

November 20, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Hughes, Committeemen Henderson, Corcoran, Bruning, O’Leary

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Grisaffi

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 the regular meeting of November 7, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of the Executive Session of November 7, 2018 and not release them to the public until resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Treasurer’s Report** Cash Report for October 2018

Cash Balances as of September 30, 2018	\$4,114,657.91
Cash Receipts for October 2018	\$825,596.32
Total	\$4,940,254.23
Cash Disbursements for October 2018	\$1,010,772.79
Cash Balances as of October 31, 2018	\$3,929,481.44
Account Balances as of October 31, 2018	
Current – Checking	\$1,448,585.92
Capital – Checking	\$1,579,171.57
Escrow – Checking	\$66,042.61
COAH - Developers Fees	\$22,436.27
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,867.23
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$152,908.44
Snow Trust	\$12,737.92
Environmental Contingencies	\$76,187.17
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$509,322.03
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,371.55
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$14,775.37
Green Acres Trust	\$395.75
Dog Trust Account	\$4,132.63
Total Account Balance	\$3,929,481.44

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

**Committee Reports**

**Joint Municipal Court** - Henderson reported Sandyston Township noted changes that need to be made. A revised agreement will be submitted to the Townships for review.

**Streets and Roads** - Bruning reviewed the Road Foreman’s report. He stated that Jonathan Wottle has resigned effective November 19, 2018. The Township will advertise to fill the vacancy.

**Land Use Board** - O’Leary reported the meeting of November 15, 2018 was cancelled due to inclement weather; and the agenda and hearing notices will be carried to the next meeting on December 20, 2018.

**Emergency Management** - Hughes reported the high-band license renewal is proceeding. The County ID system is continuing; and the Emergency Operations Plan is being updated.

**Correspondence**

- a. Roundtable Discussion with Senate President Steve Sweeney – 11/28/18, 11:00am
- b. Sandyston Township Resolution Supporting Increase in Bid Threshold

**Vouchers**

American Wear	53.50
Andover Township	17,723.78
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	770.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	39.07
Dan Faber	12,636.34
Griffith-Allied Trucking	758.10
High Point Regional High School	145,282.00
Home Depot Credit Services	176.62
JCP&L	963.14
Jean Perlee	741.00
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	89.75
Jonathan Verkon	125.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	159.73
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	313,333.50
ND Engineering, LLC	3,141.00
Philip Nadler	13,153.69
Roy E. Kurnos	500.00
Staples Business Advantage	105.68
SYNCB/Amazon	169.89
Tire King	265.00
Township of Wantage	2,196.50
Universal Supply Group, Inc.	265.33
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	680.47

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, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Old Business**

**Elizabethtown Gas** - Hughes reported a meeting will soon be scheduled.

**“Lawler” Property Barn Roof** - Bruning reported he is soliciting quotes. Henderson reported maintenance of the property can be paid through the Open Space Trust.

**“No Trespassing” Signs** - O’Leary said it has been approximately (1) year since “no trespassing” signs were requested to be installed on open space property. He feels they should now be installed.

**New Business**

**Nadler Tax 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 # 2016-005 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 32, LOT 21.05 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,153.69

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2016, tax sale certificate #2016-005 was sold for delinquent 2015 taxes on Block 32, Lot 21.05, owners of record High Point Group, LLC to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$3,651.08; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Philip Nadler, paid subsequent taxes from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016 thru the 4th quarter 2017 in the amount of \$6,060.10; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, current property owner Highlands State Bank paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$9,711.18, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, redemption penalty in the amount of \$73.02, and interest in the amount of \$3,317.49 through November 21, 2018, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2016-005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$13,153.69.

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, O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Faber Tax Redemption Resolution** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO DAN FABER IN REGARDS TO THE REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE # 2016-004 SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR BLOCK 32, LOT 21.04 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,636.34

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2016, tax sale certificate #2016-004 was sold for delinquent 2015 taxes on Block 32, Lot 21.04, owners of record High Point Group, LLC to Dan Faber in the amount of \$3,512.27; and

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Dan Faber, paid subsequent taxes from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016 thru the 4th quarter 2017 in the amount of \$5,865.70; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2018, current property owner Highlands State Bank paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$9,377.97, recording and search fees in the amount of \$52.00, redemption penalty in the amount of \$70.25, and interest in the amount of \$3,136.12 through November 21, 2018, for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2016-004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Dan Faber in the amount of \$12,636.34.

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, O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Lafayette PTO Tiger Chase 5K Race** - Mrs. Liane Jenkins, PTO 5K Race Coordinator, said the PTO is planning next year's Tiger Chase 5K Race/Kids Fun Run for May 18, 2019.

Motion by O'Leary, seconded by Bruning, to support the temporary closing of Township roads for the Race/Run. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Turnout Gear Spending Ordinance** - Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 4, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) SET OF TURNOUT GEAR AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$2,500.00 AVAILABLE IN 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 Acquisition of one (1) set of turnout gear and related Appurtenances is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed \$2,500.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$2,500.00 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, O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Developer's Agreements** - Bruning asked that the developer's agreements accounts be reviewed and monies be returned to the applicants when the project is complete.

**Tax Map Updates** - O'Leary noted the "Lawler" property subdivision needs to be corrected on the Township tax map.

**Open Space ROSI** - O'Leary reported the Township's ROSI (Recreation & Open Space Inventory) needs to be updated to include the recent "Morgan" property acquisition. This can be paid through the Open Space trust fund.

**Land Use Board Issues** - O'Leary stated some issues in the Township are being missed by the Construction Office that need to reviewed by the Land Use Board before a permit is issued. He noted a new house being constructed on Route 15 that was not issued a demolition permit and the house size increased. The Shoppes at Lafayette have a food truck on the premises but which is not permitted in the Township. The Enterprise Rent-A-Car business at Lafayette Center did not submit an amended site plan for a new parking area. Lorraine's Cake Shoppe & Tea Room did not submit a site plan application. Bruning will pursue the issues.

**Small Businesses** - Hughes reported he spoke to the State's Small Business Advocacy representative regarding an informational session being held for the small businesses in the Township.

**Economic Development** - Hughes reported grants and programs are available through Sustainable New Jersey. He will pursue this with the Township EDC.

Hughes reported that while at the recent NJLM Convention he spoke to people regarding filming in the Township. There are other agencies in the County and State that would, also, benefit from the Township's information of pictures and descriptions. A portfolio will need to be assembled.

#### **Audience**

Mr. Josh Aikens, Lafayette Twp. Board of Education representative, reported the new gym roof is leaking; and the Board of Education will review repairing the all-purpose room and kitchen roof, also. Committeeman Bruning suggested their attorney review the contract for responsibility. Mr. Aikens was told this is beyond the contract time; and the gym walls have been painted.

Mr. Aikens reported there is a vacancy on the Board that resulted in a tie vote in the election and after a recount.

The Christmas tree lighting will be held on Friday, November 30, 2018, at 7:00pm.

**Executive Session** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, 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 personnel 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, O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Exec. Session - Personnel

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

Mayor Hughes stated personnel was discussed in Executive Session.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC  
Municipal Clerk