

May 4, 2021

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:30pm. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

Members Present: Mayor Gregory Corcoran, Committeemen Kevin O’Leary, Richard Hughes, Alan Henderson

Absent: Committeeman Richard Bruning (excused)

Also Present: Clerk AnnaRose Fedish, Attorney Roy Kurnos, CFO Toni Grisaffi, Road Foreman Bill Macko

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

Minutes - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Hughes, to accept and place on file the minutes of April 20, 2021. Motion carried by roll call vote: O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Lafayette Township School 2021-2022 Budget Presentation

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent
Gerry Fazio, Vice-Principal

Erin Siipola, BA
Lisa Carlson, BOE President

Mrs. Cenatiempo and Mrs. Siipola reviewed the Lafayette School 2021-2022 Budget.

2021 Municipal Budget Heidi Wohlleb, Auditor

Mrs. Wohlleb reviewed the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the 2021 Municipal Budget. With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Corcoran closed the public hearing.

Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, that the budget herein set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$953,605.00 for municipal purposes and \$33,027.83 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and Levy.
Motion carried by roll call vote: O’Leary-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Tax Collector - For April 2021

Lieu of Tax	\$489.29
Tax Map Fee	\$50.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$10,724.59
Current Year Taxes	\$568,593.91
Interest	\$2,465.36
Total	\$582,323.15

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, Corcoran-yes.

Committee Reports

Open Space (OSAC) - O’Leary reviewed the recent meeting and noted the barn on the “Lawler” property needs to be secured.

Zoning Officer - O’Leary reported the Zoning Officer is in need of an official Township ID and is asking for reimbursement of mileage. Henderson will pursue this issue.

Land Use Board - O’Leary reviewed the April 22 meeting.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported the engineering for Morris Farm Road is progressing.

US Postal Service - Hughes reported the engineering for a new post office is progressing.

Advance Housing PILOT - Hughes reported communication is continuing.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported the Hazardous Mitigation Plan will be submitted shortly.

Personnel - Henderson reported the Road Department position is being advertised on indeed.com.

COVID-19 Vaccinations - Henderson reported that during the County COVID call it was announced that the County will soon be inoculating municipal employees and their families.

Fire Department - Henderson reviewed the Fire Department's meeting and noted there is concern with the potential three (3) story buildings at The Shoppes at Lafayette as the department does not have a ladder truck able to reach the third story. Hughes noted surrounding departments do have ladder trucks. Mr. Macko noted this may be a problem during the day as not all firemen are available.

Henderson reported a 50-year old fire truck is needing many costly repairs. A new truck will be needed within the next five (5) years.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to make the following appointments to the Fire Department: Anjeliette Niper, Junior Member; Richard Dalrymple, Full Member and Jeffrey LaMont, Full Member. Motion carried by roll call vote: O'Leary-yes, Hughes-yes, Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 25 calls in April.

Board of Health - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of April 26, 2021. He noted the Dog Licensing Ordinance will be amended to state the deadline for obtaining a dog license will be January 31 of each year; and the late fee be \$10.00 per dog February 1 of each year.

Correspondence

a. From Nicholas Corrado re: truck parking on Route 15

A letter will be sent to the NJDOT requesting no stopping/standing signs at the entrance of Mr. Corrado's building.

b. From Jeff Parrott re: primary elections cost increase

c. Byram Township Resolution Supporting Proper Broadband Services

d. Hampton Township Resolution Adding Chapter 84

Vouchers

Alpine Fence and Gate Systems	9,980.00
American Wear	94.72
Andover Township	6,632.55
Andover Township	12,176.13
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	960.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	400.15
CenturyLink	669.38
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Custom Bandag, Inc.	714.36
Elizabethtown Gas	375.48
Frankford Township	13,182.67
Gary W. Pezzuti	4,818.30
Griffith-Allied Trucking	605.49
Gus Shetting Welding	110.00
High Point Regional High School	207,457.50
Home Depot Credit Services	132.27
IIMC	175.00
JCP&L	548.53
Laddey, Clerk & Ryan, LLP	1,105.00
Lafayette Township Fire Department	10,125.00
Lafayette Twp. Board of Ed	318,750.00

Microsystems-NJ.com, LLC	1,200.00
Morton Salt, Inc.	15,189.60
ND Engineering, LLC	3,887.50
Onix Engineering Corp.	864.00
Power With Prestige, Inc.	7,531.70
Roy E. Kurnos	5,000.00
Statewide Insurance Fund	26,068.25
Sussex County Chamber of Commerce	272.00
Sussex County Economic Development Partners	500.00
Sussex County Treasurer	490,412.06
Sussex County Treasurer	35,202.10
Sussex County Treasurer	2,018.95
Sussex County Treasurer	3,144.70
SYNCB/Amazon	51.58
Times Herald Record	99.00
Township of Wantage	2,331.00
Treasurer, S/NJ	500.00
Tri-State Power & Pump	500.00
Verizon Wireless	218.58

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

Unfinished Business

Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 14, ATTACHMENT 1, SCHEDULES, TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC PLANS

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

Motion by O’Leary, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Submission of Electronics Plans Ordinance.

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

Economic Development - The Township Committee approved the request by the EDC to hold flea markets at Lafayette Park.

State Police Meet and Greet - Henderson reported a meet and greet with the new State Police Commander will be held at Lafayette Park soon.

Building Permits - Henderson requested the number of open permits from the Building Department. The Clerk will ask the State Construction Official for this information.

New Business

Bonito Refinance-41 Snover Road - Attorney Kurnos will inform the Settlement Service the \$14,300.00 must be refunded back to the Township. A discharge of the lien will be completed when payment is received.

SCMUA - O’Leary noted the buffer along Route 15 has been removed. The SCMUA is preparing for a new cell; however, the Clerk was asked to invite Mr. Tom Varro to a meeting.

Audience

William Macko, Fire Chief, suggested County ID’s for employees as well as the Zoning Officer.

Mr. Macko asked about an Ordinance or Township policy regarding grass and leaves left in Township Roads. Presently, there is an Ordinance regarding snow being left behind; however, there is no fine specified.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC