

Oldmans Township Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on July 11, 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.

Presentation by Mike Avalone and Paul Forlenza of Trico JIF regarding renewal of membership.

Previous Minutes:        June 6, 2012 Regular Meeting  
                                  June 14, 2012 Special Meeting  
                                  June 25, 2012 Special Meeting

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

**Resolution 2012-80**        Overpayment of Taxes – United Lenders Services  
                                  Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-81**        Reimbursement of Tax Premium – US Bank Cust/CCTS Capital LLC  
                                  Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-82**        Re-appointment of Melinda Taylor as Acting Municipal Clerk for a One Year Term to end July 1, 2013. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-83**        Accepting Auditor’s Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011.  
                                  Mr. Hackett stated that the Auditor’s listed two findings: 1) Fixed asset system will be updated once we have moved to the new building and 2) Some money are in CD’s and some projects are waiting for grant money to be disbursed.  
                                  Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-84**        Agreement to Three Year Renewal for JIF Membership.  
                                  Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-85**        Release of Funds from Escrow Account for Millennium Development.  
                                  The project was withdrawn and the escrow account will be closed.  
                                  Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

#### Discussion Items:

Fire Company Command Structure – George Bradford met twice with the two companies. Based on conversations with the fire companies, there is no desire for one command by either fire company. The fire companies did agree to the following:

1. Respond together
2. Drill together
3. Train together
4. Coordinate ordering of equipment
5. Joint testing of equipment
6. Avoid major equipment duplication
7. Records processing
8. Keep list of outdated equipment

Mr. Moore would like 1-8 made into a written agreement by the companies for the August meeting.

Mr. Miller wants accountability with annual budget/spending. Not willing to fund two fire companies. He is willing to extend time to work out one command structure between the two companies until September. If not completed by September, then there will be a municipal appointed chief. Would like an update in August.

#### Correspondence:

Mr. Miller read a letter from the Board of Education commending Jim Nipe and Mike Ware for their assistance and shared services of the Township.

Senator Sweeney sent a thank you letter for the Township's support of the Transparency of Government Act.

Township received a letter regarding Municipal Alliance funding for 2013 in the amount of \$4,700.33 which is the same amount as 2012 funding.

#### Pedricktown Day – Wine Festival

Ms. Taylor presented a request from the Pedricktown Day Committee requesting the Township's consensus for a wine tasting festival to be held during Pedricktown Day. Four to five local wineries wish to participate. In addition to the requirements of the Alcohol Beverage Commission, the wineries must also sign a Hold Harmless Agreement and submit insurance certificate insuring Oldmans Township. All three Committee members were in favor of the wine tasting.

#### Tax Foreclosure List

Each Committee member received the list of properties that could be sold through tax sale foreclosure. The Committee is to review the list for discussion during the August meeting.

#### Sale of Township Owned Real Property

Underground oil tank in garage has been tested and filled. Can now proceed with sale of Town Hall. There was discussion about whether to deed restrict the rental house for COAH purposes. Deed restriction would be for thirty (30) years in order to obtain more credits. Township would need to assign an Affordable Housing Administrator. The COAH trust fund can fund repairs/upgrades to the rental house. There is approximately \$75,000 available. Ms. Taylor is to confirm zoning for both properties.

Auburn Fire Company Membership Application – Brian Budd

Mr. Bradford stated that applicant was willing to move his membership from Monroeville to Auburn. There was some discussion as to how far Mr. Budd was located from the Auburn fire house. Mr. Miller made a motion to not approve the application for Mr. Budd and Mr. Moore seconded the motion. Mr. Bradford dissented.

Pedricktown Rescue Squad Membership Application – Brandon Lehman

Mr. Lehman is currently a member with the Logan Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Municipal Change Order for Freed Road Building

Mr. Tedesco reviewed the changes and the costs associated with the change order. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Public Comment:

Jon Evans - Questioned the Committee's decision regarding the application for Brian Budd. Disagrees with single command structure and withholding funding. Wanted to praise volunteers for the efforts.

Melody Reese- Questioned five (5) mile ruling for Brian Budd's application. Also stated that all tones can go off on one pager.

Mr. Miller - Each station requested pagers for the 2012 budget.

Tim Bray - Also questioned distance ruling on Brian Budd's application and wanted information regarding Brandon Lehman's application and driving history.

Ken Hildreth - Had a different mileage amount for Brian Budd's commute.

Mr. Miller - Made a motion to rescind not accepting Brian Budd's application for membership, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Mr. Miller made a further motion to table the application for Mr. Budd until next meeting which Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Wayne Niebauer – Believes one command structure already in place with Township Committee has head. Questioned why each company purchased extraction equipment and the Committee agreed. Believes mutual aid a good thing for fire companies to share equipment.

Anthony Jackson – Discussed his experience with training with extraction equipment and also believes in using mutual aid.

Closed to the Public

Mr. Tedesco spoke about partially fixing two Township roads – Lerro and Carolina Drive. The repair would be about 3,000 square feet with an approximate cost of \$10,800. Currently the reserve for road repair is at \$13,000.

**Ordinance 2012-04** “A Capital Ordinance Authorizing Capital Improvements to Oldmans Township Roads Utilizing Funds from the General Capital Fund Appropriating the Amount of \$12,000.00 for Said Road Improvements Located In Oldmans Township”

Ordinance was introduced for the repair to Lerro Road and Carolina Drive. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Mr. Hackett stated that two ordinances are still open which have remaining funds. One ordinance was to improve the Township rental property and the other was for improvements to Stumpy Road. Mr. Miller would like to place the funds back into the general fund.

Mr. Hoffman will notify Branchville that the Township is willing to allow one month’s extension for their redevelopment plan.

Mr. Moore stated the League of Municipalities is discouraging solar farms and also questioned the recent environmental report for the Sunoco property.

Mr. Bradford announced the Logan Volunteer Fire Company’s Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser.

Mr. Miller spoke about his meeting with a representative from PSE&G and Mr. Hackett. PSE&G would like to build a fourth reactor on their site but they currently don’t have enough land to build. The Army Corp of Engineers owns contiguous land to PSE&G. The two entities would trade land – the buildable site at the Island and the site that Sunoco owns in Oldmans Township. The Oldmans property, also known as G-15, is currently 300-400 acres. PSE&G would buy land from Sunoco and then trade the property with the Army Corp of Engineers. Once that transaction occurred, the property in Oldmans would no longer be a tax ratable. PSE&G recognizes the loss of revenue for the Township and is willing to negotiate a settlement.

#### Payment of Bills

Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve the payment of the bill list and additions, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

There was no Executive Session.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bradford and all agreed to adjourn meeting at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor  
Acting Municipal Clerk