

October 3, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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, Attorney Kurnos, 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 Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of September 19, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

SCMUA Presentation/Update - Tom Varro, PE

Mr. Tom Varro reviewed the expansion plans for the MUA; and said the life of the landfill will be extended to 2068. He indicated new monitoring wells will be drilled; and they will try to take care of the odor issue.

Mrs. Karelann Kerkaler-Artale said the odor at her house is strong. She cannot take her children outside because the smell is really bad. Mr. Varro said he would keep in contact with Mrs. Artale.

Reports

Tax Collector - For September 2017

Tax Map Fee	\$250.00
Cost of Sale	\$1,571.45
Prior Year Taxes	\$122,970.37
Current Year Taxes	\$54,632.89
Interest	\$24,181.12
Total	\$203,605.83

Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, 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 stated the approximate cost of the tree removal would be \$1,400 per day.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to nine (9) calls in September; and the County Fireman's Parade will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Newton.

Land Use Board - Hughes reviewed the meeting of September 28, 2017.

Preservation Foundation - Hughes reported the Ghost Walk will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 22 calls, with five (5) of them being to Sunrise House and group homes.

Correspondence

- a. From Richard Osborn, NJDEP re: Open Space & Recreation Plan/Morgan Property
- b. From Sen. Loretta Weinberg re: OPMA/OPRA Resolution
- c. NJLM - Proposed Membership Dues/No increase for 2018
- d. From Eric Gernath, SUEZ re: open-resource magazine/Resource Revolution

Vouchers

Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	1,241.00
ND Engineering, LLC	1,080.00
Verizon Wireless	254.55

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

Old Business

Fire Prevention Official - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to hire David Korver as the Township's Fire Official effective November 1, 2017 for the existing salary.

In discussion, Fire Chief Macko asked about interviewing other people for the position.

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

Gardener - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to hire Preston Rowan as a gardener who will design, plant and weed municipal areas. He will be paid \$300.00 for the balance of 2017 and \$850.00 for 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

New Business

Sussex Tech PTA Raffle License - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to approve a raffle license for Sussex Tech PTA for November 17, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Best Practices Inventory - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Bruning, stating the Township Committee acknowledges receiving and reviewing the Township's Best Practices Inventory. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

School Consolidation - Bruning noted a memo was received from Lafayette Township School indicating a meeting being held on December 6, 2017 at Sparta High School regarding school consolidation. Committeeman indicated they would attend the meeting, which time is to be determined.

Audience

Mrs. Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L Representative, reported the following: (1) lights have been repaired; (2) the Sussex County League of Municipalities meeting will be held on October 19, 2017 and the speaker will be a representative of Homeland Security; (3) the Emerald Ash Borer is killing ash trees and is a real problem; and (4) she asked if the Township Committee would budget for donating to the Sussex County EDC Partnership in 2018.

Mrs. Karelann Herkaler-Artale, 54 Route 15, said the silo and area are beautiful.

Mrs. Artale explained how bad the traffic is near her house on Route 15 with many people speeding and passing school buses. She has video of illegal passers and has spoken to the New Jersey State Police and NJDOT personnel. Mrs. Artale feels permanent rumble strips be installed to slow down the traffic. She submitted a letter to the Committee further explaining her thoughts and incidences and asked that a letter from the Township be sent to the NJDOT.

Committeeman Bruning stated Route 15 is a State highway; and the Township can only ask that safety improvement be made, not what improvements should be made. A letter will be sent to the NJDOT asking for improvements being made for safety in the residential area.

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