

January 15, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, CFO Grisaffi, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Bruning 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 Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 2, 2019 (Reorganization and Regular Meetings) and January 2, 2019 Executive Session (which are not to be released until resolved). Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Insurance Presentation Wayne Dietz, Skylands Risk Management, Inc. Mr. Dietz said he is a Lafayette resident and a former member of the Lafayette Amateur Athletics Association as well as other organizations. He explained the services his company offers. He is a certified risk manager and represents six (6) insurance funds.

Mr. Dietz explained the fees are set by the joint insurance fund; and a safety inspection is completed annually.

Departmental Budgets - The following were in attendance and presented their budgets: William Macko, Fire Chief/Michelle Syre, Treasurer; John Strowe, EMS Captain; David Muscalo, Open Space Chairman; Kathie Reimels, Recreation Commission Chairwoman.

Fire Prevention - David Korver, Fire Prevention Official, submitted and explained his annual inspection report.

Tax Collector - For December 2018

Tax Searches	\$20.00
O/S Liens	\$28,155.06
Miscellaneous	10.00
Tax Map Fee	\$250.00
Current Year Taxes	\$61,301.04
Prepaid Taxes 2019	\$33,257.11
Interest	\$2,692.95
Total	\$125,686.16

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

Treasurer – Transfers Resolution

Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for adjustments to the 2018 municipal budget appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:4-59 permits that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three (3) months of the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that the following transfers be made in the amounts so noted:

<u>From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To</u>
Computer Services	\$ 500.00	General Administration o/e
Computer Services	\$ 900.00	Gasoline & Diesel
Computer Services	\$ 150.00	Public Building & Grounds o/e
Computer Services	\$ 850.00	Electric
Total Transfers	\$2,400.00	

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

Committee Reports

Open Space (OSAC) - O’Leary noted the barn roof on the “Lawler” property is in need of repair. Bruning will pursue this issue.

Land Use Board - O’Leary reported there is a vacancy on the Land Use Board that needs to be filled.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Lafayette Township School on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Zumba has been a successful program and will be extended a few weeks.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by O’Leary, to regretfully accept the resignations of Debbie Johnson, Stephanie Pizzulo and Arin Gunn-Russell from the Recreation Commission. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported a questionnaire will be sent to residents and businesses for their interest in natural gas.

Sidewalks - Hughes reported the grant and design are proceeding.

Emergency Management

Fire Department Radio License - Hughes reported the Fire Department radio license is expected by month’s end.

County ID Cards - Hughes reported the ID cards are being printed.

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by O’Leary, to hire Joe Morzocca as the fifth (5th) road employee at the rate of \$18 per hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Correspondence

- From Tina Earley, Elizabethtown Gas re: Safety Information Website
- Sussex County Freeholders Resolution Reappointing William Joseph as Official Town Crier of Sussex County
- Byram Twp., Town of Newton & Vernon Twp. “Path To Progress” Resolution
- Andover, Byram & Wantage Townships Resolution Supporting A4037/S2650 – Junior Firefighters

Vouchers

AG Pizza	83.99
Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	155.00
Airgas USA, LLC	323.04
American Wear	265.50
Amerigas-Chester	409.71
Aurora Electrical Supply	124.88
Bergey’s, Inc.	736.00
Bill’s Equipment Repairs	1,178.20
Café Serendipity	20.00
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	92.44
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	39.07
Denville Line Painting, Inc.	5,803.20
Griffith-Allied Trucking	579.26

High Point Regional High School	145,282.00
Home Depot Credit Services	529.69
J&P Crushing, LLC	1,202.78
JCP&L	244.42
Kathleen & Alan Moon	230.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	340.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	600.84
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	313,333.50
Lorraine's Cake Shoppe & Tea Room	75.00
MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown	119.50
MGL Printing Solutions	191.00
Municipal Software, Inc.	6,396.84
ND Engineering, LLC	2,721.75
NJ State League of Municipalities	130.00
Peterson & Son Tree Service, Inc.	1,400.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	76.25
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	5.29
Registrars Association of NJ	50.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	19.95
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	1,531.69
SYNCB/Amazon	212.09
The Chocolate Goat Gift Shoppe	75.00
The Land Conservancy of NJ	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	41.70
Toni Grisaffi, Cashier	100.00
Township of Randolph	1,100.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	200.00
Verizon Wireless	272.31
West Chester Machinery	234.00

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

Old Business

UGST-Fire House - Bruning reported he received proposals from Applied Service (\$4,175) and ADS (\$5,600) to remove the exiting UGST and install a new AGST. This issue will be tabled to the next meeting on January 23, 2019.

Environmental Contingencies Fund - This issue will be tabled to the next meeting on January 23, 2019.

LOSAP - The Clerk noted a reporting form has been submitted by the Fire Department and EMS.

Food Truck Ordinance - This issue will be discussed at the next Land Use Board meeting.

Vacant/Abandoned-Commercial - This issue will be carried to the February 5, 2019 meeting.

New Business

SCMUA Tonnage Report - Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the SCMUA to certify the 2018 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

New Fireman - Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to approve Kyle Buccino as a new member of the Lafayette Township Fire Department and approve his application into the NJ State Firemen's Association. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Monroe Road Reconstruction Change Order - Motion by O'Leary, seconded by Hughes, to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order-02 for Denville Line Painting, Inc. for Monroe Road Reconstruction. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Lafayette Salvage License Renewal - Motion by Hughes, seconded by O’Leary, to approve the license renewal for Lafayette Salvage, Inc. for 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Abandoned Building-Exxon - O’Leary noted the lots of the Exxon and former Suburban Propane properties were merged years ago; and a building remains abandoned. O’Leary will meet with representatives from Lehigh Gas to discuss their future plans with the property.

Audience

Ms. Kathie Reimels, Recreation Commission Chairwoman, explained the new rates for the portable toilets.

Mr. Bill Macko, Fire Chief, asked if a grant writer is being considered. Hughes suggested the Fire Department researching grants for their needs.

Mr. Macko suggested the “Morgan” property be leased for farming. This will be pursued.

Mr. Dave Muscalo said the odors coming from the SCMUA are bad. Bruning said a meeting was held with representatives; and they will be working on a better solution.

Mr. Josh Aikens, Lafayette Township School Board of Education representative, said the State is allowing the school to make security upgrades for the glass in the entrance and security cameras. He said the special, run-off election is scheduled for January 22, 2019 from 2pm-9pm.

Executive Session - Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Hughes, 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: Corcoran-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Exec. Session - Personnel

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

Mayor Bruning stated personnel was discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk