

April 4, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Corcoran opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Minutes - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of March 21, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

2017 Municipal Budget

Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor Alicia Rodriguez, Auditor

Ms. Wohlleb said the budget represents an increase of approximately \$33 per household. Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the budget. With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, that the budget herein before set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of: \$907,357.35 for municipal purposes and \$32,881.00 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

High Point Regional High School Budget Presentation

Scott Ripley, Superintendent Kyle Vealey, BOE President
Seamus Campbell, Curriculum Dir. Todd Miller, Twp. Representative to BOE

Mr. Ripley reviewed the budget and some of the cuts that were made, which included an approximate staff reduction of 18. He said the current student population is 932 and will drop to approximately 890 next year.

Mr. Campbell said SAT scores have gone up; and he reviewed the curriculum.

Committeeman Henderson asked why the Township representative cannot meet with the Township Committee to give updates. Mr. Vealey said the Board is bound by NJ School Boards; and the representative alone cannot represent the Board. He suggested two (2) Committeemen attend a Board meeting and ask questions. Mr. Vealey said only the Board President can represent the Board.

Committeeman Hughes stated this is not consistent with the district school as they send a representative to Township meetings to give updates of the goings on at the school.

Mr. Ripley suggested the Township Committee email questions for the Board to answer. He said communication is open with the school as they have a website, will live stream events and are on Facebook.

Reports

Tax Collector - For March 2017

Tax Searches	\$20.00
Tax Map Fee	\$250.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$6,579.64
Current Year Taxes	\$47,212.95

Interest \$996.01

Total \$55,058.60

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept the Tax Collector's report as submitted.

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

Committee Reports

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

Road Foreman Macko explained the Owner of Bonnie Brett farm is asking to have the guiderail extended along his property because his fence is being damaged when accidents occur. The Township Committee does not feel the guiderail needs to be extended.

Recreation Commission - Bruning reported the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10am.

A painting class is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 11am-1pm at the Fire House.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls and held one (1) drill in March.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of March 23, 2017.

Correspondence

From Quddus Qayyum, NJDEP Environ. Engr. re: Abbey Glen Pet Crematories

Old Business

Fire Hose Spending Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FIRE HOSE AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$4,000.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

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

Holiday Lighting - The Clerk reported the JCP&L representative, Jackie Espinoza, is looking into the issue of the cost of the holiday lighting.

New Garbage Truck - Road Foreman Macko reported he received a cost estimate of \$185,261 from NJPA and is waiting for a quote from the Texas cooperative. He said Woodbridge Township will not be selling their used trucks.

Weight Limits - In response to the Township Engineer's report, the Clerk was asked to send letters to Hardyston and Wantage Townships to implement weight limits of four (4) tons on roads that continue into Lafayette.

Silo "Welcome" Painting - Bruning distributed a sketch of the proposed rendering done by Art Frisbie. The Road Department would paint a base coat on the silo. Bruning said the total cost would be approximately \$10,000.

Bruning will distribute a copy of the rendering to the EDC and Preservation Foundation for their comments. He will, also, send a letter to businesses in the Township asking for financial support of this project.

New Business

Garage Platform Spending Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of April 18, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PLATFORM FOR THE

TOWNSHIP GARAGE AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$4,500.00 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 construction of a platform for the Township Garage and related Appurtenances is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$4,500.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$4,500.00 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: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Raffle Licenses

HSA Immaculate Conception Church - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for HAS Immaculate Conception Church for September 16, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Unity of Sussex County - Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve a raffle license for Unity of Sussex County for June 25, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk