

December 6, 2016

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Bruning

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos

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 November 1, 2016. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For November 2016

Tax Map Fee	\$450.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,568,001.80
Prepaid Taxes 2017	\$4,284.25
Interest	\$3,355.05
Total	\$1,576,091.10

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, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Treasurer's Report Cash Report for October 2016

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2016	\$2,726,985.74
Cash Receipts for October 2016	\$859,166.25
Total	\$3,586,151.99
Cash Disbursements for October 2016	\$586,780.72
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2016	\$2,999,371.27
Account Balances as of October 31, 2016	
Current – Checking	\$1,344,945.86
Capital – Checking	\$1,190,257.95
Escrow – Checking	\$60,447.72
COAH - Developers Fees	\$13,055.51
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,837.33
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$153,675.52
Snow Trust	\$1,214.32
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$190,455.17
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,459.06
Special Donations	\$7,545.91
Dog Trust Account	\$2,476.92
Total Account Balance	\$2,999,371.27

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

Transfers Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2016 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-58 permits transfers to be made in the last two (2) months of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

	<u>Amount</u>
From: Group Insurance for Employees	\$11,880.00

To: General Administration	\$200.00
Computer Services & Office Equipment	\$1,250.00
Streets & Roads s/w	\$8,000.00
Zoning Officer s/w	\$420.00
Animal Control Officer-other expenses	\$500.00
Recreation s/w	\$110.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$1,400.00
Total Transfers	\$11,880.00

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

Committee Reports

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

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting held on November 17, 2016.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reported a gingerbread house making was sponsored on December 3, 2016; and approximately 100 children were in attendance.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to accept the resignation of Jason Juskiewicz from the Recreation Commission and appoint Deborah Johnson to his unexpired term expiring December 31, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 15 calls in November. He said they are now a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Economic Development (EDC) - Hughes reviewed the meeting of November 8, 2016. He reported signage designs will be pursued. A history night will be planned for March, 2017 with the Preservation Foundation.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the fire department responded to ten (10) calls and held one (1) drill in November.

Correspondence

1. From Sergio Moyano re: Removal of restriction on newly acquired lot
Mrs. Pamela Moyano said she and her husband are asking for the removal of a restriction of no building on a lot they recently purchased which they will join to their existing property. She said they purchase the property with the intent to build a future garage or shed. They were advised by their attorney to have the restriction removed or it would impact their existing lot. Attorney Kurnos will follow up with the Moyano's as to what information is needed for the Committee.
2. From NJ Conference of Mayors re: Asking for resolution supporting Fair Housing Act
3. From NJDOT, To Sharon Andrews re: Routes 15/94 signal revisions
4. From Saint Clare's Health re: Proposing urgent care center
5. From Andover Township re: Requesting support for Lackawanna Cut-Off Restoration Project
6. Andover Township re: Housing Element & Fair Share Plan adoption
7. From Annmarie Shafer, Center for Prevention re: Underage Drinking Ordinance/Thank you
8. Frankford Township Housing Element & Fair Share Housing public hearing (12/14/16)
9. Hampton Township public hearing
10. Sparta Township Ordinances amending Chapter 18 "Comprehensive Land Use Code"

Vouchers

Allied Oil, LLC	1,860.81
Atlantic Communications	503.54
Bassani Power Equipment, LLC	914.17
Bergey Tire Service	1,842.73
Dr. Sherri Talbot-Valerio	480.00
Dr. Bruce A. Eisenstein, PhD, PE	3,418.50
Jean Perlee	736.00
Joe's Heating & Cooling Service	370.85
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	130.00
Lafayette Amateur Athletics, Inc.	298.23

Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	428.52
Lafayette EMS	3,733.40
Lafayette Senior Citizens	1,276.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	238.53
Roy E. Kurnos	4,800.00
Sherwin-Williams	250.58
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	756.22
U.S. Postal Service	700.00
United States Postal Service	292.50
Verizon Wireless	239.42
Acuity Specialty Products Groups, Inc.	392.12

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, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Old Business

Amend Chapter XIII-Accessory Buildings Setbacks Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER, TO ESTABLISH SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapter XIII-Accessory Buildings Setbacks. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Amend Chapters XII & XIII-Affordable Accessory Apartments Ordinance - Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE TO ESTABLISH "AFFORDABLE ACCESSORY APARTMENTS" AS PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES IN THE R-5.0, R-4.0 AND R-2.5 ZONES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION AND THE 2016 HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Ordinance to Amend Chapters XII & XIII-Affordable Accessory Apartments. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

SCMUA Agreement - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with SCMUA for the use of the silo for signage. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

New Business

CFO Shared Services Agreement - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes to approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a shared services agreement with Sussex Borough for CFO services. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Township of Lafayette, New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* (HMP) has been developed by the Mitigation Steering and Planning Committees; and

WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Sussex County website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments and to present the HMP and request comments, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette:

1. The *Sussex County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on **May 31, 2016** by the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management, is hereby adopted as an official plan of Lafayette Township; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The Emergency Management, Road and Emergency Services Departments identified in the HMP are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the HMP shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township Committee; and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Sussex County Deputy OEM Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

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

Fire Department Appointment - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to appointment Cody Farischon as a Junior Member to the Lafayette Township Fire Department. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

The Land Conservancy 2017 Agreement - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2017 agreement with The Land Conservancy. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Henderson-yes.

2017 Reorganization/Regular Meeting Date - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to set the date of the 2017 Reorganization/Regular Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00pm with the regular meeting to immediately follow.

Audience

Mr. John Stowe, EMS Captain, said the Lafayette EMS is now tax exempt; and the officers remain unchanged for 2017.

Greg, Sussex County Federation of Sportsmen Club, has been sponsoring fishing contests at the Sussex County Fairgrounds; however, it has gotten very costly. He is asking to use the Lafayette pond for next year's children's fishing contest.

Greg said the Recreation Commission did not want to do their contest with him and was told to speak to the Township Committee. He would like to hold the fishing contest on June 10, 2017, with a rain date of June 11th. It will be on the "free fishing" day.

Committeeman Hughes asked Greg to submit information on the organization.

Greg said they do not charge a fee for the contest but ask for a food donation for NORWESCAP. He suggested local groups sell food as a fundraiser.

Liane Jenkins, 13 Cliffview Drive, said she is the Tiger Chase director; and the race is scheduled for May 20, 2017 at 8:30am. Mrs. Jenkins said they will make all arrangements and notify residents of road closures from 8:15-11:00am. The Committee wished her luck.

Executive Session - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

A matter relating to pending litigation and property acquisition shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session: Pending litigation and Property acquisition

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to return to the regular meeting.

Mayor Henderson stated pending litigation and property acquisition were discussed during Executive Session.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk