

March 1, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

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 Bruning, to accept and place on file the minutes of February 16, 2016 (Regular Meeting) and February 25, 2016 (Special Joint Meeting). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-abstain, Henderson-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For February 2016

Tax Map Fee	\$550.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$31,548.86
Current Year Taxes	\$1,561,170.41
Interest	\$2,390.76
Total	\$1,595,660.03

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

Committee Reports

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

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 10am.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported a special joint meeting was held with the Township Committee to review affordable housing obligations. This meeting was held in Executive Session.

EMS - Corcoran reported certification classes are being planned for the EMS members.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported David Banisch, PP, will submit the plan to the Township Committee by the next meeting.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to twelve (12) calls and held one (1) drill.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported a walk was held on the "Lawler" property for the filing of a trail grant. He said the Township can apply for a \$24,000 grant. The Township would need to make a 20% match which can be money or in-kind.

Correspondence

From SC Board of Chosen Freeholders re: To lease County property in Frankford Township

Old Business

Hunting on Warbasse Junction Road Properties - Henderson explained the Township cannot exclude non-residents from hunting on the "Lawler" property because Green Acres money was used to purchase the property. However, this can be done on the Township-owned property across the street. Henderson said hunting can be disallowed on both properties.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to not allow hunting on both parcels on Warbasse Junction Road and authorize the purchase of "No Hunting" signs for a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Pelletown Road Speed Limit - The Clerk reported Debbie Hirt, NJDOT, responded to the letter sent to her regarding the Pelletown Road speed limit request. Ms. Hirt said the DOT does not get involved in establishing speed limits on local roads.

The Clerk will draft an Ordinance for a maximum speed limit of 40 mph on the entire length of Pelletown Road to the Frankford Township line. This Ordinance will be submitted to Ms. Hirt for her review.

New Business

Exceed Cap Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of March 15, 2016:

CALENDAR YEAR 2016
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two (2) succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2016 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 3% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$42,593.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two (2) succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that in the CY 2016 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Lafayette shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$42,593.00, and that the CY 2016 municipal budget for the Township of Lafayette be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two (2) succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adoption.

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

2016 Municipal Budget - Hughes noted that \$26,000.00 needs to be added to the capital portion of the budget for the road department and fire department for the next five (5) years to make up for what was purchased, which will bring the total Capital Improvement Fund appropriation to \$312,000.00 and the local tax for municipal purposes to \$907,323.83. Motion

by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the 2016 Municipal Budget based on this change being reflected and set the public hearing date of April 5, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Route 15 Flower Bed Spending Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of March 15, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR A RAISED FLOWER BED AT THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON ROUTE 15 AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 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 equipment for a raised flower bed at the municipal parking lot on Route 15 is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$1,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$1,000.00 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: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Rehabilitation Project - Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to award the rehabilitation project to Woop Brothers Contracting, LLC per their proposal dated February 17, 2016 for the following items: kitchen sliding glass door-\$4,050.00; dining room sliding door-\$4,050.00; back bedroom slider-\$4,050.00; front bedroom slider-\$1,500.00; and outlet in kitchen-\$500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Audience

Mr. John Strowe, EMC Captain, said the helipad coordinates were given to dispatch; and it can now be used.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, LAA Secretary, said the annual basketball tournament will be held at the school for the next three (3) weekends.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk