

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

Committee met with Joseph Harry, Vice President, TD Bank. TD Bank provides equipment finance for tax exempt entities through the Cumberland County Improvement Authorities Municipal Loan Program. Mr. Harry assured that no fees are involved and rates are lower through a tax exempt lease program. The Township is looking to buy a new fire pumper truck, cost of 535,000. Mr. Harry proposes a 10 year fixed rate of 2.25% with the money being placed in a interest bearing escrow account upon closing, which takes 14-21 days. Mr. Harry will provide copies of documents from other municipalities who have participated for review by solicitor and auditor. Further consideration will be given to Municipal Loan Program.

Bid results, bids received for solid waste disposal on March 16<sup>th</sup> reviewed:

|        | Earth Tech | C&H Disposal Service Inc. |
|--------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Year | 117.00     | 119.00                    |
| 3 Year | 118.00     | 119.00                    |
| 5 Year | 119.00     | 119.00                    |

Committee has in the past opted to lock in the price with a five year award. Engineer Stephen Nardelli's Letter stated that under the Local Public Contracts Law, when equal prices are received under the lowest responsible bid, the contracting unit may award the contract to the lender whose response, in the discretion of the contracting unit, is the most advantageous, price and other factors included. Mr. Nardelli continued that since C&H Disposal Service, Inc. already has the current contract, the Township may want to continue the contract with them. Solicitor Seeley concurred. His recommendation: with exact bids for a five year period, rather than resubmitting for new bids, since C&H had the previous contract for five years, and the Township had a positive experience with the company for the five year period, the committee may award to C&H based on their positive experience and confidence in the services they provide. Further consideration to the award will take place at the regular meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion held regarding use of convenience center by residents that have commercial vehicles. Committee previously requested that Solicitor Seeley correspond with the County Health Dept. to request a waiver (their regulations) to allow use of convenience center for residents that have commercial vehicles. Committee gives discretion of attendant to determine if trash is residential household or commercial, no commercial trash being permitted. Mr. Seeley met with Health Dept. representatives and was advised that a waiver cannot be granted. State regulations prohibit any vehicle bearing commercial plates or farmer license plates use of the convenience center. the Township could be fined \$5,000.00 per day if they allowed it. Public Works Supervisor was instructed to place a sign at the center that no vehicle bearing commercial or farmer license plates will be allowed to dispose of trash.

Correspondence received from the Dept. of Community Affairs regarding local planning services reviewed, with no interest expressed in participating.

Brief discussion held regarding Rental Registration ordinance and lack deadline date to file, and late fee. Committee, Zoning and Housing Officer will review the ordinance in detail to determine necessary amendments.

List of properties reviewed for proposed land sale to be held at the regular meeting in May. Further consideration will be given on resolution to authorize the public auction at the regular meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>.

George Ripper, Supervisor of Public Works advised that one of the convenience center containers desperately needs to be replaced. Carrier was stopped by DEP due to poor condition of the container and was told we could be fined. Mr. Ripper provided quotes to replace the container:

Rudco Products 5,600.00 PTR Baler & Compactor 7,000.00  
Waste Quip no quote received

Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman unanimous vote that PO be issued to Rudco to purchase container following budget adoption at the regular meeting. Mr. Ripper also presented a quote for grinding of brush and limbs at the Convenience Center received from SJAP, 8,900.00. Quotes were requested previously from various vendors with no proposals being received. Again, purchase order will be issued following adoption of budget with funds being appropriated from the recycling tonnage grant, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard unanimous vote. Clerk instructed to make County Health Dept. aware that debris will be removed.

Brief discussion held regarding Verizon suit. Mr. Baker, County Counsel provided a draft stipulation of settlement which was earlier provided to committee members for review. Mr. Baker requested that each municipality participating in the petition execute the stipulation. Mr. Bowman stated that it was discussed at a recent CDC meeting and municipalities were urged to approve the stipulation so that the suit may move forward. The Freeholders have determined that approval of the stipulation would be in the best interest of the residents in the County as it provides performance standards, accountability and ability of the municipalities participating in the petition to enforce service and maintenance obligations. Mayor Miletta authorized to execute stipulation of settlement motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution 2017-39.

Request received from Galileo Wang, CRHS student for materials and supplies to be used on Cedarville Lake walking trail project reviewed. Motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote that supplies be provided.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday April 10, 2017  
Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Township Committee called to order at 7:30 pm as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Miletta, Bowman, Sheppard.

Following the flag salute, minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings approved motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Monthly reports accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale held as advertised with the following results:  
Block 197 lot 36 lone bid received from John Marks, \$4,000.00 and Block 245 lot 61 lone bid received from Jorge and Otilia Rodriguez, \$4000.00. Bids accepted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Public hearing held as advertised, Ordinance No. 2017-398, Calendar Year 2017 Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits, and to Establish a Cap Bank. Receiving no public comment, the ordinance was finally adopted motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

A second public hearing was held, ordinance No. 2017-399, Ordinance Amending 2017 Salary Ordinance No. 2017-397. Again, no public comments were received, ordinance adopted as motioned by Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

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Resolution 2017-36, Self- Examination of Budget, certification that the Township meets all necessary conditions to participate approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2017-37, Read Budget by Title Only at the Time of the Public Hearing approved, motioned Bowman, Seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Public hearing held on 2017 Municipal Budget. Auditor Fred Caltabiano provided a power point presentation on 2017 budget facts. A five year comparison of number of homes and assessments indicate reduced assessments due to Super Storm Sandy and State buy outs of Bay Point properties. Also provided was a schedule of revenues (5 years) and comparison of major appropriations. A schedule of local rates/taxes indicated increase in taxes on the average house in the amount of 261.05 over 9 years, average of 29.00 per year. Floor opened for public comment. Receiving none, hearing closed and budget adopted as motioned by Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a Fire Pumper Truck in and by the Township of Lawrence, Appropriating \$550,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost, Ordinance No. 2017-401, approved on first reading, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Public hearing to be held at the regular meeting of May 8, 2017. Mayor Miletta expressed the need for a new truck. The Fire Companies newest truck is a 1996 and the oldest a 1986.

Resolution 2017-38, Authorizing sale of surplus property, public auction to be held at the regular meeting of May 8, 2017, approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Bids received for Solid Waste Disposal Service:

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Bob Webster, representing Earth Tech stood and introduced himself. Mr. Webster stated that his one year bid was \$2.00 less per pull and he estimates a savings of about 625.00 for the year. He suggested bid be awarded for a one year term then rebid. He advised that Earth Tech has a brand new fleet of trucks that would reduce emissions in the Township. Solicitor Seeley stated that the Township has "wobble room" with identical bids, and can make decision based on past history with vendor. Mr. Sheppard stated that he would prefer to lock in for the 5 years. Committee agreed that they were satisfied that C&H provided good service. Award made for a five year term to C&H Disposal Service unit price 119.00 per pull, motioned Bowman, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Certificate of available funds was presented by Clerk.

Change Order #1, SJ Sheds and Gazebos for Public Works Garage Project for Architectural Drafting and Design, sealed prints, in the amount of 1,091.00 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

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

Correspondence received from Cindi Bilsing, Dempsey Weiss and Associates regarding health benefits reviewed. Current plan will increase 7% June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Bilsing would be happy to shop options and plans available. Committee decided to renew current plan, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Brief discussion held regarding CCIA Municipal Loan Program and participation to finance Fire Truck. Auditor Caltabiano will get details from CCIA Executive Director Gerard Velazquez, then have clerk

contact Bond Counsel to determine pros/cons and steps that need to be taken to purchase the truck through the Capital Lease Program. All agreed that 2 ¼ % for 10 years is good. If it's determined to go with Capital Lease Program, Ordinance introduced will be tabled following the Public Hearing and Bond Counsel will prepare Capital Lease Ordinance/documents.

Floor opened for public comments. Receiving none, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk