

Thursday December 7, 2017
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, Bowman, Miletta.

Discussion held regarding animal shelter services and the Cumberland County SPCA. Mr. Bowman advised that all towns are on board and have committed so the shelter will remain open. Right now there are more questions than answers regarding terms of proposed inter-local services agreement. A draft copy has been presented for review and comments. Further consideration will be given following future discussion and negotiations between the municipalities and the SPCA.

Proposals received for installation of insulation and heaters for Public Works Garage reviewed, with no action taken. Quote will be obtained from Grainger for purchase of heaters direct. Sieri Mechanical authorized to rough in gas piping lines of \$2,500.00 motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Quote received from Colson and Gosweiler for additional insurance coverage for proposed flag football program at a cost of \$273.50 reviewed. Committee agreed to provide same upon confirmation from Recreation President Jason Ripper that the program is ready to roll.

Solicitor Seeley advised that letters were sent to former EMS Members requesting that pagers be returned to the squad. Further consideration may be given pending their reply or action.

A list of necessary repairs needed at the Senior Center provided by Activities Director Kathy Conti reviewed. Mr. Bowman will review same with public works employees.

Correspondence received from NJ Advance Media/South Jersey Times, regarding the future of the Township reviewed. Committee instructed clerk to reply that Construction of Public Works Facility, phase 1 and delivery of a KME Custom Pumper Fire Truck will be completed in the upcoming year.

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

Resolution 2017-65, Authorizing necessary budget transfer, \$7,500.00 from A&E Other Expense to Convenience Center Other Expense approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Clerk confirmed date for end of year meeting, proposed December 28th. Deputy Mayor Bowman suggested that date for reorganization be changed from New Year's Day. Meetings set: End of year will be held Thursday December 28th at 4:00 PM and Reorganization Thursday January 4th at 7:30 PM, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday December 11, 2017
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Continued

Following the Flag Salute, reports for the month of November were accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Minutes of the November 9th and 13th meetings approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote

Resolution 2017-66, Authorization for the Tax Collector to Process 2017 Tax Overpayments approved, Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Authorization to Proceed with In Rem Foreclosure Proceedings on (8) tax sale certificate granted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote, Resolution 2017-67.

Correspondence received from the Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing System regarding contract award for Providing and Delivering Various Traffic Sign Materials, made to Garden State Highway Products for a term of one year reviewed. Clerk advised that Public Works Supervisor George Ripper reviewed and confirmed that prices were much less on sign materials than we currently pay. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that the Township participate.

Authorization to submit a 2018-2019 Municipal Alliance Grant Strategic Plan approved, Resolution 2017-68, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

Clerk provided copy of notice received from DEP Historic Preservation Office addressed to Triad Assoc., Mayor Miletta copied. Resident on Maple Avenue applied for a Community Development Block Grant, and the letter made reference to the "Cedarville Historic District" with boundaries beginning at the intersection of Main Street and Sheppard Davis Road, continuing south along Main Street to the district's termination north of New and Sawmill Roads. All or parts of Maple Avenue, Jones Island Road, Franklin Street and North Avenue are included within the district boundaries. Committee has no knowledge of a Historic District. Mr. Sheppard stated that details need to be determined, find out what it means. Mr. Bowman stated that he wants nothing to do with a Historical District. Mayor Miletta and Mr. Sheppard agreed, too restrictive regarding maintenance of properties, homeowners cannot afford to meet standards. Clerk will call Triad to get details.

Committee Comments:

Deputy Mayor Bowman stated that construction of the Dollar General Store is almost completed, and in his opinion, it's the nicest looking one in the area. He commended the Planning Board for stipulations made such as landscaping, fencing, etc.

Floor opened for public comments. Gary Whyte of Mountainside NJ appeared with a request for consideration of the Township adopting a Resolution or Proclamation to acknowledge and raise awareness of an incurable disease known as Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressive (FOP). FOP is a rare genetic incurable condition where the muscles turn to bone and grows a second skeleton which is very painful. FOP affects around 3,000 worldwide, 250 in the U.S. and about 12 in NJ, one being the daughter of a good friend, which has fueled his mission to ask all 566 municipalities to participate in his initiative to raise awareness and support for research. To date, 542 municipalities have approved resolutions/proclamations and 21 Counties. Mr. Whyte will forward a draft resolution for further consideration of the Township Committee.

Rudy Badger of New Road was present and questioned when reconstruction on his road will begin. Mayor Miletta advised that contract has been awarded and date may be known following pre-construction meeting. Receiving no additional public comments, floor closed.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Thursday December 28, 2017
End of Year Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm, as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Purpose of the meeting was to close business for the year 2017. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

A brief discussion was held regarding Animal Shelter/SPCA issue. Mr. Bowman, who has attended all meetings regarding this issue advised that all towns and cities in the County have committed, along with a few Salem County municipalities. Much is left to be determined such as basis for each participating towns pro-rata share and membership of proposed advisory board. The SPCA will be open for business in January. More information will follow pending outcome of meetings scheduled in the near future.

Resolutions reviewed for Annual Re-organization which will be held on Thursday January 4th at 7:30 PM.

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

Resolution 2017-69, Authorizing the Following Necessary 2017 Budget Transfers Approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote: \$1,486.40 From Senior Center Other Expense to Senior Center Activities Director Salary and Wage, and \$4,000.00 From Streets and Roads Other Expense to Aid to Volunteer Fire Company. Committee wishes to reimburse the Fire Co. for Resealing and Striping of their parking lot, total cost of \$6,500.00. Further consideration of the additional \$2,500.00 will be given in the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Brief discussion held regarding the increased number of fire permits issued. Clerk will have Construction Office prepare and submit a detailed report to be considered for 2018 Budget/Salary Ordinance for Fire Inspector position.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk