

January 16, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos

Mayor Hughes 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 Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 2, 2018 (Reorganization and Regular Meetings). Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Committee Reports

Tax Collector - For December 2017

Tax Map Fee	\$150.00
Current Year Taxes	\$71,515.12
Prepaid Taxes 2018	\$343,320.83
Interest	\$2,810.81
Total	\$417,796.76

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

Nadler Redemption Resolution – Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO PHILIP NADLER IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2015-004 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 3, LOT 1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,806.32

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2015, tax sale certificate #2015-004 was sold for delinquent 2014 taxes on Block 3, Lot 1, owners of record Yorkshire Country Club, Inc, to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$3,665.05; and

WHEREAS, the lienholder, Philip Nadler, paid subsequent taxes from the 1st quarter of 2015 to the 4th quarter of 2017 in the amount of \$19,803.75; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2017, Sunrise Properties of Lafayette, LLC paid the lien and subsequent tax principal of \$23,468.80, search and recording fees in the amount of \$52.00, penalties in the amount \$73.30, and interest in the amount of \$6,212.22 through January 17, 2018, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2015-004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$29,806.32.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and Township Auditor for their records.

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

Treasurer's Report Cash Report for December 2017

Cash Balances as of November 30, 2017	\$4,307,002.80
Cash Receipts for December 2017	\$583,645.64
Total	\$4,890,648.44
Cash Disbursements for December 2017	\$857,517.83
Cash Balances as of December 31, 2017	\$4,033,130.61
Account Balances as of December 31, 2017	
Current – Checking	\$1,883,897.25

Capital – Checking	\$1,293,176.50
Escrow – Checking	\$54,978.21
COAH - Developers Fees	\$10,303.90
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,854.69
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$205,690.54
Snow Trust	\$2,737.92
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$539,955.46
Special Rec. – Checking	\$4,863.95
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Dog Trust Account	\$125.21
Total Account Balance	\$4,033,130.61

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

Transfers Resolution – Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-59 permits that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three (3) months of the succeeding 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:

From	Amount	To
Group Insurance for Employees	\$500.00	Engineering Services o/e
Group Insurance for Employees	\$ 60.00	Telephone Service
Group Insurance for Employees	\$400.00	Gasoline & Diesel
Total Transfers	\$960.00	

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

Committee Reports

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 10:00am. at Lafayette Pond.

Economic Development (EDC) - Bruning reported the EDC recommends pursuing the purchase of the Sonnenburg property on Route 15 for future parking. He suggested negotiating a contract subject to the Township Engineer’s review; and the Township Committee agreed.

Streets and Roads - D’Angeli reviewed the Road Foreman’s report. Due to the approximate cost of \$6,000 for the Certified Public Works Manager classes, the Township Committee has decided not to pursue a CPWM for Assistant Road Foreman James Ando.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the plan is being updated.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the plan is being updated to include services and high band radios.

Correspondence

- a. From Bruce Padula, Esq. re: NJ Mentor Group Home
- b. From Heide Hassing re: Parking on Millpond Drive for anniversary celebration in February
 The Township Committee approved Mrs. Hassing’s request to use Millpond Drive for overflow parking for their anniversary celebration
- c. From Mark Hiestand re: Speed Limit along Route 15 - 35mph to stay in effect
- d. Branchville Borough Resolution Supporting Disclosure of Information by Regional Schools to Municipalities of Student Addresses

- e. Sparta Township Master Plan Public Hearing
 - f. From Elise McGaughran re: Smoking on Public Property Ordinance
- This issue will be carried to the next meeting on February 6, 2018.

Vouchers

AG Pizza	96.75
Airgas USA, LLC	320.95
American Wear	309.50
Amerigas-Chester	231.05
Aurora Electrical Supply	40.42
Campbell Supply Co. of Sussex County	530.42
CenturyLink	600.31
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Chemung Supply	3,627.80
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	44.65
Cooper’s Office Furniture	790.00
Deluxe International Trucks, Inc.	186,517.00
Denville Line Painting, Inc.	7,630.68
Fastenal Company	78.41
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	631.12
Fred Beans Parts, Inc.	384.71
High Point Regional High School	135,260.00
JCP&L	1,326.71
Jonathan Wottle	125.00
JPMonzo Municipal Consulting, LLC	50.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	884.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	474.97
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	313,333.50
Morton Salt, Inc.	20,917.54
Municipal Software, Inc.	2,570.00
ND Engineering, LLC	1,671.75
NJ State League of Municipalities	378.00
Peerless Concrete Products Co.	234.00
Philip Nadler	29,806.32
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	71.25
Public Works Assoc. of NJ	90.00
R&L Data Centers, Inc.	495.34
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	88.14
SCMCA	75.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ	19.95
Staples Business Advantage	443.22
SYNCB/Amazon	68.00
TC/Treas. Assoc. of NJ	100.00
TC/Treas. Assoc. of Sussex/Warren	30.00
The New Jersey Herald	111.60
Township of Randolph	1,100.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	100.00
Verizon Wireless	239.86
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	674.33
William Macko	60.00

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

Old Business

Christmas Lights Spending Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D’Angeli, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of February 6, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ALONG ROUTE 15 AND APPROPRIATING \$7,000.00 FROM 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 purchase of Christmas decorations along Route 15 is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$7,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$7,000.00 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, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

New Business

Board/Commission Appointments

Land Use Board - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to appoint Vanessa Aikens as Regular Member (from Alt. #1) to the Land Use Board and move Bill Allison to Alt. #1 (from Alt. #2). Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-abstain, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to appoint Warren Potter as Alternate #2 to the Land Use Board. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Board of Health - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to appoint Suzanne Potter as a member of the Board of Health. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Recreation Commission - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to appoint Arin Gunn-Russell as a member to the Recreation Commission. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Carl Luthman Recognition - It is the consensus of the Township Committee to recognize Mr. Luthman for his many years of service to the Township as Committeeman and Land Use Board member. The Clerk was asked to pursue this matter.

Audience

Ms. Beth Styler-Barry, The Nature Conservancy of NJ, presented an update on the future Paulins Kill Restoration project. She said bidding is being done for three (3) restoration plans. They expect to award the bid in March. Ms. Styler-Barry indicated she is the person all questions from the public should be directed.

Mr. Josh Aikens, Board of Education Representative, reported the Board is working on a plan of action for teacher negotiations.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk