

December 4, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Bruning (excused)

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.

Minutes - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes of November 20, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Tax Collector - For November 2018

O/S Liens	\$25,790.03
Lieu of Tax	\$461.20
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Current Year Taxes	\$1,466,149.07
Prepaid Taxes – 2019	\$9,971.20
Interest	\$1,717.20
Total	\$1,504,188.70

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

Committee Reports

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to eight (8) calls in November.

Joint Court - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A JOINT COURT TO BE KNOWN AS “THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF FRANKFORD, LAFAYETTE, SANDYSTON, MONTAGUE AND WALPACK”
With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing.
Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Joint Municipal Court Ordinance.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS officers will remain as last year: Captain-John Strowe; Lieutenant-Ron Decker; Secretary-Margaret Strowe; Treasurer-Jeff Hookway.

Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 25 calls in November, 13 of which were to group homes.

The EMS Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 17th at 6:30pm and the Committee is invited.

Open Space (OSAC) - O’Leary reported the following:
*The ROSI needs to be updated to include the recent purchase of the “Morgan” property. The Township’s cost was approximately \$766 per acre; and the State and County partnered with the Township on this project.

*There has no response as of this date regarding the trail grant for the “Lawler” property.

*New procedures for farmland preservation are forthcoming.

*A Green Acres low interest loan is available for the development of preserved property.

*The OSAC recommends the Township sign the contract with The Land Conservancy. The cost for their services of \$10,500 has remained the same since the Township has been working with TLC.

*The OSAC recommends the Township sign the proposal with TLC to prepare an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. This would be paid for out of the trust fund.

*The dates for renewal for the farm leases should be reviewed. The money collected should be deposited into the trust fund.

O’Leary explained the Planning Incentive Grant and Open Space trust.

Streets and Roads - Hughes reviewed the Road Foreman’s report.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Emergency Operating Plan should be completed by February 2019.

The information for the County ID cards is in the system and distribution is proceeding.

The application for the high band radio license has been submitted.

Sidewalk Grant-RBDG - Hughes reported the Township Engineer will draft a design and meet with USDA representatives in January.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported a meeting is scheduled for December 13th with representatives and some business owners.

EDC - Hughes reported a business advocacy meeting and workshop will be scheduled in January at the community building at The Shoppes of Lafayette.

Correspondence

DMK Development-Newton Public Hearing - Hampton Township

Vouchers

Northeast Communications, Inc.	745.00
US Postal Service	40.95
AG Pizza	75.40
Alert-All	1,026.50
American Wear	57.00
Amerigas – Chester	323.46
Ben-Jess, LLC	105.75
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Dr. Sherri Talbot-Valerio	410.00
Fastenal Company	111.80
Frankford Township	5,443.42
Griffith-Allied Trucking	773.50
Home Depot Credit Services	96.60
JCP&L	186.30
Lafayette Amateur Athletics, Inc.	3,581.32
Lafayette Senior Citizens Club	1,000.00
MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown	404.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	884.08
Morton Salt, Inc.	19,831.37
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	90.43
Roy E. Kurnos	195.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	19.95
Staples Business Advantage	2.35
SYNCB/Amazon	256.24
The Land Conservancy of NJ	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	224.40
Verizon Wireless	272.27

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

Amend Chapter VII-Engine Braking Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, “TRAFFIC”, WITH THE ADDITION OF “ENGINE BRAKING”

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 VII-Engine Braking Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Turnout Gear Spending Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Turnout Gear Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Zoning Issues - The liaison to personnel will handle zoning issues with the Zoning Officer.

Mobile Food Truck - O’Leary feels this issue should be reviewed by the EDC. Hughes suggested evaluating the Ordinances to allow periodic mobile food trucks for special events. He will contact the EDC Chairwoman, Celia Ostertag.

New Business

2019 Reorganization Meeting - Motion by Henderson, seconded by O’Leary, to schedule the 2019 Reorganization meeting for Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00pm with the regular meeting to immediately follow. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Equipment Sharing Agreement - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to authorize the Mayor to sign an equipment sharing agreement with Ogdensburg Borough. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

2019 Dog Pound Agreement - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2019 Dog Pound Agreement with Wantage Township. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

Open Space (OSAC)

*Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign The Land Conservancy contract for 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

*Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with The Land Conservancy to update the Township Open Space and Recreation Plan, which cost will be \$10,000. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes.

2019 Salary Ordinance - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of December 18, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2019

1. The annual salaries of all officer names hereafter for the year 2019 and for each year thereafter, until amended or repealed are hereby established and fixed at the following sums in lieu of any and all fees and remuneration to which the respective incumbents of said office might otherwise be entitled, except, however, that which may be authorized by resolution of the Township Committee, to wit:

	Annually	Minimum	Maximum	Payable
Mayor	\$ 2,868.80			Quarterly
Committee Member	2,639.30			Quarterly
Municipal Clerk	43,879.16			Bi-weekly
Finance-Interlocal-Andover Twp.	54,819.04			“
Finance Clerk	17.34 per hour			“
Deputy Tax Collector	1,000.00			“
Tax Assessor	16,556.80			“
Tax Assessor-Interlocal-Hamburg	16,896.86			“
Police	1,000.00			“
Administrator-Animal Control/ Dog License	1.00 per license			Quarterly
Secretary to the Land Use Board Construction Official, Board of Health	31,780.59			Bi-weekly
Recycling Coordinator	2,986.93			“
Assessment Search Officer	1,000.00			“
Registrar	1,000.00			“
Zoning Officer	30.60 per hour			“
Road Foreman	85,428.00			“
Assistant Road Foreman		15.00	30.00 PH	“
Road Employee #1		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #2		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Road Employee #3		16.00	19.00 PH	“
Temporary Road Employee		15.00	24.00 PH	“
Fire Prevention Official	3,257.12			Bi-weekly
Fire Inspector	25.00 per inspection			Quarterly
Recreation Program Director	1,071.31			Bi-Weekly
Life Guard		7.00	16.00 PH	Bi-weekly
Summer Camp Director		13.00	18.00 PH	“
Assistant Camp Director		7.00	16.00 PH	“

That the aforesaid salaries shall be paid at the time and in the manner established by the Township Committee for payment of salaries. Any and all portions of any and all ordinance that may be inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk