

**TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
CAUCUS MEETING**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JULY 23, 2007
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

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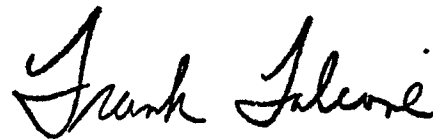
ROLL CALL:

COUNCILWOMAN MARLYN KALITAN	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN STEVEN POLANSKY	
COUNCILWOMAN SHELLEY ADLER	ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE KURZWEIL	ABSENT
COUNCILMAN DENNIS GARBOWSKI	
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT N. JOHN AMATO	
COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK FALCONE	

Council Vice President Amato reviewed the agenda.

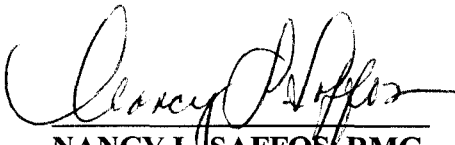
Mr. Lloyd a representative from the Multiple Sclerosis Association came to speak to council regarding their annual City to Shore Bike Ride that will begin at the Woodcrest Station in Cherry Hill to Ocean City New Jersey on Saturday, September 29, 2007 and return back to Cherry Hill on Sunday, September 30, 2007. He thanked the Mayor, Council and our Police Department for all of their help and support over the past few years.

ADOPTED: AUGUST 3, 2007



COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



**NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRANK FALCONE	ABSENT

PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS

Mayor Platt presented the following proclamations:

Emergency First Response Service Day – This Proclamation recognizes Unit 1352 and Unit 1392 of the Fire Department as well as individual firefighters and EMTs for aiding in the life saving efforts of 14 year old Zachary Yizzi. Zachary was struck by lightening and in a state of full cardiac arrest when Emergency First Responders arrived on the scene. Using CPR and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), the recognized responders attempted to revive Zachary before his care was transferred to Advanced Life Support. The Mayor and Council urge all citizens to recognize these courageous individuals dedicated to helping others in need.

Joe Martorano Day – This Proclamation recognizes Joe Martorano, a resident of Cherry Hill and neighbor of Zachary Yizzi, for his role in the efforts to save the life of his neighbor. When Joe noticed his neighbor was struck by lightning, he called Emergency Services and cared for Zachary until First Responders arrived on the scene. The Mayor and Council urge all citizens to recognize, honor, and gratefully comment Joe Martorano for performing life saving services to Zachary Yizzi.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None at this time

COMMUNICATIONS– TEMPORARY PERMITS – CORRESPONDENCE

There were applications for Raffle/Bingo Licenses for the following:

St. Pius X Church @ 344 Kresson Rd, CH	Raffle	11-10-07
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Bishop Eustace Parent's Association @
Crown Plaza, CH Raffle 11-09-07

Friends of Barclay Farmstead Inc @
209 Barclay Lane, CH Raffle 11-18-07

There was an application for a Public Amusement License for the following:

Rendwel Skating Center
Cherry Hill Skating Center

There was an application for a Temporary Use Permit for the following:

Veronica Henderson 8-8-07
Open Solutions Employee Picnic

On a motion by Councilman Polansky, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil, the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Polansky (Abstain Application for Public Amusement License for Skating Center), Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

REPORTS FROM MAYOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

See attached

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

None at this time

RESOLUTIONS:

2007-7-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion by Councilman Polansky, seconded by Councilman Garbowski the bill list in the amount of \$8,141,452.36 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Polansky (Abstain on all insurance payments), Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

2007-7-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1/FINAL TO DECREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR THE JONATHAN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

2007-7-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND AND FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE JONATHAN ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

2007-7-19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENDORSEMENT OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE CHERRY HILL MALL DEVELOPMENT

2007-7-20 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN IN A JOINT APPLICATION FOR A 'NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM' THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO UNDERTAKE HOUSING REHABILITATION AND/OR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STILL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD

On a motion by Councilman Polansky, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil, the consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Council Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

2007-7-21 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC CONTRACTING "PAY-TO-PLAY" REFORM ORDINANCE

On a motion by Council Vice President Amato, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil, resolution 2007-7-21 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Council Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

2007-7-22 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-REVOLVING-DOOR POLICY

On a motion by Councilman Garbowski, seconded by Councilman Polansky Resolution 2007-7-22 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Council Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

2007-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT), SERIES 2007, OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND PUBLICATION THEREOF

On a motion by Councilman Polansky, seconded by Councilwoman Garbowski Ordinance 2007-19 was approved for first reading by the following vote:

AYE: Council Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

2007-20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ITS GUARANTY OF THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP GUARANTEED LEASE REVENUE BONDS (CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT), SERIES 2007 OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION THEREOF

On a motion by Council Vice President Amato, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil Ordinance 2007-20 was approved for first reading by the following vote:

AYE: Council Polansky, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Councilman Garbowski and Council Vice President Amato

PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS SECTION OF THE MEETING IS RESERVED FOR COUNCIL TO ACCEPT "COMMENTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER WISHES TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS, IT WILL BE DONE UNDER THE COMMENTS OF COUNCIL PORTION OF THE MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yolanda Lorenz, 917 Edge moor Rd.

Asked to be educated on the process for the petition for Pay to Play.

Robert Shinn, 10 White Oak Ct.

Mr Shinn said he was pleased that council was planning to adopt the Pay to Play ordinance. He stated that it is now his understanding that the question will not be on the ballot because the ordinance will already be adopted by council. Mr. Shinn stated that residents collected over 3600 signatures on the petitions. Ms Saffos only reviewed about 2600. He said they knew there would be a problem with the signatures so they continued to gather. He didn't want council to think that what Ms Saffos certified today was the limit of the support. He said that he believes it represents the tip of the iceberg to reform a much deeper and broader base. He thanked council and wished they would have done it sooner. He asked council to give their assurance in the public comment portion of the meeting that they are doing this for the long haul and it is not their intention to do this simply to remove it from the Ballot this November so that they can repeal it next year.

Joyce Alexander Walker, 109 Belle Harbor Dr.

Thanked council for concreting the Pay to Play ordinance. She spoke to the residents attending the meeting saying that they should feel empowered not down right now because, they made this happen.

Phil Gurrieri, 1230 Park Blvd.

Said the saying "better late then never" applies here. Adding that in his opinion, the support for the Pay to Play Ordinance is huge.

Theresa Morhfeld, 115 Sheffield Rd.

Thanked council for adopting the Pay to Play ordinance. Echoed everything the previous speakers have said adding that it is never too late to do the right thing.

Jim Morris, 221 South view Dr.

Said that he was a little disappointed with council saying they waited too long to adopt this ordinance. He added that he hopes that council doesn't decide to remove this ordinance after the election in November.

Dave Clotting, 237 Kings Croft

Asked if this resolution that council is now supporting is this the same resolution that was introduced a few weeks ago by a member of the council that couldn't even get a 2nd vote.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

Councilman Polansky Congratulated John Martorano on his heroic efforts to save Zachary Yizzi's life. As well as our First Responders our EMTS, Fire and Police Departments. Councilman Polansky made additional comments, which are attached hereto. With regard to the Pay to Play Ordinance Councilman Polansky said, "Several months ago Council President Falcone asked me to review the proposed pay to play ordinance along with our solicitor. Our review was not limited to just this proposed ordinance. Our review was full and thorough. We looked at ordinances adopted by other municipalities. We spoke with other municipalities, the League of Municipalities and our residents. We also looked at a wide range of influences that can impact government. This review has led us to also adopt this evening a resolution that bans revolving door employment, and prohibits township employees from doing business with the township for two (2) years after they retire, resign or depart their employment with Cherry Hill. I also fully support the pay to play ordinance introduced this evening, and will support the ordinance at its adoption on second reading on August 3. This ordinance allows us to assure our residents that we will continue to select vendors and professionals as we have in the past -- with the goal of obtaining the best products and services at the best value for our residents. We will have the most stringent campaign finance regulations legally permitted in New Jersey. I am pleased to report that with tonight's action, your Mayor and Council again have shown that they are leaders in maintaining the highest ethical standards in government."

Councilwoman Kurzweil Also, congratulated John Martorano and all those involved in the heroic efforts to save Zachary Yizzi's life. Also commented on the NPP resolution for the Still Park neighborhood and the Pay to Play ordinance saying that she fully supports both.

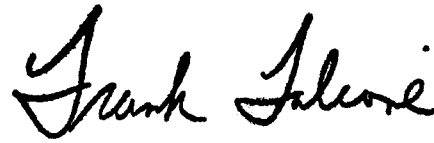
Councilman Garbowski Reiterated the comments of those before him regarding the heroic efforts to save Zachary Yizzi's life. With regard to the Pay to Play Ordinance Councilman Garbowski said, "We have always said that Cherry Hill goes above and beyond State standards on Campaign Finance Reform. By moving this ordinance tonight, Cherry Hill is once again insuring open and transparent Government. This is just another example of how honest and efficient government serves its taxpayers."

Council Vice President Amato Council Vice President Amato also offered his congratulations to all of those involved in saving Zachary Yizzi's life. He made additional comments which are attached hereto. With regard to the Pay to Play Ordinance Council Vice President Amato said, "This ordinance is an important step in keeping Cherry Hill the best place to live in New Jersey and will be a powerful tool in the continued efforts by the mayor and council, to provide Cherry Hill with the best possible services at the lowest possible cost. I would like to applaud my fellow council members for the hard work and thoughtful consideration they have put into studying this issue. We will continue to put in place other reform initiatives to ensure honesty and openness in our government. "

Mayor Platt requested Deborah Sanders, Associate Solicitor to clarify the process for the Pay to Play Ordinance.

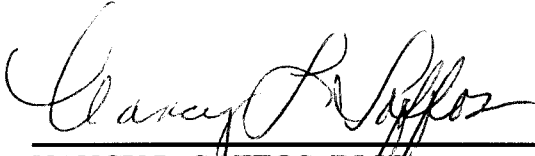
Ms. Sanders explained that the Pay to Play ordinance submitted by the Petitioners, was considered to have been introduced when the petition was certified as sufficient by the clerk, and would be considered for adoption at the August 3, 2007 meeting. If adopted by council there would be no need for the ordinance to be placed on the ballot in November. She added that the ordinance would be presented for consideration for adoption in substantially the same form as it was submitted by the Petitioners. The only changes that could possibly be made would be format and /or grammatical corrections.

ADOPTED: JULY 23, 2007



COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK



To: Members of the Media
From: Dan Keashen, Director of Communications
Date: July 23, 2007
Re: Statement from Mayor Bernie Platt

Please see the statement below from Mayor Bernie Platt on the Township pay-to-play ordinance.

“Good evening everyone. I want to congratulate Town Council for supporting the pay-to-play ordinance created by the Center for Civic Responsibility. I am confident this new measure will make Cherry Hill a lighthouse in the storm of ethics reform throughout New Jersey.

Tonight, we are taking a proactive stand to maintain and enhance our current policy.

Councilman Polansky worked diligently to reach his conclusion on the pay-to-play ordinance. He went above and beyond during his analysis, and tonight, is also presenting companion legislation.

The new “revolving-door” measure will ban any Township employee from working with an existing vendor of the Township. The accompanying resolution will provide another tool for the Township to preserve the public trust and maintain our principled practice of local government.

I want to assure the public the Township worked hard coming to this decision and went through a thorough review process. In our Township we have a legislative process, and we do not make knee jerk reactions about public policy. We reviewed this legislation and made sure it would benefit our overall community.

This is truly a great day for Cherry Hill. We continue to maintain our post among the top towns in the state when it comes to ethics and transparency.”

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