

Oldmans Township Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on September 5, 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: August 1, 2012 Regular Meeting

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

**Ordinance 2012-05** Ordinance Granting Consent and Permission to South Jersey Gas Company to Use the Public Streets to Furnish Gas for Light, Heat and Power in Oldmans Twp. Mr. Hoffman stated that South Jersey Gas accepted the Township's proposed changes to the Ordinance. The Ordinance allows SJ Gas to lay pipes. The last time permission was granted was in 1947. This authorization is good for fifty (50) years.

Public Comment: None

**Resolution 2012-95** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2012-05  
Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-96** Property Lien – Grass Cutting – 15 S. Railroad Avenue, Pedricktown  
Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-97** Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property through GovDeals  
Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Discussion Items:

**Resolution 2012-98** Authorizing Ergospace Design, Inc. to Provide and Install Furniture at New Municipal Complex  
Three proposals were received for furniture for new building. Ergospace Design was the lowest bidder (\$38,394.50) and also had the longest warranty.  
Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2012-99** Change Order for Fabbri Builders, Inc. for New Municipal Complex  
The Township had requested additional bracing for the built-in counter in the meeting room (two diagonal supports). The cost of the bracing is \$447.  
Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

### New Municipal Building

Change Order for Exhaust Fan Motor Starters for both Garage Bays. The Township had requested pricing on having the exhaust fans turn on and off automatically. The total cost for the project is \$4,957. The Committee agreed not to proceed with the Change Order and keep the fans as is – manual turn on and turn off.

**Resolution 2012-100** Authorizing Ricky Slade Construction to Repair and Repave Portions of Carolina Drive and Lerro Road  
Tom Tedesco received three bids for repaving a portion of each road. Ricky Slade Construction was the lowest bidder (\$10,994.00). Ordinance 2012-04 allowed \$12,000 for road improvements.  
Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Mr. Moore updated the Committee on his conversation with the road contractor currently working on Stumpy Road. The cost to further repair Stumpy Road was given as \$100,000 by the road contractor. The Committee agreed not to proceed any further.

### NJ Economic Development Authority Grant for Harry Eckert Landfill

Mr. Hackett hasn't received anything yet or responded to previous correspondence. John Hoffman gave Bill Miller a contact name. Mr. Miller has contacted that person who stated that he would look into not only the Eckert Landfill but also the Township owned landfill. It is possible that testing frequency could be diminished and save the Township some money. Mr. Miller, Mr. Tedesco and Mr. Hackett would like to meet with Mr. Hoffman's contact.

### Fire Company Command Structure

Mr. Bradford stated that he had a meeting with the representatives of the two companies and reviewed SOP's. Another meeting is scheduled. A proposed one command structure was presented at the last meeting. Mr. Miller was concerned about the timeline of these discussions and volunteered to head the talks between the two fire companies. Mr. Miller would like the command structure completed in November. George requested to work with the fire companies for the rest of September to come together. Mr. Miller agreed and stated that he wants one command structure by the October Township meeting.

### Tax Foreclosure List

This discussion was tabled until the October monthly meeting in order to seek advice from Township Solicitor John Hoffman.

### Rental House

Jeri Goff, Construction/Housing Officer, toured the rental property and prepared a list of items that would need to be fixed in order to bring the house up to code. The two biggest items were replacing the roof and windows. The Committee directed Tom Tedesco to proceed in procuring three quotes for the demolition of the rental house. Mr. Hackett stated that a capital ordinance would need to be prepared and voted upon if the Committee decides to tear down the house. There is no money budgeted for demolition.

### Current Town Hall

Brian Savarese from American Dream Realty submitted his contract for the sale of the current town hall. The building will be sold "as is." Interested parties are allowed to make offers but a public auction will take place in March, 2013. The Committee is considering combining the two separate lots into one.

### Logan Fire Company Membership Application – Shannon Martin

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Ms. Martin's membership, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

### Pedricktown First Aid & Rescue Squad Membership Applications

Alaura Painter – Mr. Moore made a motion to approve Ms. Painter's membership, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Jeremy Lange – The Committee agreed to table Mr. Lange's membership until Mr. Miller can discuss with Pam Holmes.

### Public Comment:

- Rich Sholders - Wanted to know if clean up at Airco was finished and status of BFI.
- Mr. Miller - Wants Mr. Hoffman to send a letter to Airco plant owner as their intentions. Mr. Miller hasn't heard anything from his contact. In regard to BFI, there is site remediation for contaminated soil.
- Wayne Niebauer - Wanted to know status of war memorial.
- Ms. Taylor - Waiting to hear from insurance company as to the amount being given to the Township for replacing the memorial.
- Wayne Niebauer - Upset by Mr. Miller's attitude toward the fire companies and the amending of approved by-laws. Has spent 42 years with Logan Fire Company. Disagrees with one command structure. Believes it pits the two fire companies against each other.
- Mr. Miller - Township currently has two fire companies – one with lack of membership and the other lack of manpower. Concerned about finances and safety of the community; looking out for the taxpayer. Share resources to save both companies. Changes to by-laws probable, but maintain independent status. Mr. Miller stated he is willing to listen to other ideas.
- Steve Smith - Fire companies are funded by tax dollars. Agrees with Township for one command structure. He is concerned about liability.
- Mr. Moore - Was a member of the First Aid Squad. Recalled a former accident when Township was sued.
- Michael Moore - Had questions about Gov Deals and wanted to know where the money goes once items are sold.

- Mr. Miller - Money goes back into the general fund. At budget time it could be discussed how that money is spent.
- Mr. Hackett - Stated that it comes down to what funds were used to purchase the equipment. All the equipment is insured by Township. General fund can be used for capital ordinance to purchase emergency equipment.
- Michael Moore - Capital funding for emergency services?
- Mr. Hackett - Can be discussed at budget time. He has a running list of equipment needs that the organizations have requested. He was waiting for one command structure prior to funding requests.
- Mr. Miller - Stated that the hose on Logan's fire truck is outdated – needs to be replaced as soon as possible.
- Michael Moore - Hose testing on Monday. If one truck uses 4" hose and another truck uses 5" hose, meets standards.
- Mr. Bradford - Will try to get hose from Auburn over to Logan by Monday if Logan is able to use that hose.
- Michael Moore - Siren is broken. Is it possible that the siren can be disassembled and placed in a new location? Siren still needed when pagers have been used in the past?
- Mr. Miller - The Township would have to hire someone to disassemble the tower. Either organization can have the tower.
- Ordinance 2012-06** Appropriating Funds in the Amount of \$10,000.00 for the Purchase of Emergency Equipment
- Resolution 2012-101** Introduction to Ordinance 2012-06  
Funds would be used to purchase LDH Low pressure discharge hoses for Logan Fire Company if the hose from Auburn is not sufficient.  
Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

#### Closed to the Public

#### Payment of Bills

It was agreed to donate to the Pedricktown Day Committee \$100.00. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve the payment of the bill list and additions, Mr. Bradford seconded and all agreed.

Mr. Hackett May have to amend the Capital Ordinance due to change orders and purchase of furniture. If needed, ordinance will be introduced at October's meeting. Will begin budget meetings in October.

Mr. Miller Wanted to know if Planning Board had discussed changing the zoning at the current town hall in order to market the property as Village Commercial. The Planning Board needs a recommendation from the Township Committee for

changing the zoning. Mr. Bradford made a motion to approve having the Planning Board research the change in zoning, Mr. Moore seconded and all agreed.

Tom Tedesco - Wanted to know the status on the lettering of the new municipal building. Ms. Taylor stated that she had spoken with Mr. Stouch, Lettering Plus, and he was going to drop off color choices for lettering. Mr. Stouch is to check with Ron Portadin prior to ordering to make sure the lettering fits the drawings.

Mr. Miller - Made the public aware of the following:

1. Sherriff's Office – currently having an assessment period; public comments allowed. Special phone number given.
2. American Water will begin flushing hydrants on September 24<sup>th</sup> through October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Taylor was asked to contact the water company so that Pedricktown Day was not interfered.
3. NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – having a wild outdoor expo.
4. NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection – has websites for information about parks, forestry and beach closings available to the public.
5. Flu Clinic – Salem County Dept. of Health is again conducting free clinics for flu vaccines this fall.

Mr. Miller would like to reach out to JIF to revise Township ordinances regarding junior fire fighters and burn permits.

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 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor  
Acting Municipal Clerk