

April 8, 2021
Workshop meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members Present: Sheppard, Miletta, Bowman.

John Marks, Chief and Linda Miletta, Asst. Chief, Lawrence Township EMS were present and had questions concerning their budget and possible acquisition of a support vehicle for the squad, to replace a 1999 Chevy Tahoe, which all agreed is due. Mayor Sheppard advised that the current budget will provide \$40,000 . The squad has accumulated surplus funds in past years that could be used to purchase a newer vehicle and still have enough money to operate. CFO Susan Quinones was present and suggested a possible vehicle lease program. Mayor Sheppard was opposed to incurring debt and suggested they look for a vehicle that could be purchased with funds available. It was also reported that the squad has increased their membership with new volunteers and the return of some former members, which the committee was very happy to hear.

A very brief discussion held regarding Plan Endorsement/Centers Designation. Committee has not made a commitment as of date to move forward. Mayor Sheppard reiterated the Township cannot afford to move forward with sewer project as previously discussed with State Planning officials. He will reach out to discuss same with Megan Wren Office of State Planning.

(2) Draft Ordinances (one land use) prohibiting the operation of any class of cannabis businesses within the Township reviewed. Same will be considered for introduction at the regular meeting of April 12th with final adoption held pending Planning/Zoning Board approval on ordinance regarding land use.

Clerk provided Committee members with various health benefit plans that may be considered, current policy renews June 1. Information provided by Cindy McQuade, Dempsey Weiss Assoc., with her preferred plan being Amerihealth Select Silver EPO with Health Savings Account. Cost is comparable to current plan with better coverage. Further consideration will be given once determined that participating employee's providers participate in the plan.

Land sale offers received from (2) adjacent property owners reviewed- \$2,000 each block 6 lots 15 and 16 and \$1,000 each block 180 lots 5 and 6. Committee agreed to revisit following land sale scheduled for the regular meeting of April 12 at which time minimum bids will be determined. It was also determined that the former Public Works building, block 197 lot 13 be pulled from the sale, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, until such time property lines can be determined.

Clerk instructed to prepare employment ads for Public Works/Convenience Center employee and Administrative Assistant position for committee review and advertisement.

Brief discussion held regarding Master Plan Re-examination. Further consideration of the Township Committee will be given once formal approval is received from the Planning/Zoning Board.

Parade and Events Committee request for space in Municipal Building approved, former Court Office may be used for storage and work area for event preparation.

Payment of approved vouchers authorized motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding necessary repairs at bank building. Mr. Miletta is awaiting receipt of quote from contractor, Al's Stucco. Mayor Sheppard stated that a second option would be to replace the brick façade with aluminum siding. Further consideration will be given.

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With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday April 12, 2021
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Sheppard, Miletta, Bowman.

Following the pledge of allegiance minutes of the March 4th and 8th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of March accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale conducted as advertised, with the following results:

Block	Lot(s)	Bidder	Purchase Price
12	16, 17, 18, 19, 20	Regalbuto Builders LLL	20,000.00
25	10, 11, 12, 13	Regalbuto Builders LLL	20,000.00
25	14, 15, 16, 17	Regalbuto Builders LLL	20,000.00
47	9, 10, 11, 12	Regalbuto Builders LLL	15,000.00
35	144	Michael M. Powers III	2,000.00
173	6, 7, 8	Joseph Sutton	14,400.00
187	2	Paul A. Gilson	13,000.00

Each bid accepted separately by the Township Committee, approved unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-26, Emergency Temporary Appropriation in the amount of \$48,000 for Engineering/Reconstruction of Thompson Road approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Fralinger authorized to move forward with survey, design and bidding documents as proposed, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-27, Confirming land sale, block 45 lot 11 sold to William Holbrook December 14, 2020 in the amount of \$1,000.00, and authorizing Mayor Sheppard to execute deed, Resolution approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-28, Certification of the governing body that hiring practices are in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2021-423, Updated Stormwater Control Ordinance. Receiving no public comment, the hearing was closed and the ordinance adopted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Calendar year 2021 Model ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank, Ordinance No. 2021-424, approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Further consideration for final adoption will be given following a public hearing scheduled for the regular meeting of May 10.

Ordinance No. 2021-425, An Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within its Geographical Boundaries, approved on first reading motioned

Miletta, seconded Bowman. Following a public hearing to be held at the May 10th meeting, further consideration will be given for final adoption.

Ordinance No. 2021-426, An Ordinance of Lawrence Township Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within its Geographical Boundaries and Amending the Development Regulations Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence by Adding Section 10.18 Under Article X, approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Public hearing/final adoption on the ordinance scheduled for the regular meeting of June, pending Planning/Zoning Board approval.

2021 Municipal budget in the amount of 2,512,514.03 approved upon introduction motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Further consideration for final adoption will follow the public hearing to be held on May 10th.

Due to a delay in receiving quote, no action taken on maintenance and repair of sprinkler system at Senior Center.

Payment of additional approved vouchers authorized motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale offers reviewed at workshop meeting, 4 lots will be offered at public auction at the May 10th meetings, 2,000.00 minimum bid per lot, Resolution 2021-29 approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Floor opened for public comment, with no response received.

Mr. Miletta advised that he had walked along the lake and that the roadway is cracking badly and sinking at the spillway. Mr. Bowman stated that he has seen Doug Whitaker, County Asst. Engineer at that location, so the County is definitely aware of the situation.

Mayor Sheppard stated that after delays, Township carpenters will begin construction of Historical Society/Agriculture Museum building on the 26th.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk