

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

Public Works Supervisor George Ripper was present and provided update on activities. Committee commended Mr. Ripper, Fire & EMS Volunteers for job well done with recent storm. Main problem was downed wires and pine trees. All worked to keep the roadways open. Mr. Miletta relayed that the Fire Co. was out for three days assisting in clearing trees from roadways, and had 29 calls during that time. Mr. Ripper questioned how far he was to go with clean-up, especially in the DeCarlo Tracts, as the area was hit so hard, it would take months to remove all debris. Mr. Ripper was instructed to just push it back in the heavy wooded areas at this time.

Quotes obtained for damage that occurred to 2016 Dump Truck during snow storm provided. Tomlin Bros., 5,565.96 and Usher's Inc. 3,172.66. Ushers quote noted that additional damage may be found due to noise from heater fan. This repair was included in Tomlin Bros. quote. Insurance Company has been put on notice. Mayor Bowman instructed Mr. Ripper to obtain one more quote. Clerk will forward all three to Insurance Co. and open claim.

Mr. Ripper advised that the permit application for installation of septic system at new Public Works Garage has been approved by the Health department. Quotes will be obtained for same.

Mayor Bowman provided a list of the County's roadway construction projects scheduled to occur within the next five years. He encouraged any comments or input members may have.

Solicitor Seeley updated Committee on question concerning easement on Lummis Lake, inquiry received from a potential purchaser. Solicitor Seeley advised that there are two types of easements that can be recorded with a deed. One easement benefits and affects only the parties involved in the transfer of real estate, and expires when another transfer occurs. The second easement is a perpetual easement which uses the language "runs with the land". Mr. Seeley stated that the easement in question is the first type, and would expire if the property sold or transferred. Clerk advised that Solicitor Seeley's findings have been provided to Jeff Bishop, who made the inquiry. Mr. Seeley also advised that he has not been able to locate a phone number for the Cremona's, owners of block 157 lot 68 and 69, which the Township is interested in acquiring as it's been used many years as a cut through in the DeCarlo Tract. He will mail correspondence to both NY and FL addresses that he has found.

Brief discussion held regarding contract, South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter for shelter services. It appears that there will be no further negotiations for this year. Action will be taken to approve the contract at the regular monthly meeting.

Clerk advised that resident at 953 Ramah Rd. has requested a street light be installed in front of his property. A review of tax map indicates location is close to intersection at Hogbin Rd. which is lighted. Committee agreed no additional light fixture needed at this time. Clerk was instructed to get a quote from Atlantic City Electric to relocate existing fixture from pole in front of 47 Mulford Ave. to pole in front of 51 Mulford Ave, and also installation of a new fixture at gravel exit of Senior Center.

Correspondence received regarding Health Benefits renewal (11% increase) reviewed. Only one employee is currently enrolled. Mr. Sheppard suggested coverage be renewed if employee is satisfied. Clerk will question her.

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

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

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Regular Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the 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 March 8th and 12th meetings approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of March, along with tax Collector's annual report accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Ordinance No. 2018-407, 2018 Calendar Year Model ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank approved on first reading motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Public hearing and further consideration for final adoption will be given at the regular meeting on May 14th.

Resolution 2018-29, Authorizing Self Examination of the 2018 Municipal Budget approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-30, Certification of Compliance with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement Guidance approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

2018 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$2,288,948.62 approved on first reading motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote. Public hearing for further consideration of final adoption will take place at the regular meeting on May 14th.

Agreement between the Township and South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter to provide Municipal Animal Shelter Services approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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

Mayor Bowman questioned if a date has been set for Reconstruction of New Road. Clerk responded that a preconstruction meeting was scheduled within the week and date would be set.

Floor opened for public comment. Resident Rudy Badger appeared before the committee with complaints about abandoned house at 126 New Road. The property is becoming a dump site. A boat is sitting on a trailer on shoulder of the road. Mayor Bowman stated that it would be necessary to move it prior to road construction project. Solicitor Seeley advised that under Inherent Applied Police Authority as a governmental unit, the Township has the right to move the boat, which is causing a hazardous condition. Mr. Seeley suggested that the Public Works Supervisor take pictures of the boat, hook up to the trailer and back it into the yard. Motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote, that boat be moved under the Inherent Applied Police Authority Act.

Mr. Willie McCoy, resident of Mulford Avenue stated that recent road construction projects are being done with a poor quality asphalt mix. He believes the contractors are mixing old asphalt with new, which does not hold up, it separates. He stated that Jones Island Road which was paved some years ago is beautiful. Mr. Miletta agreed. He stated that the Township needs to stand up to contractors to insure the asphalt is good quality. Mr. Sheppard stated that the road projects are funded by the State who oversees construction. Mayor Bowman advised that the Township Engineer also monitors road projects.

Mr. McCoy questioned if the Township had a contingency plan to operate a warming station should another storm hit. Some residents were without power for five days following recent storm. He was aware that Buckshutem School in Bridgeton was open, but feels either the Senior Center, Fire House or school should be open for residents, something local. Mr. Miletta advised that both generators had

mechanical issues, he was able to get the one at Senior Center running. Contractor was called for Fire House. Mayor Bowman stated that public works employees will be checking both generators on a weekly basis to insure they are working properly. Mr. Sheppard stated that we do not meet criteria to

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open a shelter, but would discuss possible warming station with OEM Coordinator. Mr. McCoy stated that Atlantic City Electric should be watching their employees and sub –contractors more closely, in his opinion they were all hiding out. Mr. Sheppard stated that he saw groups and trucks in Sayre’s Neck and inn the DeCarlo Tracts, all working. Mr. Miletta stated that he saw a group from Canada, not being familiar with the area had difficulty locating area they were dispatched to.

Mr. McCoy expressed concerns that two months have passed since he requested a street light, and nothing has happened. He was advised that clerk was just recently instructed to get a quote on cost to relocate a fixture on his road. Once received, quote will be considered.

Mr. Miletta commended the Fire Company and EMS Volunteers who did a great job during the storm with downed trees and wires. He stated that they responded to 29 calls in three days. Mr. Sheppard commended the Parade and Events Committee members for a successful Easter Event recently held at the Fire House. Kids had a great time. Mayor Bowman announced that Recreation will have Little League opening ceremonies this coming Saturday, and for the first time in years will have good weather. Forecast is for sunny and seventies.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk