

March 5, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Bruning, Committeemen Hughes, Corcoran, 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 O'Leary, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of February 19, 2019 (regular meeting) and February 19, 2019 (Executive Session-which shall not be released until resolved). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-abstain, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Tax Collector - For February 2019

Lieu of Tax	\$461.20
Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$18,135.53
Current Year Taxes	\$1,707,886.72
Interest	\$1,302.95
Total	\$1,727,886.40

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

Committee Reports

Open Space (OSAC) - O'Leary reported the February 26, 2019 was not held due to the lack of a quorum.

O'Leary reported the soft costs \$17,599.75 for the "Morgan" acquisition will be submitted to Green Acres for 50% reimbursement.

Motion by O'Leary, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Green Acres asking that the Planning Incentive Grant be extended to 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Land Use Board - O'Leary reviewed the meeting of February 21, 2019. He noted that the RSIS standards require Belgium block curbing; however, the Board Engineer will review this issue.

TRC Meeting - O'Leary reported he, Hughes and Board Attorney, Ursula Leo, attended a TRC meeting with Owen Dykstra and Hayhair, LLC to discuss a cluster development.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to nine (9) calls in February.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to nine (9) calls in February with eight (8) being to group homes).

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the radio license has been received. The emergency operations plan will be finalized this month.

USDA Grant - Hughes reported a meeting will be held this month. The sidewalk and parking area are continuing.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported the interest letters/survey have been sent to residents and businesses. A meeting will be arranged in the future.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the Planner is working on the plan. The recommendation of units being constructed on site is preferable to a monetary contribution.

Business Symposium - Hughes reported a meeting date will be finalized shortly; and the portfolio of the Township is being completed.

Streets and Roads - Bruning reviewed the Road Foreman's report. He noted there is a lot of run-off coming from the trail and freezing on the road. The NJDEP will be notified of this issue.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to sell the following excess equipment as is, a GMC Mason dump, Cat grater and wood chipper. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Fire House UGST - Bruning reported the removal of the UGST at the Fire House revealed a hole in the tank and soil remediation is necessary. Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to introduce the following spending Ordinance and set the public hearing date of March 19, 2019:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE SOIL REMEDIATION FROM THE REMOVAL OF A 1,000 GALLON UGST AT THE FIRE HOUSE AND APPROPRIATING \$13,000.00 FROM 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 soil remediation from the removal of a 1,000 gallon UGST at the Fire House is hereby authorized; and the cost is not to exceed \$13,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of \$13,000.00 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: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

"Lawler" Barn Roof - Motion by Bruning, seconded by O'Leary, to award the repair of the "Lawler" barn roof to McCarrick Contracting, LLC for the cost of \$420, which will be funded through the Open Space Trust. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Correspondence

a. Kyle Vealey, HPRHS BOE Pres., re: Township Representative

b. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution Approving Road Closure for Tiger Chase

c. Kristi Young, Ginnie's House, re: National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Sussex County; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, care for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but, also, increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems and risky behavior; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by communities as a whole and need to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, does hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.

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

- d. Sen. Paul Salo re: Thank You for Path to Progress Resolution
- e. Alicia Gambino, Rutgers, re: National Poison Prevention Week
- f. Hardyston Township Ordinance Amending Chapter 185

Vouchers

1 st Alarm Security	420.00
AG Pizza	70.10
Amerigas-Chester	719.18
AnnaRose Fedish	66.00
Applied Service Corp.	4,375.00
Café Serendipity	25.00
City Radiator, Inc.	595.00
Griffith-Allied Trucking	904.92
JCP&L	1,329.00
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	96.50
Morton Salt, Inc.	13,579.66
ND Engineering, LLC	756.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Svcs.	441.60
SCMCA	15.00
SK Office Supply, Inc.	29.97
Staples Business Advantage	23.24
Statewide Insurance Fund	25,618.50
The New Jersey Herald	75.00
TMB Partners	14,261.52
Township of Wantage	2,240.50
Van Dine’s, Inc.	145.18
Verizon Wireless	372.43

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

Old Business

Amend Chapter 4-Food Truck Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-1.1, SECTION 4-1.5, SECTION 4-1.7 AND SECTION 13-6.11(f), OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING SALES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES OR WHEELED VEHICLE OF FOOD ITEMS AND BEVERAGES

With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing. Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the Amend Chapter 4-Food Truck Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Amend Salary Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE FOR THE YEAR 2019” WHICH WAS ADOPTED DECEMBER 18, 2018

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

Memorial for John D’Angeli - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on March 19, 2019.

Soil Importation - The Township Attorney is finalizing an Ordinance.

New Printer - Motion by Hughes, seconded by O’Leary, to purchase a Kyocera Ecosys P3055dn Printer for the cost of \$651.00 from T.A. Mountford Company and expand the current maintenance to include this printer and increase the number of copies to 45,000 increasing the

cost of the maintenance contract to \$495.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

New Business

2019 Municipal Budget Introduction - Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to introduce the 2019 Municipal Budget and set the public hearing date of April 2, 2019. It was confirmed that \$7,500 would be added for the LOSAP program. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Raffle License - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to approve a raffle license for the Sussex County Education Association for May 3, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Tax Liens - Bruning identified properties the Township would benefit by foreclosing. Attorney Kurnos will pursue this issue.

Audience

George, Hampton Township, attended the recent NJDEP/NJ Nature Conservatory meeting regarding the Hyper Humus project and relayed the information from that meeting. He is concerned about the material being used to fill the ponds.

Josh Aikens, Lafayette BOE Representative, reported the BOE is waiting for the State aid information and reviewed the recent meeting.

Road Foreman Macko said the clothing bins are hindering the snowplowing of the parking lot. He asked that they be removed. Mr. Aikens said the school has been working on trying to get them removed. Hughes suggested a letter being sent that they be removed by a certain date or the Township will remove them.

Road Foreman Macko requested purchasing two (2) tents for a cost of \$2,500. These would be used for Lafayette Day; and he suggested sharing the cost with the school as they have events they could use them. Mr. Aikens will discuss with the BOE at the next meeting.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to purchase a 20’x20’ and 20’x30’ tents for a cost of \$2,500 and ask the school to pay for half the cost. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-no, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Josh Aikens asked about the term expiration for the Township’s representative to the High Point Regional High School Board of Education. He feels that the representative should attend a Township meeting as requested.

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

Exec. Session: Pending Litigation

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

Mayor Bruning stated pending litigation was discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk