

May 1, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 1, 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, 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 D'Angeli, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes April 17, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 21, 2017 & release to the public, February 6, 2018 and March 20, 2018 (both of which cannot be released at this time). Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Hughes-yes.

Tax Collector - For April 2018

Tax Searches	\$10.00
O/S Liens	\$13,278.47
Lieu of Tax	\$447.77
Tax Map Fee	\$200.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$8,052.40
Current Year Taxes	\$598,303.25
Interest	\$1,483.06
Total	\$621,774.95

Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, 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.

Road Foreman Macko reported Sparta Township's sweeper is in need of repair, as is Hardyston Township's. He received a quote of renting a sweeper for \$2,800.00 per week; and it is needed for two-and-a-half (2-1/2) to three (3) weeks. The Township Committee asked him to seek borrowing a sweeper for another town.

Discussion ensued regarding the repair and drainage work for Township roads. The Road Foreman was asked to discuss the financial aspect with the CFO.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 23, 2018.

EMS - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 30, 2018.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 26, 2018.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reported the recent fishing contest only had 15 participants. A Mother's/Father's Day craft night for kids will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to six (6) calls in April.

Chief Bill Macko reported the estimate to repair the steering box on a truck is approximately \$1,000.00.

Open Space (OSAC) - Henderson reported he made a presentation to the Land Use Board for the “Morgan” subdivision. The Land Use Board submitted a letter stating this can be done as an agricultural subdivision.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported they are proceeding to review the high-band frequency.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the report is being updated.

Stormwater - Hughes reported Mr. Nevitt Duveneck filed the 2017 Stormwater Report.

Correspondence

- a. From Joseph Birchenough, NJDOT re: Monroe Road Executed Agreement
- b. From Brian Everswick re: Requesting Soil Dumping Ordinance
- c. From Laine Rankin, NJDOT re: Old Beaver Run Road Funding Denied
- d. Hamburg Borough Resolution Requesting State Highway Route 23 Improvements
- e. From Statewide Insurance Fund Opposing Senate Bill 1597

Vouchers

Andover Township	11,473.79
JCP&L	190.74
Kim Alosio	50.00
Sussex County Treasurer	2,924.16
Sussex County Treasurer	451,663.13
Sussex County Treasurer	27,852.27
Sussex County Treasurer	1,978.79
Township of Wantage	2,196.50
United States Postal Service	613.65
Verizon Wireless	243.64

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

ECHO (Adult Aging) Housing - This issue will be referred to the Land Use Board.

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, reported the planner will research ordinances and report to the Land Use Board.

No Trespassing Signs - Henderson asked about the placement of the No Trespassing signs on Township-owned property. Road Foreman Macko said he is working on getting the maps for the properties and hanging the signs.

Weight Limit Signs - Bruning asked about the weight limit signs. Road Foreman Macko said they are in place.

New Business

LOSAP Ordinance - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on May 15, 2018.

Amend Chapter XIII-Zoning, Ridgeline Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of May 15, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ZONING PROCEDURES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-13E ENTITLED “RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE VIEWSHED PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE” TO PROVIDE FOR BOARD ENGINEER REVIEW

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Township of Lafayette has determined that a revision to Section 13-13E “Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Overlay Zone” is necessary to allow for the Board Engineer to review all Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Overlay Zone issues, as he has familiarity with the Township Land Use Board and relevant ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has reviewed and determined to allow for the Board Engineer to review requirements and procedures for the Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Overlay Zone, instead of the Township Engineer.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter XIII, Section 13-13E, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, “Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Overlay Zone”, shall be and is amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 13-13E.2(a), “Applicability”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” in the last sentence by revising the current sentence as follows:

“... to the Board Engineer for review to assure compliance with this section.”

Section 2. Section 13-13E.3(a)(1), “Requests for Zoning Permits, Driveway Permits and/or Building Permits”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” in the third sentence by deleting the current sentence and replacing it as follows:

“...All determinations by the applicant concerning the location of ridgelines shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board Engineer...”

Section 3. Section 13-13E.3(a)(1), shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer and Township Planner” with “Board Engineer” in the final sentence and shall read as follows:

“...shall be subject to review and approval of the Board Engineer.”

Section 4. Section 13-13E.3(a)(2), second paragraph, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” as follows:

“...Where it is clearly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board Engineer...
...pursuant to a plan submitted to the Board Engineer; a Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Area Certificate of Compliance may be issued administratively by the Board Engineer.”

Section 5. Section 13-13E.3(a)(2), fourth paragraph, first sentence, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” as set forth below:

“The fees for an application for a Certificate of Compliance from the Board Engineer...”

Section 6. Section 13-13E.3(b)(3), “Site Plan, Subdivision and Variance Applications to the Land Use Board”, third paragraph, last sentence, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer and Township Planner” with “Board Engineer” in the last sentence of the paragraph as set forth below:

“...shall be subject to review and approval of the Board Engineer.”

Section 7. Section 13-13E.4(a)(1), “Standards of Review”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” as set forth below:

“...shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Land Use Board or Board Engineer...”

Section 8. Section 13-13E.4(b)(1), “Viewshed Protection Requirements”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer and Township Planner” with “Board Engineer” as set forth below:

“...confirmed by the Board Engineer and shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Land Use Board and Board Engineer, as the case may be...”

Section 9. Section 13-13E.4(b)(6), “Areas of Protection”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” in the last sentence, as set forth below:

“...All planting stock shall be deer-resistant, native, indigenous species, and subject to review and approval by the Land Use Board and/or Board Engineer...”

Section 10. Section 13-13E.8(e)(2), “Lighting”, shall be revised to replace “Township Engineer” with “Board Engineer” in the last sentence as set forth below:

“...lighting inspection by the Board Engineer prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and lighting fixtures shall be fitted with side shielding as may be directed by the Board Engineer.”

Section 11. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 13. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Section 14. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this ordinance as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Section 15. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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

Green Acres Trust Resolution - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the Lakeland Bank be designated as the depository for Green Acres Trust account and the Custodian shall be the Lafayette Township CMFO. The Mayor, CMFO and Municipal Clerk shall sign all checks with the Deputy Mayor to sign in an emergency.

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

Improvements to Roads \$300,000 Spending Ordinance - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of May 15, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR ENGINEERING AND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND – IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The funding for Engineering and additional costs for the Improvements to various roads and appropriating \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

Section 2. The total amount of \$300,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund – Improvements to Roads.

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.

Audience

Mr. Cody Farischon, Boy Scout-63, Beaver Run Road, explained he is working on his Eagle Scout project and proposes to install “Welcome to Lafayette” signs for the Township. Committeeman Bruning will work with Mr. Farischon on this project.

Road Foreman Macko feels the Committee should contact the school as there was not much participation for this year’s Litter Day. Mayor Hughes will pursue this issue.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk