

A special meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm as advertised, for the purpose of conducting interviews for Senior Center Activities Director and CFO positions. Members present: Sheppard, Miletta, Bowman.

Judy Andrews was appointed to the position of Activities Director effective immediately, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Mr. Bowman was excused at 4:45 to attend CDC Meeting. Following her interview, Amy Colaneri was appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent effective January 1, 2022 motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

End of year meeting set for 4:00 pm December 30th and Annual Re-Organization will be held at 7:00 pm on January 6, 2022 motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 5:15 motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Ruth Dawson, Clerk

December 9, 2021
Workshop Meeting

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

Historical Society Building Project. Carmella and Dan were present from the Historical Society. They inquired when they would be able to move in. HVAC is scheduled to start on December 13th and flooring will be completed next year. Anticipated move in is after the first of the year. Road Department staff will assist with the moving from the old building to the new building. Cedarville Co Op has items to be donated to the historical society. Fire suppression – there will be fire extinguishers and fire alarms. The building has R49 insulated double wall fire rated drywall. When ready to open, the historical society is going to have a grand opening. They are currently working on a schedule. Possibly being open 1-2 days a month.

Inter-local with Maurice River Township for Tax Collector. Michelle Behm was present and spoke to committee. Tax sale, tax billing, tax searches all were discussed. Ms. Behm stated the hours she would like are 3-4 hours a week on Tuesdays, 4p-7p. She would also be available when needed. She's requesting \$15,000 annually which the committee was agreeable to. Further consideration will be given upon of retirement of current collector.

Land Sale Offers: For Block 104, Lot 31 from Mr. Belland offering \$12,000 plus \$400 in other fees. Committee rejected offer.

Ordinance, Road Opening Permit was reviewed and will be introduced at the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Quote for additional cameras at the Recreation Complex of \$1956.11. Jason Ripper is requesting that it is paid for out of the recreation account. Purchase of additional cameras approved. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

2022 Planning Board Appointments. Veronica Sergiacomi sent in her letter of resignation and nominated her husband to fill the vacancy. Appointing can be done at re-organization. Motion to accept resignation. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

SJ Regional Animal Shelter contract was \$18,360 and is being increased to \$20,931.00. Number of dogs and cats held for the township were discussed.

We are able to extend Animal Control Officer Steve Serwatka's contract.

Motion to pay bills. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

BPU's Energy Savings Improvement Plan. Air conditioning at Senior Center discussed. Units are old and should get proposals for replacements.

Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System, Providing & Delivering of Rock Salt. In reviewing the bid proposals, the County determined that prices per ton were higher than that of those awarded under New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property Contract "T0213 Rock Salt, Treated Salt and Solar Salt". The County awarded a contract to Morton Salt, Inc. in accordance with the current New Jersey State Contract #1NJCP-20-FLEET-01519, Line #118 (Rock Salt), at a price of \$70.48 per ton.

Water at the Rescue Squad is rusty. Clerk will reach out to contractor to come and look at it and service.

Heater at Fire Department not lighting. Clerk will have contractor come out for service/repair. And also get prices on what the cost to inspect all heaters at the Fire Department would be.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Mary Harrar, Administrative Assistant

December 13, 2021
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Following the pledge of allegiance, minutes of the November 4th and 8th meetings approved, motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Reports for the month of November accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Land sale conducted as advertised with the following results: Block 40 Lot 14 sold for \$2,000 to Amber Hines and Nash Ridgeway with contingency to be combined with Lot 16. Block 72 Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 sold for \$15,000 to Chen Na Mannebach and Ernie Mannebach. Offers accepted motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Contract award to Fire & Safety Services for the purchase of Pierce Fire Pumper apparatus, amount of \$849,999.73. Purchase made through the Houston-Galveston Area Council cooperative purchasing program. Treasurer's certificate of available funds in the amount of \$850,000 provided by Bond Ordinance 2021-429. Motion to accept Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Contract award for the Reconstruction of Thompson Road/Connector Street in the amount of \$328,287.90 to Paving Plus, LLC, Franklinville, NJ. Motion to accept Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. Treasurer's certificate of available funds provided, \$320,000 NJ DOT Grant and \$8287.90 from streets and roads other expense as provide in Res. # 2021-59.

Public hearing as advertised, Ordinance No. 2021-430, An Ordinance in the Township of Lawrence, Cumberland County and State of New Jersey Changing a Road Name. Motion to open Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. No public comment. Motion to close Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Motion to adopt Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

First Reading/Introduction, Ordinance No. 2021-431, Ordinance for the Township of Lawrence, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, For Road Opening Permit. Motion to approve on first reading by Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-59, 2021 Budget Transfers, motioned to approve Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Authorize participation with the Cumberland County Cooperative Pricing System, contract award for the purchase and delivery of Rock Salt, Morton Salt Inc. at a price of \$70.48 per ton. Motion to approve Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Authorize payment of additional approved vouchers. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Committee Comments: Mayor Sheppard thanked the Scarlato family for all of their years of service to the Township. Deputy Mayor Miletta added it has been countless hours of service.

Motion to open to public by Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Mr. Clint Miller wanted to congratulate Ruth on her upcoming retirement. Judy Andrews, Director of the Senior Center, stated a gentleman came to the Senior Center inquiring if he could use the internet for his laptop. After a conversation with him it was determined that he was not vaccinated against the Coronavirus. Ms. Andrews told him unfortunately he would not be able to utilize the internet at the Senior Center due to this. Committee and Solicitor Seeley in agreeance that the Senior Center can set their own parameters to which to operate. Ms. Andrews also talked about the possibility of getting a computer for the Senior Center. They are planning a yard sale in the spring and could possibly use monies from yard sale to go towards computer. Motion to close to public by Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 8:13pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman.

Mary Harrar, Administrative Assistant

December 30, 2021
Special End of Year Meeting

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM as advertised and held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members present: Sheppard (via phone), Miletta, Bowman.

Resignation, Ruth Dawson, Clerk, Collector, Treasurer. Motion to accept Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-60, Authorize Tax Collector to apply 2021 tax overpayments to 2022. Motion to approve Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-61, Authorize payment of accumulated sick leave. Motion to approve Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-62, approve necessary 2021 budget transfers. Motion to approve Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Discussion of Leslie Fogg bills from September and the amounts. Clerk will talk to George in regards to getting quotes moving forward.

Land sale offers from Jarrod Appleby for Block 202, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, and 40 for \$4,500.00. When researching it was found that some of the lots were duplicated in the system. Tax Assessor/Engineer will correct. Due to this the lots are not ready to be sold at this time. Will go onto February Agenda for further discussion/consideration. Mr. John Belland called and spoke to the Clerk in regards to Block 104, Lot 31 and verbally offered \$13,000. The committee agreed that his offer needs to be in writing.

Correspondence from the State Agriculture Development Committee on Farmland Preservation Program, SF Systems (Jones Island), Block 238, Lot 31.01, Block 257, Lot 21 & 22 and SF Systems (Holden), Block 248, Lot 3 & 4. Motion to support Bowman, seconded Miletta. Sheppard recused himself.

Review of resolutions for re-organization. Meeting times will be at 7:00pm.

Authorize payment of approved vouchers. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Extend Steve Serwatka, Animal Control of South Jersey contract for one additional year. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Herbert Sharp to be full time as of January 1, 2022 with health benefits at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Motioned Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote.

Dan Williams is studying for his CDL and Herbert Sharp is going to get his CDL. Pesticide license discussed. Performance Reviews for all road department staff discussed.

Door for historical building quoted at \$1700.00 from Commercial Doors, Frames, and Hardware, Inc. Motion to accept and award Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Capital projects, ex. Repairs to bank, discussed.

Hogbin Rd. and large building being built without construction or zoning permits. Wayne Shelton, Construction Official, has already placed a stop work order on the building and construction has ceased.

Demolition hearing for 16 East Ave. is scheduled for the regular January meeting. Chimney was taken down last week due to imminent danger. Owner will be overnighted notice from Mr. Seeley's office.

Budget Workshop Meeting to be scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:00pm. Motioned Bowman, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn Miletta, seconded Bowman, unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Mary Harrar, Administrative Assistant