

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

Request received from resident Kyle Carvo of Maple Ave to hunt on Township property reviewed. Request denied due to liability.

Discussion held regarding NJDOT 2018 Municipal Aid Program. It was determined that application be made for reconstruction of North Avenue and Lummistown Road Section III, further action will follow upon engineers completion of application.

Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present and updated Committee on Public Works Projects. Committee provided Mr. Ripper with draft of interior floor plan for New Public Works Facility for his review. Location of restrooms and other water outlets need to be determined for plumbing installation. Drains have been ordered and pipes installed in floor for electric. Mr. Ripper will review plan for final determination. Mr. Ripper also advised that he spoke to engineer Stephen Nardelli in regard to Reconstruction of New Road Project. Mr. Nardelli advised that he did not anticipate the project being completed before early spring.

Mayor Miletta provided update on Exit Conference held with Auditor on July 20th. Although there were no audit findings and recommendations, there were a few items to be discussed. A cafeteria plan for employee health benefits needs to be established. Also, due to a decline of dog licenses issued, it was suggested that a Dog Census be considered. In the past it has been determined that a census is not cost effective. Also, Due to lack of records provided, it was recommended was that the Recreation Committee file for Non-Profit status and become their own entity. Committeeman Sheppard instructed Clerk to reach out to other municipalities to see how many have Non-Profit Recreation organizations. Further consideration will be given to all items discussed.

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

Mayor Miletta advised that Planning Board Solicitor, Bill Reilly commented at recent Planning/Zoning Board meeting that a master plan review needs to be done in the near future. Mayor Miletta stated that it would have to be considered in 2018 budget preparation.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

August 14, 2017
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the flag salute, minutes of the July 6th, 10th and 20th meetings were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of July accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Open public discussion held as requested by EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato, RICE notice issued June 27, 2017, regarding incident that occurred at Memorial Day Parade held May 29th. A verbal complaint was

made by Parade Committee members to Committeeman Sheppard, that Chief Scarlato caused a scene, yelling and screaming at Parade Committee member Linda Miletta over parade line up. Mrs. Miletta was present and provided details of events that occurred and requested that he, Chief Scarlato treat her with the same respect she gives him. Chief Scarlato gave his side of the story, and said that he was trying to get her attention. Both parties provided witnesses to the event. Bottom line- both Fire and EMS Chief will coordinate line up with Mrs. Miletta prior to future parades. Committeeman Sheppard stated that everyone needs to be respectful to everyone else- all agreed. RICE Notice rescinded, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2017-402, Amending Salary Ordinance No. 2017-397. Committee explained that salary range for carpenters, Public Works Building was reduced. Receiving no public comment, the hearing was closed and the Ordinance finally adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing held on Ordinance No. 2017-43, Regulating Maintenance and Registration of Vacant Residential Dwellings. Clerk advised that the registration form provides contact person for zoning violations which will aid Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer. Receiving no public input, hearing closed and Ordinance adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened, Ordinance No. 2017-404, Appropriating 230,000 From The Capital Improvement Fund and a Grant From The NJDOT Fiscal Year 2017 Municipal Aid program For The Reconstruction Of New Road In And By the Township Of Lawrence. Mr. Sheppard advised that the grant is in the amount of 200,000, and 30,000 for Engineering will be appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund which is already in the budget. Resident Brian Scarlato questioned if the entire road would be done. Mayor Miletta replied yes. No additional questions received, hearing closed and ordinance finally adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Mayor Miletta instructed Clerk to Make Engineer Stephen Nardelli aware that there is a flooding issue at Driveway to Conti residence, which should be dealt with in this project.

Final public hearing held, Ordinance No. 2017-405, Amending Ordinance No. 2017-396, Finally Adopted February 27, 2017, In Order To Increase The Appropriation To \$131,000, To Provide For Additional Construction Work Of The Township's Public Works Facility. Mr. Sheppard advised that \$25,000 was added, the original ordinance was for \$106,000. With no public comments being received, the hearing was closed and the ordinance finally adopted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2017-51, Authorization to refund tax overpayment to Corelogic in the amount of 868.96, block 205.01 lot 11 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Clerk advised that the overpayment was created due to reduced assessment due to dwelling fire.

Resolution 2017-52, Cancel stale outdated check #1076, Escrow account, payable to Ladd Co., in the amount of 1,166.20 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard. Clerk advised that check was for refund of escrow and another check has been prepared.

Grace period extended on third quarter tax installment to August 28, 2017, Resolution 2017-53, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Clerk advised that the bills were mailed July 31st and we have to allow 25 days from the date of mailing. They were out a few days earlier than anticipated, thanks to the assistance of volunteers from the Senior Center.

Award made to South State, Inc. for purchase of Cold Patch 102.00/ton and Hot Mix Asphalt 59.00/ton, through the Cumberland County Cooperative purchasing System, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Payment of additional approved vouches approved, motioned Bowman , seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Committee comments:

Mr. Bowman stated that he was happy that things worked out between Parade & Events Committee members and Chief Scarlato. Mr. Sheppard reiterated and thanked everyone involved.

Mayor Miletta opened the floor for public Comments. Pastor Dan Vasquez, Calvery Fellowship Church, 522 Main Street, approached the committee and provided information about an addiction rehab program his church is sponsoring. The Christian alternative program is available to all members of the community that are in need of assistance. Pastor Vasquez is not looking for any cash donations, only assistance in getting the word out. The program will be held every Tuesday beginning August 29th, 7-8:30 pm at the church. Mayor Miletta introduced the Pastor to Parade and Events Committee members who were present and suggested that they get together, as the next community event will be held on Saturday September 30th, Movie night, with a rain date of October 21st. Mayor Miletta suggested that Pastor Vasquez set up a table and provide information regarding his program at the event.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk