

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.

Brad Giordano, along with his father Joseph and brother Brian appeared before the committee to advise of their interest in developing a robotics recycling facility on property located at 28 Maple Avenue. The facility would basically be a transfer station where all materials would be dumped inside the building, separated into various recyclable commodities then shipped to their various customers. The committee had many questions concerning the operation. Mayor Sheppard questioned if any foul odors would be detected, Mr. Joseph Giordano replied that only dry materials would be accepted and there would be no odor issue. Mr. Bowman questioned if the operation would create a lot of noise. Brad Giordano replied that the loudest noise would be the back- up alarms on trucks. Mr. Miletta questioned dust, if concrete would be recycled at the facility. Mr. Giordano replied yes, possibly. An air quality permit would be required and DEP would regulate and perform inspections weekly. The only dust produced would be when construction materials are dumped which would be indoors. The facility would be a Recycling Class A/MRF which is a materials resource recovery facility. Both manual labor and technology would be used to sort, recycle, bale or shred plastic, cardboard, and wood in addition to other products. By increasing recycling, the life of the current landfill will be extended. Other benefits to the Township would be \$3,500.00 per month for hosting the site, increased tonnage recycling grant revenues, ratable on proposed addition to the current building/warehouse, and the creation of jobs. 15-25 jobs anticipated, positions of sales/office help, mechanics, truck drivers, heavy equipment operators and a welder. Committee members expressed concerns with truck traffic and also questioned if the site which is only 8 acres, is large enough. Mayor Sheppard advised that Township and County Planning/Zoning Board approval would be required. Mr. Bowman questioned if there was an existing site that the committee could look at. Mr. Joseph Giordano encouraged them to visit his recycling facility in Vineland, and requested that the committee think of his proposed plan as a positive thing.

Jason Ripper, Recreation, addressed the committee with a request that the township pay for supplies needed for construction of new dug-outs. The construction work will be done by Vo-tech students and their instructors. They will be pre-fabed at the school and put together on site. The school provided a list of materials that they will purchase, cost of \$2,009.08 and request reimbursement. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta unanimous vote that the Vo-Tech be reimbursed from Recreation account.

Solicitor Seeley advised that he communicated with Mr. William Lomberk who has an interest in small sliver of property, part of block 157 lot 70, and Mr. Lomberk is willing to give the Township the portion needed to construct connector road between Thompson & Monroe. Engineer Stephen Nardelli submitted a revised proposal for the subdivision plan to include the "sliver" of land, adding it to the new right of way. Fee for same increased \$2,500 from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Amended proposal accepted/ approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, Unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding Planning Board issue with block 136 lot 31.20. The owner of the property has been communicating with Engineer about Township clearing his of right of way on flag lot. Solicitor Seeley advised that the township has no public roadway, therefor no right of way. It is up to the property owner to clear his driveway.

Mayor Sheppard advised that Ruth Barreiro, Architect for Historical Society Building project received an updated plot plan from Engineer Stephen Nardelli, and a variance for set backs will not be necessary as she originally thought. She is proceeding with plans for the building which will soon be ready to go to bid.

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

Proposals for Generator Maintenance (Senior Center & Fire House) reviewed:
Reliable Power Plus 1125.00 and Penn Power Systems 860.00 Mr. Miletta stated that Committee has

had a good experience with Reliable who is local and suggested that his agreement be renewed even though his cost is a little more, based on past history. Mayor Sheppard and Mr. Bowman concurred. Reliable Power Plus proposal accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Quote for installation of gas lines and heater in commodities building received from Sieri Mechanical in the amount of \$2,300.00 approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm, Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

March 9, 2020
Regular 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.

Following the pledge of allegiance, minutes of the February 6th, 10th and 13th meetings were approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta. Reports for the month of February accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2020-416, Providing for Construction of a Historical Society Building in and by the Township of Lawrence, County of Cumberland, NJ, Appropriating \$250,000 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$237,500 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof. Mayor Sheppard advised that the Township would be constructing a steel building that would keep artifacts safe. There were no public questions or comments. Hearing closed, and the Ordinance adopted motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Public hearing as advertised, Ordinance No. 2020-417, An Ordinance Providing for the Salaries and Wages for the Employees and Officers of the Township Of Lawrence opened. Mayor Sheppard advised that the ordinance provided for a 3% increase. Receiving no comments or questions, hearing closed, ordinance adopted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

A third public hearing held, Property Tax Abatement Ordinance, No. 2020-418. No questions or comments received from the public. Hearing closed, ordinance adopted motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2020-28 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriation in the amount of 460,802.01 due to delay in budget adoption, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

The 2020 Capital Budget was amended to include Improvements to Monroe Avenue \$35,000 and Municipal Owned Properties \$30,000, Resolution 2020-29 approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2020-30, Certified list for LOSAP 2019 benefit, total of \$22,025.00 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman unanimous vote.

Inter-local Services Agreement between the Township of Lawrence and the Borough of Shiloh for Certified Recycling Coordinator Services Authorized motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, Resolution 2020-31.

Ronald Campbell, CRP authorized to prepare and submit a 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant on behalf of the Township of Lawrence, Resolution 2020-32 approved motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Mayor Sheppard advised that he received a letter from the New Jersey Shellfisheries Council requesting a letter of support from the Township for a NJ Bureau of Shellfisheries grant application for shellfish restoration project in the Delaware Bay. Mayor Sheppard authorized to execute a letter of support motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Floor opened for public comment. Mr. Lester Woody was present and stated that the County Sheriff's Officers have been patrolling heavily. Mr. Miletta replied that they were targeting speeders at the Townships request. Residents have complained for years Mr. Miletta advised, cars going as fast as 70 MPH. Mr. Bowman stated that warnings were being issued, and he suggested ticketing to slow people up. Ms. Amy Loper who resides on Main Street stated that she has an issue with school busses speeding.

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm to discuss matters of personnel motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman with no action to follow.

Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened at 8:40 pm. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk