

Thursday August 4, 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.

Jason and Christy Ripper, Recreation, were present and provided a yearend review for South Cumberland Little League. With increased registration three (3) additional teams were established. A new batting cage was installed, one dugout on Major field rebuilt, new swings throughout the rec complex and the scoreboard erected. All new electric has been installed in the concession stand, all work provided free of charge by resident Gerard Reilly, Systems Electric. Also donated was concrete for scoreboard by Brian Gifford, Arbrisco Ent. and steel work by Miletta Bros. Jason advised that they would like to apply to become a non-profit entity to qualify for grants to fund future improvements. Also discussed was future renovations to dugouts, bleachers etc. and purchase of playground equipment. Committee requested that quotes be obtained for further consideration for improvements. Committee commended and thanked to Ripper's for their service and dedication to the recreation program. In regard to non-profit status, Committee agreed that they did not want to establish a separate financial entity at this time.

Brief discussion held regarding the need for a master plan reexamination. Further consideration will be given when consultant fees are budgeted in 2017.

Also discussed was increase in dog license fee from \$8.00 to \$8.80. Resolution will be prepared for further consideration at the regular meeting.

Clerk advised committee that Ag-Mart/Santa Sweet employees inquired about a community service project. Clerk suggested that they participate in the Adopt-a-Road program through the County. Every season numerous complaints are called in regarding debris left from their workers, paper cups, twine, etc. along Cedarville Road. Committee agreed and suggested the entire length of the road within Township line.

Correspondence received from Shriners Hospital requesting Township consider accepting Quitclaim Deeds (2) for property donations in lieu of waving fee of \$600.00 in conveyance of property to the Township reviewed. Questioned was title search/ insurance. Solicitor Seeley will contact them regarding same.

Draft ordinance for Comcast Franchise renewal reviewed. The ordinance reduces the homes per mile from 35 to 25 and offers a \$5,000.00 technology grant to the Township that can be used to purchase computers, software or other technical needs as determined by the governing body. Duration of franchise: 15 years. Following discussion, committee agreed to 8 year period motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Further consideration will be given following approval by Comcast and the BPU.

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

Brief discussion held regarding proposed Public Works Garage project. Committee is awaiting cost estimates from Engineer, Stephen Nardelli. Looking at the aerial site provided by Mr. Nardelli, it was determined that block 197 lot 45 and 45.01 should be combined. Solicitor Seeley authorized to prepare and record a deed of consolidation motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday August 8, 2016
Regular Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised, and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Following the flag salute, minutes of the July 7th and 11th meetings approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous yes vote. Reports for the month of July accepted, unanimous vote motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Resolution 2016-44, Extending grace period on third quarter tax installment to August 25th approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Maurice Cobb Jr. was reappointed to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for a three year term, retroactive to July 1, 2015, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, resolution 2016-45.

Resolution 2016-46, Authorizing a refund of 2016 tax overpayment to Kathleen Burno, block 237 lot 10, in the amount of \$345.13 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-47, Increase dog license fee from \$8.00 to \$8.80 plus State fees effective with issuance of 2017 licenses approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Bid award made by Cumberland County Cooperative Contract Purchasing System for supplying of VOC-Compliant High Performance Cold Patch to South State Materials LLC in the amount of \$99.00 per ton reviewed. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote that the Township participate.

Clerk advised that she was instructed by Mr. Ryan Ballou, Liaison NJ Office of Emergency Management to contact insurance carrier to ascertain that new generator installed at Fire House through a NJOEM FEMA grant would automatically be covered as it is attached to the building. It was confirmed by Mr. Gosweiler that it would be covered, but limit should be increased based on the cost of capital improvement. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that limit be increased by \$70,000 cost of generator fully installed.

Engineer Stephen Nardelli was present to discuss proposed construction of a new Public Works Garage. He discussed the project with Architect Dave Manders who suggested a steel frame vs wood frame building, which may cost slightly more, but will have a longer life. Committee provided the following description/ scope to be used for a cost estimate: 60' x 125' steel pole barn, with (4) 16' x 14' insulated overhead doors, (4) 3' wide insulated personnel doors and (4) 4'-4" x 2'-9" windows. Walls and ceiling are to be insulated. Mr. Nardelli will prepare cost estimate for further consideration of the Township Committee.

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

Clerk announced that the County Office of Emergency Management will be offering a two hour incident Command System overview course for elected officials, municipal managers and administrators, on August 29th. Mayor Miletta, Deputy Mayor Bowman and Public Works Supervisor George Ripper all agreed to attend.

Clerk read correspondence received from Fred Deandrea, Comcast, regarding term of proposed franchise renewal. Committee previously agreed to reduce term from 15 to 8 years. Mr. Deandrea replied "commitments offered to lower the homes per mile and the inclusion of a technology grant were directly tied to a 15 year term. Comcast is willing to accept a term of 10 years, but would not agree to the inclusion of the technology grant or the same reduction in the HPM figure over 10 years". Committee will negotiate a 10 year duration with no automatic renewal, 25 homes per mile and give up the 5,000.00 technology grant, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Committee Comments: Mayor Miletta commended the Public Works Dept. employees for keeping up with road maintenance and mowing. He has received positive comments from residents. Deputy Mayor Bowman was pleased with weed control efforts. Committeeman Sheppard announced that the Fire Co. received a grant and Mayor Miletta provided specifics: Federal Grant in the amount of \$148,850 to replace air packs which are 25 years old and cost between \$7,000-\$8,000 each. Mayor Miletta advised that it would have been impossible to fund from our budget. Also discussed was the need to procure a new fire truck in the near future, the newest fire truck is a 2006. Mayor Miletta advised that use of one fire truck is restricted to two passengers only by PEOSHA regulations, which is a problem if they have multiple calls. Mr. Bowman added that firemen are no longer able to arrive on scene in personal vehicles. Mr. Sheppard questioned if the truck could be modified to be compliant, and that with the cost of fire trucks other small municipalities must be in the same boat.

Floor opened for public comment:

Resident Lester Woody appeared before the committee with complaints about the condition of New Road. Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present said he was aware and the road would be graded.

Mr. Ripper read a letter written by Wayne Yoey, Convenience Center Attendant regarding incident that occurred at the Convenience Center the previous Saturday. A resident unloaded his household trash and refused to follow directions as to which containers he was instructed to use, said that he is a taxpayer and would do whatever he wants. Both Mr. Ripper and Mr. Yoey would like to have him banned from using the Convenience Center. Mayor Miletta stated that recycling rules are established by the CCIA and the Township could be fined. Mr. Bowman made reference to incident that occurred years ago, where the Improvement Authority refused a container as it was not sorted properly, dumped it on the ground and Public Works Employees had to sort through all debris. Mr. Sheppard stated that rules have to be followed. The Ordinance regarding use of the Convenience Center will be reviewed to determine penalties, and possibly amended. Solicitor Seeley will send the resident a letter to advise him that failure to follow the rules in the future will result in a complaint being filed against him.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk