Oldmans Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on January 7, 2015. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradford at 7:45 pm. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: George Bradford, Cordy Taylor and Dean Sparks

Previous Minutes: December 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

 December 10, 2014 Executive Session

 December 22, 2014 Close Out and Budget Meeting

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Bradford seconded and both agreed.

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2015-32** Wages and Compensation for Public Works Employee and Assistant to the Tax Collector

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2015-33** Surplus Property – 2006 Ford Truck – Gov Deals

A minimum bid will be determined by Jim Nipe, Public Works Director

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve subject to a minimum bid, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2015-31** Temporary Budget Appropriation

Jim Hackett explained that the temporary budget must be adopted within the first 30 days of the year. The budget is based on 26.25% of the previous year’s budget. Included in the temporary budget is the temporary budget for Auburn Water, capital and the grant funds for Kay Gardens (so work can begin).

 Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2015-34** Refund Escrow Account Balances:

 Mullica Hill Cold Storage, Inc. $225.50

 Seher Investments $461.00

 Perkintown Road Assoc. LLC $ 22.57

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Taylor seconded and all agreed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Resolution 2015-35** Oldmans School PTA Two (2) Raffle Licenses and One (1) 50/50 Raffle

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Presentation by Jeff Newman regarding Hazardous Mitigation – tabled until Mr. Newman is available.

Application for Membership to Logan Volunteer Fire Dept. – Andrew Fluck

Application for Membership to Logan Volunteer Fire Dept. - Zacary Oliver

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

STREETS AND ROADS:

Water Main Replacement – Porcupine Road, Helen Avenue and Lerro Rd. - New Jersey American Water Company requested a Road Opening Permit to replace the water main on the above mentioned roads. Work will be from January to June, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Guida - Questioned the funding of the proposed construction building.

James Hackett - Funding is through the construction department permit fees, as per State statute. If the funds are not used by the Township for construction purposes, the money must be returned to the applicant. The proposed construction building is going to have a large area for recordkeeping with a high fire rating. Also a new vehicle will be purchased to be used by the construction official which will also be stored in the new building.

Sam Guida - Regarding the editorial in newspaper about fire companies, he requested that the Committeemen to respond.

Cordy Taylor - The Committee is trying to move in the right direction; don’t want radical change. Hoping Jeff Newman will give the Committee recommendations. Safety is a first priority.

Sam Guida - Suggested that the county examine the history of Auburn Fire records.

Steve Smith - Concerned about construction fund – would like to have funds earmarked for future use, if allowed, to maintain new construction building. Doesn’t want taxpayers burdened in the future.

George Bradford - Original municipal building plans had an extra bay in the garage which was taken out to keep cost down on the construction of the municipal building. The additional garage area is needed.

Anthony Jackson - Wanted to know the Committee’s response to Logan Fire’s letter which was read at the October meeting.

Cordy Taylor - Township is taking steps such as creating the position of Emergency Services Coordinator.

Bill Miller - In 2004 PEOSH recommended shutting down Auburn Fire. He was on the Township Committee for six years and believes one company is sufficient to cover the needs of the Township now and in the future.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

James Hackett Budget meeting scheduled for Wed., January 14th beginning at 5:00 pm.

George Bradford Welcomed Niki Trunk as the new solicitor for Oldmans Township.

Tom Tedesco Traffic study to be completed in the middle of Pedricktown within the next few months.

Melinda Taylor Bill Slusser requested use of town hall for a JIF meeting January 15th.

 Freeholders requested use of town hall for meeting April 15th.

Cordy Taylor Army Corp of Engineers holding a meeting with the NJ DEP regarding cleanup at Camp Pedricktown. Meeting scheduled for January 28th at Salem Community College.

**Resolution 2015-36** Executive Session: (8:25 pm)

Camp Pedricktown – Contract Negotiations with Salem Community College

National Lead – Litigation and NJ DEP.

 Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Taylor seconded and all agreed.

Summary of Executive Session: (8:55 pm)

Camp Pedricktown The Township will continue negotiations with Salem Community College.

National Lead Committee discussed proceeding with Assignment of Tax Sale in regard to litigation.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sparks and agreed to by all, meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor,

Municipal Clerk