

March 19, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 19, 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, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of March 5, 2019 (regular meeting) and March 5, 2019 (Executive Session-which shall not be released until resolved). Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Treasurer’s Report Cash Report for February 2019

Cash Balances as of January 31, 2019	\$3,452,173.20
Cash Receipts for February 2019	\$1,843,862.65
Total	\$5,296,035.85
Cash Disbursements for February 2019	\$1,191,819.72
Cash Balances as of February 28, 2019	\$4,104,216.13
Account Balances as of February 28, 2019	
Current – Checking	\$2,109,851.17
Capital – Checking	\$1,287,453.76
Escrow – Checking	\$65,636.87
COAH - Developers Fees	\$22,439.95
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,872.15
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$133,394.25
Snow Trust	\$12,737.92
Environmental Contingencies	\$0.00
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$417,743.45
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,280.96
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$6,294.48
Green Acres Trust	\$618.65
Dog Trust Account	\$5,345.54
Total Account Balance	\$4,104,216.13

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept the Treasurer’s report as submitted and 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>
Legal	\$2,250.00	Public Bldg. & Grounds o/e
Assessment of Taxes o/e	\$1,000.00	Public Bldg. & Grounds o/e
Engineering Services & Costs	\$1,250.00	Public Bldg. & Grounds o/e
Total Transfers	\$4,500.00	

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 Green Acres will reimburse the Township for fifty (50%) percent of the soft costs for the “Morgan” property. Green Acres will not extend the Township’s remaining balance as no project has been selected. The Township would need to reapply in the future.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reported the Commission is concerned with the school sponsoring a summer enrichment program the same time as the summer recreation program is to be held. Corcoran reported the Chairwoman will discuss this with the school Superintendent.

Sidewalks - Hughes reported a concept has been received from the Township Engineer; and it includes proposed lighting.

Business Workshop - Hughes reported a business workshop will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at the community center at The Shoppes at Lafayette.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Emergency Operations Plan has been submitted.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported a meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

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

Economic Development (EDC) - Bruning reported Nick Vene, a principal in The Shoppes at Lafayette, presented a concept to develop the corner of Routes 15 and 94 to The Shoppes at Lafayette.

Correspondence

- a. From Mark Rozek, SC Sheriff’s Office re: VHF Paging Channel
- b. From J. Cenatiempo, LTS re: Removal of Clothing Bins
- c. From Kristi Young, Ginnie’s House re: Child Abuse Prevention Month Open House
- d. Hamburg Borough Resolution Supporting Distracted Driving Crackdown
- e. Andover & Byram Township Resolution Supporting Continued Open Space In-Lieu-Of Tax
- f. Hampton Township Planning Board Hearing Notice – 2 State Route 94

Vouchers

American Wear	167.85
Amerigas-Chester	523.57
CenturyLink	594.34
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	39.07
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	1,100.00
Griffth-Allied Trucking	1,024.39
Home Depot Credit Services	138.41
JCP&L	3,138.84
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	604.28
Lafayette Township Fire Department	7,500.00
Microsystems-NJ.Com, LLC	2,012.58
Morton Salt, Inc.	13,894.62
Nisivoccia & Company, LLP	15,000.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	159.00
NJ Planning Officials	405.00
North Church Gravel, Inc.	537.47
Peggy Pak	900.00
R&S Business Machines	92.50
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	5.29
Roy E. Kurnos	391.50
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	21.95
Sussex County Chamber of Commerce	75.00
SYNCB/Amazon	128.45
The New Jersey Herald	27.30
Toni Grisaffi	31.99
US Postal Service	600.00
United States Postal Service	665.55

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

Soil Remediation Spending Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

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

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Soil Remediation Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to award the soil remediation project at the Fire House to Applied Service, Inc. per their quote received March 5, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Memorial Bench for John D'Angeli - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to purchase a memorial bench for John D'Angeli from General Recreation, Inc. for the cost of \$1,640.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Elizabethtown Gas - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Elizabethtown Gas to connect service to the Municipal Building.

Natural Gas Conversion at Municipal Building - Bruning reported he received three (3) quotes to convert the municipal building from oil to natural gas. This issue will be pursued further.

Zoning Report - It was noted that a zoning report has not been received since January. The Clerk will speak to the Zoning Officer to submit a report to the Committee.

Soil Importation Ordinance - This issue will be carried to the next meeting on April 2, 2019.

New Business

Raffle License - Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to approve two (2) raffle licenses for Samaritan Inn, Inc. for June 1, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Audience

Mrs. Celia Ostertag, EDC Chairwoman, requested street lighting for the municipal parking lots. Bruning will pursue this with the JCP&L representative, Jackie Espinoza.

Mrs. Jackie Espinoza, JCP&L representative, said tree trimming in the Township will take place in May and be completed by Nelson Tree Service.

Hughes asked if programs are available to subsidize street lighting. Mrs. Espinoza will pursue this.

Mr. Bill Macko, Road Foreman, asked that the memorial bench for John D'Angeli be placed at the municipal building where he spent many hours. Henderson at the pond was thought of to get people involved and be present at the presentation. The location of the bench and presentation will be reviewed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk