

April 19, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, 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 Bruning, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 5, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-abstain, Henderson-yes.

Treasurer's Report	Cash Report for March 2016
Cash Balances as of February 29, 2016	\$3,071,660.90
Cash Receipts for March 2016	\$164,853.60
Total	\$3,236,514.50
Cash Disbursements for March 2016	\$676,296.28
Cash Balances as of March 31, 2016	\$2,560,218.22
Account Balances as of March 31, 2016	
Current – Checking	\$842,992.07
Capital – Checking	\$1,240,530.52
Escrow – Checking	\$59,557.67
COAH - Developers Fees	\$11,798.24
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$44,125.36
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$159,296.95
Snow Trust	\$1,669.82
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$185,810.24
Special Rec. – Checking	\$3,993.65
Special Donations	\$7,545.91
Dog Trust Account	\$2,897.79
Total Account Balance	\$2,560,218.22

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

Tax Collector's Resolutions

Refund/Cancel Peterson Taxes (B-14, L-28) - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO HAROLD A. PETERSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,218.04 AND TO CANCEL 2016 TAXES ACCRUING AFTER FEBRUARY 4, 2016, DUE TO THE APPROVAL BY THE TAX ASSESSOR OF A TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLOCK 14, LOT 28

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration had previously assigned a 100% Disabled Veteran rating to Harold A. Peterson, who recently purchased 62 Meadows Rd., known as Block 14, Lot 28; and

WHEREAS, an application for 100% Exempt Disabled Veteran status was made to the Tax Assessor on 1/21/16, in anticipation of Mr. Peterson's purchase of the property; and the Tax Assessor approved the determination beginning on Mr. Peterson's purchase date of 2/4/16, which makes Mr. Peterson exempt from paying property taxes as of that date; and

WHEREAS, the 1st quarter 2016 property taxes were billed in in the amount of \$1,979.31 and paid for by the seller's mortgage company, and at closing \$1,218.04 was collected from Mr. Peterson representing the period of 2/4/16 to 3/31/16, which is not due as Mr. Peterson is a fully exempt veteran.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that Daryn Cashin, the Tax Collector, be authorized to refund Harold A. Peterson in the amount of \$1,218.04, and to cancel the 2016 taxes accruing after 2/4/16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and Township Auditor for their records.

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

Rescind Tax Collector Cash Fund Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND TAX COLLECTOR CASH FUND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the change fund for the Tax Collector in the amount of \$25.00 be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby authorizes such action.

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

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. New road employee, Dan Chayka, started work yesterday, April 18, 2016.

Buildings and Grounds - Bruning reported two (2) bathrooms in the fire house are not working. He received three (3) plumbing quotes to replace lines to the septic and pump.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of May 3, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE OF BATHROOMS IN THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE HOUSE AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000.00 AVAILABLE IN 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 upgrade of bathrooms in the Lafayette Township Fire House is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$10,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$10,000.00 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.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to hire Garden State Plumbing & Heating to upgrade the bathrooms in the fire house for a cost of \$7,300, which could possibly be higher due to unknowns. In discussion, Mr. Bruning stated that Garden State is one of his contractors for his construction business. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Newsletter – Committeeman Bruning thanked the Clerk for her work on the new Newsletter.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the plan has been submitted. The inclusion of 140 units will be referred to the Land Use Board for consideration in the Strategic Plan.

COAH Consultant - Hughes reported the consultant being used for housing obligation calculations indicated an additional \$2,000.00 is needed for continuation. Hughes recommends no action at this time; and the Township Committee agreed.

Rehabilitation Program - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the agreement between the Township of Lafayette and Mario & Carol Bonito to impose a lien on monies advanced pursuant to the COAH Rehabilitation Program on real property owned and inhabited by them is hereby accepted and is to be recorded at the Sussex County Clerk's Office. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported the trail grant for the "Lawler" property is being worked on.

Correspondence

a. From Jim Cutler, Zoning Officer re: Bldg. permit issued without Zoning
Bruning reported the checklist is not being used by the State. He will discuss this with the Construction Official.

b. Stillwater Township Resolution re: Supporting CLEAR Program

c. Hampton Township re: Gypsy Moth Control Program Notification

d. American Red Cross re: Disaster Action Teams

Vouchers

Airgas East	37.41
Allied Oil, LLC	969.86
American Wear	231.00
Amerigas-Chester	393.51
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	175.00
Bagful O' Bagels	198.00
Beaver Run Farms	448.44
Bill's Equipment Repairs	300.00
CenturyLink	552.92
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.	144.64
E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	174.31
Frankford Township	12,190.07
G&G Diesel Service, Inc.	6.90
Hamburg Plumbing Supply Co., Inc.	33.83
Harold A. Peterson	1,218.04
High Point Regional High School	175,732.50
Home Depot Credit Services	68.04
IIMC	155.00
JCP&L	1,291.93
Johnny On The Spot, LLC	65.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	1,586.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	408.75
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	315,000.00
MES-Depository Account	386.50
MGL Printing Solutions	107.00
Modern Group, Ltd.	125.98
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	321.97
Morris County Registrars Assoc.	30.00
Nisivoccia & Company, LLP	3,000.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	50.40
Peerless Concrete Products Co.	657.00
Roy E. Kurnos	6,790.50
Screen Creation Plus	500.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ	19.51
Staples Business Advantage	756.39
Statewide Insurance Fund	24,369.50
Sussex County Fire Sales & Service	165.00
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	30.00
The Land Conservancy of NJ	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	209.50
Treasurer, S/NJ	500.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	50.00
Vital Services Group	128.60
William Macko	106.97

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

Old Business

Skid-Steer Loader 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 A S750 T4 BOBCAT SKID-STEER LOADER AND APPROPRIATING \$63,814.37 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Henderson closed the public hearing.

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Skid-Steer Loader Spending Ordinance.

Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-no, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-no.

Skid-Steer Loader Purchase - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to authorize the purchase of the Skid-Steer Loader for a cost not to exceed \$63,814.37. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-no, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-no.

Grant Service - It is the consensus of the Township Committee not to renew membership with E-Civis.

Overlay of Roads - Bruning asked if there is a plan to overlay Township roads. Road Foreman Macko said Monroe Road is on the list; however, the Township is waiting to hear about State road grants.

Audience

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, LAA Representative, thanked the Road Department for its help with the fields. He asked that mowing begin as games start this weekend.

Road Foreman Macko said the back field will be completed this week.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk