

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.

Correspondence received from County Engineer, John Knoop, regarding water issue on Newport Road reviewed. Mr. Knoop has received several complaints from this neighborhood regarding flooding and high groundwater tables. Mr. Knoop's first thought was to have the Mosquito Division dig ditches, but upon further investigation and taking elevations determined that a better approach would be to construct drainage improvements on Folsom Avenue which is where the water is coming from. Mr. Knoop referred the matter to the Township as Folsom is a Township Road. Committee will have Public Works Supervisor George Ripper look into the situation.

Correspondence received from Michael Poloff regarding former Public Works Garage reviewed. The Committee had previously hoped to sell the building at public auction, but found that the building was not on the property being offered. Also it needs to be determined if the building would be prohibited from being sold as the original purchase was made through part of a NJ Green Acres grant. The matter will have to be further researched. Mayor Sheppard will be in touch with Mike Zumpino, Triad Assoc. whom assisted the Township with the grant process.

Brief discussion held regarding grinding of brush and debris at Convenience Center. Clerk suggested that Mr. Ripper reach out to CCIA Recycling Coordinator to obtain a possible list of Vendors who provide that service.

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

Land Sale offer reviewed, from adjacent property owner, 2,000.00 each block 10 lots 21 and 22. Committee felt the offer was reasonable, Resolution will be prepared for action to be taken at the regular monthly meeting.

Mr. Miletta advised that due to a lack of EMS members available during the day, he has been assisting as driver for calls when he is working in town. He suggested that Public Works employees be trained to operate the ambulance. Mayor Sheppard and Mr. Bowman suggested that it be discussed with Public Works Supervisor for further consideration.

Meeting closed to discuss matters of personnel at 8:25 PM motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, see page 202

Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened at 8:45. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that a special meeting be held on Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> to conduct additional interviews for Administrative Assistant/Construction Office Control. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order 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 June 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta. Reports for the month of June accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale opened as advertised. Bids received 3,500.00 each, block 72 lots 2 and 9 from adjacent property owner, Ernest & Na Mannebach, block 72 lots 10 & 11, accepted, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2021-246, An Ordinance of Lawrence Township, Cumberland County, Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses within it's Geographical Boundaries and Amending the Development Regulations Ordinance of the Township Creating Section 10.18 Under Article X, Land Use. Receiving no public comments or questions, the hearing was closed and the ordinance adopted motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-42, Amending the 2021 Capital Budget:

Original Dump Truck	82,500	Capital Imp Fund	7,500	Other Funds	0	Debt Authorized	75,000
Amended	170,000		8,722		15,278		146,000

Amendment approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-43, Authorize land sale, block 10 lots 21,22 public auction to take place at the regular meeting of August 9, 2021 approved motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Bond Ordinance No 2021-427, Providing for the Acquisition of a Dump Truck, Appropriating \$170,000 Therefore, Including \$15,278 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for the Originally Authorized Purpose and \$8,722 From the Capital Improvement Fund, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$146,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof, approved on first reading motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman. Further consideration for final adoption will be given following a public hearing on same at the regular meeting of August 9.

Resolution 2021-44, Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the reconstruction of Harris Ave., Ruby Ave., June Ave. and Lee Ave approved motioned Bowman seconded Miletta unanimous vote. A second Resolution, 2021-45, Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for the reconstruction of Bailey Road approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, with Resolution 2021-44 being the priority.

Maps received from County Planning Dept regarding their project area for preserved farmland reviewed. Mayor Sheppard noted that certain areas were missing along Sheppard Davis and Sayres Neck Road. He will comment upon further review.

Brief discussion held regarding Newport Road flooding issue. Mr. Bowman and Public Works Supervisor George Ripper visited the site and Mr. Bowman stated that it's a definite mosquito breeding ground. The issue is too big to be resolved by public works employees. Mayor Sheppard stated that it would have to be addressed next year as we have no funds in the current budget for engineering let alone cost of work. He suggested that maybe it could be included in grant application for road reconstruction work in the area. Mr. Miletta advised that drainage issue on North Avenue remains a problem and needs to also be addressed.

CFO Susan Quinones was present and advised that the first half of the "ARP-Fiscal Recovery Funds" money, \$160,142.89 has been received via direct deposit. Mayor Sheppard stated that we need to establish criteria to use funds to provide grants for installation of new septic systems along Main Street. Mr. Miletta agreed that there are far to many vacant homes due to septic system issues. Ms. Quinones stated that there are still a lot of gray areas regarding the program, unless the project is for storm water management and clean water. Mayor Sheppard is awaiting contact from Mike Zumpino, Triad Assoc. for assistance in establishing a program.

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Floor opened for public comment. Receiving none, floor closed and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 Pm, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

July 15, 2021  
Special 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 see page 202. Meeting closed for Executive session to conduct interviews motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

Executive session closed and the meeting reopened at 7:05 pm motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Mary Harrar was selected to fill the position of Administrative Assistant to Train with current Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote at an annual starting salary of \$50,000. Kellie Donato was selected to fill the position of Administrative Secretary to train for Construction Office/ Tax Clerk motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, starting salary \$39,000. A formal letter will be mailed to each applicant for their consideration at which time they can accept or decline. Start Date for both applicants is September 1, 2021. With no further business, meeting adjourned motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk