

January 19, 2021

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

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

Members Absent None

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

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

Minutes - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 5, 2021 – Reorganization and Regular Meetings. Motion carried by roll call vote: O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Treasurer’s Report	Cash Report for December 2020
Cash Balances as of November 30, 2020	\$4,350,003.53
Cash Receipts for December 2020	\$496,431.72
Total	\$4,846,435.25
Cash Disbursements for December 2020	\$868,200.76
Cash Balances as of December 31, 2020	\$3,978,234.49
Account Balances as of December 31, 2020	
Current – Checking	\$1,352,129.48
Capital – Checking	\$1,764,599.61
Escrow – Checking	\$95,391.64
COAH - Developers Fees	\$35,257.99
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,899.18
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$220,839.53
Snow Trust	\$34,437.92
Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$418,990.56
Special Rec. – Checking	\$6,291.65
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Fire Prevention	\$11,920.14
Green Acres Trust	\$530.26
Dog Trust Account	\$399.55
Total Account Balance	\$3,978,234.49

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

Tax Collector - For December 2020

Tax Map Fee	\$250.00
Current Year Taxes	\$54,249.98
Prepaid Taxes 2021	\$61,957.54
Interest	\$1,720.59
Total	\$118,178.11

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

Nadler Tax Redemption Resolution - Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, On October 5, 2020, tax sale certificate #2020-001 was sold for delinquent 2019 taxes on Block 9, Lot 1.01, owner of record Carlwood Land Development, LLC, to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$10,657.77; and

WHEREAS, lienholder Philip Nadler paid subsequent 2020 taxes in the amount of \$13,170.75; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, Madison Title Agency paid the lien and subsequent principal of \$23,828.52, search and recording fees in the amount \$62.00, interest in the amount of \$1,175.13, redemption penalty in the amount of \$639.47, and a year end penalty in the amount of \$819.07 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #2020-001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that upon certification of Daryn L. Cashin, Tax Collector, a refund be issued to Philip Nadler in the amount of \$26,524.19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and Township Auditor for their records.

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

Committee Reports

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

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to five (5) calls in December.

Road Foreman/Chief Macko reviewed the Fire Department’s motor vehicle problems.

Personnel Policy - Henderson, O’Leary and Clerk Fedish will review the current personnel policy.

U.S. Postal Service - Hughes reported postal service personnel are investigating three (3) locations; and costs are being reviewed.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported the project remains on hold.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the January 13, 2021 disaster declaration from the last storm was expanded to include Sussex County. The information is due by February 12, 2021.

Meadows Road Group Home - O’Leary reported there have been no further incidents at the group home on Meadows Road.

Stavola Quarry Truck Issues - O’Leary reported summonses were issued to truck drivers; and some, not all, have paid the penalty.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 18 calls in December.

Vouchers

AG Pizza	184.50
Agra Environmental Services, Inc.	110.00
Airgas USA, LLC	324.04
American Wear	194.44
Amerigas-Chester	337.78
Atlantic Communications	2,677.00
Barco Products	2,380.03
Café Serendipity	36.00
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	32.99
Carl R. Luthman	1,227.22
CenturyLink	658.87
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	550.00
Custom Bandag, Inc.	1,182.80
Elizabethtown Gas	434.97
EMSL Analytical, Inc.	71.50
Griffith-Allied Trucking	2,531.33
High Point Regional High School	207,458.00
James Ando	125.00
JCP&L	1,970.70
Jonathan Verkon	125.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	53.37
Lafayette EMS	202.40

Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	318,750.00
Lisa's Stone Brook Florist	55.00
Mr. John	106.50
North Church Gravel, Inc.	2,480.22
North East Parts Group, LLC	561.68
Opdyke's Sales & Service	314.74
Optimum	21.95
Philip Nadler	26,524.19
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	81.25
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	191.83
Registrars Assoc. of NJ	50.00
SCMCA	75.00
Standard Springs, Inc.	870.00
Staples Business Advantage	212.34
Stateswide Insurance Fund	1,371.94
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	142.38
Stuart B. Klepesch, Attorney at Law	4,427.70
Sussex County Economic Dev. Partners	35.00
Sussex County Treasurer	2,349.39
Sussex County Treasurer	169.47
Sussex County Treasurer	11.84
Sussex County Treasurer	3,144.70
SYNCB/Amazon	929.01
Times Herald Record	115.20
Township of Randolph	1,100.00
Township of Wantage	1,857.35
Treasurer, S/NJ	75.00
Van Cleef Engineering Assocs., LLC	1,450.00
Verizon Wireless	192.68
Zydon Enterprise Fleet Systems, LLC	344.00

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

Old Business

Exceed Cap Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

CALENDAR YEAR 2021 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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

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

Stormwater Control Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND MODIFYING CHAPTER 21, STORMWATER CONTROL, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE

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

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

Municipal Parking Lots - Bruning reviewed the parking problems in the municipal lots. This issue will be carried to the next meeting on February 2, 2021.

Township Owned Property - Bruning reported the Township has acquired six (6) parcels through foreclosure. They cannot be sold until three (3) months after the time of decision of the foreclosure.

Route 15/Sonnenberg Parking Area - Bruning reported the Township engineer is working with the State Historical Commission. At this time, the NJDEP permit application and \$5,000.00 fee have not been submitted.

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

Exec. Session - Personnel

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

Mayor Corcoran noted personnel was discussed in Executive Session.

New Business

Garbage Collection - O'Leary is concerned about the policy language. This will be reviewed.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk