

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

May 08, 2023

7:00 PM

Call to Order - Meeting called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Pledge of Allegiance - led by Mayor Miletta.

Roll Call: Mayor Miletta, Committeemen Bowman, and Tisa. Others present: Mr. Seeley, Township Solicitor and Karrie Hulitt, Acting Clerk

Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2023 and April 10, 2023 - On motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa to approve the minutes, unanimously carried.

Ordinances

Public Hearing Ordinance No. 436-2023 – Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Open Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa all in favor. No comments from the public. Close Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa all in favor

On motion of Committeeman Tisa, seconded by Committeeman Bowman to adopt said ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Bowman, Tisa, Miletta Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Public Hearing Ordinance No. 437-2023 – An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Block 55 Lots 10, 14 & 15

Open Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa in favor. No comments from the public. Close Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa all in favor

On motion of Committeeman Tisa, seconded by Committeeman Bowman to adopt said ordinance, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Bowman, Tisa, Miletta Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Introduction Proposed Ordinance No. 438-2023 - An Ordinance Amending Code of the Township of Lawrence to be Entitled, “Vacant and Abandoned Properties: Notice, Registration and Fees”, Providing for Purpose, Intention and Applicability of the Ordinance Requiring the Registration and Maintenance of Certain Real Property by Mortgagees, Providing for Penalties and Enforcement, as well as the Regulation, Limitation and Reduction of Registrable Real Property within the Township; Providing for Severability, Repealer, and an Effective Date

On motion of Committeeman Tisa, seconded by Committeeman Bowman to approve the introduction, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Bowman, Tisa, Miletta Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28- Self-Examination of Budget Resolution. Motion to approve by Committeeman Bowman seconded by Committeeman Tisa, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29- Allowing the Budget to be Read by Title Only at the Hearing. Motion to approve by Committeeman Tisa seconded by Committeeman Bowman, unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30- Adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget of Lawrence Township

Open Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa, unanimously carried.

Public Comment: Fred Caltabiano, Bowman and Company, reviewed the budget.

Close Public Hearing on motion of Committeeman Bowman and seconded by Committeeman Tisa, unanimously carried.

On motion of Committeeman Tisa, seconded by Committeeman Bowman to adopt said resolution, unanimously carried upon roll call vote. Ayes: Bowman, Tisa, Miletta Nays: None Abstain: None Absent: None

Consent Agenda - All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Committeeman Bowman motioned to approve the following resolutions, seconded by Committeeman Tisa, unanimously carried.

- Resolution No. 2023-31 – Authorizing the Opening of a Recreation Donations Bank Account
- Resolution No. 2023-32 – Authorizing Road Closing Permit
- Resolution No. 2023-33 – Authorizing Karrie Hulitt as Authorized Signer for the Lawrence Township LOSAP Program

Payment of Bills – On motion of Committeeman Tisa and seconded by Committeeman Bowman to approve the bills for payment, unanimously carried.

Zoning Officer Reports for April 2023. On motion of Committeeman Tisa, seconded by Committeeman Bowman to approve the report as presented, unanimously carried.

Committee Comments- Solicitor Seeley commented on the nice condition of the ball fields.

Public Comment - On motion of Mayor Miletta, second by Committeemen Bowman to open the public comment, unanimously carried. Robert Welch Jr, Cumberland County Fire Police, requested an interlocal service agreement between the Fire Department and the Cumberland County Fire Police. He indicated that the insurance would be covered by the County. Committeeman Bowman motioned to authorize Mr. Seeley to pursue negotiations, seconded by Committeeman Tisa and unanimously carried. Harry Munyon requested if his neighbor was farmland assessed. He was advised to contact the Township Tax Assessor for the information.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, on motion of Mayor Miletta, seconded by Committeeman Tisa to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karrie Hulitt, Acting Clerk