

January 4, 2018
Reorganization

Meeting postponed due to inclement weather.

January 8, 2018
Reorganization/Regular Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM by Clerk Dawson as advertised, and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Flag salute held. Members present: Bowman, Sheppard, Miletta.

As the annual re-organization meeting scheduled for January 4th was postponed due to weather conditions, the first order of business was the oath of office administered to Elmer "Skip" Bowman, committeeman re-elect, by Solicitor Thomas Seeley.

Clerk opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of Mayor. Mr. Sheppard nominated Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Miletta, with a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Sheppard will hold the position of Deputy Mayor as motioned by Mr. Miletta, seconded Mr. Bowman, unanimous roll call vote.

Resolutions 2018-1 through 2018-7 were presented on a consent agenda and approved in one action, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote:

2018-1 Establish Meeting Dates and Times

2018-2 Establish Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

2018-3 Designate Official Newspapers

2018-4 Designate Official Depositories

2018-5 Establish Purchasing Procedures

2018-6 Authorization for the Tax Collector to Conduct a Tax Lien Sale

2018-7 Authorization for the Tax Collector to Process Delinquency/Overpayment Under \$10.00

Resolution 2017-8, Adopt Temporary Budget, 26.25% of 2017 Appropriation, \$351,717.46, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-9, Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract for Auditing Services to Bowman & Co. approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Contract Awarded to Thomas Seeley, Seeley Law LLC for Legal Services, Resolution 2018-10 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-11, Authorizing the Award of Professional Services Contract to Colson & Gosweiler for Insurance Carrier Services approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services Awarded to Fralinger Engineering, Motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, Resolution 2018-12.

Resolution 2018-13, Award of Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services Regarding Professional Service Contracts Approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-14, Statutory Appointments approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-15, Authorizing Necessary 2017 Budget Transfers approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Annual Contract between the Township of Lawrence and the Cumberland Development Corp., for Economic Development and Business Retention Consulting Services approved, annual sum of \$6,100.00. Mayor Bowman will be the voting member, Deputy Mayor Sheppard alternate motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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Minutes of the December 7th, 11th and 28th meetings approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of December accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Quote submitted by Activities Director for purchase of Lap Top, Programs and Printer from Alt-Tech Solutions, in the amount of \$1,100.00 reviewed. Committee agreed it was a fair price. Further consideration will be given following budget adoption.

Resolution 2018-16, A Resolution In Support of The (F.O.P.) Fibrodysplasia Progressiva Awareness Initiative approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-17, Resolution Authorizing A Representative (Mayor Bowman) On Behalf of the Township to Attend An Organizational Meeting With Respect to the Potential Creation of a Cooperative or Other Joint Entity to Address The Animal Sheltering Needs of Communities Within Cumberland and Salem Counties approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

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

Discussion held regarding budget workshop meetings. Tentative dates set: Thursday January 25th to meet with Department Heads, Monday February 5th, CFO and Auditor.

Committee Comments:

Mr. Miletta congratulated Mr. Bowman on his successful election and nomination for position as Mayor. Mr. Sheppard thanked Mr. Miletta for doing a great job as Mayor for the past two years. Mr. Bowman thanked them both for their confidence in him to fill the position.

Public Comments:

Resident Willie McCoy, 51 Mulford Avenue approached the committee with complaint about flow of traffic at the Convenience Center. He also stated that people chit chat which cause delays. Committee will review , further consideration will be given to traffic pattern. Mr. McCoy also advised that a street light was out on Mulford. He was told to provide pole number to Clerk. Lastly, Mr. McCoy thanked Mayor Miletta for the quick response in getting his road plowed during recent snow storm. The road had been missed, but was immediately taken care of following his complaint.

With no other business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

January 25, 2018

Budget Workshop Meeting

A budget workshop meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order as advertised, at 5:00 pm, and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Committee met with various department heads, EMS and Fire Co Chiefs to review/ discuss 2018 budget requests. Also discussed was future capital projects. Further consideration will be given at a second budget meeting to be held February 5th with Auditor and CFO.

Also discussed was the retirement of David Dean, Construction Code Official, effective March 1st. Committee will meet with Construction Code Official Gordon Gross, who has covered for Mr. Dean during any absences in the past. Mr. Gross will be invited to attend the February Workshop meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

