

December 5, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Bruning

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 November 8, 2017 and November 21, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Reports

Tax Collector - For November 2017

Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,531,185.22
Prepaid Taxes 2018	\$11,753.76
Interest	\$3,435.56
Total	\$1,546,474.54

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, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Committee Reports

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

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to seven (7) calls in November.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported the OSAC is continuing land acquisition discussions; and the County Open Space approved and forwarded to the County Freeholders a resolution applying money for this property.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported updates are being completed.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 21 calls in November, of which four (4) were to group homes.

Correspondence

a. From Erin Siipola, BOE Secretary re: School Consolidation Meeting December 6, 2017

b. From Kevin O'Leary, Open Space Secretary re: OLV bridge to trail concept

Vouchers

Jean Perlee	956.00
ND Engineering, LLC	1,961.25
Verizon Wireless	254.86

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

Old Business

Improvements to Various Roads Spending Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$7,000.00 FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

New Business

2018 Reorganization/Regular Meeting - The 2018 Reorganization/Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00pm. and the regular meeting will immediately follow.

Animal Control/Pound Shared Services Agreement - Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to approve the 2018 shared services agreement with Wantage Township for Animal Control Officer and dog pound services. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

The Land Conservancy Agreement - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve The Land Conservancy agreement for 2018 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Fire Prevention Official/Fire Call Response - Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to approve David Korver, Fire Prevention Official, to respond to fire calls while working in the Township. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Audience

Mr. John Stowe, EMS Captain, reported the EMS officers for 2018 will remain as in 2017. Mr. Stowe invited the Township Committee to the EMS Christmas party on December 18, 2017.

Mrs. Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L Representative, reported the BPU approved the transmission line project.

Mrs. Liane Jenkins, PTO 5K Race Coordinator, said the PTO is planning next year's Tiger Chase 5K Race/Kids Fun Run for May 19, 2018. The Township Committee agreed to support the temporary closing of Township roads for the Race/Run.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Secretary, reported the Open Space's 2018 budget will be the same as 2017.

Mr. O'Leary said that a previous meeting the Township Committee decided there would be no hunting allowed on any Township owned property. Therefore, signs need to be posted.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by D'Angeli, to post no hunting signs on the following Township properties: "Lawler" farm, farmed area on opposite side of Warbasse Junction Road, the Rookery, "Castimore/Moose" area and, soon to be purchased, "Morgan" farm. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Mr. O'Leary said the Morgan property is under contract; and Open Space is waiting for the Freeholder's approval for the expenditure. There is a subdivision issue as ten (10) acres will remain with the current owner. The Township Attorney said a subdivision can be done by resolution after the purchase is complete. Mr. O'Leary said all structures are excluded in the purchase.

Road Foreman Macko asked about the road being widened in the area of this property to allow the passage of two (2) vehicles. Mr. O'Leary will pursue the issue.

Mr. O'Leary explained the ridgeline ordinance, which was adopted in 2015, and the established fees.

Road Foreman Macko suggested a surveyor being hired to help post the signs along the proper property lines of the Township owned properties.

New Business - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 19, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2018

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2018 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed are hereby established and fixed at the following sums 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	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	43,018.78			Bi-weekly
Treasurer/CFO	33,506.35			“
Finance-Interlocal-Andover Twp.	54,819.04			“
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			“
Tax Assessor	16,232.16			“
Tax Assessor-Interlocal-Hamburg	16,565.55			“
Police	1,000.00			“
Administrator-Animal Control/ Dog License		1.00 per license		Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board				
Construction Official, Board of Health	31,157.44			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	2,928.36			“
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			“
Registrar	1,000.00			“
Zoning Officer		30.00 per hour		“
Road Foreman		17.00	37.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	28.00 PH	“
Road Employee #1		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #2		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #3		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Temporary Road Employee		15.00	24.00 PH	“
Fire Prevention Official	3,193.25			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector		25.00 per inspection		Quarterly
Recreation Program Director	1,050.63			Bi-Weekly
Life Guard		7.00	16.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Summer Camp Director		13.00	18.00 PH	“
Assistant Camp Director		7.00	16.00 PH	“

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. 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: Henderson=yes, Hughes=yes, D'Angeli=yes, Corcoran=yes.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk