

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

Ed Conrow, Director and William Mosley 911 Operations Supervisor, Cumberland County Department of Emergency Services were present and provided information on the County's Emergency Communications Tower Expansion Project. The proposed 14 million dollar project is to improve the overall communications infrastructure county wide and provide interoperability to all first responders (develop and implement a 700mhz. radio system), and is to be funded through the County, including replacement of radios countywide. A county map indicating areas of coverage identified a lapse in Lawrence Township. Mr. Conrow is currently considering making improvements on an existing tower in Fortescue that would improve Lawrence and Downe Township's coverage, but due to it being in a flood prone zone would instead prefer to construct a 200 ft tower in Lawrence on township owned property next to the Fire House. Mr. Conrow said that only a 40 x 40 ft spot would be needed and it would be fully maintained by the County. Mr. Conrow requested support for the project by the Township. Mr. Sheppard made a motion that the project be supported in theory, seconded Mr. Bowman, with a unanimous yes roll call vote. Mr. Conrow will keep the committee apprised as they determine feasibility.

Committee reviewed (anonymous) written complaint received alleging that a EMS Squad member who's apartment was badly damaged by fire has been allowed to live in the rescue squad building. Committee instructed Solicitor Seeley to send a letter to EMS Chief, advising him that if it is true it is not permitted and the member must vacate the building.

Solicitor Seeley advised that he negotiated with Shriners Hospital for Children in regard to their desire to donate lots- block 108 lots 9 and 10 to the Township. They previously requested that the township waive the \$600.00 required by ordinance, which the committee denied. They are now prepared to have deeds prepared, title searches completed and deeds recorded. A motion was made by Mr. Sheppard to accept the donations, seconded Mr. Bowman, approved by a unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mayor Miletta attended a County Solid Waste Advisory Council Meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> at which time the DEP provided a power point presentation on a Debris Management Plan. Mayor Miletta gave a brief explanation of the program. Developing and adopting a plan will qualify the township for a higher cost share with FEMA should a disaster occur. Plan should be prepared in conjunction with the County OEM. Temporary debris management areas need to be determined. Further consideration will be given following a meeting of the County OEM who will provide a template and assistance in developing the plan.

Clerk provided draft copy of Resolution 2016-51, Adopting the Mitigation Plan and establishing the Working Group, who shall be convened by the Lawrence Township Emergency Management Coordinator, to conduct plan implementation and maintenance activities identified in the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was determined that "Working Group " will include Mayor and Township Committee Members, Township Clerk, Fire Chief, EMS Chief, Public Works Supervisor and School board President. Further consideration on the resolution will take place at the regular meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Very brief discussion held regarding Public Works Garage project. Committee is questioning the need for Engineering and Architect services as proposed by Township Engineer (18,000.00) as the proposed construction is for a pre-engineered wood framed pole barn design. Information will be gathered to possibly start construction in the spring of 2017.

| Proposals received for generator maintenance reviewed: | Senior Center | Fire House | Total    |
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| Genserve   | 665.00        | 834.60     | 1,499.60 |
| Reliable Power Plus                                    | 775.00        | 575.00     | 1,350.00 |

Committee wanted clarification on scope of work as listed on Reliable Power Plus proposal. Further consideration will be given at the regular meeting.

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Wayne Yoey, Convenience Center attendant requested that hang tags be issued as opposed to decals, to residents for use of Convenience Center. In his opinion, the tags which hang from the rearview mirror would be more visible than the decals and the cost is the same. Request approved.

Correspondence received from Loretta Williams, Newfield NJ, requesting the Township pass a resolution to support the State using alternate methods of taxation for the funding of public education and that the Township contact the NJ Citizens for Property Tax Reform to obtain petitions for residents reviewed. Committee expressed no interest at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday September 12, 2016  
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: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Following the flag salute minutes of the August 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of August accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-48, Requesting the change in the title of the grant match in the 2016 budget: Matching Funds for Grants to Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Match Funds Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Match Funds, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-49, Authorizing the Tax Collector to issue a check to the Treasurers Account for premium bid received on liens not redeemed in five years approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-50, Authorizing refund of tax overpayments created by reduced assessments approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-51, Adopting the Mitigation Plan for Four New Jersey Counties, and establishing the Working Group approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Proposal received for Senior Center and Fire House generator maintenance reviewed: Reliable Power Plus - 1,350.00 Genserve - 1,499.00 Committee accepted proposal received from Reliable Power Plus, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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

Committee Comments: In regard to the County's Emergency Communication Tower Expansion Project, discussion held with Ed Conrow, Director 911 Communications and Training Center on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sheppard wanted to clarify that Lawrence Township is not in favor of spending 14 million dollars, only in favor of the plan and the site, next to the Cedarville Fire House. Mr. Bowman and Mayor Miletta agreed.

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Although Mr. Conrow said there would be no cost to the Township, the cost of the entire project will be divided up between the 14 municipalities in the Township, said Mr. Bowman.

Mayor Miletta opened the meeting to the Public. Lorene Thompson 225 Main Street addressed the committee with concerns regarding excessive speeding on Main Street. She attended a meeting a year ago for the same reason, requesting additional speed limit signs be posted, and the County put up only one, saying it's a police enforcement issue. Ms. Thompson disagrees and again is requesting additional speed limit signs be posted. She has talked/corresponded with the County Engineer and the freeholder Board and they brush her off. She stated that her next move is to contact Congressman Lobiondo, channel 10 and channel 6 call for action. She provided information on a LED solar traffic speed limit sign that could be purchased for less than \$1,800 which she suggested the Township should purchase and place on township owned property between Maple Ave. and the school. She also said that metal speed limit signs could be purchased for \$25 each. She is requesting 10 additional signs be posted. Mr. Bowman asked Solicitor Seeley if the Township can legally post signs on a County Road. Mr. Seeley suggested that we just put them up – they can be removed. Mr. Sheppard suggested that we contact the County Engineer and see if he would be opposed. The end result, Mayor Miletta instructed Public Works employee Bob Morgan, who was present, to get the signs committee will advise locations to post.

Pastor Daniel Vasquez, Calvary Fellowship Church introduced himself. Pastor Vasquez is new to the area, has been at Calvary Fellowship since April. He wanted to offer his and his congregations services in any capacity that would be of assistance to the Township and residents. He advised that he came here from Bridgeton where he served as Police Chaplin and has had a lot of specialty training for intense situations. Committee suggested he might be of service with Recreation and Senior Center programs. Mayor Miletta said that he would provide the pastor's contact info to Recreation and Parade & Events members and suggested that he stop by the Senior Center and introduce himself there as well. The Committee welcomed the Pastor and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk