

April 7, 2016
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, Bowman, Sheppard.

Based upon Solicitor Seeley's final review of bids received for purchase of Dump Truck, Spreader Box and Plow, and Clerks certification of available funds, contract awarded to low bidder, Route 23 Automall for a total amount of 82,927.00 motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Notice of award received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Lexington in the amount of \$181,000.00 reviewed. Also reviewed was Fralinger Engineering's proposal in the amount of \$27,150.00 for the field survey, design, bidding and contract administration services for the project. Further consideration and action will be given to secure funding for same.

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield group health insurance renewal reviewed. The plan was renewed effective June 1, 2016, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote with a monthly increase of \$39.54.

Notice received from Anthony Riviera, Recycling Coordinator, Cumberland County Improvement Authority that the Townships request to participate in the Derelict Housing Program for disposal of demolition debris for 72 Maple Avenue has been approved. Agreement for same reviewed with further consideration to be given at the regular meeting on April 11th.

Quote received from Lupton Enterprises for installation of router and firewall for internet services in the amount of \$867.25 parts and labor reviewed and approved motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Solicitor Seeley advised that a draft Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance has been prepared and submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval and should be ready for introduction at the regular meeting in May.

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

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday April 11, 2016
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised, and held in accordance with the Open Public meetings Act. Members Present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Clerk advised that minutes for March 10th, 14th and 30th had not yet been completed. Reports for the month of March accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised on Ordinance No. 2016-391, Calendar Year 2016 Model to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. Receiving no questions or input, the hearing was closed and the ordinance finally adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-32, authorizing the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing, Resolution must be passed by full majority of the governing body and providing that at least one week prior to the hearing a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection and to each person upon request which Clerk confirmed criteria met, resolution approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous yes roll call vote.

Public hearing on 2016 municipal budget opened. Auditor Fred Caltabiano provided a very informative presentation on the budget. Estimated tax bill, 18% Township, 82% County and school. Five year comparison of assessments down 8,259,074 mainly due to loss of homes in Bay Point. Revenue breakdown: 56% raised by taxation, 14% delinquent taxes, 9% surplus appropriated 6% miscellaneous revenue and 15% state aid. Mr. Caltibiano noted that State Aid has remained the same since 2012, but decreased by 86,954 since 2009. Included was a five year comparison of major appropriations, local tax rates and taxes. In closing, Mr. Caltabiano included factors on the increased tax levy : \$60,000 increase in capital improvement fund to address capital project needs, \$6,500 increase in Fire Company contribution, \$5,000.00 increase in EMS contribution and \$12,951 in reserve for uncollected taxes. Floor opened for questions and comments on the budget. Residents Charles Laury and Keith Kauffman stated that the Township Committee did a good job and jokingly asked if money could be found to purchase DGA material for their gravel road, Carpenter Avenue. With no other questions or comments received, the hearing was closed, motioned motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, and the Budget adopted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous yes roll call vote.

Resolution 2016-30, Establish dog license fees and extending grace period to March 30, 2016 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Land sale scheduled to be held, postponed due to no prospective bidders being present, and may be rescheduled and re-advertised.

Bids/ RFQ received as advertised for purchase of 1999 Ford medallion Ambulance. Lone bid of 100.00 received from Cumberland County Fire Police, who intend to use the unit for carrying equipment for traffic control calls only, within the County including Lawrence Township events. Bid accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Change order #1 for reconstruction of Martin and Robbins Ave, -4,095.82 due to as-built quantities now known, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Mayor Miletta authorized to execute letter of agreement between the Township and the County for the administration of the Municipal Alliance Grant, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

CCIA Derelict Building Agreement for the disposal of debris created by demolition of dwelling located at 72 maple Ave., approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Mr. Sheppard advised that he spoke with a representative from Hoover Building Systems who agreed to assist the Township with bid specifications for EMS roof replacement. Mayor Miletta stated that all insulation needed to be replaced. Discussed was relocation of all cooling units from the roof to the ground. Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that quotes be received for relocation installation on ground and hook up of cooling units.

Floor opened for public comment. Receiving no public input, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

