

Oldmans Township Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on January 4, 2012. 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.

Previous Minutes: December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting
 December 7, 2011 Executive Meeting
 December 21, 2011 Close Out Meeting
 December 21, 2011 Budget Meeting
 December 29, 2011 Budget Meeting

Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed to approve the minutes.

Resolution 2012-32 Temporary Appropriations

Mr. Hackett explained that the Township is allowed to operate on a temporary budget which covers the first four months of the new year. The budget can be amended at any time. Mr. Hackett used the same numbers as last year's temporary budget.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Ordinance 2012-1 An Ordinance Amending the Oldmans Township Code and Providing for Salaries, Wages and Retainers for Township Officers and Employees

Mr. Hackett stated that Schedule "A" attached to the Ordinance included a 2.0% increase in salary. Some jobs listed previously now are part of the job descriptions for either the Public Works Director or Municipal Clerk. Mr. Miller questioned the compensation for Mayor which is higher than for a Committee person. Mr. Miller was willing to take the same pay as a Committee person. Mr. Hackett stated that all three Committeemen have served in the capacity of Mayor at one time.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the change of equal salary among all Committee persons, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Resolution 2012-33 Introduction of Salary Ordinance 2012-01

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Resolution 2012-34 Application for Bingo License for Oldmans Township School PTA

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bradford and all agreed.

Resolution 2012-35 Application for 50/50 Raffle License for Oldmans Township School PTA

Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Moore and all agreed.

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

Discussion Items: Mr. Miller had spoken with the Township Engineer, Thomas Tedesco, about the septic system for the new municipal complex. The DEP does not have jurisdiction on the septic system, rather the County. The County will expedite the application. There was some confusion as to whether the school still owned the property but now the property is deeded on two separate lots with separate owners.

Public Session Open:

Michael Moore: Gave Logan Fire's Annual Report to the Clerk which includes annual certification on trucks. Would like to meet with Township Committee, CFO and Clerk.

Mr. Miller: Asked that Mr. Moore contact Mr. Bradford to schedule a meeting as George is now the Fire Company liaison.

Mr. Hackett: Asked Mr. Moore if the meeting could wait until Jan. 26th Budget Workshop as this is an already scheduled public meeting.

Michael Moore: Yes, January 26th would be acceptable.

Steve Smith: Questioned whether Auburn residents paid a flat fee for water service.

Mr. Bradford: Stated the rate is the same for all residential units and a same rate for commercial users.

Mr. Smith: Wanted to know if the flat rates covers expenses.

Mr. Hackett: Some years tax payers must pay part of the water bill. There are four hydrants in Auburn and 38 hydrants in the rest of Oldmans Township. American Water charges less for the hydrants they service.

Mr. Miller: The Township is working on reducing the hydrant costs for Auburn this year, 2012. Hopes to continue to decrease the cost for hydrants in the future.

Mr. Hackett: The State mandates that the Township support Auburn Water Company.

Mr. Smith: Wanted to know if there was a conflict of interest regarding Mr. Bradford and his voting on the issue of Auburn Water; similar to the conflict of interest that of Mr. Miller and his voting on the Logan Fire Company budget.

Mr. Bradford: He stated that he did not believe it was a conflict of interest in his vote. Auburn has less than sixty residents. Trying to bring down hydrant costs.

Harry Moore: Stated Auburn Water has not met State mandates but State reluctant to shut down a water company.

Public session closed.

Ms. Walzer: Reorganization for Planning Board is scheduled for January 18 at 7:00 pm followed by its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 pm.

Reorganization for the Zoning Board is scheduled for January 23 at 7:00 pm followed by its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Hackett: In regard to volunteer organizations, he stated the following:

1. No purchase orders will be processed until beginning of February
2. Sent a letter to Ferrell's Oil/Gas stating that beginning January 1, 2012 the Township will be responsible for 100% of the heating costs for all three volunteer organizations.
3. Sent a memo to all three volunteer organizations that annual reports must be sent in February 1, 2012.

There is a Budget Workshop scheduled for Jan. 26, 2012 beginning at 4:30 pm.

Mr. Moore: Presented an application for membership for Auburn Fire Company for "Woody." Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Mr. Bradford: Wanted to know if the Township had received any quotes from Mr. Lynch in regard to the upgrades to the water system for Auburn.

Mr. Hackett: No contact from Mr. Lynch so far.

Mr. Bradford: He will contact Mr. Lynch for pricing.

Mr. Miller: Explained to the public about the situation on Route 130 and the prior accident that occurred in December. NJ DOT has pumps moving the water away from the street and will be clearing out the ditches. The water problem should be resolved.

Mr. Miller also thanked the Committee for his nomination as Mayor.

Mr. Moore: There is a wet spot on Perkintown Road by Dan Lynn Farms where water freezes on the road. Mr. Moore has already spoken with Bill Davis of the County Road Dept. and he will contact the owner and check the site.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Moore and all agreed to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor
Acting Municipal Clerk