

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Bowman, Sheppard, Miletta.

George Ripper, Director of Public Works was present and discussed the purchase and placement of road signs in the DeCarlo Tract. There are approximately 24 mission signs. The cost would be \$72.00 each, Garden State Highway products, vendor for sign materials offered a 15% discount if all signs ordered at one time. As funds are available in the temporary budget, Mr. Ripper was authorized to make the purchase of approximately 1,500.00. Also discussed was issue with generator at Senior Center leaking antifreeze. Mr. Ripper will get a quote on repairs for further consideration of the Township Committee. Lastly, Mr. Ripper provided quotes for the purchase of a new 72" Zero Turn Lawnmower as follows: Walt's Dixie Chopper/Lawns by Walt \$9,247.32 less -\$500.00 trade, total \$8,747.32 Farm-Rite \$11,699.00 and Laurel Lawnmower Inc. \$12,799.00. Mower will be purchased from Walt's Dixie/Lawns by Walt, low quote, \$8,747.32 funds certified by Clerk to be available, Recreation Account.

Correspondence received from the State Planning Commission regarding the Townships center designation reviewed. The center designation which was set to expire on Dec. 21, 2018 (as discussed at the Nov. 8, 2018 meeting), will be extended by the commission through June 30, 2020 The correspondence provided information regarding the Plan Endorsement process should the Township chose to maintain the designated center. following discussion it was determined that no action would be taken to maintain the center designation due to inactive status of the State Planning Commission and no benefit to the Township having the center designation.

Quotes received for purchase and installation of interior fire rated doors reviewed:

South Jersey Glass & Door	7,000.00	Premium Renovations, Inc.	8,560.11
Elmer Door	9,482.00	J. Bishop Construction, Inc.	9,585.00
Plowman's Windows & Doors	no quote		

Job awarded to South Jersey Glass & Door, low quote, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Quotes for purchase and installation of (2) Heat Pump/AC Unit for Recreation Concession Stand reviewed:

DelRossi Heating and Air Conditioning	4,820.44	Woodruff Energy	6,650.00
Sieri Mechanical LLC	7,500.00		

Job awarded to low quote, DelRossi Heating & Air Conditioning, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, Unanimous vote.

Clerk provided bid results for Resurfacing of North Avenue, bids received March 7, 2019:

South State, Inc.	280,074.00	Ricky Slade Construction	320,855.30
Arawak Paving Co., Inc.	295,800.00	Diamond Construction	510,570.42

Further consideration regarding award may take place at the regular meeting, March 11th, following Engineer, Stephen Nardelli's review and recommendation.

Mayor Bowman advised that he was approached by Gerard Reilly, a local resident who is considering purchasing the vacant hardware store building located at 345 Main Street, and had questions concerning our local tax abatement program. Mr. Reilly proposes to make improvements to the building and hopes to reopen a hardware Store. A copy of Ordinance No. 2002-282, Property tax Abatement ordinance was provided by Clerk for review by Solicitor and committeemen. The Ordinance/Program provides for a five year phased property tax abatement for newly constructed or enlarged businesses, commercial, Industrial and agricultural structures. General consensus is that the abatement would apply to any addition, or improvement to the current structure that would increase the current assessment value. A copy of the ordinance will be provided to Mr. Reilly.

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

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday March 11, 2019
Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee called to order as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Bowman, Sheppard, Miletta.

Following the flag salute, minutes of the February 7th, 11th and 21st meetings approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of February accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Public hearing opened as advertised, Ordinance No. 2019-411, An Ordinance Providing For The Salaries And Wages For The Employees And Officer Of The Township Of Lawrence. Receiving no public comment, the hearing was closed and the ordinance adopted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-27, Authorize cancellation of properties donated to the Township of Lawrence approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-28, Providing emergency temporary budget appropriation due to delay in budget adoption: Contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System \$19,071.60, and LOSAP \$18,350.00 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Block 138 lots 12-18, to Scott & Ibeliz Vanneman at \$1,000 each, for a total of \$7,000 confirmed as sold, Resolution 2019-29, approved on motioned made by Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2019-30, Authorization to refund duplicate 1st quarter tax installment, block 197 lot 43, in the amount of 860.70 to Corelogic approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Bid awarded to South State Inc. in the amount of \$280,074.00 for the resurfacing of North Avenue as recommended by Engineer, Stephen Nardelli, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Action followed Clerk's certification of funds available for the project in the amount of \$295,000.00 through a NJDOT grant. Mr. Miletta questioned when the project would start, as the Gas Company is currently extending service along North Avenue. Engineer will advise of start date.

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

Mayor Bowman announced that the vacant hardware store would soon be sold and reopened as a hardware store. Mr. Sheppard stated that the corner, center of town would look much nicer.

Mayor Bowman opened the floor for public comment. Resident Willie McCoy, 51 Mulford Ave. approached the committee with concerns regarding 59 Mulford. Mr. McCoy stated that the house which has been vacant for some time is now occupied with no inspections. Mr. McCoy previously met with Gordon Gross, Construction Code Official and questioned what permits had been issued. Mr. Gross advised that permits/inspection were not required for the work that was being done. Mr. McCoy questioned if there was a liability to the Township if the property was not safe. He stated that the family reported to the Construction/Housing Office that they were not living in the home. Clerk advised that a letter was sent to the current owner by Mr. Gross, both certified and regular mail, advising that a Certificate of Occupancy is required prior to the house being inhabited, and that if it was a rental

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property, its required to be registered as a rental. The letter also provided all items to be addressed to be in compliance. Solicitor Seeley stated that there would be no liability to the Township as they did act on complaint by sending the letter. The property owner would be the liable party. He suggested that Mr. McCoy take pictures to prove the family was indeed living in the house. Mr. Sheppard stated that he was sure they have been there for about six months, as he saw both well and septic people (contractors) on the property, both projects would require County Health Dept. permitting. Mr. Sheppard advised Clerk to have Construction Official contact the Health Dept. for status. Mayor Bowman assured Mr. McCoy that the Township would follow up with this issue.

Mr. Rudy Badger appeared with questions concerning proposed Museum/ Historical Society Building, which will be constructed on Senior Center property. He questioned if the Historical Society would have its own restrooms and if they would be open at night time. Mr. Sheppard stated that the Senior Center restrooms would be available, only 14 feet away. Mr. Miletta stated that the Seniors would be welcome to look around at the artifacts in the museum and that the Historical Society would hold their meetings in the Senior Center, and the seniors would be welcome to join. Mayor Bowman stated that Mr. Sheppard is working with an architect for plans and hope to begin construction next year. Mr. Sheppard stated that the new building would be metal construction and a safe place for artifacts, available to be viewed by the entire community. Mayor Bowman stated that evening meetings would be coordinated with any events the seniors may have planned.

With no further public comments, the floor was closed, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk