

February 6, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, February 6, 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, Road Foreman Macko

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 16, 2018 and January 25, 2018 (Budget Meeting). Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Committee Reports

Tax Collector - For January 2018

O/S Liens	\$29,806.32
Tax Map Fee	\$600.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$7,869.23
Current Year Taxes	\$1,109,734.53
Interest	\$324.17
Total	\$1,148,334.25

Motion by Bruning, 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.

Committee Reports

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

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of January 18, 2018.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of January 22, 2018.

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the meeting information.

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve Jonathan Syre as a Junior Member on the Fire Department. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Mrs. Sara Elzinga, Fire Department Member, discussed the Fire Department's budget request and reviewed their income and expenses. The Township Committee will include \$39,500 in the Fire Department's line item.

Municipal Court - Henderson reported he is having discussions with other municipalities for the possibility of a shared service for court matters.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson thanked Mr. Kevin O'Leary for the information provided for the public that was placed on the Township's website and Facebook.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the radio license is being reviewed.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported he will discuss the Township's trust fund with the CFO. He noted the budget amount for the affordable housing custodian will remain at \$7,000.

Correspondence

- a. From NJDEP re: SCMUA Dam Safety Standards; deemed Satisfactory
- b. Public Notice for Pace Glass Hearing (Andover Township)

Vouchers

AG Pizza	86.95
Ben-Jess, LLC	192.56
Gail D. Magura, Cashier	100.00
Spatial Data Logic, Inc.	4,500.00
Sussex County Treasurer	451,663.13
Sussex County Treasurer	27,852.27
Sussex County Treasurer	1,978.79
Sussex County Treasurer	2,924.16
Sussex County Treasurer	2,439.45
Sussex County Treasurer	151.19
Sussex County Treasurer	13.35
U.S. Postal Service	100.00
United States Postal Services	308.50
Verizon Wireless	245.07
Witmer Public Safety Group	20,750.00

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D’Angeli, 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 Decorations Spending Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

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

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by D’Angeli, to adopt the Christmas Decorations Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Public Property Smoking Ordinance - No action was taken by the Township Committee.

2018 Budget - The vehicle maintenance line item in the budget will be \$35,000.

The budgeted amount in the line items for EMS and LAA will remain.

Health Insurance - Bruning reported that in 2010 the Township offered an opt out option from the health plan for employees; and they would receive up to a ten (10%) percent of the cost of the premium. He is suggesting the percentage be 25%; and will pursue this issue further regarding the employee going back on the insurance at a later time.

CFO Shared Service - The Township Committee would like to review a draft agreement which must include everyday duties as well as specific CFO duties.

New Business

Raffle License - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for March 23, 2018 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Insurance Fund Commissioner Resolution - Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette (Local Unit) that AnnaRose Fedish (entity's elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the Fund Year 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gail Magura (second elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the Fund Year 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

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

Audience

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, reported the wiring and infrastructure will be expensive. He feels the cost to the Township could come from Emergency Management. Mr. O'Leary said Cellco cannot pay for the Township's portion because of case law.

Executive Session - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Township Committee discuss the matter(s) hereinafter mentioned without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 10:4-12b, being Section b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

A matter relating to property acquisition shall be discussed by the Township Committee without the presence of the public. It is anticipated that this matter can be disclosed to the public upon resolution of the matter.

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

Exec. Session - Property Acquisition

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to return to the regular meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Mayor Hughes stated property acquisition was discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk