

October 4, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Corcoran

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 Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of September 20, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For September 2016

Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Cost of Sale	\$1,108.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$66,335.29
Current Year Taxes	\$27,048.80
Prepaid Taxes 2017	\$10.01
Interest	\$27,304.62
Total	\$121,906.72

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

Committee Reports

9-1-1 Dispatch Services - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, to enter into a shared service with the County of Sussex for 9-1-1 dispatch services for three (3) years commencing January 1, 2017 and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Affordable Housing - The draft ordinance for accessory apartments be tabled to the next meeting on October 18, 2016.

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

Road Foreman Macko said the insurance company suggested random drug testing. The Clerk will discuss this issue with the insurance agent.

Economic Development Committee (EDC) - Bruning reported the EDC met on September 29, 2016 and have decided they will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. They discussed promoting businesses on the Township's website and the possibility of installing more street lights along Route 15.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 17 calls in September.

EMS - Henderson reported the EMS responded to 16 calls in September.

Correspondence

- a. Town of Newton – Adoption of Amendment to Master Plan
- b. Zoning Official Update

Old Business

Underage Drinking Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the meeting to the public for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL CHAPTER, ADDING SECTION 6-7 “CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY PERSONS UNDER THE LEGAL AGE”

Mr. Francis Koch, County Prosecutor, said he endorses the ordinance; and this does not give police extra powers. He feels that adding the delay or revocation of a driver’s license will do more to deter underage drinking than just relying on fines and/or community service. Mr. Koch said a person’s mind develops up to age 21; and this ordinance is a positive step to help stop underage drinking.

Annamarie Schafer, Center for Prevention & Counseling, explained the statistics of drug and alcohol use.

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Underage Drinking Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Amend Chapter XIII – AH-2/LC Zone Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the meeting to the public for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING THE AH-2/LC RESIDENTIAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING/COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS TO ADDRESS A PORTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE’S AFFORDABLE THIRD ROUND HOUSING OBLIGATION

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

Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Underage Drinking Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Amend Salary Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D’Angeli, to rescind the Amended Salary Ordinance as previously introduce and introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of October 18, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2016” WHICH WAS ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2015

1. Effective January 1, 2016, the annual salary of the officer named hereafter for the year 2016 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed, is hereby established and fixed at the following sum in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

	Annually	Payable
Zoning Officer	\$4,680	Bi-Weekly
Zoning Officer	\$30.00 per hour for additional inspections, as needed	
Zoning Officer	Mileage as per IRS Standard Mileage Rates for court appearances as needed	

2. That the aforesaid salary shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries.

3. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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

Township Speed Limits - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D’Angeli, to adopt the following Resolution and send it to the NJ Department of Transportation for approval:

RESOLUTION 2016-33

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette has accepted the speed limit recommendations from the Township Engineer and set speed limits for some Township roads but not on all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, to establish speed limits for the following additional roads owned and maintained by the Township:

Proposed Speed Limits

Street	Direction	Speed	Location
Old Statesville Quarry Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Meadow Ridge Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
William Way	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Lantz Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Country Squire Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Gorney Road	Both	35 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Ice Plant Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Decker Road	Both	35 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Race Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Voight Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Val Court Drive	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Cedar Ridge Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Patricia Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Sophie Court	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Pelletown Road	Both	35 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Alpine Court	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Fox Hill Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Pond School Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Lewisburg Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Day Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Monroe Road	Both	35 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Morris Farm Road	Both	35 mph	Entire Length
Thomas Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Mullen Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Millpond Drive	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Hampton Heights Road	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line
Village Drive	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
McCoud Lane	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Violet Trail	Both	25 mph	Entire Length
Fiddlers Way	Both	25 mph	Entire Length to Twp. Line

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

Olde Lafayette Village – Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to direct the Zoning Officer to send a detailed schedule of items to be repaired at Olde Lafayette Village to the owner and state a response is needed within 30 days from receipt of the letter and 45 days from receipt the work must be completed or a summons will be issued. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Christmas Decorations - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of October 18, 2016:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ALONG ROUTE 15 AND APPROPRIATING \$6,000.00 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 Christmas decorations along Route 15 is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$6,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$6,000.00 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, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Abandoned/Vacant/Foreclosure Registration - Bruning asked Attorney Kurnos about enforcing the registration of the buildings. Kurnos suggested a summons with small claims court or file a lis pens.

Accessory Structure Ordinance - This issue will be carried to the meeting of November 1, 2016.

New Business

Estate of Picillo, Route 94 - Bruning suggested a letter being sent to the owner of the property to attend a meeting with he and Hughes to discuss the property's potential.

Route 15 Traffic Concerns - A letter will be sent to the NJ Department of Transportation asking to make the intersections of Beaver Run Road/Route 15 and Route 15/Meadows Road/Morris Farm Road safer. Paved crosswalks will be suggested to be added at the intersection of Route 15/Meadows Road/Morris Farm.

Sidewalks along Route 15 - Hughes suggested this issue be discussed by the EDC with their suggestions being reviewed by the Township Committee. Bruning will, also, discuss this with the Township Engineer.

Audience

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, 13 Brandywine Court, suggested the Township Committee research a grant for stand-type lights in the center of town.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk