September 3, 2019

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Lafayette Township Committee was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ

Members Present:	Mayor Bruning, Committeemen Hughes, Corcoran, Henderson, O'Leary
Members Absent	None
Also Present:	Clerk Fedish, Attorney Kurnos, CFO Grisaffi, Road Foreman Macko

Mayor Bruning opened the meeting stating that it was being held in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Minutes - Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to accept and place on file the minutes of August 6, 2019. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-abstain, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

High Point Regional High School Budget Presentation - Scott Ripley, Superintendent

Mayor Bruning expressed the Committee's concern about requesting Lafayette's representative attend a Township meeting to give an update of the school's activities/projects. The Township representative did not attend a meeting.

Mr. Ripley said this is not the school's policy and noted the individuals have resigned. Mr. Ripley introduced the Board President, William Kehoe, and Lafayette's representative, Patricia Nugent. Mr. Kehoe and Ms. Nugent said they would be available for future meetings.

Mr. Ripley reviewed the 2019-2020 school budget and said they have been fiscally responsible as the budget only increased by 1.97% .

Tax Collector - For August 2019

Prior Year Taxes	$6,596.92
Current Year Taxes	$1,690,949.24
Prepaid Taxes – 2020	$35,623.52
Interest	$1,693.54
Total	$1,734,863.22

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

Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary, to adopt the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND TO GREGORY J. CORCORAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $295.90 FOR AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE 4TH QUARTER 2019 TAXES FOR BLOCK 12, LOT 6.02

WHEREAS, credit was applied from the State of New Jersey representing a 2016 Homestead Rebate in the amount of $295.90 to the 4th quarter 2019 taxes for Block 12, Lot 6.02, known as 35 Mc Cloud Lane; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Gregory J. Corcoran, is a fully exempt veteran and beginning year 2019 does not pay property taxes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey, that a refund be issued to Gregory J. Corcoran in the amount of $295.90.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector, the Chief Financial Officer, and Township Auditor for their records.
Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-abstain, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Committee Reports
Fire Alarm - Hughes reported that due to a lightning strike, he received proposals for the replacement of the fire alarm.

Motion by Hughes, seconded by Henderson, to adopt the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW FIRE PANEL/ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING $5,000.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The funding for the Acquisition and Installation of a new fire panel/alarm system for the Municipal Building and related Appurtenances is hereby authorized and the cost is not to exceed $5,000.00 which sum is hereby appropriated for such purposes.

Section 2. The total amount of $5,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

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

Postal Service - Hughes reported he is waiting for a response from the postal service's lease management specialist. An operations plan is to be submitted.

Elizabethtown Gas - Hughes reported a public meeting will be held at the municipal building on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

EMS - Corcoran reported the EMS responded to 36 calls in August.

Motion by Corcoran, seconded by Henderson, to appoint Michael Sanfilipo as a new member of the Lafayette Township EMS. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

Recreation Commission - Corcoran reviewed the meeting with the school to coordinate events.

Fire Department - Henderson reported the fire department responded to 11 calls in August.

Land Use Board - O'Leary reviewed the meeting of August 22, 2019.

Streets and Roads - Bruning reviewed the Road Foreman's report. He said the Township has not received any letter or phone call from Ms. Sharpe (Fox Hill Road) regarding her barn.

Foreclosures - Bruning reported there is not enough money in this year's budget to pursue foreclosures.

Correspondence
a. Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution Authorizing Ballot Question
b. Sandyston Twp. & Franklin Borough letters re: National Parks Funding
c. Hardyston Twp. Ordinance Amending Chapter 185, "Zoning"
d. Montague Township Resolution re: Designate "Franklinite" NJ Official Mineral
e. Hampton Twp. Resolution Condemning Hate Speech

Old Business
Salt Shed Spending Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SALT SHED COVER AND APPROPRIATING $14,108.00 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary to adopt the Salt Shed Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

New Phone System Spending Ordinance - Mayor Bruning opened the public hearing for the following Ordinance:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND RELATED APPURTENANCES AND APPROPRIATING $5,000.00 AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
With there being no comments from the public, Mayor Bruning closed the public hearing.
Motion by Henderson, seconded by O'Leary to adopt the New Phone System Spending Ordinance. Motion carried by roll call vote: Hughes-yes, Corcoran-yes, Henderson-yes, O'Leary-yes, Bruning-yes.

21 Lewisburg Road - Attorney Kurnos reported the title search is clear; and he will continue to pursue this issue.

Vouchers

1st Alarm Security	250.00
American Wear	174.85
Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management	500.00
Atlantic Communications	350.20
Campbell Supply Company of Sussex County	541.16
CenturyLink	652.50
E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	126.46
EMSL Analytical, Inc.	143.00
Gregory Corcoran	295.90
Griffith-Allied Trucking	1,352.67
Home Depot Credit Services	67.12
Information Systems Group	4,500.00
JCP&L	1,246.11
Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	391.00
Lafayette Auto Parts Supply, LLC	282.98
Lafayette Twp. Board of Education	664,761.00
Mary Beth Somerville	2,736.08
MGL Printing Solutions	100.00
Morris Asphalt Supply, LLC	1,965.28
Mr. John	106.50
ND Engineering, LLC	2,889.00
NJACTB c/o Morris County Board of Taxation	340.00
Opdyke's Sales & Service	180.88
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	81.25
Prime Solutions	500.00
ReadyRefresh by Nestle	111.72
Registrars Association of NJ	20.00
Service Electric Cable TV of NJ, Inc.	21.95
Staples Business Advantage	138.51
Stavola Beaver Run Quarry, LLC	1,900.59
County of Sussex	119.02
SYNCB/Amazon	50.68
T.A. Mountford Co.	440.00
Toni Grisaffi, Cashier	84.09
Tropicana Hotel	976.00
TruGreen Commercial	566.50
Verizon Wireless	273.75
Weldon Quarry Co., LLC	2,426.37

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

New Business

Statesville Quarry Road Resolution of Award - Motion by O'Leary, seconded by Corcoran, to adopt the following Resolution:

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF LOCAL AID
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD
STATE AID PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for:

Statesville Quarry Road Improvements

in the Township of Lafayette, County of Sussex be awarded to the following Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Vendors:
Tilcon New York, Inc (MCCPC Contract #6) whose bid amounted to $160,851.50
General Foundries, Inc (MCCPC Contract #14) whose bid amounted to $374.00
J. Fletcher Creamer & Sons, Inc (MCCPC Contract #26) whose bid amounted to $17,625.00
Garden State Highway Products, Inc (MCCPC Contract #28) whose bid amounted to $260.21
Denville Line Painting, Inc (MCCPC Contract #36) whose bid amounted to $3,906.72
whose bids amounted to $ 183,017.43 subject to the approval of the Department.

That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

That the clerk of this body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this body and to attest to the same.

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

High Point Regional High School - Bruning suggested the sending districts for High Point Regional High School meet once a year to discuss/express concerns regarding the high school. Bruning will pursue this issue.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully,

ANNA ROSE FEDISH, RMC
Municipal Clerk