

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Re-viewed and discussed Ordinance 2022-433, Amending the Development Regulations Ordinance as Recommended in the 2021 Master Plan Reexamination Report, with Planner Tiffany Morrissey and Solicitor Seeley.

George Ripper, Supervisor of Road Department, stated they are having issues at the convenience center with a couple resident's coming in 3-5 times a day with a truckload of trash at a time. They can only have 1 trailer per day twice a week. George will relay that to the employees at the convenience center.

Mr. Ripper and Robert Morgan presented the committee with a proposal to purchase radios for the vehicles to solve communication of talking amongst the trucks. Mr. Ripper and Mr. Morgan have tested said radios and were able to communicate from Bay Point to Martin. They are looking to purchase 6 radios, repeaters and 4 walkie talkies. A radio license will be needed. Mr. Morgan and Mary Harrar will work on. Motion to purchase Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

County Cooperative Purchasing for toner cartridges through Barbarian USA, Inc. At this time the committee wishes to continue utilizing our current vendor.

Dam Inspection Report, Sheppard stated the County knows it needs to be addressed. The dam is under a County Road. There has been some question as to who is responsible for the repairs listed in the report. Mr. Bowman remembers being at a meeting where the County stated the dam belonged to them. Mr. Seeley will contact Doug Whitaker and Neil Reilly to set up a meeting to discuss further.

Solicitor Seeley does not think we are able to subdivide and sell the former public works property since it was bought through Green Acres with a grant and loan and is deed restricted.

Personnel Policy Draft reviewed. Bereavement time was added. Mr. Sheppard will review to see if any other changes are needed.

AmeriHealth Renewal, committee would like to renew keeping the same plan.

Generator Maintenance Proposal from Reliable Power was accepted by the committee. Clerk to notify Reliable of such.

Discussion on electric vehicles and charging. Solicitor Seeley does not believe this is something that is needed to be addressed at this time.

Authorize payment of approved vouchers motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 9:04 pm.

Mary Harrar, Acting Clerk

Monday April 11, 2022
Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the March 10th & 14th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of March accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Authorize payment of additional approved vouchers motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land Sale conducted as advertised with the following results: Block 53, Lot 15, Regal Ave. sold to Michael Rugenus for \$5,000.00. Offer accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-35, Authorization to proceed with In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings on (13) tax sale certificates motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-36, imposing lien on Block 197, Lot 5, 16 East Ave. in the amount of \$8,000.00 for costs incurred to demolish the unsafe structure and remove all debris, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-37, Authorization to proceed with In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings on (3) tax sale certificates motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-38, authorizing exaction of a discharge of mortgage for Clive and Onita Thompson motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Public hearing as advertised, Ordinance 2022-433, Amending the Lawrence Township Development Regulations as recommended in the 2021 Master Plan Reexamination Report. Committee explained to the public that this was the 1st step and has been in the process for 2 ½ years due to Covid. Discussion on monies that could be received in lieu of taxes and how said monies could be put towards paving of roads. Judy Andrews commented that her father told her that it was difficult to get fire trucks to the DeCarlo lots. Discussion on roads being repaved. Motion to open public hearing Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Hearing no public input, motion to close Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Motion to adopt Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2022-434, Calendar Year 2022 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank, approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Public hearing for further consideration of final adoption will take place at the regular meeting of May 9th.

The Budget raises taxes \$28,000 a year. The Auditor will be present at May 9th meeting and have a budget presentation. American Recovery Act monies discussed as well as restrictions on what/how money can be spent being lifted.

2022 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$2,856,859.18 approved on first reading motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Further consideration for final adoption will follow a public hearing and budget presentation to be held at the regular meeting of May 9th.

Mr. Bowman attended a meeting in Hopewell with other mayors discussing animal control. They are running into obstacles. The City of Vineland is ready to move. Mr. Bowman stated that the purchase of the existing shelter has been discussed. There is a sheltering company who builds and operates shelters who will be giving an estimate for their services. Cape May and Atlantic Counties animal shelters are run by the County. South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter will not disclose what they spend money on. Mr. Woody stated that Trenton's SPCA has shut down.

Personnel Policy Reviewed. Acting Clerk to make revisions as noted.

Solicitor Seeley read an email from the County in regards to the Dam. The committee would like to meet at the lake with the County to discuss the dam before the end of April. Solicitor Seeley will set the meeting up.

Motion to open to public, Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Judy Andrews yard sale at the Senior Center made \$182.00 and they were able to clean up the shed.

Motion to close to public, Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 8:06 pm.

Mary Harrar, Acting Clerk