

November 8, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, November 8, 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 Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 17, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For October 2017

O/S Liens	\$1,493.63
Lieu of Tax	\$447.77
Tax Map Fee	\$200.00
Cost of Sale	\$841.20
Prior Year Taxes	\$46,907.96
Current Year Taxes	\$554,476.46
Prepaid Taxes 2018	\$2,126.75
Interest	\$10,046.86
Total	\$616,550.63

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, 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. The owner of 50 Mudcut Road will be sent a letter to remove the leaves placed in the roadway.

A safety grant will be pursued to install guide rail along the northern area of Meadows Road as a number of accidents have occurred in this area. Road Foreman Macko will discuss this with the Township Engineer.

The drainage pipe leading from Voight Lane onto 22 Voight Lane is clogged with weeping willow roots. A letter will be sent to the property owners of #22 and #20 asking for permission to remove the two (2) trees and clear the pipe.

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

Grant Opportunities - Hughes reported he spoke to other towns regarding obtaining grants and most use Millennium Strategies. The of the service is a percentage of the amount of the grant being sought. Hughes will ask for a proposal.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 23, 2017 and stated the annual rabies clinic will be held at the Fire House on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8:00am-11:00am. The Board of Health will apply to the State to obtain radon test kits for residents.

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the EMS meeting.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 26, 2017.

Correspondence

- a. From Katie Moriarty re: Guiderail along Meadows Road
A letter will be sent to Ms. Moriarty indicating a safety grant will be applied for with the State DOT.
- b. From Kelly LaBar re: Seeking support for C.L.E.A.R. by Resolution
- c. From Senator Sweeney re: Senate Bills 1045 and 1046
- d. From Joseph Zoltowski, Dept. of Agriculture re: No Gypsy Moth Infestations
- e. From Sen. Oroho & Assblym. Space re: Letter to NJDOT for Safety Study of Rt. 15
- f. Mt. Olive Township Resolution Opposing OPMA and OPRA Amendments
- g. Green Township Resolution supporting C.L.E.A.R.

Vouchers

Bergey's, Inc.	891.84
Lafayette EMS	4,525.96
Lafayette Senior Citizens	1,000.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	3.60
Sussex County Treasurer	2,866.82
Sussex County Treasurer	443,165.76
Sussex County Treasurer	27,536.59
Sussex County Treasurer	1,939.44
Verizon Wireless	239.86

Motion by Henderson, 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

Welcome Signs Spending Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran open the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF "WELCOME TO LAFAYETTE" SIGNS AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$3,350.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Kevin O'Leary asked how many signs are needed and who will be designing them. Committeeman Bruning stated five (5) signs will be installed; and Art Frisbie will be designing them.

With there being no further comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing. Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the Welcome Signs Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Gazebo Roof Replacement 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 REPLACEMENT OF THE GAZEBO ROOF AT LAFAYETTE PARK AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$2,500.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial - Bruning reported the walkway work and material are being completed and donated by Lafayette Village Associates.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to award the project of replacing the gazebo roof at Lafayette Park with cedar shakes to McCarrick Contracting for the cost of \$2,150.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Township Road Repairs - A spreadsheet of the type of work and costs needed for roads will be completed by the Road Foreman and Township Engineer.

New Business

Township Engineer's Report - Village Drive - The Township Committee authorized the Township Engineer to perform the final maintenance bond inspection for all improvements for Village Drive.

EDC - Bruning recommends the Township being members of the Sussex County Economic Development Partnership as they have been very helpful. The Township will become members and contribute \$500.00 in 2018.

C.L.E.A.R. Program Resolution - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution supporting the C.L.E.A.R. Program:

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUSSEX COUNTY C.L.E.A.R. PROGRAM-
"COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT ADDICTION RECOVERY"**

WHEREAS, it is well-established that drug use and addiction is a major problem that impacts all of us on multiple levels; individuals, families and communities bear the many ill-effects that it has on our safety, health and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the alarming reality of the heroin/opioid epidemic, in particular, has created an urgent need to work together to reverse these trends; and

WHEREAS, one (1) in three (3) people are affected by substance use disorders, no matter their occupation, income level, race or community status; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 there were 36 overdose deaths in Sussex County due to heroin, prescription medications and other substances, as well as, 52 overdoses where Narcan was used to revive a person; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that for any anti-drug program to be effective, strong enforcement must be supported by an effort to reduce the demand for illegal substances; and this is best accomplished through continued prevention education along with improved access to treatment and recovery support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette does hereby resolve our community's support of the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. – Community Law Enforcement Addiction Recovery program whose mission it is to form a collaborative network of professionals in our community who will facilitate medical intervention, improved access to treatment and recovery support for those struggling with drug addiction who seek assistance, without fear of arrest or prosecution, in order to make a positive difference in the quality of life for individuals, families and our entire community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lafayette Township urges other Sussex County municipalities to similarly adopt resolutions in support of the Sussex County C.L.E.A.R. program and for individuals to visit www.clearprogram.org to learn more and join in support of this important community program.

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

Audience

Mrs. Linda Forrer, 47 Hampton Heights Road, feels that the permit for her deck is very excessive at \$1,500.00. She said she spoke with Stephanie and was told Rick Hughes would pursue the issue. She has yet to receive a call to resolve this issue. Mrs. Forrer questioned why the fee is high when the same paperwork and inspections would be done on a large or small deck.

Committeeman Hughes apologized and explained the State DCA permit fees are calculated based on the cost of the project. Committeeman Bruning suggested discussing the cost with the State DCA when they are in the office.

Mr. Josh Aikens, Township School Board of Education Representative, stated there will be a meeting on December 6, 2017 at Sparta High School to discuss the consolidation of school districts.

Mr. Aikens reported that he was re-elected to the Lafayette Board of Education; and the write-in winners were Mary Flaherty and Michael Gall.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk