

Thursday July 10, 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: Bowman, Miletta, Sheppard.

Discussion held regarding proposed road projects in the DeCarlo Tracts. It has been decided that 2" of DGA material overlay will be applied to Thompson Road and Monroe Street. Improvement will not only benefit residents in that area, but will assist emergency vehicles and cut response time. Concern regarding area where the roads meet as being on private property. Solicitor Seeley reviewing to determine if a land exchange is possible as the Township has numerous foreclosed lots in the area. Specifications will be prepared for the roads only at this time, not intersection.

Brief discussion regarding Ordinance No. 2014-380, Maintenance of Vacant Properties held. The ordinance was previously tabled and will be possibly reconsidered pending changes.

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

Comments and Recommendations section of the 2013 Municipal Audit reviewed. Committeeman Bowman congratulated employees on a job well done as there were no findings.

Discussion held regarding playground equipment donated to recreation program by the Myron L Powell School. A plan to relocate the equipment by July 31 was established, Deputy Mayor Miletta will arrange to have it disassembled, and Mayor Sheppard will have it moved by his employees.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday July 14, 2014
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Minutes of the June 5th and 9th meetings approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote. Reports for the month of June accepted motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta unanimous vote.

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Public hearing for Ordinance No. 2014-379, Providing for Assessments for Local Improvements opened as advertised. Resident Willie McCoy questioned why only the DeCarlo property owners would be assessed for road maintenance. Mayor Sheppard advised that the roads that would be improved are paper streets- opening of same increases the value of the individual properties that benefit and is necessary for construction of new homes. Mr. McCoy, understanding, agreed. With no additional comments being offered, hearing closed and ordinance adopted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-41, Authorization for the LTEMs to conduct a coin drop on August 2nd and 3rd at the intersections of Maple Avenue and Main, Edgewood and Maple Avenues and Maple Avenue and Co-Op Drive approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote, pending approval of the County Freeholder Board and the NJ State Police.

Resolution 2014-42, Authorization to apply various 2013 tax overpayments to 2014 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-43, Authorization for the Tax Collector to issue a check in the amount of \$1,200.00 to the Lawrence Township Treasurer for premium bid on tax sale certificate #060032 which did not redeem within the five year statutory period approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-44, Approving cancellation of “stale dated” check, #9335 in the amount of 50.00 approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2014-45, Certification that the Governing Body has reviewed, at a minimum, the “Comments and Recommendations” section of the 2013 Municipal Audit approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote

Authorization to pay additional approved vouchers granted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Discussion held regarding correspondence sent to Cindy Randazzo, DEP, in April, requesting approval to remove small trees at Cedar Lake Dam and installation of rip rap along Paris Road to preserve and protect newly constructed roadway. Mayor Sheppard received verbal approval from DEP representative Fawn MaGee, but would request written approval prior to beginning projects. Clerk will contact Ms. Randazzo and request same.

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Floor opened to the public. Resident Willie McCoy approached Committee with complaints regarding abandoned property, 59 Mulford Avenue, next door to his residence. Grass needs to be mowed and trash has attracted mice which have attracted snakes that have moved to his property. Tony Lamanteer, Code Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the mortgage company, but Mr. McCoy is not satisfied that the issue is being resolved in a timely manner. Mr. McCoy will obtain contact information for mortgage company from the Tax Office to hopefully expedite a resolution. He also stated that he was unhappy with Animal Control Services. He had a pony in his yard, and called for assistance. Due to a delayed response time the pony got away. His last complaint was that tomatoes are being dumped in a field in front of his property and are not being plowed into the soil. They rot and create a bad odor and attract sour flies. The matter will be referred to Mr. Lamanteer who will be instructed by Clerk to contact the County Health Department and Dr. Wesley Kline at the County Agriculture Extension Center. Mr. McCoy thanked the Committee for their time.

With no other business before them, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk