

December 4, 2014
Workshop Meeting

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

George Ripper, Supervisor of Public Works was present and provided update of projects and activities in progress. Mr. Ripper requested that he be authorized to purchase a few loads of DGA material to proceed with numerous road projects. Request granted. Also discussed was the need to contact Major Petroleum to open account for Truck wash in Vineland while waiting for possible shared services agreement with the County for truck/equipment wash services. Mr. Ripper advised committee that the Convenience Center is being broke into on a regular basis, twice weekly, with heavy metals and computers being stolen. It was agreed that quotes for security cameras be received for further consideration.

Stephen Nardelli, Engineer appeared as requested to discuss proposed road projects in Decarlo Tract 68. As previously discussed with grants writer Mark Blauer, Committee is considering applying for grants in phases to hopefully pave all roads. Stephen will contact Mr. Blauer to determine income survey requirements to better proceed with plan.

Lengthy discussion held regarding employee health benefits. Committee wants to explore all options to possibly make a change by June 1st, due to increased costs of premium, which doubled for the current policy period. Discussed was discontinuing providing health benefits and compensating employees for same to be purchased individually through the Health Insurance Market Place. Also discussed was providing benefits for employees only (with employee providing cost for spouse). Solicitor Seeley suggested shopping around, as in his experience, making a change every few years with carriers he has been able to keep premiums down. Committee will continue to research this issue.

Quote received from Elmer Door Company to remove and replace damaged safety edges on overhead doors at Fire House, cost \$3,072.00. Work authorized, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Authorization to pay approved vouchers excepting Miletta Bros. granted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Motioned to pay Miletta Bros. voucher made, Bowman, seconded Sheppard with yes votes: Bowman, Sheppard, and an abstention Mr. Miletta.

Clerk advised that a verbal resignation has been given by Planning Board alternate Eugene Miletta Sr., with written resignation to follow. Committee will further consider a replacement.

Proposals for animal control and shelter services for 2015 reviewed, with consideration for award to be given at the regular meeting.

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Resolution 2014-61, Authorizing membership in the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing System (for the purchase of an ambulance) reviewed, again, with further consideration to be given at the regular meeting.

Mayor Sheppard and Solicitor Seeley provided update on conference call with DEP Officials regarding Memorandum of Understanding. Lawrence Township expressed facts: no manpower to monitor and secure dwellings, and is not in the financial position to accept all liability. DEP will review and revise agreement for further consideration of the Township Committee.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday December 8, 2014
Regular Meeting

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

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

Resolution 2014-61, Authorizing Membership in the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing System approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2014-382, Amending No. 2014-376 approved on first reading, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. The Ordinance increases hourly rate range for Public Works employees and seasonal/temporary employees to \$18.00 per hour, and establishes salary for Supervisor of Public Works. Public hearing for final adoption will take place at the year end meeting to be held December 29.

2015 Animal Control Services contracts awarded as follows, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote:

Animal Control Services	Ronald Sutton	\$1,050.00 per month
Shelter Services	R.S. Animal Shelter	\$ 675.00 per month

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Clerk provided draft copies of Cedar Lake Dam Structural Inspection Report, prepared by arh Engineers, to Committee members for review, and advised that any comments or concerns should be directed to County Engineer ASAP, as the report is due to DEP by year end.

Brief discussion concerning the “Stewart Estate” and what responsibility they may have in regard to the Lake. Mayor Sheppard ordered Solicitor Seeley to do a title search on the lake property to determine if any other parties hold any interest or ownership.

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

Mayor Sheppard announced that the Tree Lighting was a nice event, along with gathering at the Senior Center that followed, although attendance was light, most likely due to wet weather conditions. There was some concern expressed that the School may not have set home flyers that were provided to them, with students, to publicize event.

Floor opened to the public:

Resident Rudy Badger, New Road, addressed the committee and requested that pot holes on New Road be filled. Clerk will forward a work order to Public Works Dept. Jim Bland, Main Street was present and questioned status of message board promised by State Police in regard to excessive speeding on Main Street, as discussed at the November meeting. Clerk will contact Officer Jason Farnsworth. Committee advised that the County did agree to post additional speed limit signs which had been ordered and should be up in the near future. Also noted was that the school sent a message to all families that the police would be enforcing speed limit. Mr. Bland stated that the problem continues.

With no additional comments being received, floor closed and meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

December 29, 2014
Year End Meeting

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 5:00 pm, as advertised, and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Purpose of the meeting was close out business for the year 2014. Members present: Bowman, Sheppard. Mr. Miletta arrived at 5:25 and left at 5:40.

Resolution 2014-62, Authorizing refund of tax overpayment, block 4 lot 14 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

The following necessary budget transfers were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, Resolution 2014-63:

\$3516.99 from Electric to Street Lights
\$102.18 from Administrative & Executive OE to Financial Adm. OE
\$2644.00 from Buildings and Grounds OE to Workers Comp Insurance

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2014-382, Amending 2014 Salary Ordinance No. 2014-376. Receiving no public comments, the hearing was closed and the Ordinance adopted motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Insurance proposal (VFIS) for long term disability for Firemen and EMS members reviewed. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that coverage be added.

(Mr. Miletta arrived)

Proposal received from Elmer Door Co. to install Photo eyes on overhead doors at firehouse reviewed. A second quote will be requested from South Jersey overhead Door.

Brief discussion held regarding Shared Services Agreement between the Township and County for Cedar Lake Dam Inspection. Solicitor Seeley has reviewed same and expressed concerns regarding liability. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote that action be tabled until further discussion can be had with Solicitor.

Proposal received from Lupton Enterprises for purchase and installation of computers reviewed. A second quote will be forwarded from Premier Technology Solutions. Mayor Sheppard suggested that monies be encumbered based upon quotes.

(Mr. Miletta departed)

Cooperative Contracts awarded by the County and the Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing System reviewed:

Providing and Delivery of Rock Salt, Oceanport, Claymont DE

#1 no Beige Tint \$87.50 ton

#2 Beige Tint \$77.65 ton

Supplying and Delivering Gasoline & Diesel, Riggins Inc. Millville NJ

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Per Gallon delivery: Gasoline, 87 Octane Unleaded .115
Diesel Fuel On-Road .155 Diesel Fuel Off-Road .75
Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that Township Participate in both contracts.

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

Brief discussion held regarding cancellation of tax sale certificates at November meeting, and tax sale that was to be held prior to December 31, block 169 lot 1. Motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard that sale be postponed and the property, if taxes not paid, be included in next scheduled tax sale.

Robert Morgan was hired to fill temporary position, Public Works employee beginning first of the year at a hourly rate of 12.50, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Temporary employee, Wayne Yoey status changed to permanent, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding Bay Point buy-outs. No recent update, no amended MOU and no word of any property owners having settlement.

With news that Cape Bank will be purchasing Colonial Bank, and rumors that the local branch will be closed, Mayor Sheppard agreed to contact Cape to determine status of branch and possibility of attracting another bank if necessary.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk