

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Jayme Hyson, owner of 38 Newport Rd., came in to discuss the violation and summons he received from Zoning Officer, Anthony Lamanteer. Jayme stated he believed he was in compliance. Wayne Shelton, Construction Official, was present and stated that the permits Mr. Hyson submitted originally were denied until approvals were met. Mr. Hyson stated he wanted in writing what was needed for him to obtain permits. Mr. Sheppard told him the requirements were in the Planning Boards Resolution. Mr. Hyson questioned if the denied permit pack is what is he needed for new permits. Mr. Shelton explained to Mr. Hyson that he needed drawings for the heater, fire detectors in the new section need to be hard wired. Mr. Hyson will come in and obtain new a permit pack from the construction office. Mr. Shelton stated he has issued violations but they can be worked on. Mr. Lamanteer will get summons extended from May 24th date as long as Mr. Hyson is meeting the requirements of the construction office.

Construction Office Report – Demolition of 16 East Ave. is complete. Mr. Shelton was able to get in contact with SJ Gas and Atlantic City Electric for shut off notices so demolition could be completed. The contractor was asked to notify the school prior to demolition due to being in close vicinity of the school. 940 Hogbin Rd. was building an 80X80 structure over 20ft high. Mr. Shelton placed a stop work order. Contractor did contact the office and stated he didn't know what the structure was going to be used for. Since the violation the structure has been taken down. Mr. Shelton will reach out to contractor to have the construction debris cleaned up. 105 Mulford Ave., previously had a fire, may be in the process of being purchased. Discussion on status of property at Cedarville & Lummistown Rds. Owner did take out partial permits for foundation. Property owner is believed to be sick. Owner of auto shop at 187 Main St. cleaned up the property. He was told to go to planning board for approval to sell and work on vehicles.

There is a house on Co-Op Dr. that is being sold and bamboo is encroaching on the property. A copy of a bamboo ordinance was provided to the committee for review.

Neighbor of property of old road department asked if we could take down the shed. If it can be determined that the shed is on township property it can be torn down. Motion if on our property to tear down. Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Motion to accept C&H bid for solid waste for 5 years, Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

George Ripper stated that the shed at the Senior Center is $\frac{3}{4}$ shingled and should be done Friday. He has a lumber list for replacing the dock and will work on once the weather breaks. Sheppard requested railing be added to the dock.

Joe Sieri will be putting a finishing ring for the duct work coming in at the wall.

Correspondence from Brenda Hill-Riggins on Cannabis. Property is currently Farmland Preserved and it is unclear if cannabis would fall under farmland preservation. A representative from Dynastic Organics will be at the regular meeting.

Master Plan and Redevelopment Ordinance as prepared by Tiffany Morrissey, discussed and will be introduced at the regular meeting. Del Bay Estates is next phase.

Sieri invoice for heater at the Historical Society building was \$4,000 over the original quote. Cost of equipment went up since the quote. Also, he had to run a gas line to the building which is typically done by a plumber.

Mr. Sheppard would like a picnic table to be placed under the birch tree at the Senior Center.

Discussion on personnel policy and bereavement policy. Bereavement policy to be added. M. Harrar will prepare a draft for committee review.

Motion to pay bills. Sheppard, seconded by Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Mayors of surrounding towns will go to the next County Commission meeting to discuss animal control and South Jersey Animal Shelter.

County is working on upgrading existing broadband throughout the county. This will not include expansion.

Septic Systems "grant" discussed. Possibly get a bulk rate from an engineer on the septic design. This would be a first come first serve basis. \$10,000 per system with \$2500 for the design and \$7500 towards the system.

Del Bay Estates 4, Steven Fralinger, engineer, to get easement from Jeff Hickman for recharge basin. This would need be done in 2 phases.

Old road department building property, block 197 lot 13, Mr. Seeley is going to see if it can be subdivided and sold.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Bowman, seconded by Sheppard. Unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.


Mary Harraf, Administrative Assistant

Monday March 14, 2022
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, minutes of the February 10th, 14th, 17th, & 25th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of January accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Authorize payment of additional approved vouchers motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Dynastic Organics representative gave a presentation on cannabis. CEO and owner is Brenda Hill-Riggins. They currently have a NJ HEMP Grower License, NJ HEMP Handler License, NJ HEMP Processor License and have applied for a cannabis license. They are requesting a letter of support from the township. From construction through to cultivation site, Royal Dynastic Organics LLC intends to staff up to 58 new hires: Growers, Extraction Tech, Security, Maintenance, Logistics, Management, Carpenters, Electricians, General Labor. The majority of the positions will be filled by Millville and Lawrence Township residents. The difference between hemp and marijuana is the amount of THC. The facilities need to be inside. The area would be fenced and policed. They would grow, process, and ship out. Mr. Sheppard asked if they have received approval from Farmland Preservation. There is question on whether cannabis would fall under farmland preservation. The committee asked for them to go through Farmland Preservation to see if ground is capable to use and they can come back to the committee at that time.

Resolution 2022-27, Authorize Sale of Surplus Property, Block 53, Lot 15, Regal Ave. Approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-28, Inter-Local Services Agreement with Downe Township for Tax Collector approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-29, Appointment of Acting Clerk, Mary Harrar, effective April 1, 2022, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-30, Authorized check signors, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-31, Appointment of Treasurer, Mary Harrar, effective April 1, 2022, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-32, Cancellation of taxes, Block 114, Lot 23, donated land, accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-33, Confirming land sale, Block 104, Lot 31 to John Belland, authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute Deed, approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2022-34, Approve Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$76,540.00, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing as advertised, Ordinance 2022-432, 2022 Salaries and Wages, Motion to open public hearing Sheppard, seconded Bowman, roll call vote, all in favor. With no public comment motion to close to public Bowman, seconded Sheppard, roll call vote, all in favor. Ordinance adopted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, roll call vote, all in favor.

Ordinance 2022-432, Amending Development Regulations Ordinance approved on first reading motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. The Ordinance will be further considered for final adoption following a public hearing at the regular meeting of April 11, 2022.

Motion to open to public, Bowman, seconded Sheppard. Unanimous vote. John Tisa stated his solar project on Scarlato Rd. was cancelled, Atlantic City Electric turned down. He was told the grid was not capable. Mr. Melniczuk was also turned down by Atlantic City Electric. The grid hasn't been upgraded in years.

Doug Albrecht, County Commissioner, was present and spoke on sewer and water. The County is currently exploring/open to a similar system like Downe Township. Mr. Sheppard stated he is hoping the County handles. Mr. Albrecht stated that Bridgeton and Millville are at half capacity. It took Downe Township 10 years to put theirs together. Mr. Sheppard stated that the Township has \$100,000.00 of the American Recovery Act Money slated to help put septic systems in. Mr. Bowman stated that all the mayors through CDC should unite for sewer and water.

The County is also working on upgrading Broadband. It will not be expanded, just upgraded. Senator Testa is working with the cable companies.

Discussion on the bridge between Fairton and Bridgeton on South Ave. being out for repairs. Discussion also had on Cedar Lake Dam. The asphalt is cracking. Curb has already sunk below grade. Solicitor Seeley stated the County says they are not responsible for under the roadway. There is question on who built and owns the damn.

Solicitor Seeley stated that Ruth has taught him a lot and he'll miss her.

Motion to close to public, Sheppard, seconded Bowman. Unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned 8:29 pm.


Mary Harrar
Administrative Assistant