

October 2, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Hughes, Committeemen Henderson, Corcoran, Bruning

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, CFO Grisaffi,
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.

Mayor Hughes asked for a moment of silence to honor Committeeman John D'Angeli who recently passed away.

Minutes - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of September 18, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Tax Collector - For August 2018

Tax Map Fee	\$250.00
Cost of Sale	\$94.05
Prior Year Taxes	\$3,674.47
Current Year Taxes	\$40,287.57
Interest	\$1,164.00
Total	\$45,420.09

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, Hughes-yes.

Committee Reports

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

2019 NJDOT Road Grant - The Township Engineer's report was reviewed for the Statesville Quarry Road grant application. The Township Committee agreed to up to \$120,000.00.

Road Salt - Road Foreman Macko reported the lowest price for road salt is approximately \$52 per ton with the Sussex County Cooperative contract.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 35 calls in the month of September; and 17 of the calls were to group homes.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to approve Jonathan Syre as a Junior Cadet with the Lafayette EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of September 27, 2018.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 14 calls in the month of September. New building signs for the Fire Department and EMS are being discussed.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported grants are being worked on and are due October 26, 2018.

SCMUA - Hughes reported he spoke with Mr. Tom Varro regarding the odor. Mr. Varro indicated the weather is an issue; and they will be installing new, temporary wells. The Clerk will contact Mr. Varro to appear before the Committee to give an update of the facility.

Road Employees - Hughes thanked the Road Department for their hard work with a tree being down and bulk, garbage and recycling pickups.

Correspondence

- a. From Mike Vreeland re: Statesville Quarry Road Project
- b. From Michele Pierre re: Building Permit Delay
- c. Franklin Borough Resolution Designating “Franklinite” as the Official State Mineral
- d. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution Establishing Maximum Weight Limits on Roads
- e. Wantage Township Ordinance Amending Chapters 23 and 21 – Soil Removal

Vouchers

Morris, Downing & Sherred Trust Account	276,029.31
Roy E. Kurnos, Attorney Trust	33,236.63
American Wear	242.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	1,384.75
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	29.37
EMSL Analytical, Inc.	130.00
Home Depot Credit Services	97.22
JCP&L	187.21
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	69.75
Laddey, Clerk & Ryan, LLP	782.00
MGL Printing Solutions	334.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	13.58
ND Engineering, LLC	1,458.00
North East Parts Group, LLC	90.54
Opdyke’s Sales & Service	288.27
Royal Pontiac-Buick-GMC	48.42
SK Office Supply, Inc.	20.99
Staple Business Advantage	10.79
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	14.31
Wingle Supply Company, Inc.	629.80
Dennis Noonan	211.59

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, Hughes-yes.

Old Business

Municipal Alliance Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2014-JUNE 2019
FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Sussex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

- 1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Central Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$12,438.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,109.00
In-Kind	\$ 9,328.00

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

Bonito Lien Subordination - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO SUBORDINATE LIEN HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, in March 2016 the Township advanced the sum of \$14,300.00 to Mario Bonito and Caroline Bonito (“Bonito”) to cover certain costs to rehabilitate the Bonito Property pursuant to the Township of Lafayette Municipal Housing Rehabilitation Program;

WHEREAS, a lien in the amount of \$14,300.00 to secure the advance was placed on the Bonito Property, 41 Snover Road, Lafayette, New Jersey 07848, known as Block 27, Lot 5.01 on the Lafayette Township Tax Map (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Bonito has advised the Township that they are destitute and require a reverse mortgage loan to be placed on their Property to pay for among other things, municipal taxes; and

WHEREAS, Bonito furnished Lafayette with a written appraisal prepared by MJ Appraisal Associates, LLC indicating the Property has an appraised value of \$375,000.00; and

WHEREAS, their reverse mortgage company, Family First Funding, LLC, 215 Main Street, Suite 2A, Toms River, New Jersey 08753 (the “Lender”), insists that the Township’s lien be subordinated to a first mortgage held by the Lender in the amount of \$562,500.00 and a condition precedent to funding the loan to Bonito; and

WHEREAS, the proposed mortgage of the Lender exceeds the appraised value of the Property, therefore, preventing the subordination of the Township lien under the Townships Housing Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township has been advised by its attorney and its COAH Planner that it may subordinate its lien pursuant to the Township’s Affordability Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township approved this resolution by unanimous vote at its regularly scheduled Township Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 4, 2018, and reaffirmed this resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 2, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby authorizes the Township attorney to deliver a subordination instrument to the Lender and to record the forgiveness in COAH(s) tracking and monitoring system as Affordability Assistance.

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

2019 Statesville Quarry Road NJDOT Grant Application - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATESVILLE QUARRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

(MA-2019-STATESVILLE QUARRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS-00555)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-STATESVILLE QUARRY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS-00555 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of Lafayette Township.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Lafayette and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

Vacant/Abandoned Commercial Registration - Attorney Kurnos will review this for statutory requirements and wording.

Audience

Mrs. Arin Gunn-Russell, Warbasse Junction Road, thanked the Road Department for the tree removal and opening the road for the school buses.

Mr. Josh Aikens, Board of Education Representative, asked when the vacant Committee position will be filled. Mayor Hughes said the process will begin.

Road Foreman Macko said Cody Farischon is now an Eagle Scout with the completion of the Township signs.

Mr. Macko asked about a sign being installed on the Municipal Building driveway to honor Committeeman John D'Angeli. Hughes and Bruning are in favor of this, Henderson disagrees as others are, also, deserving, and Corcoran has not decided.

Mr. John Strowe, Decker Road, suggested a wall with names be installed.

This issue will be carried to the next meeting on October 16, 2018.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk