

May 16, 2017

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Corcoran, Committeemen Henderson, Hughes, Bruning, D'Angeli

Members Absent None

Also Present: Clerk Fedish, CFO Magura, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Corcoran 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 May 2, 2017. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Executive Session - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, 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 and property acquisition 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: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Exec. Session - Personnel and Property Acquisition

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

Mayor Corcoran state personnel and property acquisition were discussed in Executive Session.

Lafayette Township School Budget Presentation Jennifer Cenatiempo, Superintendent

Mrs. Cenatiempo stated the school budget is being decreased by \$10,000. She explained the positions of a curriculum supervisor and retiring teacher will not be replaced; and they have a waiting list for School Choice applicants.

Reports

Treasurer's Report Cash Report for April 2017

Cash Balances as of March 31, 2017	\$2,999,477.98
Cash Receipts for April 2017	\$512,214.74
Total	\$3,511,692.72
Cash Disbursements for April 2017	\$618,899.12
Cash Balances as of April 30, 2017	\$2,892,793.60
Account Balances as of April 30, 2017	
Current – Checking	\$1,137,396.22
Capital – Checking	\$1,230,621.30
Escrow – Checking	\$74,389.81
COAH - Developers Fees	\$10,385.64
COAH - Rehab Reserves	\$29,844.65
Open Space Municipal Tax	\$182,329.62
Snow Trust	\$2,737.92

Trust Accounts for Developers Agreement	\$207,969.26
Special Rec. – Checking	\$5,635.90
Special Donations	\$7,546.98
Dog Trust Account	\$3,936.30
Total Account Balance	\$2,892,793.60

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

Committee Reports

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

EDC - Bruning reported the EDC is pursuing the purchase of American flags for the telephone poles that hold Christmas lights.

Affordable Housing - Hughes reported the report is being worked on; and the planner, David Banisch, is reviewing affordable housing ordinances.

Correspondence

a. From Bill Hughes re: Stillwater Fire Department Mountain Bike Ride Fundraiser
It is the consensus of the Township Committee that this activity be approved.

b. Hardyston Township Ordinance - Introduction and Adoption

Vouchers

Airgas USA, LLC	244.55
American Wear	186.00
Amerigas – Chester	479.89
Aquatic Analysts, Inc.	175.00
Atlantic Communications	22.00
BeaverKill Trout Hatchery, Ltd.	828.35
Campbell Supply Co. of Sussex County	139.11
CenturyLink	618.20
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Constellation New Energy, Inc.	134.13
Dosch King Co., Inc.	153.00
Dover Brake & Clutch Co., Inc.	144.65
Edward Fusco	40.00
Finch Fuel Oil Co., Inc.	1,008.34
Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc.	1,247.50
Girl Scout Troop 95131	500.00
High Point Regional High School	145,471.34
Home Depot Credit Services	564.20
JCP&L	1,339.24
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	4.96
Kuiken Brother Co., Inc.	78.40
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	969.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	162.99
Lafayette EMS	2,133.13
Lafayette Preservation Foundation	1,371.09
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	314,150.00
Montague Tool & Supply Co.	115.12
Mr. & Mrs. Bubalo	76.00
ND Engineering, LLC	1,161.00
Nisivoccia & Company, LLP	675.00
NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services	12.60
NJ State Treasurer	50.00
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	52.90
SCMCA	10.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	19.95
Sherwin-Williams	1,732.78
Staples Business Advantage	581.83
The Land Conservancy of NJ	2,625.00
The New Jersey Herald	59.70
The Painted Barn	180.00
TJ’s Sportwide Trophy	33.45

TruGreen Commercial	550.00
Vital Services Group	251.65
White Lake Nursery & Fence, LLC	870.00

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

Old Business

Tax Abatement Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE THE FIVE (5) YEAR TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ

Mr. Kevin O’Leary asked that the Highway Commercial, Village Commercial and Light Industrial zones be specifically mentioned in the Ordinance instead of “Areas in Need of Redevelopment”. The Township Committee agreed.

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

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to adopt the Tax Abatement Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Habitability Ordinance - Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE BUILDING AND HOUSING CHAPTER, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF HABITABILITY FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

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

Motion by D’Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adopt the Habitability Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D’Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Meadows Road Guide Rail - The cost to install new guide rail on the north end of Meadows Road is approximately \$10,000. It was the consensus of the Township Committee not to undertake this project.

Weight Limits Ordinance - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing date of June 7, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING “TRAFFIC” OF SAID TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 7-4.1, SCHEDULE V “TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter VII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Traffic Chapter, shall be and is hereby amended as follows as follows:

Section 1. 7-4.1 “Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded from Certain Streets”, Schedule V, shall be and is hereby amended by adding the following streets as follows:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Pelletown Road	to Frankford Township line
Pond School Road	to Wantage Township line
Day Road	to Hardyston Township line
Snover Road	Entire length

Section 2. All conflicting or inconsistent ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication and passage according to law.

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

Grant for Sidewalks - Hughes reported the USDA deemed the sidewalks grant incomplete and subsequently denied the application. He explained he and the Township Engineer spoke to a USDA representative and was told they would be willing to work with the Township to complete an application for the next round.

SCMUA Privatization - Hughes reported he spoke with John Hatzelis and a commissioner and was told there are no facts in the blog where the information to privatize was found. Mr. Hatzelis said the SCMUA is not looking to privatize.

New Business

Lafayette House Liquor License Renewal - Motion by Henderson, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt a Resolution to renew the Liquor License of Lafayette Management, Inc. for the year 2017-2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Audit Resolution - Motion by Bruning, seconded by D'Angeli, to adopt the Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit Resolution. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Hughes-yes, Bruning-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Corcoran-yes.

Sheep Thrills Parking Issue - The Clerk asked to send a letter to the owners of Sheep Thrills indicating the entire parking area is for public use.

Audience

Mr. Steve Palmer, Violet Trail, is concerned about a vacant lot being used for dumping of construction equipment and material on the corner of Violet Trail and McCloud Lane. He said this is a safety and dumping issue. Committeeman Bruning noted a notice of violation was sent to the property owner regarding the clean-up.

Mr. Palmer asked about natural gas being brought into the Township. Committeeman Hughes said Elizabethtown Gas is exploring this issue.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, OSAC Secretary, said the Township's ROSI will be submitted to the Land Use Board for approval at the May 25th meeting. It will then be recommended for signature by the Mayor for the June 7th meeting.

Mr. William Macko, Fire Chief, said he will be meeting with Committeeman Henderson to discuss the replacement of air packs for the Fire Department.

Adjourn

There being no further business, motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Bruning, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk