

April 16, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, April 16, 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

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 April 2, 2019 (regular meeting) and April 2, 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.

Grant Writing Presentation - Bruno Associates, Inc.
John Bruno, Chairman/CEO Steve Welsh, Account Executive

Mr. Bruno said his grant writing company has been in business 44 years. Mr. Welsh explained the grants they had done for other communities.

Mr. Bruno said they do not work on grants for fire departments but would include Lafayette’s in the agreement. Mr. Welsh said they do not take care of any administrative work after the project is completed.

Treasurer’s Report	Cash Report for March 2019
Cash Balances as of February 28, 2019	\$4,125,631.14
Cash Receipts for March 2019	\$139,345.33
Total	\$4,254,976.47
Cash Disbursements for March 2019	\$924,793.43
Cash Balances as of March 31, 2019	\$3,330,183.04
Account Balances as of March 31, 2019	
Current – Checking	\$1,342,366.17
Capital – Checking	\$1,285,016.82
Escrow – Checking	\$65,627.89
COAH - Developers Fees	\$22,440.84
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,873.34
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$141,769.92
Snow Trust	\$12,737.92
Environmental Contingencies	\$0.00
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$402,939.01
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,300.32
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$10,675.52
Green Acres Trust	\$619.58
Dog Trust Account	\$3,268.73
Total Account Balance	\$3,330,183.04

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION - NJS 40A:4-87
WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of

any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may, also, approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2019 in the sum of \$167,000.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$167,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$167,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Statesville Quarry Road Improvements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$167,000.00.

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

Committee Reports

NJDEP - Hughes reported he met with Kerry Kirk Pflugh from the NJDEP on April 8, 2019; and he reviewed the meeting.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported Matthew Wenneis has contacted some businesses; however, there has not been much of a response to the survey at this time.

Bruning stated the survey letter was included in the today's newsletter mailing.

Business Symposium - Hughes reported the business symposium will be held on May 16, 2019 at 6:00pm. in the village hall at The Shoppes of Lafayette. A representative from the New Jersey Business Action Center will be present.

Sidewalks - Hughes reported a representative from the State Historical Society will inspect the area on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Congressman Josh Gottheimer - Hughes reported he contacted Congressman Gottheimer's office regarding the condition of the Lafayette Post Office.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the County is doing away with the low-band pager system.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to eight (8) calls during the month of March.

Open Space (OSAC)

Revised Open Space Plan - O'Leary reported a town tour is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019. A public meeting for the support of the revised open space plan is scheduled during the Township Committee meeting on June 5, 2019.

Farm Leases - O'Leary reported the proposed farm leases are being reviewed by Green Acres before advertising can be done.

Recreation Commission - O'Leary reviewed the meeting of April 8, 2019. He said the Easter Egg Hunt went well; and the fishing contest is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2019.

O'Leary said they discussed raising the cost of the use of the pavilion from \$75 to \$225. The Township Committee does not agree with this increase.

O'Leary reported a policy for Township field use is needed. The Recreation Commission will draft a policy and submit it for the Committee's approval.

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

Economic Development (EDC) - Bruning reported representatives of a cannabis dispensary attended the meeting expressing their desire for a dispensary at 144 Route 94.

Bruning said the owners of Bullet Boots attended the meeting to discuss internally lit signs. The EDC is asking that the sign ordinance be revised and will suggest changes.

Correspondence

- a. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution re: Ballot Question Opposing Sanctuary State
- b. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution re: Municipal Liaison Pilot Program
- c. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution re: Appointment of County Historian
- d. Sussex County Freeholders Resolution re: Supporting S1683/A4267

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

IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION WHICH “CONCERNS REGULATION OF SOLID WASTE, HAZARDOUS WASTE, AND SOIL AND FILL RECYCLING INDUSTRIES”, (S1683/A4267), URGING LEGISLATORS TO PASS THIS BILL WHICH AS AMENDED SUBJECTS PERSONS OR BUSINESS CONCERNS ENGAGED IN SOIL AND FILL RECYCLING SERVICES TO THE SAME REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT UNDER THE LAW AS THAT WHICH APPLIES TO THE SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of Lafayette Township; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping in New Jersey has the potential to impact the environment as well as cause a public health problem; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation, in its report entitled *Dirty Dirt*, states that if “left unchecked, significant operations in this arena have resulted in the improper disposal of hundreds of tons of tainted dirt and debris at various locations around the State.”; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Senate Bill S1683/Assembly Bill A4267 would expand the requirement for background checks to a broader range of persons involved in the solid waste industry; and

WHEREAS, this Bill would subject persons or business concerns engaged in soil and fill recycling services to the same regulation and oversight under the law as that which applies to the solid waste industry; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would require any business concern that actively engages in, or otherwise provides, soil and fill recycling services to register with the NJDEP; and

WHEREAS, increased regulations and oversight of these entities will help to diminish illegal dumping and its negative impacts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey supports the passage of New Jersey Senate Bill S1683/Assembly Bill A4267 which concerns regulation of solid waste, hazardous waste, and soil and fill recycling industries and urges the legislative leadership to ensure this bill becomes law before the New Year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, New Jersey Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, President of the New Jersey Senate, Speaker of the General Assembly, Legislators representing Sussex County, and Clerks of municipalities in Sussex County.

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

- e. From Kerry Kirk Pflugh, NJDEP re: “Meet and Greet” Visit
- f. From Terry Beym, NJDEP re: FY2019 Annual Fee Report
- g. From Martha Sullivan Sapp, NJDEP re: Recreational Trails Program

Vouchers

Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	100.00
American Wear	324.35
Amerigas-Chester	302.93
Andover Township	6,375.00
Associated Artists	375.00
Bagful O’ Bagels	288.95
Campbell Supply Co. of Sussex County	16.77
CenturyLink	673.23
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	39.07

Frankford Township	17,990.32
Griffith-Allied Trucking	460.90
JCP&L	981.07
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	96.50
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	549.86
Lafayette Twp. Fire Department	32,500.00
MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown	924.00
Nisivoccia & Co., LLP	3,300.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	66.60
North East Parts Group, LLC	29.01
North Church Gravel, Inc.	95.25
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	114.56
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	21.95
Sheaffer Supply, Inc.	215.75
Ronetco Supermarket, Inc.	108.90
Statewide Insurance Fund	25,618.50
The Land Conservancy of NJ	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	69.40
Tire King	216.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	25.00
United States Postal Service	990.10
Van Dine's, Inc.	21.85
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	868.00
Witmer Public Safety Group	138.00

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

Lifeguards-Insurance - O'Leary said he reviewed the information from the insurance company and doesn't feel the Township needs two lifeguards at all times. The Committee reviewed the scheduling and budgeting for the summer season.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to approve the lifeguard schedule for the 2019 summer season of six (6) days per week from June 30-August 17 with two (2) guards from 10am-3pm. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-no, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-no, Bruning-yes.

Municibid-Sale of Surplus Equipment Resolution - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Lafayette has determined that certain personal property, as described below, is no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 requires that all such personal property be sold at public sale to the highest bidder; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Township intends to utilize the online auction services of Municibid located at www.municibid.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that the following is authorized to be sold on an online auction website entitled www.municibid.com:

- 2003 GMC 3500 Mason Truck VIN #1GDJK34153E118504
- 1971 CAT Grader 112F Serial #89J1342
- Olathe Chipper Model #984

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into between Municibid and the Township of Lafayette are available at www.municibid.com and in the Lafayette Township Clerk's office at 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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

Furnace Conversion - Corcoran reported he researched furnaces for the Township's conversion to natural gas. This matter will be carried to the next meeting on May 7, 2019 to enable the Committee to review this further.

New Business

Elizabethtown Gas Pipe Installation on Route 94 - O'Leary reported Route 94 was closed at Morris Farm Road on this past Saturday with no advance notice given to the Township, motorists or businesses. O'Leary will send a letter to Elizabethtown Gas noting better communication is needed.

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