

July 5, 2018

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, Sheppard, Miletta.

Quotes received for installation of well at the new Public Works facility reviewed:
 D'Agostino's Water Solutions, LLC \$4,500.00 H.H. Garrison & Son, Inc. 4,400.00
 Roesly Well Drilling \$4,500.00
 Motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote that job be awarded to H.H. Garrison & Son, Inc.

Quote received for installation of fire rated doors, required due to recent State Fire Inspection, from South Jersey Glass and Door reviewed. Awaiting additional quotes from Millville Glass and Plowman's Doors and Windows.

Christy Ripper, Lawrence Township Recreation Committee, request for consideration to fund a new program, "Safe Sitter" reviewed. Ms. Ripper is certified to teach the program, which is designed for boys and girls aged 11-15 and teaches them all aspects of caring for or "baby sitting" children. It also provides basic CPR and First Aid training. The participants receive a Safe Sitter Certificate, and classroom hours can be used towards National Honor Society requirements. The set up cost for the program is \$900.00, which may be recouped depending on registration fees and number of participants. Committee agreed to fund the program, to be paid out of Recreation account, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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

Brief discussion held regarding Fire Inspector Position. Our current inspector has accepted a full time position in another municipality. At this time he is still willing to provide us service. If that should change, Mayor Bowman suggested we look into sharing services with Upper Deerfield.

Fire Chief Brian Scarlato submitted a request for a street light to be installed at the intersection of Saw Mill and Main Street due to increased traffic since the Dollar General Store opened. The intersection is very dark. Deputy Mayor Sheppard also suggested installation of a fixture at the intersection of Jones Island and New Road. Clerk instructed to order both lights to be installed, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding correspondence received from the Executrix for the estate of Margaret Mathes, regarding prior easement agreement on Lummis Pond Dam. The matter will be forwarded to Solicitor Seeley, who was absent due to recent surgical procedure, for review.

Clerk/Collector provided committee members with a proposed list of properties to be foreclosed. Further consideration will be given upon completion of Foreclosure Schedule.

Construction Code Official Gordon Gross appointed Interim Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer if needed as Mr. Lamanteer may be out of the office for a few weeks, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

July 9, 2018
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the flag salute, minutes of the June 7th and 11th meetings were approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of June accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Certificate of Determination and Award, to the Township of East Brunswick in the amount of \$500,000 at 2.298%, financing for purchase of a fire pumper truck, presented to the committee, and accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-38, Authorizing assignment of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00092 to Herman Ketterer in the amount of \$1,471.45 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-39, Certification that the governing body has received and reviewed the "Findings and Recommendation" section of the 2017 Annual Audit approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Clerk was happy to announce there were no findings.

Resolution 2018-40, Re-appointing Lisa Perella, Certified Tax Assessor, four year term approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-41, Re-appointing Maurice Cobb OEM Coordinator for a three year term approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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

Land sale offer received from Victoria Solomon reviewed. Ms. Solomon made an offer of 600.00 for block 153 lot 6 ¼ acre, and 1,100.00 for lot 7 ½ acre, (assessed values) Minimum bid has been 4,000.00. With land sales down in current economy, Mayor Bowman feels that minimum bid should be reduced to encourage sales and get the properties back on the tax roll. Mr. Miletta agreed. A review of tax map indicated the lots were contiguous to rear of Ms. Solomon's property on one side, and on a paper street in tract with no development on the other side. Mr. Sheppard suggested minimum bid be 1,000.00 per quarter acre and 2,000.00 for half acre lots. All agreed. Clerk will contact Ms. Solomon to determine if she is still interested.

Brief discussion held regarding correspondence received regarding Lummis Lake Dam. The Executrix for the Estate of M. Mathes, current owner, referred to a 1982 easement between Ms. Mathes and the Township which was done in order to remove a dangerous curve in the road. The estate suggests that if the easement is no longer binding, the Township should return the land to its former state and remove the roadway. All agreed that would not happen. Mr. Miletta stated that it was not in the agreement. Solicitor Seeley reiterated (as discussed at the May workshop meeting) the easement ceased upon the death of the property owner and the Township has no responsibility to maintain the dam. Committee agreed.

Mayor Bowman stated that he is awaiting a call from John Knoop, County Engineer, to schedule meeting to discuss maintenance issues with Cedar Lake Dam. Clerk will reach out to him in attempt to schedule.

Mayor Bowman stated that the Township closed on purchase of block 157 lots 68 and 69. Mr. Sheppard instructed clerk to get a proposal from Engineer of cost to make it an official roadway, connecting Monroe to Thompson so that the Township can make future application for grant to have it paved.

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Re-inspection reports from State Fire Inspector reviewed. It appears that most violations have been abated. Waiting for electrician to install additional exit lights, and Mayor Bowman stated that two vendors will be stopping in to inspect doors to quote installation if fire rated doors and hardware. Due to anticipated delay, Clerk will request extension on doors.

Mr. Miletta stated that the new fire pumper truck is done and fire company members will be soon inspecting it. Delivery may be in the next few weeks.

Floor opened for public comments. With none received, meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk