

April 5, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Henderson, Committeemen Hughes, Corcoran, Bruning

Members Absent D'Angeli (excused)

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, CFO Magura, 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 March 15, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Henderson-yes.

2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Exceed Cap Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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)

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Exceed Cap Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Henderson-yes.

Budget Public Hearing Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor Luisa Rodriguez, Auditor
Heidi reviewed the 2016 Municipal Budget and stated there will be a one cent (\$.01) increase.

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Henderson closed the public hearing. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Henderson-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For March 2016

Tax Searches	\$20.00
Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$10,662.44
Current Year Taxes	\$41,886.14
Interest	\$1,504.52
Total	\$54,223.10

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

Recreation Commission - Bruning thanked the Road Department for their work on the Community Garden.

Summer Program - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran to hire the following for the 2016 summer program: Brandon Robbins and Mill Macken as Lifeguards at \$9.50/hour; Rachel Start as Camp Counselor at \$15.50/hour; Victoria Pizzulo as Asst. Counselor #1 at \$9.50/hour and Taylor Mueller as Asst. Counselor #2 at \$9.00/hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Henderson-yes.

Buildings and Grounds - Bruning reported two (2) bathrooms are not working in the fire house; and proposals are being sought.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 20 calls in March. Also, there are no discrepancies in their bank accounts.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reported the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan was approved by the Land Use Board to be submitted.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Hazard Mitigation Plan is proceeding and will be submitted shortly.

Hughes reported the Road Department and JCP&L have completed clean-up from the storm on Sunday.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan has been submitted.

Work on the group home on Old Beaver Run Road is continuing.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to nine (9) calls and performed one (1) drill in March.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported a trail grant for \$24,000 for the “Lawler” property will be applied for. This will connect to the State trail. He said the Township’s 20% can be in-kind.

Correspondence

- a. From Rich Sobotka, ZJ Holdings, LLC Re: Revising Municipal Housing Plan
- b. From Robert Kasuba, Esq. Re: Zoning Amendment-Cemetery
- c. Hardyston Twp. Ordinance - Amending Chapter 185, “Zoning”
- d. Town of Newton Resolution - Supporting CLEAR Program
- e. Sparta Twp. Ordinance - Amending Chapter XVIII, Land Use Chapter
- f. From Rhona Beadle, Ginnie’s House Re: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Vouchers

JPMonzo Municipal Consulting, LLC	40.00
Kathie Reimels	999.06
Millside Café	106.36
ND Engineering, LLC	1,708.50
Registrars Assoc. of NJ	50.00
Spatial Data Logic, Inc.	650.00
Verizon Wireless	167.07

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

Old Business

Flower Bed Spending Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Flower Bed Spending Ordinance.

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

Skid-Steer Spending Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 19, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A S750 T4 BOBCAT SKID-STEER LOADER AND APPROPRIATING \$63,814.37 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 a S750 T4 Bobcat skid-steer loader is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$63,814.37 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$63,814.37 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, Henderson-yes.

New Road Employee - Road Foreman Macko reported interviews have taken place; and a call to offer the job will be made shortly.

New Business

Lafayette Pavilion - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to establish the policy of waiving the fee for the use of the Lafayette Pavilion for current and past Recreation Commission members for one (1) time during a calendar year.

In discussion, Committeeman Hughes, and the Committee agreed, appreciates all that the volunteers do, but will say no to this policy. Motion denied by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Corcoran-no, Bruning-no, Henderson-no.

Cemetery Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to refer to the Land Use Board for their review/comment the draft Master Plan Amendment-Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Henderson-yes.

Audience

Mr. Jack Snook, 147 Pelletown Road, does not feel there is a need for the skid-steer machine. He feels the roads would last longer if the Township went back to tar and chip.

Ms. Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L representative, thanked the Road Department for their help with the weekend storm. She told the Committee that she is the “go to” person for all calls and problems.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, 13 Brandywine Court, asked about the increase in health costs. Committeeman Hughes explained there was a nine (9%) increase; and the Township will be hiring another road employee.

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