

February 5, 2018  
Budget Workshop Meeting

Budget workshop meeting called to order at 5:00 PM, as advertised, and held in accordance with the Open Public meetings Act. Present: Miletta, Sheppard, Bowman. Also in attendance, Auditor Fred Caltiabiano and CFO Mary Jane Lake. Proposed budget reviewed line for line with Department Heads requests taken into consideration. More questions than answers regarding appropriation for Animal Shelter Services. Still awaiting final proposal from SPCA, most recent pro-rata share estimate is \$13,231.00, up \$5,131.00 over 2017 appropriation. At this time, proposed budget reflects a 2.1 cent increase in tax rate, which amounts to \$36.00 per average household, assessed at 170,000. Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

February 8, 2018  
Workshop Meeting

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

Committee met with Gordon Gross to discuss Construction Code/Housing position that will be vacated upon retirement of David Dean, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Gross has provided services to the Township for a number of years, as he and Mr. Dean cover for each other when necessary due to vacations, sick time, etc. and he also assisted in the Township's Housing Rehab Program. Committee previously reviewed Mr. Gross's resume, and agreed he is highly qualified. Mr. Gross was appointed to fill the position (unexpired term ending 12/31/20) effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

State Health Inspection report for Senior Center reviewed. Deficiency reported: outdoor dumpster is located on grassy area, impervious surface required. Public Works employees will be instructed to lay/construct a concrete pad.

Resident Joe Gambale, 5713 Robbins Avenue, appeared before the committee with request that a road be constructed/dedicated on Township owned property, block 157 lots 64 and 65 which is clear and passable. This would provide access from Shore Ave. in tract 67 to Mell Ave. in tract 65. Mr. Gambale advised that he owns property in tract 65, block 104 lot 3, where he is considering construction of a residential dwelling. Without the new roadway, Atlantic City Electric would have to run service from Lummistown Road which will cost approximately \$20,000. With the new road, a pole could be placed close to his property and service installation may be as low as \$1,000. A review of tax map indicated the area Mr. Gambale referred to as block 157 lots 68 and 69, which are privately owned, but have been used by residents for access. This was confirmed by Public Works Supervisor, George Ripper, who was present. Committee agreed that the cut through would be an asset for emergency vehicles. Committee will have solicitor (absent) contact the assessed owners of block 157 lots 68 and 69 to determine if they would be agreeable to trading the lot's for Township owned property.

Jason Ripper, President of recreation met with committee to provide update on Community Day event. The event will be held on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the annual "Get Hooked on Fishing, not Drugs" fishing tournament sponsored by the County Sheriff's Dept. The fishing derby begins at 9am, ending at noon. Community Day events will be set up by 11am and run till 4pm. Many activities will take place- including but not limited to a petting zoo, two bounce houses, character meet and greets, and clown performances. Demonstrations will be provided by local fire, police, EMS, Sheriff's Dept. and Inspira medical personnel. The concession stand will be open for both events. Mr. Ripper also advised that opening day for baseball will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Authorization to pay approved vouchers granted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

A tax map marked with tire dump site's in tract 66 , previously provided by Wayne Day, 2163 Boston Street reviewed. Mr. Ripper advised that clean- is almost completed. Mr. Ripper also advised that new traffic pattern at Convenience Center is working well. Some complaints, but residents are adjusting.

Correspondence received from William Lomberk regarding donation of (9) nine lot's reviewed. Mr. Lomberk also submitted the fee of \$600.00 per lot as required by ordinance. Mr. Sheppard instructed clerk to get quote from Solicitor for cost of legal work involved.

With no further business to address, meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

Monday February 12, 2018  
Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Flag salute held. Minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meetings approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

Reports for the month of January accepted, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Certificate of Determination and Award dated February 7, 2018, note sold to Township of East Brunswick at the price of \$260,000 at 1.8888% presented by Clerk as required by the Local Bond Law, and accepted, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

The 2018 Salary Ordinance, No. 2018-406 was 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 of March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 2018-19, Accepting the 2017 Certified LOSAP List approved motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote. 31 qualified members for a total of \$17,000.00.

Resolution 2018-19 Establishing Dog License Fees and Extending the Grace Period to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

The Lawrence Township Parade and Events Committee received authorization to conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote, Resolution No. 2018-20.

Property Taxes on six undersized lots donated to the Township authorized for cancellation, Resolution 2018-21, approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-22, Authorization to apply 2017 tax overpayment to 2018 approved, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Resolution 2018-23, Authorization to enter into an Inter-Local Services agreement with Deerfield Township for Zoning/Code Enforcement Services approved, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, unanimous vote.

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

Copy of proposal for Animal Shelter Services received earlier in the day from the Cumberland County SPCA/South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter provided to committee members. Cost of shelter services for a period of ten months, March 1-December 31, 2018 is \$10,667.00, subject to additional miscellaneous shelter service fees which committee questioned. Committee and Solicitor will review proposal in detail and hopefully get answers to questions following a meeting of the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter executive committee later in the month. A special meeting will be scheduled to address the proposal.

Committee approved release of Performance Bond for Cedarville Dollar General as requested by Prime Law, based upon engineers correspondence that all site improvements have been completed, and Clerks confirmation that 2 Year Maintenance Bond has been posted in the amount of \$12,037.80, Bonds released as motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard, unanimous vote.

Mayor Bowman opened the floor for public comments. Resident Lester Woody questioned committee regarding necessary repairs to roof on Commodities building. Committee agreed to have Public Works employees repair it. Mr. Woody also questioned new traffic flow at Convenience Center. Mayor Bowman stated that there was no more backing up to containers which created a hazardous situation. All agreed, Mr. Woody suggested that pattern direction be reversed so that the driver's side would be along the containers. Again all agreed as residents would not be in the line of traffic.

Willie McCoy appeared and requested a new street light be installed on Mulford Avenue. Mr. Sheppard suggested one near the Senior Center. Mr. McCoy stated that the Senior Center is well lit and Mulford Ave is not and he believes it's a safety issue. Mayor Bowman suggested updating an existing fixture. Mayor Bowman instructed Mr. McCoy to mark pole where he would like light installed and committee will check it out.

Regular meeting closed for executive session at 8:10 pm, motioned Sheppard, seconded Miletta, to discuss matters of personnel.

Executive session closed and the regular meeting reopened at 8:22 pm, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard. Solicitor Seeley provided a summary of discussion held for the record. Employee at Convenience Center, due to ongoing issues with job performance, Lynn Gomez shall be removed from the position and new person shall be hired to fill the position, action taken, motioned Sheppard, seconded Bowman. With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned, motioned Miletta, seconded Sheppard.

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Ruth Dawson, Clerk

February 22, 2018  
Special Meeting

Special Meeting scheduled to discuss SPCA/Shelter issues, cancelled as there was no updated information available.

