

June 6, 2018

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present: Mayor Hughes, Committeemen Henderson, Corcoran, Bruning

Members Absent D'Angeli (excused)

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

Mayor Hughes 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 Corcoran, to accept and place on file the minutes May 15, 2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Tax Collector - For May 2018

Tax Map Fee	\$100.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$1,602.27
Current Year Taxes	\$1,315,170.93
Interest	\$1,468.71
Total	\$1,318,341.91

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

Committee Reports

EDC - Bruning reported a letter has been submitted by the EDC in support of Braen Stone Company at the Limecrest Quarry.

Land Use Board - Corcoran reviewed the meeting of May 24, 2018.

Recreation Commission - Stephanie Pizzulo recommends the hiring of four (4) lifeguards. She explained that when calculating the hourly wage, she based it on \$10 per hour. However, she recommends the lifeguards being paid \$11, as this is what the YMCA pays, to keep them.

Henderson reminded Mrs. Pizzulo that criminal background checks are required per the Township's insurance carrier.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to hire Brandon Robbins, Kayla Onorevole, Gina Healy and Erynn Brady as lifeguards and pay them \$11 per hour; and to hire Alisa Posner as the senior camp counselor at the rate of \$11 per hour and a junior camp counselor at the rate of \$10 per hour. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Henderson asked if the AED has been received. Mrs. Pizzulo said the paperwork will be sent to Newton Medical Center. The cost is \$740; and a waterproof case is needed.

ECHO Housing - Corcoran said the Planner is reviewing the ECHO housing regarding the possibility of using trust fund monies. Bruning said the Committee is asking the Land Use Board for an ordinance that allows secondary, temporary housing for elders/parents/relatives. Corcoran will discuss this with the Land Use Board.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the Fire Department responded to 12 calls in May and helped with the Lafayette PTO 5K.

Affordable Housing - Hughes said the report and plan are being worked on. He noted that these funds cannot be used for ECHO housing.

Emergency Management - Hughes reported some portions of the plan are being updated based on the State's response to recent storms.

Correspondence

- a. From Celia Ostertag, EDC Chairwoman re: Braen Stone Company
- b. From Anthony Sytko, NJDEP re: Pavement Resurfacing
- c. Honor Guards of America - Honors Guards Day, July 1, 2018
- d. SC Freeholders re: Bonds and Cash Deposits Policy and Procedure
- e. Sparta Township Master Plan Public Hearing – June 6, 2018
- f. Hampton Township Ordinances – 2018-04, 2018-05, 2018-06, 2018-07
- g. NJDOT Safe Routes to School and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Programs
- h. From J.Gottheimer to Lafayette Twp. School re: School Breakfasts
- i. From: Z.Chaplin, PE re: NJDEP Verification and Individual Permit (Frankford Twp.)

Vouchers

A&G Pizza	49.85
Allied Oil, LLC	927.90
Amerigas-Chester	267.60
Any Excuse For A Party, Inc.	1,395.00
Banisch Associates, Inc.	58.00
Central Alliance	1,054.67
CenturyLink	581.83
Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	275.00
Fastenal Company	84.71
Garden State Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	1,085.00
High Point Regional High School	145,068.00
Home Depot Credit Services	289.00
JCP&L	187.22
Johnny-On-The-Spot, LLC	94.75
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	731.00
Lafayette EMS	3,314.43
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	313,332.50
MGL Printing Solutions	85.00
Mountainside Stables & The Pony Express	700.00
ND Engineering, LLC	810.00
NJ State League of Municipalities	25.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	18.07
Russ Tagliareni	750.00
SK Paper Shred	205.00
Staples Business Advantage	97.56
Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority	250.00
SYNCB/Amazon	194.29
TC/Treas. Assoc. Sussex/Warren	25.00
The New Jersey Herald	284.10
US Postal Service	161.00
Verizon Wireless	242.93

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

Old Business

LOSAP Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP EMS

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the LOSAP Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Amend Chapter XIV-TRC Application Fees Ordinance - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 14-5 ENTITLED "APPLICATION FEES" FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

With there being comments from the public, Mayor Hughes closed the public hearing. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the Amend Chapter XIV-TRC Fees Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Amend Chapter XIII-Cemetery Overlay Ordinance - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Bruning, to introduce the following Ordinance and set the public hearing for July 3, 2018:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XIII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE ZONING CHAPTER, TO AMEND SECTION 13-13F., THE R-5 CEMETERY OVERLAY ZONE STANDARDS CLARIFYING CLEARING BUFFER DISTURBANCE LIMITS, FOREST AND EXISTING VEGETATION REMOVAL AND SITE DISTURBANCE AND GRADING LIMITS WITH THE RIDGELINE AND HILLSIDE VIEWSHED PROTECTION OVERLAY ZONE AS PERTAIN TO THE CEMETERY OVERLAY ZONE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette that Chapter XIII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being the Zoning Chapter, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Amend and supplement Section 13-13F. "Cemetery Overlay Zone", subsection 13-13F.h.3 to read as follows:

3. There shall be no new disturbance of existing forest, tree lines and hedgerows that serve as the required buffer without prior site plan approval. Clearing for access driveway shall be permitted, subject to site plan approval; however, such clearing shall be limited to the minimum amount necessary to construct such access driveways.

Section 2. Amend and supplement Section 13-13F. "Cemetery Overlay Zone", subsection 13-13F by repealing and reserving subsection 13-13F.i as follows:

i. Reserved.

Section 3. Amend and supplement Section 13-13F "Cemetery Overlay Zone", subsection 13-13F.1 to read as follows:

a. Total site disturbance. For the purpose of this standard, the site disturbance and grading limits found at 13-13E, Ridgeline and Hillside Viewshed Protection Overlay Zone are not applicable to this Cemetery Overlay Zone and "new disturbance" shall be defined as areas of the property that have not been previously disturbed for agriculture or other use as indicated on 1992 aerial photography. New disturbance shall be limited to 10% (ten percent) of the gross site area; however, all such disturbance shall be subject to site plan approval and shall not contravene the purposes of perimeter buffering of the tract. Further, existing hedgerows and forested slopes in excess of 15% (fifteen percent) shall not be disturbed except for site access as may be approved by the Board.

Section 4. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. The Township Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning Board and to all others entitled pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. The Township Clerk is further directed to refer this Ordinance to the Township Land Use Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. Upon adoption of this Ordinance, after public hearing, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage and to file a copy of this Ordinance, as finally adopted, with the Sussex County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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

JCP&L/Street Lights - Bruning reported the EDC recommends additional street lights on Route 15. He said the estimate cost per year for each LED light would be approximately \$10.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to add the six (6) additional LED street lights on Route 15 as shown on the JCP&L submission. Henderson asked about the lights being on when the businesses will be closed as residences are on Route 15. Bruning said no residential areas are involved. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-no, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Land Use Board Vacancy - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Henderson, to appoint Thomas Madewell to the Land Use Board as Alternate #2. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Joint Court - Henderson noted Branchville Borough is leaving the Joint Court. The Clerk will contact Frankford Township to have a meeting to discuss costs.

Ridgeline Overlay - Bruning said he received a phone call from a person who just purchased a home and was denied the construction of a small shed because of the ridgeline overlay. The person had to have an inspection done by the Township Engineer before a permit was given. He suggested inspections be completed by the Zoning Officer to keep costs down for residents. A letter will be sent to the Land Use Board to review this suggestion.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, and Mrs. Stephanie Pizzulo, Secretary, were in the audience and asked to review and submit a list of the applications.

New Mason Dump Truck - Hughes noted money is available in the budget. Road Foreman Macko will work on the specifications for the truck.

Improvements to Roads - Road Foreman Macko reviewed the roads to be taken care of this year. He suggested grants be applied for Statesville Quarry and Snover Roads. Henderson noted Statesville Quarry Road, Father John's Lane and Fox Hill Road were listed on the Road Foreman's report. Bruning suggested Lewisburg Road be taken off the list to be overlaid to do necessary drain work. Bruning will pursue this subject.

The Township Engineer was authorized to work on the plans for Monroe Road by Bruning.

Garbage Truck - Road Foreman Macko reported Sparta Township is interested in accepting the 1991 International Packer truck. Attorney Kurnos stated this can be declared surplus and given to Sparta Township. A resolution is not required.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to declare the 1991 International Packer truck as excess surplus and donate the truck to Sparta Township as is. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Signage and Trees - Road Foreman Macko reported approximately \$1,463 worth of signs are needed around the Township; and a number of trees need to be taken down for approximately \$1,400-\$1,600 per day. The Township Committee approved the projects.

New Business

A's Country Spirits Liquor License Renewal - Motion by Henderson, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt a Resolution to renew the Liquor License of A's Country Spirits for the year 2017-2018. Motion carried by roll call vote: Henderson-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

NJDOT Route 15 Project - Bruning reported the NJDOT will be installing sidewalks in front of 113 Route 15 and the municipal parking lot. They will, also, stripe a pedestrian walkway in the municipal lot at Route 15 and Morris Farm Road. It was noted that some of the parking in that lot may be eliminated because of the width of the striping.

Audience

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, Land Use Board Chairman, said the ECHO housing is being discussed at the Land Use Board and is being worked on. Also, the cemetery ordinance was discussed at the Land Use Board.

Mrs. Stephanie Pizzulo, Secretary, reported a resident is requesting to reserve the pavilion in August for the Knights of Columbus' kids' fishing contest. Mrs. Pizzulo said she can approve this request because he is a resident; however, the resident is asking that the \$75 fee be waived.

Corcoran noted a previous fishing contest request was denied.

Mrs. Pizzulo said Project Self-Sufficiency (PSS) asked to use the pavilion and have the fee waived. She said there is no resident associated with PSS.

Mrs. Pizzulo said the Recreation Commission can decide on the fishing contest being held; however, the determination of the fee may be a deciding factor for the resident.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to waive the \$75 for the Knights of Columbus as they are a non-profit organization. The motion failed by roll call vote: Henderson-no, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-no.

Mrs. Pizzulo will deny PSS's request to use the pavilion as no resident is associated with them.

Pond Water Testing - Mrs. Pizzulo stated the cost of the water testing will not be raised. She said we use MPL Labs; and they are not raising their costs.

Lafayette Day - Henderson asked if the Boy Scouts boating activity would be covered under the Township's insurance. Mrs. Pizzulo was told by Joe Farischon that this is a boating safety course and will start with floating with a life jacket, which will be worn during the entire course.

Attorney Kurnos said this activity will be covered by insurance as there will be supervision. The Township Committee approved the Boy Scouts activity.

Road Foreman Macko asked about the purpose of the fee for a resident as people will have lunch at the pavilion; and they are not charged a fee. Corcoran said this was to cover the cost of lifeguards. Hughes mentioned that upkeep and maintenance of the area is needed. Henderson noted this is helpful for people who reserve it so there is no conflict in scheduling.

Road Foreman Macko feels the fee is unnecessary. Bruning noted this was recommended by the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Josh Aikens, Board of Education Representative, reported teacher negotiations are complete. The STEM students won first place in a recent contest by building a solar-powered car.

Executive Session - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, 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 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, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

Exec. Session: Property Acquisition

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

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk