked to send a letter stating signs should be installed stating such.

c. From Anthony Fontana, NJDEP re: SCMUA Solid Waste Facility Permit

d. From Stephanie Pizzulo re: Update Website

The Township Committee agreed to the updating of the website.

Vouchers

Sussex County Treasurer	420,614.64
Sussex County Treasurer	11,509.54
Sussex County Treasurer	26,643.48
Sussex County Treasurer	2,032.89
Sussex County Treasurer	412.57
Sussex County Treasurer	10.16
Sussex County Treasurer	24.66
Sussex County Treasurer	2.38
U.S. Postal Service	100.00
Verizon Wireless	167.07

Motion by Hughes, seconded by D’Angeli, to pay the bills on the Bills List. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Old Business

Routes 15 & 94 and Sunset Inn Road Intersection - The Clerk was asked to contact the NJDOT for a timeframe of when the light will be activated and if a left turn arrow can be added to Sunset Inn Road.

New Business

Village Drive Acceptance Resolution - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH MAINTENANCE BOND AND
ACCEPT VILLAGE DRIVE AS A TOWNSHIP ROAD

WHEREAS, the developer has made all required improvements per the approved final subdivision plan and has recorded with the Sussex County Clerk the roadway deed and all easements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney and Township Engineer have both approved the form and contents of the roadway deed and deeds of easement; and

WHEREAS, Nevitt Duveneck, the Township Engineer, has certified that the developer of Valley View Estates has established the amount necessary for the required maintenance bond; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has approved the form of the maintenance bond and the amount of the required cash bond has been posted with the Township; and

WHEREAS, the required road improvements to Village Drive have been completed to the Township Engineer’s satisfaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The maintenance bond shall be held for the required two (2) year period.
2. The road known as Village Drive has been approved as a roadway within the Township of Lafayette and the Township will accept its maintenance upon the adoption of this resolution.

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

Audience

Mrs. Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L Representative, said JCP&L will be following new guidelines for tree-trimming set by the BPU.

Mr. Joe Farischon, Fireman, asked about the final reading for the air packs spending Ordinance. Committeeman Hughes explained it was done and adopted at the last meeting. The Township Committee authorized Mr. Farischon to order the equipment.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, Land Use Board Chairman and Open Space Secretary, said the Land Use Board reviewed an escrow letter from Mr. Fusco for his garage project. He said the Land Use Board recommends no action as the escrow was a result of Mr. Fusco appearing before the Board a number of times.

Mr. O’Leary said the OSAC did discuss hunting being done on both properties that are owned by the Township on Warbasse Junction Road. He said Green Acres is involved with the “Lawler” property; therefore, hunting cannot be limited to Township residents only. However, the other property solely owned by the Township can be restricted.

Mr. O’Leary indicated there can be some control on the “Lawler” property through a permitting process. He said the OSAC did discuss the information from Byram Township regarding hunting; and will forward it to the Committee.

Mr. O’Leary said the properties should be posted and the people who have leases to farm the properties should be notified.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk