

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.

Change Order #2, Public Works Facility, South Jersey Sheds and Gazebos, approved in the amount of \$150.16 for Wainscoting, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Solicitor Seeley advised that he prepared a draft Rental Housing Ordinance that would be forwarded to committee members for review and can be discussed at the June workshop meeting.

Discussion held regarding CCIA Municipal Loan Program, which the Township had considered using for financing of proposed Fire Truck. Bond Counsel, McManimon & Scotland reviewed and advised that a step was missed in bidding process, therefore, the program would not be available until issue corrected which will take a minimum of 60 days. The committee will move forward with ordinance introduced at the April meeting and fund the purchase with a bond anticipation note.

Planning Board Solicitor William Reilly spoke to clerk regarding salary and billing of applicants escrow for legal services. He suggested committee consider paying his salary (retainer) only on months that there is no Planning/Zoning Board meeting. He would then bill the applicants escrow account for services rendered. Committee is not interested in making a change at this time, but will revisit for next year. Hourly rate would have to be considered along with amending ordinance for escrow.

EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato appeared with request for Township to purchase aluminum carport to be installed on side of EMS Building. Chief Scarlato presented quote in the amount of \$1,395.00 for a 18x21x9 carport installed, from Dusty's Custom Auto Detailing. Mayor Miletta reminded committee members that the carport was promised when old carport was removed for roof replacement project. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that purchase be made.

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

Message received from insurance carrier regarding value of Public Works Facility reviewed. The Township insured for a value of 100,000 based on cost of materials and labor with construction being done in house. Insurance Co. feels that replacement cost based on square footage should be closer to \$200,000. Clerk instructed to obtain quote on \$200,000 value.

Brief discussion held regarding Construction Office. Committee previously considered a shared services agreement should the current Construction Official, David Dean retire. Mr. Dean advised Clerk that he will retire year end. Committee will review/consider options as to appoint another Construction Code Official or to enter into an Inter-Local Services Agreement with another Township.

Solicitor Seeley advised that he received a call from a party that claimed to have an interest in a property that was foreclosed for back taxes and scheduled for land sale on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The party requested that the property be pulled from the sale. Mr. Seeley advised that the foreclosure was completed properly and there was no question that it belonged to the Township. Committee expressed no desire to remove it from the sale.

George Ripper, Supervisor of Public Works was not present but requested committee consider making uniforms mandatory for Public Works/Convenience Center employees, which has in the past been optional. He also requested purchasing florescent colored t-shirts. Committeemen Sheppard advised that if uniform's are mandated they must be supplied by the Township. Currently employees pay half. Committee agreed that tee shirts could be worn and safety vests should be supplied. Further consideration will be given to amendment for Personnel Policy.

Meeting closed at 8:35 for executive session, to discuss matters of personnel, with no action to follow, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened at 9:05 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Christy Ripper, Recreation Committee met with the committee to discuss problems with parents/adult relatives at the ball park. She has two people that are harassing and threatening coaches and using foul language at the park. This is in violation to the Code of Conduct which all parents have signed. It was suggested that should there be another incident, the State Police should be called. It was also suggested that The Sheriff's Department get involved. Ms. Ripper said that Sheriff's Officers are aware and promised a heavier community presence. Mr. Sheppard instructed clerk to contact the State Police Barracks for suggestions on how to proceed. Ms. Ripper thanked the committee for their time.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday May 8, 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 April 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of April accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale held as advertised with the following results: Lone bid received for block 68 lot 27 in the amount of \$60,000.00 from Gerard Reilly. Bid accepted motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-40 confirming land sales from April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting: block 197 lot 36 sold to John Marks, \$4,000.00 and block 245 lot 61 sold to Jorge and Otilia Rodriguez, \$4000.00, Resolution approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Discharge of mortgage note, block 136 lot 10, Delores Holt, for housing rehab grant approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-42, Authorizing the Township Membership in the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing System tabled, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Clerk advised that the resolution was approved in 2015 and contract for membership is automatically renewed annually.

Public hearing opened as advertised, motioned Bowman seconded Sheppard, Bond Ordinance No. 2017-400, Bond Ordinance Providing For The Acquisition Of A Fire Pumper Truck In And By The Township Of Lawrence, In The County Of Cumberland, New Jersey, Appropriating \$550,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bonds Or Notes To Finance Part Of The Cost Thereof. Comment received from resident Gerard Reilly who praised the volunteer firemen that respond day and night to save people and said it was tremendous that the committee could provide the equipment needed. Receiving no additional comments, the hearing was closed, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman and the ordinance finally adopted, motioned Sheppard seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Mr. John Belland entered the meeting room and inquired about 2 parcels on land sale list. Block 68 lot 27- he was advised by Solicitor Seeley that the committee accepted a bid of \$60,000. The second

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parcel was block 104 lot 31 that did not sell. Mr. Belland questioned if the minimum bid of 12,000.00 was negotiable, committee responded no. Mr. Belland stated that he made application and received approval for a sub-division many years ago (2002), but his lawyer dropped the ball and deeds were never recorded. The lawyer is no longer practicing and cannot help him resolve. Mr. Belland was very sick for a period of seven years. Mayor Miletta asked if the attorney was local- Mr. Belland replied no, Cherry Hill. Mr. Belland responded that he spent a lot of money. Solicitor Seeley stated that the attorney would have had malpractice insurance and should be sued. Mr. Belland said that he did not want to go that route, he just wants the matter resolved. Both Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Bowman said it is a Planning Board matter. Mayor Miletta told him to call Kathy, Planning Board Secretary and have her pull the original records and get on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Belland told the committee that he has had issues with illegal dumping on his property (block 103 lot 36 23.5 acres), which has cost him a lot of money. He intends to fence in his entire property which will also deter 4 wheelers. Mayor Miletta asked Mr. Belland if his property had been cleared and if it was his intention to construct a building on it many years ago. Mr. Belland replied yes, but the building was stolen. Mr. Belland indicated that he would like to have block 104 lot 31 which runs adjacent to his property, but not for \$12,000. He stated that the property was landlocked and had no access. Mr. Sheppard reviewed tax map and replied that a paper street, Spencer Avenue, runs right to the property, is only 175' and could be easily opened. Mayor Miletta again told Mr. Belland to contact the Planning Board Secretary to get mess straightened out.

Public hearing opened as advertised, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, Ordinance No. 2017-401, Capital Ordinance Appropriating \$17,400 From The Capital Improvement Fund For The Purchase And Installation Of A 4 Cubic Yard Stationary Compactor In And Buy The Township Of Lawrence, In The County Of Cumberland, New Jersey. Receiving no public comment, the hearing closed, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman. The Ordinance was finally adopted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Bowman stated that the Triathlon went on without a hitch, but appeared there were not as many participants as in the past. Mayor Miletta said that there are generally over 400, but only about half, 200 this year. Mr. Sheppard advised that there was a similar event held in Philly sponsored by Blue Cross, on the same day.

Public Comments:

Mr. Lester Woody requested that holes on New Road be patched. Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present and said it would be addressed the following day.

Receiving no additional comments, meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk