

March 4, 2008

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

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

Members Absent None

Also Present: Attorney Kurnos, Tax Collector Pettenger, 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 Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to accept and place on file the Minutes of February 19, 2008. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-abstain, Hughes-yes.

### Reports

**Tax Collector** - Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to accept the Tax Collector's report and resolution as submitted:

For the Month ending February 2008

Duplicate Bills	\$123.00
Printouts	\$14.00
Prior Year Taxes	\$38,991.79
Current Years Taxes	\$1,263,074.21
Interest	\$2,741.35
Total	\$1,304,944.35

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

### Animal Control Officer

Month of February 2008	<u>This Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Total Deposits	\$1,194.00	\$3,900.00
Amount Paid to State of New Jersey	\$296.40	\$838.80
Amount Paid to Lafayette Township	\$897.60	\$3,061.20
Licenses Sold	132	440
Kennel Licenses Sold	0	3
Dogs Picked Up	0	0
Cats Picked Up	0	0
Dogs Taken to Pound	0	0
Cats Taken to Pound	0	0
Dogs Redeemed	0	0
Cats Redeemed	0	0
Miscellaneous (Kennel Licenses)	0	\$75.00
Late Fees Collected	0	0
Lost Tags	0	\$1.00

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Sweeney, to accept the ACO's report as submitted.

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

### Committee Reports

**Streets and Roads** - D'Angeli reported routine work is being done. He reported the Meadows Road project should commence this summer. No bidding is required as the Township will be using the co-op. Hughes requested a schedule of the project.

**Land Use Board** - Corcoran reviewed the meetings of February 21 and 28. He said the Fire Subcode Official will now be reviewing site plan and subdivision applications.

**EMS** - Corcoran reviewed the monthly report and said fundraising is going well. Corcoran reported the EMS and Blue Ridge Rescue squad have an agreement to work together. He said grant work is being done; and they are researching replacing the existing First Responder vehicle.

**Affordable Housing** - Hughes reported SCARC is anticipating to commence the construction of the group home next month.

**Advance Housing** - Hughes reported they will be closing on the property soon.

**COAH** - Hughes reported Maureen Fullaway is working on the COAH response.

At this time, Mayor Hughes amended the agenda for Kimber Petroleum.

**Kimber Petroleum**

Lisa Franz, R.E.

Dave Smith, PE

Ms. Franz explained the process for the plan amendment to the Wastewater Management Plan (WMP). Committeeman D'Angeli asked about their refusal to submit information to the Land Use Board Engineer. Ms. Franz said they were asked for \$5,000 additional escrow to review something that was not within their jurisdiction. Committeeman Corcoran the Board only needed approval from the engineer for the flow exceeding the allowed 2,000 gallons per day, which totaled 2,518 gpd.

Ms. Franz asked that the resolution be finalized. Mayor Hughes stated the Township and Land Use Board engineers both reviewed and approved the amendment.

Motion by Bruning, seconded by Corcoran, to endorse the Kimber Petroleum plan amendment to the WMP. Motion carried by roll call vote: Sweeney-yes, Corcoran-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Hughes-yes.

**Correspondence**

1. From Maureen Kaman, CTA re: New computer

This issue will be carried to the next meeting on March 18, 2008.

2. From Gary Duva, UNICO National re: Italian Festival at Olde Lafayette Village

Mr. Gary Duva said UNICO is planning to hold an Italian Festival at Olde Lafayette Village & explained their plans. It was the consensus of the Township Committee to approve the festival subject to proper permits being obtained.

3. Hampton Township Ordinances (2)

4. Land Use Board Resolution - Annual Report

5. Hardyston Township Resolution Draft Regional Master Plan

**Old Business**

**EMS Loan Payoff Ordinance** - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE FINAL PAYOFF OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP EMS BUILDING LOAN AND APPROPRIATING \$17,061.83 FROM THE RESERVE FOR FIRST AID SQUAD EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt this ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Sweeney-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

**Amend Chapter XIV Ordinance** - Mayor Hughes opened the public hearing for the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XIV OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, BEING THE LAND USE PROCEDURES OF SAID TOWNSHIP

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

Motion by D'Angeli, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt this ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Sweeney-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-abstain, Corcoran-yes.

**Meadow Ridge Estates Bond Return** - The Township is waiting for the attorney's bill before returning the bond.

#### **New Business**

**Fire Department Rescue Truck** - Sweeney noted one (1) bid was received and opened today for the Fire Department rescue truck. The bid submitted was from Hackney USA for \$125,685.00. Attorney Kurnos said a performance bond is not required as the truck is already built; therefore, the Township can get a credit of \$1,637.00.

Motion by Sweeney, seconded by Corcoran, to award the rescue truck bid to Hackney USA for the amount of \$124,048.00 subject to attorney review. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Sweeney-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-no, Corcoran-yes.

**Raffle Licenses** - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Bruning, to approve three (3) raffle licenses for Lafayette Center Preservation Foundation for May 9, 2008 and waive the local fee. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Sweeney-yes, D'Angeli-yes, Bruning-yes, Corcoran-yes.

#### **Audience**

Mr. John Blackford, Fire Department member, asked about the jaws not being bid. Mayor Hughes said the budget was reviewed; and this will be tabled. Committeeman Corcoran noted Chief Cifelli was to research refurbishing the tools and report back to the Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the refurbishing of the tools.

Mr. Blackford was asked about turnout gear. Mr. Blackford felt they would need approximately 5 sets of turnout gear for the amount of approximately \$10,000.00. Mr. Larry Decker will determine the exact number of sets needed and their cost.

Mr. Ron Decker, EMS Captain, feels the Fire Department and EMS should be notified of the festival at Olde Lafayette Village (OLV) for emergency services. After discussion, Mr. Decker said he will contact OLV.

Road Foreman Bill Macko asked if the Committee was interested in obtaining a used bucket loader. He explained his reasoning for this request. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Township Committee not to make the purchase.

Mr. Ron Decker said the last donation from Sunrise House was made in 2006 and quarterly meetings are not being held as agreed to. Committeeman Sweeney noted the transport calls have decreased. Mayor Hughes suggested EMS send a letter to Sunrise House asking for a donation.

Mrs. Nancy Podkowka, Recycling Coordinator, reviewed the Solid Waste amended plan. It was the consensus of the Township Committee that there is not need for a County agency to perform an evaluation on a municipal employee.

Mrs. Podkowka reviewed the recycling and tonnage. She will pursue the issue of getting the numbers divided.

Mr. Charlie Clink, Beaver Run Road, stated the odor from the SCMUA is really bad. Mayor Hughes noted representatives were present at a number of meetings to explain how they were trying to fix the problem. Committeeman D'Angeli stated the Township Committee is doing everything possible; and the SCMUA representatives explained what they are doing. Mayor Hughes stated the SCMUA will be back in September.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC

Municipal Clerk