

Thursday April 4, 2013  
Workshop Meeting

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

Ted Ritter, Project Director for Bay Point rehabilitation /demolition projects provided Committee with update. Houses demolished and scattered at the end of Paris Road have been removed. Next step is to proceed with demolition of four dwellings. Property owners of three of the four have cooperated fully with the Township and have completed FEMA Right of Entry Forms and provided insurance information. The remaining property owner, block 255 lot 4, 542 Bay Point Road has not made contact or respond to any written correspondence as of date. Due to health and safety issues, it was decided to move forward with an Emergency Condemnation Hearing, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. The hearing will take place at 4:30 pm, Thursday April 11, 2013. Mr. Ritter was authorized to prepare specifications and receive quotes for demolitions, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Mr. Ritter was officially hired as Project Manager at an hourly rate of \$25.00, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Committee met with Larry Jordan and Downe Township Committeeman Edward Bart to discuss issues with Downe Township's EMS. Lawrence Committee members were blindsided to learn from news reporter that Downe Township had adopted a resolution closing/securing their EMS Building, and that all calls in the Township would be covered by LTEMs, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Bowman was annoyed that Mayor Campbell or Downe Committee members had not contacted him or Lawrence Committee members in advance. LTEMs Chief Kevin Scarlato was present and advised that he had manpower to provide coverage, but could run into a problem if both of his ambulances were on calls. Mr. Jordan advised that if possible, Downe's ambulance would be delivered for their use, but it was found to be titled to the Rescue Squad, not the Township. Chief Scarlato offered to provide coverage through mutual aid agreement for two months to allow Downe the opportunity to reorganize. Mr. Jordan assured Chief Scarlato that he would keep him informed on a regular basis of any progress and thanked him for the assistance. All present were satisfied with outcome of meeting.

Proposal for Generator prepared by Steven Walsh, in the amount of 56,323.00 reviewed. Further consideration may be given at a later date.

A memo received from Mike Day, CPWM, advised committee that the County Improvement Authority will now provide hauling for recycling of rigid plastics. He has a spare container that could be used for collection of same. Township would save on tipping and hauling fees. Decision was made to participate, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Zoning information received from Tony Lamanteer, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer on block 199 lot 10, 65 Maple Ave. as requested. The property has been

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foreclosed and committee would like to offer it at public auction, once dwelling is demolished. Mr. Lamanteer advised that the lot is buildable, pre-existing, non-conforming and can be built on using same footprint. Present structure meets current set backs. Lot would be treated as a vacant lot and would need to apply for County septic approvals before any zoning permits would be issued. Clerk will contact James Rocco, Engineer, County Improvement Authority to determine if assistance is available through their Derelict Housing Program for demolition.

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

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday April 8, 2013  
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the flag salute, minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of March accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Officer Craig Johnson, Sheriff's Dept., was present and advised that the Sheriff's Office is starting a Bike Patrol program, which has been funded by donations. 12 Officers will be trained and will conduct random patrols throughout the County in addition to patrolling special events. They will be present for the Triathlon on May 5<sup>th</sup> and hopefully opening ceremonies at recreation complex on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Committee decided to donate bicycles previously purchased for Community Policing program which is no longer in effect, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2013-29.

Ted Ritter, Project Manager for Bay Point project presented specifications for demolition of four residential dwellings for committee and solicitor approval. He has been in contact with County Health Dept. in regard to inspections and it was determined that due to safety issues, exterior inspections would suffice. He also spoke to James Rocco, County Improvement Authority in regard to debris removal. Any necessary separation will occur following demolitions. Mr. Rocco assured Mr. Ritter that no loads

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would be refused. Mr. Ritter advised that FEMA has completed surveys and physical inspections, and advised that environmental concerns (swamp pink/red knot) will not interfere with project, but must be taken into consideration. Other Bay Point business: Solicitor Seeley stated that notices regarding Emergency Demolition on Block 255 lot 4, 542 Bay Point Road, have been mailed to the property owner, his father and the mortgage company. It was also posted on the property and advertised. Hearing will be held Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Land sale conducted as advertised. Offer of 4,000.00 received from Ellis Tomlin for purchase of block 147 lot17, bid accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2013-367, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. Receiving no public input, hearing was closed and finally adopted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2013-28, Provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Fred Caltabiano, Auditor, provided a power point presentation on the 2013 municipal budget. A schedule of revenues, comparison for 2010 through 2013 indicates revenues are down and State Aid has been decreased 86,954.00 since 2009. The State Pension bill has increased 13,465 since 2009. Budget excluding grants has decreased 90,290.00 from 2009 to 2013. Township has experienced a decreased tax collection rate and loss of revenue due to appeals. The end result is a .022 increase that amounts to 38.00 per year on the average house assessed at 171,929.

Public hearing opened as advertised for budget. Resident Delbert Peterson stated that the committee did a great job keeping numbers down. Auditor Caltabiano stated that the 2014 budget will be even more difficult due to decrease in assessed values due to appeals and improvements lost in Bay Point due to hurricane. With no other comments being received, hearing closed and budget adopted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

It was announced that Spring Bulky Waste Pick-up is scheduled to take place April 22-24, and that residents that want to participate should call the municipal building to get on list.

Floor opened to the public: receiving no comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

