

May 21, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent Mayor Bruning (excused)

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, Road Foreman Macko

Deputy Mayor Henderson opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Minutes - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by O’Leary, to accept and place on file the minutes of May 7, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes.

Lafayette Township School Budget Presentation

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent Gerald Fazzio, Asst. Principal
Erin Siipola, Board Administrator

The school’s tax levy is decreasing by approximately \$10,000. The upgrades and security measures at the school were reviewed. To keep communication open, Mrs. Cenatiempo is suggesting the Township and school meet two (2) times per year to discuss events.

Concord Energy Services - Stacia Scaduto reviewed the program and its benefits. She noted an ordinance must be adopted for the program to be active. Information would be given to Township residents with all being in the program unless they opt-out. There would be no cost to the Township for this program.

Treasurer’s Report Cash Report for April 2019

Cash Balances as of March 31, 2019	\$3,330,299.04
Cash Receipts for April 2019	\$1,103,925.75
Total	\$4,434,224.79
Cash Disbursements for April 2019	\$728,781.97
Cash Balances as of April 30, 2019	\$3,705,442.82
Account Balances as of April 30, 2019	
Current – Checking	\$1,814,720.40
Capital – Checking	\$1,190,844.54
Escrow – Checking	\$64,111.96
COAH - Developers Fees	\$25,037.70
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,874.65
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$138,731.55
Snow Trust	\$12,737.92
Environmental Contingencies	\$0.00
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$400,934.85
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,371.74
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$11,414.13
Green Acres Trust	\$620.61
Dog Trust Account	\$3,495.79
Total Account Balance	\$3,705,442.82

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

Committee Reports

“Sonenberg” Parking Lot - Hughes reviewed the parking lot plan.

Township Engineer - Hughes reported Guerin of Guerin and Vreeland Engineering is retiring; and Mike Vreeland (Township Engineer) will be joining another firm effective June 1, 2019. All aspects of the contract with Mr. Vreeland will remain.

EMS - Corcoran reported updating of equipment. A meeting with the County was held as the County is changing the paging system which should make for better communications with cell phones.

Open Space (OSAC) - O’Leary reported public input for the updating of the Open Space Plan is scheduled for the next Township meeting on June 5, 2019.

Zoning Official - O’Leary reported he sent an email to the Zoning Officer regarding camping and other large activities being held at Sugar Sweet Farm on Route 94.

PAID (People Against Imported Dirt) - O’Leary reported he and Committeeman Henderson attended the recent PAID meeting in Vernon Township. He gave an overview of the meeting. Henderson said the NJDEP is putting the blame on Vernon Township.

Correspondence

a. From Matthew Wilytyer, NJDEP re: Route 15 Bridge Over Paulins Kill River Replacement
It is the consensus of the Township Committee that the agreement for the bridge replacement and parking area be signed by the Mayor.

b. From Martha Sullivan Sapp, NJDEP Green Acres re: Planning Incentive Project

c. Congressman Josh Gottheimer re: Federal Grant Opportunities

d. From Louis Crescitelli re: Draft Resolution Opposing “Rain Tax”

e. From Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti, NJDOT re: 2020 State Aid Programs

f. Franklin Borough & Montague Township Resolutions Not Collecting “Rain Tax”

g. Montague Township Resolution Supporting S1683/A4267

Vouchers

Beaverkill Trout Hatchery, Ltd.	851.85
Big Rock Distributing	745.00
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	15.09
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Guerin & Vreeland Engineering, Inc.	17,080.00
JCP&L	960.75
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	228.70
Lafayette Preservation Foundation	550.00
NJ State League of Municipalities	25.00
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	5.29
Schrader & Co., Inc.	154.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	21.95
The Med Room	2,601.50
NJ Division of ABC	100.00

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

Old Business

2019 Ford Escape \$25,500 Spending Ordinance - Deputy Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD ESCAPE AND ALL RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING \$25,500.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the 2019 Ford Escape \$25,500 Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O’Leary-yes.

Soil Moving Ordinance - Deputy Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE ENTITLED "SOIL MOVING"

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

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

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported a meeting with Elizabethtown Gas representatives is tentatively scheduled for May 30, 2019.

Fire House Oil Line - Road Foreman Macko reported Applied Service is working on this issue.

New Business

Cancel Summer Meetings - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Hughes, to cancel the following summer meetings: June 18, 2019; July 16, 2019 and August 20, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes.

Lafayette House Liquor License Renewal - Motion by O'Leary, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt a Resolution to renew the Liquor License of Lafayette Management, Inc. for the year 2019-2020. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes.

Filming in the Township - Hughes will follow up on this issue.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk