

Monday July 8, 2013
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Reports for the month of June accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Minutes of the June 6th and 10th meetings approved, unanimous vote, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Resolution 2013-39, Subordination of Mortgage Lien (due to Housing Rehab Grant), block 136 lot 10, assessed owner Dolore Holt, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Group Affidavit/Resolution 2013-40, Certification that the governing body has reviewed the "Comments and Recommendations" portion of the 2012 Annual Audit approved motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

LTEMS request for authorization to conduct a "coin drop" August 3rd and 4th, 2013 at the intersection of Main & Maple, Maple & Edgewood and Maple & Co-op, contingent upon NJSP and County Freeholder approval, granted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, Resolution 2013-41.

Resolution 2013-42, authorizing refund of tax overpayments, block 4 lot 2.04 and block 68 lot 14 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Ted Ritter, Bay Point Project Manager was present and provided bid results for demolition of four residential dwellings. Bids were received April 23 with no action taken as DEP stepped in and took over project. Mayor Bowman was advised on June 28th by Jane Kozinski, Assistant Commissioner that FEMA pulled its funds for the demo's, as it was determined to be a land based demolition. Mr. Ritter made contact with Congressman Frank LoBiondo's Office as he questioned FEMA'S rationale in regard to the Governor's executive order which would provide for the project as the dwellings are located under the high tide surge. With the project now eligible for 90% reimbursement, committee decided to move forward with demolitions to finally resolve once and for all. Motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote that bid be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder. Proposals will be reviewed in detail by Solicitor Seeley and Mr. Ritter to ensure bid bonds, etc are in order. Low bidders: 1) Port Norris Construction LLC, 2) Jonathan Hand Excavating and 3) Richard E. Pierson Construction.

Construction plans for reconstruction on Bay Point Rd., prepared by Engineer Stephen Nardelli received and reviewed. Mr. Ritter will remit same to NJDEP and FEMA for their approval and to determine if permits are required to proceed with road project.

Mr. Ritter was appointed (temporary consultant) Safety Director to assist Michael Day, CPWM in correcting a number of violations found by PEOSHA inspector at Public Works Building, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Bid results received from the Cumberland County Cooperative Purchasing System reviewed: Award, South State, Cold Patch 110.00 per ton, Hot Mix Asphalt 58.00 per ton. Lawrence will participate, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resignations received from Virginia Shull, Building Custodian, effective Aug. 30th, and F.Everett Laning, Planning/Zoning Board, effective immediately, accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Lynn Gomez, Public Works employee submitted a letter of interest and asked to be considered for the Custodian position. Further consideration will be given at August meeting.

Discussion held regarding abandoned property at 214 Main Street. By memo, Tony Lamanteer, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, requested permission to enforce boarding up and mowing pursuant to the International Property Maintenance Code which states that upon failure of the property owner to resolve by date specified in written order, the municipality may receive bids, have property secured/cleaned up, and place a lien against the real estate for costs incurred. An outside lien is currently in place on this particular property, and the lien holder is agreeable to reimbursing the Township costs incurred which will be assessed by resolution. Mr. Lamanteer authorized to proceed upon providing proof of service to Clerk motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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

Floor opened for public comments. Receiving none, meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk