

Budget Meeting scheduled for January 26 postponed due to weather forecast.

Thursday February 5, 2015
Budget/Workshop Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Sheppard, Miletta Bowman. Also in attendance was CFO Mary Jane Lake and Fred Caltiabiano, Auditor.

Committee met with Stephen Nardelli, Engineer, to review 2015 budget requests. Also discussed was 2015 road projects.

Committee reviewed budget line by line. Committee agreed to a 2% salary increase, but made other cuts. Also discussed was proposed capital projects- purchase of a pick-up for the Fire Company, construction of Public Works Garage and continuation of Decarlo Road improvements. Further consideration will be given with adoption of salary ordinance and budget.

Committee reviewed unexpended balance on prior Bond Ordinances for Bay Point Improvements and discussed with Auditor and CFO the possibility of adopting an ordinance re-appropriating same for road projects. CFO will review the original ordinance and advise.

Brief discussion held regarding revised Blue Acres Memorandum of Understanding between the State and Township regarding Bay Point buy-outs. Mayor Sheppard advised that both he and Solicitor Seeley reviewed and all is in order. Further consideration will be given at the regular meeting.

Mayor Sheppard authorized to execute Contract for Cooperative Purchasing, HGAC Buy (for purchase of ambulance) motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Resolution approved at the December 2014 meeting to participate in same.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday February 9, 2015
Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Following the flag salute, roll call of members present: Sheppard, Miletta, Bowman.

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Minutes of the January 1st, 8th and 12th meetings approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of January accepted motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Sheriff's Officer Craig Johnson was present and provided update on 2015 Annual "Get Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs" Fishing Tournament. The event will be held on May 30th. This year they have 30 new fishing rods that will be given away in addition to rods that will be provided for use by children without one. Officer Johnson introduced Chief Vince Solazzo who offered services of the Sheriff's Dept. to the Township. Committee expressed an interest in patrols to enforce speed limit on Main Street, especially in the morning hours in the stretch between Cedar Hill Cemetery and New Road. Chief Solazzo was receptive and explained that warnings would be issued on first patrol with tickets to follow on later patrols. Officer Johnson explained that a memo board which shows passing cars rate of speed would be used, but is currently out of service do to stand (legs) being damaged. Deputy Mayor Miletta offered to repair same- Officer Johnson will deliver to Miletta's shop. Chief Solazza encouraged the committee to make him aware of any local issues that he could provide assistance with. Officer Johnson also advised that he would be teaching a gun safety program for parents at the Myron L Powell School on Wednesday February 11, and invited all to attend. A second phase of the program will follow up with students.

Resolution 2015-16, Authorize submission of a Strategic Plan for the Lawrence/Downe Municipal Alliance Grant for the fiscal year July 1 2015-June 30-2016 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-17, Authorization to enter into a Inter-local Services Agreement with Deerfield Township for Zoning/Code Enforcement Services approved, Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Certified list of qualified members, 2014 LOSAP program accepted in the amount of \$22,575.00 motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote, Resolution 2015-18

Resolution 2015- 19 Establish dog license fees and extend grace period to obtain a dog license to April 30, 2015 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-20, Authorization for the Parade and Events Committee to conduct a memorial Day Parade on Monday May 25, 2015 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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Resolution 2015-21, Authorizing Inter-Local Services Agreement with Maurice River Township for Certified Recycling Coordinator Services for a fee of \$250.00 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta unanimous vote. Resolution 2015-22 Authorizing Louann Karrer, Certified Recycling Coordinator for Maurice River Township to prepare and submit a 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Bid results for purchase and delivery of rock salt-Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing System reviewed: No Beige Tint 87.50 per ton, Solar Salt
Beige Tint 77.65 per ton, Peru Salt
Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote that Township participate with County for purchase of same.

Authorization for Mayor Sheppard to execute Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Lawrence and State of New Jersey in regard to Super Storm Sandy Blue Acres Acquisition approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote, Resolution 2015-23.

Resolution 2015-24, Authorization for the Township of Lawrence to enter into Annual Agreement for Economic and Community Development and other Inter-Governmental Services with the Cumberland Development Corporation at an annual fee of \$5,250.00 approved, unanimous vote motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta. Committeeman Elmer "Skip" Bowman will continue to attend all meetings and be voting member. Mayor Sheppard suggested that talks resume regarding a joint Construction Office with CDC members.

Floor opened for public comment:

Carpenter Avenue residents, Charles Laury and Keith Kauffman appeared before the Committee with complaints regarding condition of Carpenter Ave. Clerk will forward complaint to Supervisor of Public Works.

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

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

