

February 3, 2021

A special meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 3:00pm. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

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

Absent: Hughes

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Grisaffi

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

2021 Municipal Budget - The Committee reviewed each line item appropriation for the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Minutes - Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of January 19, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote: O’Leary-yes, Henderson-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Tax Collector - For January 2021

O/S Liens	\$26,524.19
Lieu of Tax	\$489.29
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$109,764.11
Current Year Taxes	\$545,655.56
Interest	\$10,310.00
Total	\$692,793.15

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

Luthman Tax Exempt Resolution - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AND ISSUE A REFUND TO CARL R. LUTHMANN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,227.22 DUE TO THE APPROVAL OF A 100% DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION FOR BLOCK 5.01, LOT 8

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, the Tax Assessor approved an application for a 100% Exempt Disabled Veteran made by Carl R. Luthman for his home at 17 Brandywine Court, known as Block 5.01, Lot 8, making the property tax exempt beginning that day; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 property taxes had previously been paid in full by the homeowner, creating an overpayment of \$1,227.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that Daryn Cashin, Tax Collector, be authorized to cancel the property taxes for the period of November 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020, refund Carl R. Luthman in the amount of \$1,227.22 and cancel property taxes accruing after December 31, 2020.

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, Henderson-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Committee Reports

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

Land Use Board - O’Leary reviewed the meetings of January 21 and 28, 2021.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of January 25, 2021. For the year 2021, Bob Watts will be the President and Edith McGrath Vice-President.

Corcoran reported 96 dogs and 33 cats were vaccinated at the annual rabies clinic held in November.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 24 calls in December 2020.

Correspondence

- a. From Sussex County Commissioners re: Municipal Liasons
- b. Frankford Township Resolutions re: Reestablishing Annual School Elections
- c. From Tina Palecek, HPRHS Board Secretary re: Annual School Elections

Vouchers

Airgas USA, LLC	150.66
American Wear	47.36
Atlantic Communications	1,360.65
BCI Burke Company	5,946.02
Frankford Township	16,644.10
Griffith-Allied Trucking	238.71
High Point Regional High School	207,458.00
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	578.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	478,875.00
MacMillan Oil Co. of Allentown	801.75
Mr. John	106.50
Municipal Clerks Assoc. of NJ	125.00
Municipal Software, Inc.	6,077.00
ND Engineering, LLC	5,393.50
Power Place, Inc.	75.99
Public Works Assoc. of NJ	90.00
Spatial Data Logic, Inc.	4,600.00
Statewide Insurance Fund	26,068.25
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	33.60
Sussex County Treasurer	490,412.06
Sussex County Treasurer	35,202.10
Sussex County Treasurer	2,018.96
Times Herald Record	162.00
Van Cleef Engineering Assocs., LLC	2,420.00
Verizon Wireless	218.41

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

Old Business

Municipal Parking Areas - Bruning suggested the municipal parking areas prohibit overnight parking without a permit. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

New Business

Damaged Mailbox Reimbursement - It is the policy of the Township not to reimburse payment of a new mailbox damaged by snow plowing.

137 Route 15 - Committeeman Henderson asked the Clerk to contact the Sussex County Health Department to investigate a complaint of no working well for the house located at 137 Route 15.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk