

Monthly workshop meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Sheppard, Bowman, Miletta.

Thomas Mahoney, State Certified Fire Inspector appeared to discuss the Fire Inspector position recently vacated by retirement of Gary Wallen, Electrical and Fire Inspector. Mr. Mahoney agreed to provide the service at an annual salary of \$4,000.00. The current salary ordinance and budget appropriation for the position is \$2,583.00. Committee advised that only three fire permits were issued in 2016 and four in the first five months of 2017. Committee advised that salary request could not be accommodated. Mr. Bowman will contact Upper Deerfield Township clerk and Mayor to discuss possibility of inter-local agreement for same services. Committee then met with Thompson Maier to discuss vacant position of Electric Sub-Code Official. Mr. Maier provided his resume which was reviewed by committee. Mr. Maier was appointed to fill the vacancy, unexpired term ending December 31, 2019 at the current annual salary of \$8,544.00, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Committee met with EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato to review list of surplus property belonging to EMS, Fire Co., Public Works and Municipal offices, to be offered at public auction on Govdeals. Further consideration will be given /action to be taken at the regular meeting of June 12th.

George Ripper, Supervisor of Public Works was present to discuss possibility of part time summer help to cover employees vacation time. Committee agreed on need for same, further consideration will be given upon receipt of applications.

Quotes for purchase and installation of 4 cu yd stationary compactor reviewed:
Rudco Products, Inc. 17,103.00 plus 1,250.00 installation, Frath Machinery Corp., 16,995.00 installed, and Waste Quip, no quote. Clerk advised that funds in the amount of 17,400.00 are available from the capital improvement fund. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that compactor be purchased from Frath Machinery Corp.

Committee along with David Dean, Construction Code/Housing Officer reviewed draft, Rental Housing Ordinance. Changes were made, committee wants to review further. Also discussed was the benefit of adopting ordinance for vacant property registration. Further consideration will be given on both issues.

Committee reviewed proposal received from Fralinger Engineering for reconstruction of New Road in the amount of \$30,000.00. All committee members felt it was excessive. Mr. Sheppard will discuss issue with Engineer Stephen Nardelli for additional details.

Clerk advised that 2 additional poles were needed for Public Works Garage project. Change order will be prepared for the regular meeting.

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

Brief discussion held regarding County site-plan for construction of communications tower on Township property at the Fire House. County will be submitting plans for Planning/Zoning Board review and requested the Township waive fees. Committee agreed to waive fees for application fee and property owner list only. Escrow fees for Township Engineer review would have to be paid by the County, as committee agreed from the beginning they would not provide any costs involved in the project.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday June 12, 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.

Following the flag salute, minutes of the May 4th and 8th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of May accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-43, authorization to refund tax overpayments approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-44, Chapter 159, insertion of revenue in the 2017 adopted budget, \$200,000 Reconstruction of New Road, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-45, Chapter 159, insertion of revenue in the 2017 adopted budget, \$10,006.75 titled Clean Communities, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-46 Confirming land sale, block 68 lot 27 sold to Gerard Reilly for \$60,000.00 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-47, Resolution awarding a contract to Kovach Mobile Equipment Corp., (KME) for the purchase of a fire pumper truck in the amount of \$534,998 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Clerk presented certificate of available funds in the amount of \$550,000, appropriated by the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-400.

Resolution 2017-48, Authorization to foreclose tax sale certificates (13) In-Rem approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-49, Authorizing the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use on Govdeals approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Change order #3, Public Works Garage Project, additional materials needed, supplied by South Jersey Sheds and Gazebos, (2) 22' Four Ply Laminated Columns, 243.86, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Appointment of Fire Inspector tabled, as Mr. Bowman is waiting to hear from Upper Deerfield Township Clerk regarding the possibility of an inter-local agreement.

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

Resident Greg Yacabell was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning/Zoning Board, 2 year unexpired term ending December 31, 2018 motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Mayor Miletta stated that Mr. Yacabell will be a good addition to the board, all agreed.

Mayor Miletta opened the floor for public comment.

Sheriff's Officer Craig Johnson appeared and advised that recent "Get hooked on fishing, not drugs" fishing derby was a great success. T shirts were not provided this year due to lack of donations, but there were plenty of items given away to participants. Numerous good quality fishing rods were distributed to the kids. Leftover food was donated to recreation committee. Officer Johnson provided information regarding proposed all day community event. He and Recreation Committee member Christy Ripper would like to plan an event to be held in September that would include a fishing tournament, bounce house, K9 demonstration, Fireman's Surrey Smoke House, etc., ending with

outdoor movie. Mayor Miletta advised that date should be cleared with Firemen who hold annual crab dinner in September to avoid a conflict with dates. Officer Johnson also advised that the Sheriff's Officers are making a strong presence in the Township with both bike and car patrols.

Meeting closed for executive session at 8:35 pm, to discuss matters of personnel with no action to be taken, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Executive session

Executive session closed and the meeting reopened at 8:45 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman,

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Thursday July 20, 2017
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act