

Oldmans Township Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 7, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on September 7, 2011. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 7:30 PM. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: William Miller, Harry Moore and George Bradford.

Sergeant Hollywood, Asst. Station Commander of New Jersey State Police, Woodstown Barracks presented an overview of service calls the State Police made in Oldmans Township for the month of July, 2011. There were a total of 123 calls: 9 alarms, 2 burglary, 53 motor vehicle, 3 accidents and 21 property checks. Sgt. Hollywood stated that scrap metal theft is increasing, especially in abandoned properties.

In regard to the monkey face graffiti which occurred on March 27, 2011, the case is still open but resolution appears to be close. Two suspects are under investigation and the police are awaiting lab results from paint samples.

On motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Moore, all agreed to approve the minutes from:

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| August 2, 2011  | Special Meeting |
| August 3, 2011  | Regular Meeting |
| August 30, 2011 | Special Meeting |

**Resolution 2011-102** Small Cities Grant Application of Evelyn Miller/Conflict of Interest.

This resolution was necessary due to the fact that Evelyn Miller applied for a Small Cities Grant and she is the mother of the Township Mayor, William Miller. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bradford and seconded by Mr. Moore. Mr. Bradford and Mr. Moore approved the resolution. Mr. Miller abstained.

**Resolution 2011-103** Removing Branchville Road, LLC from Tax Sale. The Township does not want to allow a third party to obtain an interest in the property since the Township is in the process of foreclosing. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2011-104** Setting Costs of Mailing Notices of Tax Sale. Ms. Scheiber, Township Tax Collector, explained the purpose of this resolution. Since 1997 municipalities have been allowed to recover advertising costs for the purpose of tax sales. The amount permitted to be charged is \$25.00 per mailing; the cost of which is borne by the delinquent tax payer and not the entire town populace. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2011-105** Approval to Submit and Execute a Grant Application with the NJ Dept. of Transportation for Stumpy Road Reconstruction. This grant application is for Phase II of repairing Stumpy Road. It is not related to the storm damage incurred from Hurricane Irene. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2011-106** Approval to Submit and Execute a Grant Application with the NJ Dept. of Transportation for Old Sharptown Road Reconstruction. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Meeting was opened to the public for questions.

Ms. Maureen Connor of Pennsville-Pedricktown Road presented her concerns about the dog census/dog licensing practices of Oldmans Township. She would like to see a "bill" sent to dog owners rather than rely on a newsletter. She is upset that she must pay for the late fee and census fee for two dogs totaling \$120. She requested that the Township waive her late fee and/or allow a payment plan and also to re-evaluate the notification of licensing fees. Mr. Miller did not grant her a waiver of payment on her late fees or payment plan, but her concerns for better notification would take under consideration.

Mr. Ron Nipe wanted to bring to the Committee's attention the condition of Perkintown Road, a county owned road, specifically the rough road going from Rt. 295 to Auburn. Mr. Miller will contact the County Engineer and try to have the road placed on the repair list.

Public session closed.

Payment of Bills: Mr. Moore made a motion to approve payment of bills and additional invoices, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Pedricktown Cogeneration Plant – Cogen has applied for a renewal of their air pollution permit and has provided public notice.

Stumpy Road Repair – Due to Hurricane Irene the road shoulder was washed out. The Township requested three bids and received one – MLS Landscaping in the amount of \$1,111. Mr. Hackett stated that funds are available from the Streets and Roads account. The Township will attempt to be reimbursed from FEMA. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Schoolhouse Condominiums – Mr. Hoffman stated he presented the Township's request to demolish the old elementary school to Judge Morgan for the fourth time. Judge Morgan believes that the structure still has use. Mr. Hoffman stated that construction was to have been completed in 2008, nor has the newest developer come forward for any permits. Ms. Taylor stated that a letter was sent to the owner requesting cleanup of the property. Mr. Hoffman stated if it is not cleaned up within the timeframe allowed by Township Ordinance, the Township can clean up the property and place a lien.

Camp Pedricktown/Branchville Road LLC – Mr. Hoffman will write a letter to Adam Telsey, Esquire for property owner, to maintain the property. The Army Reserve portion of the property is being mowed. Mr. Brian Blair may stop maintaining the wastewater treatment plant. It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the permit for the treatment plant. The Township wishes to proceed with the foreclosure proceedings, with the possibility of determining at a later date the amount that must be repaid to the Township by the owners. Mr. Dee Griffin stated he heard the government is going to fence off their portion of the property.

National Lead – Mr. Hoffman is concerned that the NJ DEP will go after the Township, even if the EPA grants the Township approval to foreclose/sell the property. Mr. Miller stated that the Township received a letter from the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection and is on board with the current remediation process. The timeline for foreclosing on the property through the Township's possession of tax liens would be approximately one year. There is a possibility of selling the property with the position of the Township's tax lien interest in the foreclosure so that the Township would not be involved in the remediation.

Mr. Miller spoke with workers on site. There was dirt moved to across the street. The remediation workers explained that some contamination was found in the soil, high level of lead, and all contaminated areas will be cleaned out in a 30 x 30 area. Once soil is tested as safe, the injection process will begin.

Township Rental House (26 W. Mill Street) – Mr. Miller stated that he anticipates the bids for the new municipal complex will go out for bid in October. Mr. Hoffman stated that he spoke with Mr. Burke of the Salem County Improvement Authority about the Township creating an improvement authority for the sale of Township property. Mr. Burke believed that there was no advantage to the Township. Mr. Hoffman will prepare notice of proposal to realtors in regard to the sale of the rental property.

American Petroleum Institute – Mr. Moore responded to a telephone survey regarding the Township's awareness of safety issues of underground pipelines. Mr. Moore stated that the Mayor, Road Dept. and he all attended seminars about pipeline safety issues and the surveyor was impressed with the Township's response.

New Municipal Complex – The deed has not yet been executed because the 18 month timeline begins on the date of deed execution to receipt of Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Miller stated that he believes the Township is ready to execute the deed and is hopeful that groundbreaking will be in December.

Gateway Boulevard – There was a notice in Today's Sunbeam requesting submittal of bids for the final paving of Gateway Boulevard. The bids are due September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hendrickson – Mr. Bradford informed those present that Ms. Hendrickson of Auburn passed away. She was 101 years old.

Hurricane Irene – Mr. Miller thanked all volunteer organizations and James Nipe of Township Road Dept. for their efforts during Hurricane Irene.

Kay Gardens – Mr. Miller would like to look into possible resolutions for the flooding problems in Kay Gardens. The fire company had to pump water for four hours during the Hurricane so that homes were not flooded. The storm drains are either clogged or there is a design problem. Mr. Dee Griffin stated that when Mr. Bibeau purchased property in Kay Gardens and cleaned up the storm drains by his properties, it relieved much of the neighbor's flooding problems. Mr. Griffin believes that because Kay Gardens was never completely built out, the storm drains are clogged with foliage and need to be cleared. Mr. Miller stated that there was to have been a drain basin installed alongside Pennsville-Pedricktown Road back in 1954 but was never completed. He would like to correct the situation possibly through grant money to remediate flooding problems.

There is a Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st beginning at 4:30 pm at Town Hall to discuss the new municipal complex and time permitting, hold a budget workshop.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bradford all agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully,

Melinda Taylor  
Acting Municipal Clerk