

February 5, 2020

A special meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 3:30pm. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

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

Members Absent: None

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

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

2020 Municipal Budget - The Committee reviewed each line item appropriation for the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Fire House Sign - Motion by Bruning, seconded by Hughes, that the Township Committee allows a digital sign to replace the existing sign at the fire house.

Hughes noted conditions are recommended from the Land Use Board, such as not being too flashy and not be used for a commercial use. It would generate revenue for the fire department; however, some business owners are concerned with competitor advertising on a sign that is on public property. This could possibly take away from township businesses.

Henderson said some members of the fire department did not support advertising as this may compromise their 501(3)(c) status. Road Foreman/Fire Chief Macko said this issue is being pursued. Henderson said the Township Attorney indicated the license should be in the Township's name.

O'Leary said the permit was obtained without Township approval and a waiver is needed because property is not in a commercial or industrial zone. He said the sign conflicts with Township ordinances; and businesses are not permitted this type of sign.

O'Leary feels this is, also, a safety issue as it is across from the pond and people may be hit by distracted drivers. Hughes disagreed noting a sign is existing; and there are signs on the ball field fence.

Road Foreman/Fire Chief Macko indicated their accountant will be consulted regarding the advertising; and it will continue as a community bulletin board. He reviewed information discussed at the fire meetings.

Bruning amended his motion, seconded by Hughes, to allow an electronic, digital sign at the fire house to replace the existing sign which is not to be used for off premises, commercial advertising. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O'Leary-yes, Henderson-yes.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Corcoran, to endorse the fire department proceeding with the permitting process for the sign. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Bruning-yes, O'Leary-yes, Henderson-yes.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk