

October 16, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, October 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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, 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.

**Minutes** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of October 2, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Cash Report for September 2018
Cash Balances as of August 30, 2018	\$4,278,865.97
Cash Receipts for September 2018	\$262,763.55
Total	\$4,541,629.52
Cash Disbursements for September 2018	\$431,548.11
Cash Balances as of September 31, 2018	\$4,110,081.41
Account Balances as of September 31, 2018	
Current – Checking	\$1,656,660.34
Capital – Checking	\$1,577,020.53
Escrow – Checking	\$67,166.53
COAH - Developers Fees	\$17,858.83
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,865.88
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$146,718.10
Snow Trust	\$12,737.92
Environmental Contingencies	\$76,183.73
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$494,298.92
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,277.59
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$14,264.72
Green Acres Trust	\$395.17
Dog Trust Account	\$4,086.17
Total Account Balance	\$4,110,081.41

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

### **Committee Reports**

**Economic Development (EDC)** - Bruning reviewed the meeting of October 9, 2018.

**Streets and Roads** - Bruning reviewed the Road Foreman's report. Tilcon will tentatively start paving on Monday, October 22, 2018. A thank you letter was sent to the County Sheriff for helping with this year's bulk pickup.

**Recreation Commission** - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of October 15, 2018.

**Grants** - Hughes reported he is working with the Township Engineer regarding a timeline for grants. He reported discussions are being held with some property owners along Route 15 that will be affected/helped by the sidewalks and lighting.

**Race Road Water Problem** - Hughes reported a resident on Race Road called him regarding their house flooding during the recent rains. He informed the resident the road has not changed; therefore, the Township is not able to help.

**SCMUA** - Hughes reported SCMUA representatives will be at the next meeting to give the Committee its annual update/review of the facility.

## Correspondence

1. Sparta Township Ordinance Amending Chapter 18 – Comprehensive Land Management Code
2. Stanhope Borough Resolution Supporting Increase in Bid Threshold
3. SC Freeholders Ordinance re: Sussex County Library System Fees
4. Montague Township Resolution Opposing Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
5. Patricia Mangam re: USDA Financing Program
6. From Rep. Josh Gottheimer re: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant
7. Hardyston Township Adopted Ordinance re: Outdoor Lighting for Residential Properties

## Vouchers

American Wear	107.00
Aurora Electrical Supply	62.26
Banisch Associates, Inc.	949.75
Café Serendipity	322.26
CenturyLink	594.60
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	39.07
Custom Docks, Inc.	217.00
Griffith-Allied Trucking	2,535.44
High Point Regional High School	290,564.00
Home Depot Credit Services	339.04
International Code Council, Inc.	17.00
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	89.75
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	1,200.41
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	626,667.00
Minisink Press, Inc.	770.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	377.21
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	3.60
NJ State League of Municipalities	25.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	228.50
Schrader & Co., Inc.	187.90
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	19.95
Staples Business Advantage	52.97
Statewide Insurance Fund	25,116.25
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	101.75
The New Jersey Herald	466.80
Tire King	482.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	225.00
Verizon Wireless	271.76
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	711.53

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

## Old Business

**Amend Chapter XIII-ECHO Housing Inspection Fee Ordinance** - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-10(b) TO INCLUDE AN INSPECTION FEE, REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONAL USES, TO PERMIT ELDER COTTAGE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY DWELLING UNITS

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Amend Chapter XIII-ECHO Housing Inspection Fee Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Amend Chapter XXIII-Property Maintenance Enforcement Ordinance (20-day Time to Cure)** - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 23-2.5(a)(b)(d)

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

In discussion, Committeeman Bruning explained the Zoning Officer would like the time to cure the violation to be within ten (10) days and not twenty (20). His reasoning is he wants the matter being attended to as soon as the resident is noticed. He will work with residents to extend the time if needed.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to not adopt the Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of November 7, 2018:

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

**Amend Chapter IV-Outdoor Public and Private Gatherings Ordinance** - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 4-1, OUTDOOR PUBLIC AND CERTAIN PRIVATE GATHERINGS

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Amend Chapter IV-Outdoor Public and Private Gatherings Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**FCC License** - Hughes will pursue this issue.

**Building Department** - Bruning reported he spoke to John Terry, NJ DCA, regarding the time the office is open. He was informed the hours have been reduced to Monday's from 1:00-3:00pm due to staffing problems with the State.

**Open Space** - Bruning suggested a referendum being placed on next year's election ballot to establish a trust for the maintenance of open space property.

Bruning suggested reducing the amount to be collected for open space from \$0.01-0.03 to \$0-0.03. Hughes stated the decision is to leave the minimum at \$0.01 to be eligible for planning incentive grants.

**Committee Vacancy** - Henderson asked about filling the Township Committee vacancy. Hughes explained three (3) names have been submitted by the Municipal County Committee; and the Township Committee can make a decision at the next meeting on November 7, 2018.

**Driveway Sign** - Hughes feels a driveway sign would be a small token to Mr. D'Angeli. Corcoran feels a memorial wall would allow for others to be recognized. Henderson suggested a committee to discuss options to honor Mr. D'Angeli.

#### **New Business**

**2019 Fund Agreement** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2019 Fund Year Statewide Insurance Fund Risk Management Consultant's Agreement. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**2019 Risk Management Consultant Resolution** - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FUND YEAR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Lafayette Township (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined 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 Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk management Consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of “Local Unit”, in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Lafayette Township hereby appoints George Morville & Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. its local Risk Management Consultant. The Mayor and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the year 2019 in the form attached hereto. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**2019 Fund Commissioner Resolution** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER  
FUND YEAR 2019

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 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Toni Grisaffi (second elected official or employee) is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the Fund Year 2019; 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, Hughes-yes.

**Raffle License** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to approve a raffle license for Lafayette Twp. PTO and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Committee Designations**

Deputy Mayor - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to nominate Richard Bruning as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Committee Liaisons - Mayor Hughes stated Henderson will be the liaison for Personnel and Bruning will be the liaison for Streets and Roads for the remainder of 2018.

**Belgium Block Curbing** - Bruning said Belgium block curbing is expensive for the Township to maintain and asked that the Land Use Board review the Ordinance to allow for swales instead as this can be effective.

**Township Road Maintenance** - Bruning said the Township is behind in road maintenance; and the allotted \$100,000 every year does not seem to be enough. The Township Committee will discuss this issue when working on next year’s budget.

**Audience**

Mr. Kevin O’Leary, OSAC Secretary, explained the Township cannot collect less than \$0.01 (one cent) Open Space tax because the Township would not be eligible to acquire additional funding. He said a stewardship is an option through the County. The Federal trails grant is still pending.

Mr. O’Leary said the OSAC will need to review and/or update the open space and recreational plan.

Road Foreman Macko reported the roof on the barn at the “Lawler” property has a large hole and needs to be repaired. Bruning will pursue this issue.

Committeeman Bruning asked why hunting is not allowed on open space property. Corcoran explained the property is for recreational use and this is a safety issue.

It is the consensus of the Committee that hunting not be permitted.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk