

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

Committee met with Fred DeAndrea, Comcast Cable Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs to discuss Comcast franchise renewal. Mr. DeAndrea provided information on increased technology and updates on services that are available, and stated that competition is excessive. Since the 2000 renewal, service has been extended approximately 14 miles. He advised that it cost \$30,000 per mile to build and they require 35 homes per mile which he said is the break-even point. Committee expressed concerns that with our current zoning requirements it would be impossible to meet that criteria. Committee would want to negotiate 17-21 homes per mile. Updated maps reviewed indicating areas of expansion. Committee would like to see ½ to one mile per year extended Lummistown Rd. through Decarlo Tracts. Committee will survey the area for further consideration. Also, flyers have been made available to collect public comments for the Public Hearing on franchise renewal to be held May 9, 2016.

George Ripper, Supervisor of Public Works was present and provided update on Public Works activities and projects. Discussed was the demo and removal of two problem properties that the Township foreclosed upon. A residential dwelling at 72 Maple Ave. will be demolished and hopefully disposed of through the CCIA's Derelict Housing Program. Mr. Ripper has inspected the site and agrees that his Public Works employees can do the work involved. Clerk will apply to the Improvement authority to participate in the program. The second property was a vacant structure located at 150 New Road. The dilapidated structure has been on the ground in ruins for years. Public works will clean up all debris. Bid specs again, for the purchase of a F550 Dump Truck reviewed. Upon Mr. Rippers final review it was decided that the Township would receive bids for the purchase of a dump truck motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Mr. Ripper also updated Committee on the new guidelines for recycling of electronic waste.

Anthony Lamanteer, Zoning/Code Enforcement Official was present and made Committee aware of an anonymous complaint he received regarding alleged illegal businesses in the Township. Mr. Lamanteer has visited both sites and spoke with the property owners. He has also reviewed all permits and sees no problem with one property and is in the process of getting the other in compliance. Solicitor Seeley advised that it is not necessary to take any action on an anonymous complaint.

Piranha Sports LLC request to conduct their annual NJ Devilman Triathlon, Sunday May 1, 2016, using Lawrence Township roadways, Cedarville Lake and the recreation area reviewed. Course for run and bike portion reviewed. Further consideration will be given at the regular meeting of March 14th.

Brief discussion held regarding donation of old ambulance to the Cumberland County Fire Police. Solicitor Seeley advised that it had to go to bid. Information will be gathered to prepare same.

Delbert Peterson was appointed to fill a vacant Planning Board Alternate member position motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. The appointment is for a two year term expiring Dec. 31, 2017.

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

Clerk provided draft copy of Request for Proposal for EMS roof repair and requested clarification from committee. Details will be gathered for further consideration.

Clerk provided land sale list for Committee review. Action will be taken at the regular meeting.

Clerk advised that Judy Butler, member of the Lawrence Township Historical Society has requested a special meeting for members to present concerns regarding maintenance issues of their building. It was decided that a special meeting will be held on Wednesday March 30th at 5pm to receive bids for purchase of dump truck and to meet with Historical Society members, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Request for installation of temporary mobile home for the Sharpless Family located at 157 Newport Road due to dwelling fire approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday March 14, 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.

Following the flag salute, minutes of the February 4th and 8th meetings were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of February accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-25, Authorizing refund of duplicate tax payment, block 243 lot 6 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-6, Emergency Temporary Appropriation in the amount of \$373,577.11 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Second Amendment to the Cumberland County Improvement Authority regarding recycling approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-27, Accepting Certified list of qualified Firefighter and EMS Volunteers for 2015 LOSAP points and monies approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-28, Authorization to proceed "In-Rem" foreclosure proceedings on 9 tax sale certificates approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-29, Authorization to conduct a land sale, Public auction of 4 single substandard lots to take place at the April 11 regular meeting, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Mayor Miletta authorized to execute Shared Services Agreement with Deerfield Township for Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer services, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, 2016 Salary ordinance, No. 2016-390. Receiving no public input, the hearing was closed and the ordinance adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Calendar Year 2016 Model ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank, ordinance No. 2016-391, approved on first reading motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Public hearing for same set for the regular meeting of April 11th.

The 2016 Municipal Budget introduced in the amount of \$1,900,585.84 was approved motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Public hearing on the budget will be held at the regular meeting of April 11th, with Auditor Fred Caltiabiano providing a presentation.

Certificate of Determination and Award on bond anticipation note awarded to Janney Montgomery Scott LLC in the amount of \$285,000 at 1.5% on February 10, 2016 presented to the Township Committee and accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Request received from Piranha Sports LLC for use of Township Roadways, Recreation area and Cedarville Lake for the NJ Devilman Triathlon granted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, contingent upon County and State Police approval. The event will take place May 1, 2016.

Discussion held regarding donation by LTEMs of used ambulance to the County Fire Police. Solicitor Seeley advised that bids must be accepted. The ambulance can no longer be used for emergency medical treatment or transport. Mr. Seeley will draft bid advertisement with that criteria in addition to qualified bidder being a non-profit organization that uses the unit for public purpose that provides services to the Township of Lawrence. Closed bids will be received at the April 11th meeting, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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

Mayor Miletta expressed concerns regarding high water level at Cedarville Lake. Clerk will contact Public Works to have it lowered. Discussion held regarding need to have roots growing around concrete piping and under the roadway removed.

Brief discussion held regarding bond ordinance to fund construction of a Public Works Garage, estimated amount \$250,000.00. Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that CFO start the process. Mayor Miletta also advised that the Fire Company will be needing a storage building.

Floor opened for public comment. No comments received, floor closed and meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

March 30, 2016
Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order as advertised at 5:00 pm and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Purpose of the meeting: receive sealed bids for the purchase of a F-550 Dump Truck, Spreader Box and Plow, and any other business deemed necessary. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Sealed bids received for purchase of Dump truck and related equipment as advertised with the following results:

	Dump Truck	Spreader Box	Plow	Total
Route 23 Automall LLC	67,181.00	9,151.00	6,595.00	82,927.00
Bay Shore Ford	68,035.10	9,151.00	6,595.00	83,781.10
Winner Ford (219.00 error)	73,024.00	9,151.00	6,595.00	88,989.00
Vann Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram	79,783.00	7,800.00	5,995.00	93,578.00
Brian Hoskins Ford, Lump Sum				85,769.00

Route 23 Automall LLC was acknowledged low bidder, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote. Mr. Seeley did a quick review and questioned if bid was for gasoline or Diesel. It was

decided that Mr. Seeley would review bids in detail and advise the committee by April 1st of final result for further consideration of award.

Resolution 2016-31, REA Tax identification and certification of recycling tax paid approved motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. The resolution is required for the Recycling Tonnage Grant application.

Members of the Lawrence Township Historical Society, Judy Butler, Evelyn Lacy and Carmella Walder appeared before the committee to express concerns they have with the Historical Society Building. Ms. Butler was the spokesperson for the group. She advised that they have important needs regarding maintenance. She stated that the roof leaks, and the electrical wiring is original. They have only 2 outlets that work. They have received quotes for painting and siding the exterior of the building but fall short on funds to complete the work. She said that the outside lights rarely work and last year they had a member fall in the dark. They need air conditioning, but have no window in the front for installation. In the summer months they often cancel meetings due to heat. Ms. Butler advised that visitors have said it's the worst Historical Society Building they (visitors) have ever been in. Her biggest concern is with electrical issues, the building may burn and they would lose their artifacts. She advised that the group has approximately \$11,000.00 that they would put towards repairs and maintenance, but looked to the Township for additional funds. Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present and agreed to inspect the building and have his employees do what they can as far as repairing the leak and electrical issues. Also discussed were options regarding installation of air conditioning. Mr. Sheppard suggested that the group look into holding their meetings in the summer months at the Senior Center. The Historical Society members are hoping that a new building could be constructed in the future. Discussed was the possibility of putting an addition on the Senior Center in the future. As for now, Committee will assist in repairs.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk