

Thursday May 9, 2013
Workshop Meeting

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

Engineer's proposal for reconstruction of Jackson Avenue reviewed. Township was awarded 126,000 NJDOT Municipal Aid. Engineering for project 18,900 will be appropriated for by Ordinance. Mr. Sheppard suggested Ordinance be for Municipal Improvements in the amount of 50,000, to include demolition of foreclosed dwelling at 65 Maple Ave. and other small projects.

Request received from resident Jim Cheeseman of Sheppard Avenue to farm property behind his land around the Senior Center, that belongs to the Township. Solicitor Seeley advised that it could be rented but bids would have to be received, or it could possibly be done as even trade if Mr. Cheeseman agrees to maintain the property. Upon review of tax maps, it appeared that Township property was not contiguous. Mayor Bowman will contact Mr. Cheeseman.

Correspondence received from James Rocco, Cumberland County Improvement Authority about Derelict Housing Program in regard to dwelling located at 65 Maple Avenue reviewed. Mr. Rocco has inspected the property and advised that it would qualify for the program – Improvement Authority will provide containers for debris which will be accepted at no charge to the Township. Specifications for demolition will be prepared in accordance with conditions in the letter upon adoption of ordinance mentioned above.

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

Agreement for Redemption in Installment Plan for tax arrears on block 197 lot 51, assessed to Clive & Oneta Thompson reviewed. Installment Plan approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2013-37.

Correspondence received requesting support for the Bayshore Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan and Open Space Funding reviewed. Further consideration will be given at the regular meeting.

Committee met with EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato to review Downe Township EMS issue. At the April 4th workshop meeting, Committee and Chief Scarlato met with Downe Township Committeeman Edward Bart and resident Larry Jordan to discuss LTEMs being named (by Downe Township Resolution) main responder for Downe Township calls, due to personnel issues with Downe's Squad members. At that time Chief Scarlato agreed to two months through Mutual Aid Agreement, to give them the opportunity to reorganize. With one month to go, neither Chief Scarlato or Lawrence Committee members have been advised of any progress of their reorganization. Chief

Scarlato expressed concerns that his people would get burned out if situation was not resolved within the next month. With warm weather approaching increased calls would be expected. LTEMs will continue to be main responder for the next month as agreed and will extend coverage an additional ten days only, if necessary. Mayor Bowman will contact Downe Mayor Bob Campbell to reiterate. Solicitor Seeley will prepare a formal resolution stating same with action to be taken at the regular meeting on Monday May 13th.

With no other matters to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:45pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday May 13, 2013
Regular Meeting

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

Following the flag salute, minutes of the April 8th, 11th and 23rd meeting were approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the Month of April accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2013-30, Certifying Submission of Expenditures for Recycling Enhancement Act Reimbursement, for recycling Tonnage Grant Program approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2013-31, correcting assessment, from 6,500 to 300, block 259 lot 7 due to farmland qualification approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Land sale of block 147 lot 17 to Ellis and Lisa Tomlin in the amount of 4,000.00 confirmed, and Mayor Bowman authorized to execute deed, Resolution 2013-32, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2013-33, Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution Supporting the Bayshore Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan, 2013-34, tabled to allow additional time to review, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

2013 Salary Ordinance, No.2013-368 approved on first reading motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta unanimous vote. Public hearing for final adoption set for the regular meeting of June 10, 2013.

Resolution 2013-36, insertion of additional revenue in the 2013 Municipal Budget, being \$9,037.47, Clean Communities, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding decorative street light fixture on Maple Avenue destroyed by automobile accident. Incident occurred February 26, 2013. Clerk was just able to obtain copy of accident report. Steps will be taken to open claim to replace the fixture.

An executive session for matters of personnel and public safety was on agenda as requested by Mayor Bowman, to meet with Tammy Reynolds, Downe Twp. Committeewoman, liaison to Rescue Squad. With Downe Committee people in the audience (Cook, Reynolds and Wilford), it was decided issue could be discussed in open meeting. Mayor Bowman reiterated his displeasure of learning from a news reporter that LTEMs had been named primary responder by Downe Township. He noted that he was unhappy that Downe Committee members had not discussed the issue with himself or Lawrence Committee members. Also, Mayor Bob Campbell did not return his calls. Downe Committeeman Ed Bart and resident Larry Jordan met with Lawrence Committee and EMS Chief Kevin Scarlato on April 4th, at which time it was decided that LTEMs would be main responder for a two month period to provide Downe with the opportunity to reorganize. At Lawrence Committee's work session of May 9th, Chief Scarlato expressed concerns that his members were getting "burned out" (22 calls in April, and 6 this past weekend alone) and he had no intention of extending agreement any more than 10 days. With only one month to go, and no progress on Downe's reorganization, again, Mayor Bowman placed a call to Mayor Campbell but received no response. Mayor Bowman suggested that if no resolution can be made, Downe might consider contacting John Redden, Millville Rescue for assistance. He noted that Chief Redden assisted reorganizing LTEMs many years ago in a similar situation. He also suggested that Millville might be available as first responder. Committeeman Miletta questioned Downe- will issues be resolved in one month? Committeeman Cook responded that they were working hard and hoped to have a plan of action by their next meeting that would lead to a smooth transition. He appreciated the additional ten days, which he felt they would need. Mr. Cook thanked the committee, LTEMs and Fire Rescue for responding through mutual aid. Mr. Sheppard noted that mutual aid is helping a neighbor, not relying on neighbor to continue to main responder. Ms. Reynolds questioned if Lawrence would continue with mutual aid and Lawrence Committee assured her they would. She spoke with Chief Scarlato and understands his position, especially with increased traffic expected for the summer months. She thanked committee for assistance and assured that she would be meeting with DTEMs and was sure they could come to a resolution.

Chris Pittinger, Captain, Downe Township EMS also wanted to thank the committee, LTEMS and citizens for supporting them at this time.

Resolution 2013-35, Memorializing Temporary Emergency Services Between Lawrence and Downe Townships approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Committeeman Miletta distributed copies of the resolution to audience. Downe Committeewoman Christine Wilfred thanked committee for assistance and assured that issue would be resolved.

Committeeman Sheppard advised that contractors for DEP are cleaning up debris from marsh, and doing a good job. Bay Point Demolitions are scheduled to begin on Wednesday. He advised that final paper work for personal property and commercial property debris removal have been submitted and we are waiting for official certification then we can go to bid. Mayor Bowman thanked Mr. Sheppard for taking the lead with Bay Point hurricane damage and complimented him on a fantastic job.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday May 20, 2013
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Township Committee was called to order at 5:15 and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Purpose of the meeting, introduce Ordinance No. 2013-369, Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$50,000.00 for Various Capital Improvements and Equipment. Ordinance approved on first reading motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Public hearing /final adoption scheduled for the regular meeting of June 10, 2013. Meeting adjourned motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk