

August 5, 2021
Workshop Meeting

Regular monthly workshop meeting of the Township Committee called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the open public meetings act. Members present: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard. Also present for County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan working group meeting, Maurice & Linda Cobb OEM, Wayne Shelton, Construction Code Official and participating electronically Jim Manski, County OEM and Stuart Wallace, consultant. Also invited but not present, Township Engineer, School Administrator and Planning Board Chairman.

Mrs. Cobb provided a slide presentation of the Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan project overview, history and benefits of participation. The plan must be updated periodically to be eligible for federal grants for hazard mitigation necessary due to severe weather conditions, flood, wildfire, drought, etc. Lawrence Township's critical facilities inventory and current HMP mitigation measures reviewed and updated. Purchase and installation of a permanent backup emergency generator at the municipal building/ EMS will be included /funded in the Townships 2022 Capital Improvement Plan. Also discussed was the installation of wiring on current fire wells to allow hook up of portable generators. Also discussed was the need for Flood Plain Ordinance. Mr. Shelton requested that a draft template be provided that could be amended to meet the Township's needs. Mr. Wallace will forward same. Both Master Plan and Storm Water Management Ordinance have recently been updated. Committee members and OEM agreed that the State buyout of homes in Bay Point reduces the Township's liability and responsibility should severe weather occur. A second work session on the Hazard Mitigation Plan will take place, date not yet determined.

Land sale offer received from Mr. John Belland for adjacent properties reviewed. Mr. Belland made an offer of \$16,500 for the purchase of block 103 lots 1 and 2 and block 104 lot 31 located in tract 65. Mayor Sheppard stated that with the redevelopment plan proposed for Delaware Bay Estates, and the paving of Thompson Road, tract 65 is our area for future development. Committee agreed that block 103 lots 1 and 2 be held at this time to be combined with others to be buildable, and block 104 lot 31 again be offered, minimum bid 13,000 plus 400.00 conveyancing fee. Clerk will send written correspondence to Mr. Belland to see if he is interested in moving forward with land sale.

Quotes for grinding and removal of brush and limbs at Convenience Center reviewed: Arbrisco Enterprises, Inc. \$45,000, SJAP Naturalink 25,000 and County Conservation Company \$9,500
Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote that job be awarded to low quote, County Conservation Company.

Brief discussion held regarding proposed Re-Development Plan study area. Ownership of 4 buildable lots recently transferred in block 231. The current owner plans to be making application for building permits. Also block 230 is almost fully developed. Clerk confirmed with Planner that removal of these parcels would have no impact on the redevelopment plan. Committee agreed to request Planning/Zoning Boards approval to remove both blocks from the study area.

Resignation received from Jackie Blankenship regarding crossing guard position accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding non-vaccinated individuals participating in indoor activities at the Senior Center. Director requests that she be allowed to limit indoor activities to fully vaccinated individuals only. It would have no bearing on distribution of meals for the lunch program, as that takes place in the parking lot. Solicitor Seeley advised that as the Senior Association is their own entity, they can amend their by-laws to limit participation to fully vaccinated members only.

Quotes received for the purchase and installation of doors, Senior Center/ Historical Society Project reviewed:

H.H. Hankins 4,051.80 (not installed) South Jersey Glass & Door 5,842.00
At Your Pace #1 option 6,748.77 #2 Option 4,356.00(not equivalent) Mayor Sheppard stated that

door quoted by South Jersey Glass and door matches existing doors and would be the better choice. All agreed. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that award be made to South Jersey Glass and Door in the amount of 5,842.00.

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

No further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday August 9, 2021
Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order 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 July 8th, 12th and 15th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote Reports for the month of July accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Land sale conducted as advertised with the following results:
Block 10 lots 21, 22 sold to Michelle & Rickey Urgo, \$2000.00 each, lots to be combined with their existing lot 10, bid accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-46, Certification/Group Affidavit that the governing body has reviewed the "Findings and Recommendations" section of the 2020 annual audit, resolution approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Grace period extended on 3rd quarter tax installment due August 1 to August 25 due to a delay in mailing of tax bills approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2021-47. Interest on payments received after August 25 will be calculated from August 1.

Public Hearing for final adoption held as advertised, Ordinance No. 20241-427, Bond Ordinance of the Township of Lawrence, County of Cumberland NJ, Providing for the Acquisition of a Dump Truck Appropriating \$170,000 Therefor, Including \$15,278 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for the Originally Authorized Purpose, and \$8,722 From the Capital Improvement Fund, and Authorizing The Issuance of \$146,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of The Cost Thereof. Hearing opened and receiving no public input, closed and the ordinance was finally adopted as motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-428, Amend 2021 Salary ordinance approved on first reading. Public hearing for final adoption will take place at the regular meeting of September 13th.

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

Award made to South Jersey Glass and Door for purchase and installation of doors at Senior Center/Historical Society project be rescinded as the quote in the amount of 5,842.00 had expired and was changed to 7,010.00 due to increased cost of material and awarded to At Your Pace, comparable door at a cost of 6,748.77 motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Mayor Sheppard advised that quotes will be coming for insulation and sheet rock. Project is moving along nicely.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

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August 31, 2021
Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 4:30 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Sheppard, Miletta, Bowman. Purpose of the meeting was to review various quotes for work at new Historical Society Building Project.

Quotes received for drywall, materials and installation: Viking Drywall 10,120.00 Recupero Construction 11,850.00 CustomDrywall 14,500.00. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote award be made to Viking Drywall pending receipt of a valid NJ Business Registration Certificate.

Quotes for painting: Erienne Painting LLC 8,880.00 DJ's Painting 10,050.00 No quote submitted Wall pro Painting and Mike Kaganzev Painting. Award made to Erienne Painting motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Insulation will be supplied and installed by Hills of Insulation, Low quote in the amount of 7,600.00 motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Additional quotes received from Cape Insulation 11,478.00 and Allstate Insulation 11,855.00.

Stanley Robbins who previously applied for and was interviewed for Convenience Center Attendant position was hired to fill the recently vacated spot at an hourly rate of 13.00 motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk