OLDMANS TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on March 11, 2020. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradford at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance: George Bradford, Anthony Musumeci and Dean Sparks

Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting

February 12, 2020 Executive Meeting

February 20, 2020 Special Meeting

February 24, 2020 Executive Meeting

As previously mentioned at the February meeting, Mr. Sparks requested a change to the December meeting minutes in regard to Resolution 2019-161. He stated he did not vote “yes” on the resolution. Ms. Taylor stated she had reviewed her notes as well as asked the other two Committee members for their recollection and the vote remains as written. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve February’s minutes, Mr. Musuemci seconded and all agreed.

FINANCE:

**Resolution 2020-55** Introduction of 2020 Municipal Budget

While the budget increased by $128,000.00, the local purpose tax will not increase.

Roll Call Vote:

Bradford Yes

Musumeci Yes

Sparks Yes

**Ordinance 2020-02** Establishing a Cap Bank for 2020

The Township passes this resolution every year which allows the municipality to use funds up to 3.5%.

**Resolution 2020-56** Introduction to Ordinance 2020-02

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

**Resolution 2020-57** Emergency Appropriation for 2020 Temporary Budget

The municipality works off 26.25% of last year’s budget for a temporary budget until a new budget is adopted. Two line items – Finance and Sanitary Landfill need an increase in the temporary budget.

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

**Resolution 2020-58** Self-Examination of 2020 Budget

The State of New Jersey chooses which municipality will be examined each year. Oldmans was not chosen this year to be examined so this resolution is required by the State.

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

**Resolution 2020-59** Appropriation Reserve Transfer

Invoices were received from 2019 expenditures which can be paid by transferring funds to this year’s budget.

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

TAX COLLECTOR:

**Resolution 2020-60** Appointment of Pamela Lewis as Tax Collector

Anne Deeck retired and a new Tax Collector was hired.

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

**Resolution 2020-61** Appointment of Pamela Lewis as Tax Search Officer

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

**Resolution 2020**-**62** Appointment of Kathleen Diorio as Deputy Tax Collector

Ms. Taylor is the Assistant to the Tax Collector, Ms. Diorio will be the Deputy Tax Collector who is authorized by State statute to conduct the on-line tax sale.

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

**Resolution 2020-63** Refund Overpayment i/a/o $1,140.69 for Block 14/Lot 18

Homeowner sold the house but both the Title Company and Mortgage Company paid the taxes for the same quarter. Homeowner is due a refund.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Ordinance 2020-01** Soil/Fill Importation

**Public Hearing**

Keith Walton Did tonight’s ordinance change from the handout from last month’s meeting and what is the purpose of the ordinance?

Dean Sparks One line was added to tonight’s ordinance which was not on the original ordinance regarding maintenance of driveways.

Tom Tedesco Read the opening statement of the ordinance to the audience.

Keith Walton Does this ordinance apply to construction sites?

Tom Tedesco Construction sites are governed by a different ordinance.

Keith Walton Is soil testing required?

George Bradford Soil testing not required if under 100 cubic yards.

Discussion ensued as to the amount of cubic yards that would be exempt from the ordinance. The Committee agreed to amend the ordinance from 100 cubic yards to 200 cubic yards, which equates to ten tri-axle trucks.

Closed to the Public

**Resolution 2020-64** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-01

With the amended amount of cubic yards from 100 to 200.

Mr. Musumeci made a motion to approve, Mr. Bradford seconded and both agreed. Mr. Sparks voted no.

**Resolution 2020-65** Refunds for 2020 Dog Licenses

Two dog owners are due refunds from the issuance of dog licenses.

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

Proposed Noise Ordinance Amendment – The Committee was given a proposed noise ordinance to review. The current ordinance is one sentence which is very general. Will revisit at the April meeting.

Agreement for Disposal Facility – Omni Recycling Contract – Ms. Trunk spoke with Kevin Carducci from Omni and they agreed that the contract can be amended to reflect that recycling costs will be tied to two publications: Pulp and Paper Week pricing for fiber and Recycling Markets.net for aluminum cans, steel cans, natural HDPE, colored HDPE and Pet. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the contract, Mr. Musumeci seconded and all agreed.

LOSAP – Length of Service Award Referendum – Both Ms. Trunk and Ms. Bowman are working on the language for the interpretive statement. The State requires that an increase to the LOSAP range requires a voter referendum.

**Resolution 2020-66** Consent by Governing Body for First Baptist Church of Pedricktown for Submission to the NJ DEP for a Sewer Design Plan

The Church is installing a new septic system and an application is being sent to the NJ DEP for approval which includes consent by the Township.

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

STREETS & ROADS:

**Resolution 2020-67** Proposed Four-Way Stop at the Intersection of Perkintown Road and Straughns Mill Road

Resolution will be sent to the Freeholders for their consideration as both roads are County owned.

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

Amendment to Ordinance 2019-01 Changes to the Collection of Solid Waste, Bulk Material and Recycling within Oldmans Township – The Committee discussed the possibility of residents renting an additional trash and/or recycling can with a rental fee of $150.00 per calendar year; January being the start of the calendar year. If the rental fee is not paid, the containers can be taken back. If the house is sold and the extra containers are no longer needed, there will not be a refund of the rental fee. The Committee agreed that for the year 2020, if the amended ordinance is approved, the rental fee will be pro-rated.

Additionally there was discussion about amending the ordinance regarding the placement of bulk items at the curb. It was agreed that the public would be allowed to place bulk items at the curb seven (7) days prior to the pickup date.

The possibility of staggering bulk pickup dates will be discussed in the fall in order to amend the contract with Lower Alloways Creek.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Membership Application for Auburn Volunteer Fire Company – Stephen Foster. Mr. Musumeci made a motion to approve the application, subject to Jeff Newman’s approval, Mr. Sparks seconded and all agreed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the bills, Mr. Musumeci seconded and all agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Walton Thanks to LAC for trash removal; picked up trash from the blustery day.

Unhappy that the Township held a meeting for Affordable Housing during the day rather than at night. Unhappy with some of the comments made at that meeting regarding affordable housing.

Wants the Township to pursue public sewer for residents.

There was a fire off Back Creek Road where there were no hydrants available and local fire tankers had to be called in.

Dean Sparks He is not in favor of municipal sewer.

George Bradford The sewer treatment plant at Camp Pedricktown is not big enough to service residents in Oldmans Township; it was built for Camp Pedricktown only.

Bob List Would like natural gas and internet to be installed in his area.

How much would a municipal sewer system cost?

Tom Tedesco He is currently doing a sewer project in Fortescue, NJ for 450 homes which is costing Fortescue $14 million.

George Bradford Township tried to work with Dupont for a regional system along the river. Carneys Point is providing sewer for the Industrial Park but doesn’t have the capacity to extend to residential use.

Keith Walton Placement of COAH deed restrictions was discussed at the Affordable Housing Meeting as to where to offer low income housing.

George Bradford Small areas in Oldmans someday might be allowed sewer such as Auburn Village, Kay Gardens and Perkintown.

Anthony Musumeci The Army base still has contamination is some parts and cannot be used for residential purposes.

George Bradford The future of some municipal services may be regionalized in the future such as a fire department or ambulance.

Frank Mongiello Why did the Township hire two Tax Collectors?

George Bradford The Deputy Tax Collector has passed one-half of the State exam and will take the other half later in the year. The Tax Collector was hired because she has her Tax Collector certification and can sign off on paperwork. It is anticipated that the Tax Collector will be in the office once/week and is being paid minimal compensation. Once the Deputy Tax Collector passes the State exam, she will assume the role of Tax Collector and the current Tax Collector will leave.

Wayne Niebauer Questioned why the “Ziegler” property by the church cemetery is still roped off.

George Bradford Waiting for the water inside the hole to dissipate. First vendor that the Township hired to test and fill in the hole cancelled the job. A new vendor has been hired but the hole is too wet.

Frank Mongiello Is the Township ready to help residents if they are quarantined for the coronavirus?

George Bradford Following directives from the State and County.

Steve Wilson Is sewer available at the Truck Stop?

Anthony Musumeci Capacity is the issue. Sewer is just for the business park.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Dean Sparks 1. There is a meeting at the County level regarding school consolidation

2. February 25th Gov. Murphy introduced the 2020 State budget.

3. Oldmans School will be holding a free health fair April 1st 6:00–8:00

4. School aid for 2021 has been announced and will be a decrease.

5. March 5th a State law was introduced banning plays bags and Styrofoam containers. Straws will be available upon request. Bill goes to the Assembly next.

6. #5 plastic containers are NOT recyclable. #1 plastics can still be recycled.

Anthony Musumeci 1. Freeholders Meeting – Drug Prescription Cards are available.

2. Township purchased salt for Auburn Water and saved $3,300

3. Pedricktown Watch Facebook Page was originally set up for security purposes. He cautioned residents to be kind to one another on Facebook and not to make it personal.

4. Stated that his farm has been under a Letter of Intent for the past five years. He has had three interested parties look at his farm. If anything came before the Township, he would have to recuse himself.

Keith Walton Expressed his concern about ethics law.

Niki Trunk There has been no evidence of any ethical violations. No decisions have been made that Mr. Musumeci caused any influence.

Robert List Concerned about intersection of Woodstown-Pedricktown Road and Auburn Road.

George Bradford Township has asked the County before for a four-way stop sign but was denied. Blinker stop sign at the other intersection was paid by the Township because the County did not want to pay for it.

At this time, the public was reminded that the public session was over and now the Committee was giving their reports.

Anthony Musumeci 5. Auburn Fire received their new fire truck.

George Bradford 1. Document shredding scheduled for 3/21/20 9-12 at Landfill

2. Complimented Jim Nipe for his good work at the Rabies Clinic.

39 Cats and 136 Dogs for a total of 175 were vaccinated.

3. Handed out the Ambulance Squad monthly report.

4. Senior Tax Deductions – all PD5’s were returned.

5. JIF dinner will be held 3/24/20 at Savoy Inn. Mr. Sparks and Mr. Moore were encouraged to attend so that the Township receives a discount on their premium.

6. Thanked Ms. Bowman for her efforts on the municipal budget.

Dean Sparks 1. Narcan Training will be held March 18th in Salem

2. Cyber Security training will be held at Salem Community College

**Resolution 2020-68**  Executive Session (8:30 pm)

Contract Negotiations – Camp Pedricktown and 22 S. Railroad Ave. Personnel – Substitute Crossing Guard

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

Summary of Executive Session (9:25 pm)

Camp Pedricktown- Committee reviewed the proposed Tax Abatement Agreement. Further discussions will be held.

22 S. Railroad Ave. – Further discussions will be held to determine market value of the property.

Appointment of Cynthia Alloway as Substitute Crossing Guard, subject to completion of training in August and to commence Fall, 2020 was agreed to by all Committee members.

Mr. Sparks asked if the Township would be willing to do a title search on 2-4 W. Mill Street to find out the owner. Ms. Taylor was authorized to have a title search done up to $300.00.

Ms. Taylor will have an abandoned property located at 6 Helen Avenue be inspected by the building official and construction official to determine if the building is safe/sound and what remedies must be made to make the building safe. A letter to the homeowner will be sent outlining what needs to be done.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Musumeci and agreed to by all, meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor  
Municipal Clerk