

May 3, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 3, 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 D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 19, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

CENTER FOR PREVENTION & COUNSELING PRESENTATION

AnnMarie Schaefer Elise McGaugrahn

Ms. Schaefer and Ms. McGaugrahn gave a presentation about underage drinking. They asked the Township Committee to adopt an Ordinance for stop underage drinking on private property and make the youth responsible. The first offense would be a \$250 fine and the second would be a \$350 fine as well as a six (6) month loss of license. This would not be on a permanent record.

Committeeman Hughes expressed concern about the loss of license. He suggested community service. The Township Committee will review this further.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Anne Hessler, B.A. Tom Butler, Interim Superintendent

Mrs. Hessler reviewed the 2016/2017 budget and stated there will be a .004 cent increase. Currently 240 students are enrolled in the school.

Reports

Tax Collector - For April 2016

Lieu of Tax	\$422.07
Prior Year Taxes	\$11,235.78
Current Year Taxes	\$621,756.05
Interest	\$847.57
Total	\$634,261.47

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, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Committee Reports

Streets and Roads - D'Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman's report. He stated Jonathan Verkon will not be working until August due to a work-related injury.

Road Foreman Macko said the warranty for the truck does not state for non-municipal ownership; and the warranty was paid. He feels the Township Attorney should review the warranty.

Discussion ensued regarding roads needing repair. Road Foreman asked about applying for discretionary aid for Ice Plant Road. Mudcut/Valley View Roads will be used for a discretionary aid application if the cost of Ice Plant Road is not too expensive for the Township to repair.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the Township and Nouvelle attorneys will meet soon.

He said the consortium for the municipalities is asking for additional funds to continue the work for COAH obligations. Hughes recommends no additional funds being sent at this time.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 16 calls in April.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 28, 2016. He stated the cemetery ordinance is being reviewed.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 25, 2016. He stated that Maureen Sweeney is the new County inspector for Lafayette Township.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 12 calls and held three (3) drills in April.

Correspondence

a. From Linda Glosinski, TLCofNJ re: Trail Grant Application

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to submit the Trail Grant Application for the "Lawler" property. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

b. From Frankford Township re: 2016 Gypsy Moth Program

c. Hamburg Borough, Byram, Montague & Sandyston Townships Resolution Supporting CLEAR Program

Vouchers

Lafayette EMS	4,517.40
Mountainside Stables	150.00
Sussex County Treasurer	420,614.64
Sussex County Treasurer	11,509.54
Sussex County Treasurer	26,643.48
Sussex County Treasurer	2,032.89
Verizon Wireless	161.98

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

Fire House Bathroom Upgrades - Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Fire House Bathroom Upgrades Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Building Department - Bruning reported he spoke with Rudy, Technical Assistant, about permits being issued without zoning. She apologized for the mistake. Bruning said the checklist will be used.

New Business

Cancel Summer Meetings - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to cancel the following summer meetings: June 21, 2016; July 19, 2016 and August 16, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Standpipes - Henderson reported the standpipes on the “Utter” farm and the pond on Route 94 are difficult to draw water from. Road Foreman Macko said the Township has easements to maintain the standpipes. Henderson will have the fire department inspect the standpipes.

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