

Thursday September 10, 2015
Workshop Meeting

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

Correspondence received from Hopewell Township Committeeman Greg Facemyer reviewed, regarding a Shared Services Agreement with the County – for the County to take the lead in formally petitioning the Board of Public Utilities to order Verizon to fix telecommunications problems experienced by many South Jersey Communities, which will hopefully start a process that will bring modern telecommunications infrastructure to South Jersey. The cost to be shared by participating municipalities based on each individual town’s population. The cost for Lawrence would be \$2,000.00. Clerk advised that funds are available in the budget, Administrative and Executive Other Expense appropriation. Committee will review agreement in detail with further consideration to be given at the regular monthly meeting September 14th.

Draft land sale list reviewed. Approximately 30 single substandard lots and 7 buildable combinations are proposed to be offered at a public auction at the October 8, 2015 meeting. Road conditions for buildable lots reviewed. Mayor Sheppard stated that access if not existing would be done at the expense of successful bidder, as per ordinance. Deputy Mayor Miletta suggested that signs advertising the sale be placed at buildable lot locations. Further action to approve will take place at the regular meeting.

Discussion held concerning NJDOT 2016 State Aid Program. It was decided that 2 applications will be made, one for the Unpaved Section of Lexington Ave. and Foley Ave (priority) and second for Lummistown Rd. Section III (from Thompson east). Resolutions will be prepared for the regular meeting.

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

Discussion held regarding need to purchase a dump truck and equipment for Public Works Department. Mayor Sheppard suggested that bond ordinance in the amount of 100,000 be prepared for introduction at the regular meeting. Both Mr. Miletta and Bowman stated that 100,000 would not cover the cost of new, discussion held regarding purchase of used truck. Clerk will contact CFO in regard to Ordinance.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta unanimous vote.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

September 14, 2015
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: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard

Following the flag salute, minutes of the August 6th, 10th and 27th meetings were approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of August accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance # 2015-388, Establishing rules, Regulations and Fees for Solicitors and Canvassers Permits. Receiving no comments, hearing closed and the the ordinance adopted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-51, Authorizing the Tax Collector to process 2015 tax overpayments approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-52, Authorize refund of duplicate third quarter tax payments to Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-53, Authorization for the Tax Collector to cancel taxes on property donated to the Township, 339 Main Street in the amount of 2,767.86 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, Bowman and Miletta, yes, Sheppard, abstained.

Resolution 2015-54, Authorize sale of surplus property, public auction to take place at the October 8th meeting, approved, unanimous vote, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta. Mr. Miletta reiterated the need to post "for sale" signs on buildable lots. Clerk will order signs and attempt to have Public Works employees post same before the weekend.

As discussed at the Workshop meeting, applications for two roads will be prepared and submitted to NJDOT for 2016 State Aid Program:

Resolution 2015-55 Unpaved Section of Lexington and Foleys Avenue

Resolution 2015-56 Lummistown Road Section III (From Thompson East)

Resolutions approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2015-37, Authorizing execution of a shared services agreement with the County of Cumberland for services related to a petition before the Board of Public Utilities regarding the intended discontinuance of maintenance of copper landline telecommunications wiring by Verizon New Jersey Inc., approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

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Discussion held regarding proposed ordinance for purchase of Public Works equipment. Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present and provided information on a new F550 dump which could be purchased for approximately 55,000. Committee has concerns that it may not be sufficient to push heavy snow. Due to time constraints, ordinance not presented for introduction as proposed. The ordinance will be prepared and introduced at a special meeting in time for public hearing / adoption at the October 8th meeting by which time it will be determined if a new or used dump truck will be purchased, either through auction, state contract or sealed bid process.

Committee commended Mr. Ripper for a great job done on municipal parking lot expansion. Mr. Ripper praised employee Michael Day who assisted in the project.

Floor opened to the public. Receiving no public input, meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Special Meeting
September 21, 2015

Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard. Purpose of the special meeting, introduce Bond Ordinance No. 2015-389, and any other business deemed necessary.

Bond Ordinance No. 2015-389, Providing for various Capital improvements: Appropriating \$100,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$95,000 in Bonds and Notes for the Purchase of a Dump Truck (\$75,000) and Equipment (\$25,000) approved on first reading motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Public hearing for further consideration will take place at the regular meeting of October 8, 2015. Discussion again held as to size of truck, and new verses used. Clerk reiterated that any used equipment purchased would need certification of usefulness for a 10 year period. She advised that Solicitor Seeley reviewed the Ordinance, and agreed that 10 years would be appropriate for large equipment, even used. Committee will continue to research options to be ready to move forward once funds become available.

As information for transfer switch and engine for generator have been received and reviewed, committee authorized Solicitor Seeley to prepare bid specifications and advertisements to receive bids for purchase of same, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding broken window at Bank property 339 Main Street. Estimate will be solicited for repair to be done by the Township, reimbursed by the Co-op.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

