

February 4, 2016  
Workshop Meeting

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

A brief discussion was held regarding nominee for voting member and alternate voting member of the Cumberland Development Corporation Board of Directors. It was determined that Elmer "Skip" Bowman would continue as voting member and Mayor Joseph Miletta alternate voting member representing the Township motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Discussion held regarding Comcast Cable franchise renewal. A new map was provided and compared to previous map to determine if extensions planned in 2001 were completed. Clerk was instructed to reach out to residents in the proposed expansion areas to insure they have been offered service. Solicitor Seeley urged Committee to talk with residents to see what areas should be considered for further extension of service to be negotiated in current renewal process. Fred DeAndrea, Comcast Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs will meet with the Committee informally at the March Workshop meeting to answer any questions they may have.

In regard to the Verizon petition, a memo received County Counsel Theodore Baker was reviewed. Mr. Baker suggested that each community participating in the petition use volunteers to canvass people in the community to gather complaints, in particular to those residents living in areas with no cable service and having issues with deteriorating copper landlines. Clerk has approached Senior Activities Director Kathy Conti to see if she would be interested in managing the project. Mrs. Conti has agreed to draft/prepare a letter to be distributed at the Convenience Center and make herself available a few evenings at the Senior Center to take and record complaints. Mrs. Conti advised that in her opinion, residents, especially seniors would object to door to door canvassing. The committee agreed with her suggestions and decided to pay her 15.00 per hour for a few evening hours at the center, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. It was further decided that flyers regarding Comcast renewal could also be distributed to give residents the opportunity to voice their concerns and express opinions on new areas of expansion.

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

Quote received from GenServe in the amount of 1,175.00 for service/repair of generator at senior Center reviewed. Work authorized, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Correspondence received from DEP concerning the need to revise the Townships current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance reviewed. A template/model ordinance was distributed for committee review. Mr. Sheppard suggested that it first be reviewed by Solicitor Seeley. Further consideration will be given at a later date.

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With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday February 8, 2016  
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Minutes of the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meetings. Approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of January accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Annual agreement between the Cumberland Development Corporation and the Township of Lawrence for Economic and Community Development and other Municipal and Inter-Governmental Services authorized, at a cost of 5,250.00, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote, Resolution 2016-24

Resolution 2016-20 Authorization for the Lawrence Township Parade and Events committee to conduct a Memorial Day Parade on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Inter-Local Services Agreement with Maurice River Township for Certified Recycling Coordinator Services in the amount of 250.00 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote, Resolution 2016-21.

Resolution 2016-22 Authorizing submission of a 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant, and designation K. Louann Karrer to prepare and file same approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Correspondence received from the Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing System for the supplying and delivering of office supplies reviewed. County extended contract with WB Mason for a two year period. Committee voted to participate, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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2016 Salary Ordinance, No. 2016-390 approved on first reading motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Further consideration will be given for final adoption following a public hearing to be held at the regular meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 2016-23, Authorizing a Inter-local services agreement with Deerfield Township for Zoning/Code Enforcement Official services approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

HGACBuy pricing worksheet for proposed purchase of dump truck and related equipment reviewed. Questions arose regarding equipment, plow and spreader being listed under unpublished options which were not submitted and priced in contractors bid. Clerk will contact contractor for clarification.

Resignation of Barry Alrich due to health accepted with regrets, position filled, unexpired term ending December 31, 2018 by alternate member John Roesly, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Clerk advised that numerous compliments had been received from residents regarding Public Works employee's snow removal efforts during recent major snow storm. Committee commended the Public Works employee's for a job well done.

Floor opened for public comment. Resident Willie McCoy, 51 Mulford Avenue appeared before the committee. He provided members with copies of Notice of an Initial Determination of Ineligibility that he received from the Lawrence Township Board of Education regarding his granddaughter's enrollment in the school system. Mayor Miletta advised Mr. McCoy that this is a School Board issue. Mr. McCoy stated that he pays taxes to the Township therefore he wanted to state his case. Committee members replied that the Township collects taxes for the school and county but has no authority how funds are spent. Mr. McCoy questioned if the committee remembered him attending a meeting approximately three years ago at which time he had concerns with his granddaughter's safety walking to school due to lack of sidewalks. Committee members did recall and replied that the issue was resolved by Public Works employees constructing a gravel pathway. Mr. McCoy allowed the committee members time to review the notice and then read through the letter with them. He stated that in his opinion, the notice was written with racial undertones and he found it intimidating. According to the notice, residency is being questioned. Mr. Sheppard stated his business often has to supply letters for tenants to prove residency. Mr. McCoy was angry that the School Board did not supply him with any information regarding their review/investigation. He questioned the committee as to what his rights are. Again Committee referred him to the School Board. Mr. McCoy thanked the committee for their time.

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With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk