

Thursday March 10, 2011
Workshop Meeting

Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard, Solicitor Seeley. Also attending, Auditor Fred Caltabiano for budget review. Discussed was the possibility of anticipating as revenue monies, approximately 23,000 reimbursed for housing rehabilitation grant. It was decided to let funds rollback to surplus and introduce budget as prepared at the January 20th budget meeting. The budget will be introduced at the Monday March 14th regular meeting, with a 1.38cent increase. Mr. Caltabiano provided a data sheet explaining in detail the 2011 tax levy and cause for increase, which will be detailed at budget introduction in addition to the public hearing, scheduled for April 11th.

Discussion held regarding possible NJDOT Discretionary Funding application for Lummistown Rd., as recommended by Engineer Stephen Nardelli. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that no application be made at this time due to lack of funds for engineering.

Discussion held in regard to Verizon reimbursement in the amount of 65,467.02, 2008 and 2009 fios franchise fees received and deposited in error. Verizon has allowed two years to pay back. motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that 45,000 be paid back at this time, with the remaining 20,467.02 due next year.

Information received from Tony Stanzione regarding creation of Township web site reviewed. Committee chose domain name: lawrencetwpcumberlandnj.com, .net and .org. Committee and all employees will consider items to be included on the web site which Tony has agreed to create at no cost.

Preventive maintenance agreement received from Accelerated Services for compactors reviewed. It was decided that service to be performed was not difficult and should be completed in house by Rd. Dept. employees.

Date for bulky pick up set for the week of April 11th, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Adopt A Road application received from the Simonds family of/for Foley Ave. approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Certificate of Qualification for BAN note issued in the amount of 745,000 was presented to the Township Committee in accordance with the Local Bond Law, as requested by CFO Teresa Delp.

Payment of approved vouchers excepting Miletta Bros. authorized, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Payment of Miletta Bros. voucher approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Solicitor Seeley was given approval to order appraisals from Renwick & Associates on properties that filed state tax appeals, assessed owners Fitzgerald and Ag-mart, unanimous vote, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday March 14, 2011

Regular Meeting

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

Minutes of the February 10th and 14th meetings were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of February along with Tax Collector's annual report accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public auction opened as advertised for sale of (1) 1994 Ford One Ton Dump Truck. Solicitor Seeley opened for bids stating minimum bid set at 3,000.00. Receiving no bids, Solicitor Seeley inquired if anyone present had any interest, which solicited a bid of 800.00 from Charles Webster which would not be entertained by the Committee.

Public hearing opened as advertised, 2011 Salary Ordinance, No. 2011-358. Committee advised that salaries remained the same as 2010, with no increases. Receiving no public comments, hearing closed, ordinance adopted motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote.

Resolution 2011-25, Authorizing Michael Day, Municipal Recycling Coordinator to prepare and submit a 2010 Recycling tonnage grant application and report approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

2010 LOSAP list as prepared and certified by EMS & Fire Chief accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, resolution 2011-26.

2011 COLA Ordinance, No. 2011-359 approved on first reading motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Public hearing set for April 11, 2011.

2011 Municipal budget in the amount of 1,882,444.59 introduced. Auditor Fred Caltabiano provided information regarding the increase of 1.4 cents, bringing the tax rate from 0.310 to 0.324. Decrease in revenue, Garden State Trust Fund (31,413.46), increase in State Pension bill and a decrease in the tax collection rate are biggest factors for

increase. Mr. Caltabiano announced that the average home in the Township is assessed at 171,069. which would reflect a \$22.00 increase. Budget approved on first reading/introduction, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, with public Hearing set for the regular meeting of April 11, 2011.

Resignation received from Planning/Zoning Board member, Maurice Cobb Sr. who committee determined has served more than 30 years service to the Township, was accepted with regrets motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Alternate Member Douglas Miletta was appointed to fill the unexpired term (12/31/2014), motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

It was announced that a free rabies clinic will be held at the Fire House, 30 Maple Ave. Saturday March 26th from 1-3 pm, and Bulky pick up has been set for the week of April 11th. Mayor Miletta announced that the Sheriff's Dept. had contacted him for permission to hold the annual get hooked on fishing, not drugs contest at Cedarville Lake on May 21. Permission granted, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Action taken to auction Ford Dump Truck on US Gov Deals motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Mr. Sheppard requested that Clerk prepare a thank you letter to Lawrence Township EMS thanking them not only for committee's invitation to recent awards dinner, but also for hours of dedicated service the volunteers provide to residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, then immediately re-opened motioned Sheppard seconded Bowman to consider Resolution 2011-27 presented by Solicitor Seeley, authorizing Renwick & Associates to perform appraisals on block 237 lots 32,34 and 35 at a cost of 2,000.00, for defense of state tax appeals filed by Francis and Catherine Fitzgerald.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk