

August 6, 2015
Workshop Meeting

Monthly workshop meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard.

Clerk provided a draft copy of bid notice for lease of Bank Facility/Banking Services for committee review. Same approved with minor changes, bid notice to be published asap, in accordance with NJSA 40A:12-14, with sealed bids to be received and publicly opened at a special meeting to be held at 5:00 pm on August 27th, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, resolution 2015-49. Solicitor Seeley provided a draft copy of lease agreement which was reviewed line for line with amendments being made. Further consideration will be given to the lease following receipt of bids, with monthly lease amount to be agreed upon between the Township and successful bidder.

Solicitor Seeley provided a draft of Ordinance that Establishes Fees, Rules and Regulations for Solicitors and Canvassers for committee review. Further consideration will be given to the ordinance at the regular meeting of August 10.

Request to donate land, block 8 lot 14 received with the fee of 600.00. Donation accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote, Solicitor Seeley authorized to proceed with search and deed preparation.

Kevin Scarlato, EMS Chief /1st Assistant Fire Chief, was present and provided information on support vehicle for Fire Co. They are looking to purchase a 2016 Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup from the Houston-Galveston Cooperative Pricing System (HGAC) and should have additional information and cost for the regular meeting on August 10th. Mr. Scarlato also thanked the committee and especially Solicitor Seeley for assisting the EMS members in resolving internal issues with "round table" meeting mediated by Mr. Seeley.

Clerk advised that the Township has been awarded a \$60,000 FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant for the purchase and installation of a natural gas generator at the Fire House. Chapter 159 Resolution will be prepared for regular meeting then bid specifications can be prepared.

Brief discussion held regarding Haywood property, 3001 Cedarville Road. A written report prepared by Zoning Officer Anthony Lamanteer was read. A complaint was received by the DEP and Environmental Specialists along with the County Health Department Inspectors, SPCA Animal Cruelty Investigators, Ron Sutton, Township Animal Control and Mr. Lamanteer performed a site inspection of the property. They found numerous zoning and housing violations along with several hundred of tires, barrels of used oil and other debris scattered throughout the property. There were numerous cats wondering around the property some were removed, traps will be set for the remaining ones. DEP and County officials will look for assistance in removing tires. All officials involved will remain in communication to enforce clean up and resolve housing violations.

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Workshop meeting continued

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday August 10, 2015

Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the flag salute, minutes of the July 9th and 13th meetings were approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Collector and Treasurer's report for the month of July accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2015-388, Establishing Fee and Regulations Regarding Solicitors and Canvassers approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Public hearing for further consideration will be given at the regular meeting of September 14th.

Resolution 2015-46, Extending grace period on third quarter tax installment to August 31, 2015 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-47, Chapter 159, insertion of special item of revenue / appropriation in the 2015 Municipal Budget: Fire Dept. – Emergency operations Center Generator Project \$60,000.00, provided by a FEMA grant, approved, unanimous vote, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Resolution 2015-48, Certification that the governing body has reviewed (at a minimum) the findings and recommendations section of the 2014 annual audit, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Change order #1, Reconstruction of Edgewood Avenue project, as-built quantities now know, increase of \$7,443.77 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Authorization to pay additional approved vouchers granted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Correspondence received from NJ Dept. of Agriculture regarding gypsy moths reviewed. Defoliation caused by the gypsy moth has been detected in the Township and the Dept. of Agriculture has offered to conduct a survey for gypsy moth egg masses at no cost. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that survey be completed.

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Committee reviewed pricing worksheet for purchase of a support vehicle for the Fire Co. Cost for the truck, a 2016 Ford F250 Crew Cab, thru HGACBuy, Silsbee Ford, is \$32,374.90. Committee agreed that it was a good price. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, that purchase be approved, cost to be charged as follows: \$15,000.00 Ordinance No. 2015-385, \$12,845.00 Fire Co. budget reimbursements (sale of surplus items govdeals.net) and the remaining \$4,529.90 from the capital improvement fund.

Committee comments:

Mayor Sheppard announced that the Public Works Dept. is currently working on Municipal Parking lot expansion, project is running smoothly. Roesly's Well Drilling will cap the well existing on the lot so that it may be used if necessary in the future. Mr. Miletta questioned if the well should be pumped occasionally to keep it in working order. Question will be directed to John Roesly. Also announced was the improvements to Harris and June Avenues in the DeCarlo Tract, with one more short road pending. Mr. Bowman congratulated the Fire Co. on another successful chicken bar-b-que, and commented on the success of the car show, with 129 cars present. Deputy Mayor Miletta said that 1800 dinners were prepared. All agreed the food was excellent.

Public Comments:

Residents Keith Kauffman and Charles Laury of Carpenter Avenue expressed concerns with new residents in their neighborhood, creating a lot of traffic at high speeds creating a dangerous environment for the neighborhood children. Clerk will contact the State Police, And Officer Craig Johnson, Sheriff's Dept., to request patrols. Committeeman Bowman suggested that they also patrol Maple Ave., due to complaints that four wheelers are all over the roadway every evening between 5-7:30 pm.

Rudy Badger, New Road resident, commented that Public Works employees filled pot holes, but questioned why RAP DGA material was not applied to the entire roadway. It was his opinion that the material would have been better used on New Road instead of municipal parking lot. Mayor Sheppard advised that there was only x amount of money and the priority is Harris and June Avenues, the parking lot and possibly one additional short road in the DeCarlo Tract. Lester Woody who owns farm land on New Road said that the work done was a 100% improvement. Deputy Mayor Miletta stated that he hopes New Road will be paved in the near future- curb to curb, point a to point b, black top overlay over existing roadway, with no engineering work, to keep the cost down.

With no other public comments received, floor closed and meeting adjourned at 7.58 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

August 27, 2015
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm, as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Purpose of the meeting: review sealed bids for the lease of bank property, 339 Main Street, as advertised, and any other business deemed necessary. Members present: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard.

Lone bid received from Bridgeton Onized Federal Credit Union opened and deemed complete following review by Solicitor Seeley. Committee and representatives from the Credit Union, Tamara Ciccioli and Kenneth Korschack reviewed lease agreement line for line. Bid awarded motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta unanimous vote. Lease agreement, MOU, and waiver for legal services executed. Ms. Ciccioli advised that the parking lot would be improved, interior painted, signs replaced, opening hopefully by the middle of October.

Bids received August 13 for Reconstruction of Martin and Robbins Avenue reviewed. Based upon Engineer Stephen Nardelli's recommendation, bid awarded to Asphalt Paving Corp., low bid in the amount of 143,801.72, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Funding for the project provided by a grant from the NJ Transportation Trust Fund.

Action taken August 10th, authorizing 4,529.00 from the capital improvement fund towards the purchase of F250 crew cab pick-up truck rescinded, with the same amount to be charged to Ordinance No. 2013-369, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-50, Authorization to proceed with In-Rem foreclosure of 11 tax sale certificates approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk