

January 1, 2014
Annual Reorganization

Annual reorganization of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at noon as advertised by Clerk, Ruth Dawson.

Following the flag salute, G. Erwin Sheppard, Committeeman elect was sworn into office by Solicitor Thomas Seeley.

Clerk opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote that Mr. Sheppard serve as Mayor. Mr. Miletta was selected Deputy Mayor, as motioned by Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolutions 2014-1 through 2014-7 were presented on a consent agenda and approved by a unanimous vote, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard:

2014-1 Establish Meeting Dates and Times

2014-2 Set Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

2014-3 Designate Official Newspapers

2014-4 Designate Official Depositories

2014-5 Establish Purchasing Procedures

2014-6 Authorization for the Tax Collector to Conduct a Tax Lien Sale

2014-7 Authorization for the Tax Collector to Cancel and Delinquency or Overpayment Under \$10.00.

Resolution 2014-8, Adopting Temporary Budget approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-9, Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Municipal Auditing Services to Bowman & Co., amount not to exceed \$31,500.00 approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Non-Fair and Open Contract awarded to Seeley Law Office, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2014-10.

Resolution 2014-11, Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Insurance Carrier Services to Colson & Gosweiler Insurance, Premium plus Service Fee, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Contract for Engineering Services, Non Fair and Open, Awarded to Fralinger Engineering for a three year term, compensation in accordance with fee schedule, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2014-12.

Statutory Appointments approved, Resolution 2014-13, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Lisa Perella CTA was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Certified Tax Assessor, commencing January 1, 2014, expiring June 30, 2014, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2014-14. Resolution 2014-15, appointing Mrs. Perella to a full four year term commencing July 1 2014 through June 30, 2018 was also approved

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Thursday January 9, 2014
Workshop Meeting

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

Payment of approved vouchers authorized, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Date set for budget workshop meeting, to review 2014 budget requests with department heads on Thursday January 30th at 5:00 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Committee reviewed Workers Compensation Audit received from Colson & Gosweiler Insurance, indicating an additional \$3,109.00 due mainly to increased payrolls for Fire and EMS volunteers. As the number of members for each entity increase by only one, questions arose as to how payroll is calculated for volunteer members. A copy of the audit will be requested by Clerk to determine that all employees are classified correctly.

A memo received from Mike Day, CPWM, regarding single stream of recyclables reviewed. Mr. Day has prepared flyer to be distributed at the Convenience Center to residents. Committee made minor changes on flyer and agreed upon distribution of same.

Mayor Sheppard advised that he had talked to DEP representatives at a local meeting recently regarding improvements at Bay Point, creating a turn around at the end of Paris Road, placement of rip-rap, etc., and maintenance needed at Cedarville Dam. It was suggested to him by Cindy Randazzo (DEP) to submit a informal plan to determine what can be done and what DEP approvals might be needed. Deputy Mayor Miletta and Committeeman Bowman authorized Mayor Sheppard to prepare and submit written plans for same. Also discussed was the possibility that Bay Point Road was once asphalt, as rumored by long time residents. If it can be proven, its possible that plan to apply 2" asphalt overly from bridge to pump house might be allowed. Public Works Dept. will be

given instruction to investigate, along with contact inquiring of supposed contractor, South State.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday January 13, 2014
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Reports for the month of December 2013 and Building Inspectors Annual report accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-16 2013 Budget Transfers approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote: 134.50 from Assessor OE to Maintenance of Tax Map.

Public hearing held as advertised, Ordinance No. 2013-375, Prohibiting Smoking in Parks and Recreation Areas, and Establishing Penalty for Same. Kathy Butler representing Tobacco Free for a Healthy New Jersey and Beth Mayers, of the South West Council approached the committee and provided information regarding services provided by their organizations. Educational materials for lessons about hazards of smoking and second hand smoke were distributed to teachers at the Myron L. Powell School. Following the lesson, second grade students completed a project where they traced their hands and each student inscribed their own personal message about the hazards of smoking, which were then constructed on a huge banner. The banner will now be displayed in the Municipal Building. Receiving no additional public input, the hearing was closed, and the ordinance adopted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Ms. Butler graciously thanked the committee for helping the community to live a healthier life.

Resolution determining the form and other details and providing for the determination of other terms of \$800,000 General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Cumberland, NJ and providing for their sale to Farm Credit East, ACA approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution No. 2014-17.

Resolution 2014-18, Providing for the combination of certain issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Township of Lawrence, into a single issue of Bonds totaling \$800,000 in principal amount, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Bid results received from the County of Cumberland Cooperative Pricing reviewed. The following contracts were awarded by the County:

Office Supplies - WB Mason

Purchase and delivery of Rock Salt - Item#1 No Beige Tint, Cargill Inc. 61.90/ton

Item#2 Beige Tint, Oceanport Industries Inc. 56.65/ton.

Township opted to participate in all of the above, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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

Brief discussion held regarding lack of appearance of Community Policing Officer attendance at township meetings. Mr. Miletta suggested that a written report be requested to keep committee informed of any issues in town. Clerk will contact Barracks and request same.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk