Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on May 10, 2023. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sparks at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

April 12, 2023 Executive Meeting

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2023-69** Read Budget by Title Only

Allows the municipality to forgo reading the actual budget since it was advertised and available for review at the Clerk’s office.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

**Public Hearing** 2023 Municipal Budget

Mr. Murphy motioned to open to public, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed. There was no comment from the public.

**Resolution 2023-70** Amendment of 2023 Budget – Uniform Construction Code Fees

The State is reviewing the municipal budget and requested some line- item changes regarding construction fees. The budget numbers did not change.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2023-71** Final Adoption of 2023 Municipal Budget

Total municipal budget for 2023 is $2,488,183.93. Roll call vote:

Dean Sparks Yes

David Murphy Yes

William Ferrell III Yes

**Resolution 2023-72** Dedication by Rider for Parking Offenses

There is a $63.00 parking fine from prior to 2018 which the State is requesting be moved to a different line item.

Mr. Ferrell made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2023-73** Dedication by Rider for Uniform Fire Safety Act Penalty Money

Line item for fire safety. When an area business is fined, part of the fine goes to the State and part of the fine comes to the municipality.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2023-74** Authorized Signers for Bank Transactions

A few previous employees are still listed on the account who need to be removed.

Mr. Ferrell made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and all agreed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Ordinance 2023-05** Amending Chapter 150-7 of the Oldmans Township Code Entitled “Streets and Sidewalks”

Issue with damage being done to sidewalks by homeowner or agent of homeowner, an intentional act. The property owner would be responsible for the repair. Things like deterioration from road salt would be exempt.

**Resolution 2023-75** Introduction of Ordinance 2023-05

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

Oldmans Landfill Solar or Cell Tower: The Township tried to obtain approval for a solar field at the municipal owned landfill (Pedricktown-Woodstown Road) but the NJ DEP would not allow due wetlands buffering. There is a party who expressed interest in building a cell tower at the landfill. The Committee indicated that they would entertain the idea.

Stormwater Assistance Grant Township was awarded $25,000 toward improvements for stormwater. Dean Sparks, Scott Myers and Melinda Taylor attended the County stormwater meeting on April 25th. While street sweeping is a requirement of the State, the streets can be broomed swept or a brush attachment on a tractor would be acceptable.

NJ DOT 2024 State Aid Program – Transportation Trust Fund Grant. New Road was designated as a project with this program but due to a state requirement that the guard rail must be brought up to code, less of New Road will have funding for pavement. Mr. Tedesco recommended applying again for New Road, as well as Helen Avenue.

South Jersey Power Cooperative – Electric Supply Service: Oldmans applied with a Co-op last year but no one bid on the project. The co-op is again going out to bid for electric service. The Committee agreed that the Township could again apply.

CONSTRUCTON OFFICE:

**Resolution 2023-76** Appointment of Glenn Franzoi, Substitute Fire Subcode Official

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

TAX OFFICE:

**Resolution 2023-77** Refund of Overpayment for Block 42.01/Lot 57.02 i/a/o $738.00

Homeowner overpaid taxes and requested a refund.

Mr. Ferrell made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and all agreed.

AUBURN WATER:

Generator Preventative Maintenance Service – Jack Lynch provided one quote to service the generator on an annual basis which includes the maintenance check, batter and one hour load test for $1,075.00. The municipality currently pays $1,350.00 for the municipal generator. Mr. Ferrell suggested that the Township obtain two more quotes.

Facility Update: Mr. Ferrell met with Jack Lynch to address some outstanding issues such as resident complaints about water quality, JIF violations from inspection reports, housekeeping of facility, water issue behind building, water testing and hydrant flushing. Fire hydrant flushing is do be done in May. Mr. Ferrell would like to use one of the digital signs advising residents of the flushing.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Proposed Ordinance for Establishment of Bureau of Fire Prevention Agency for Annual Inspections of S-1 and S-2 Type Buildings: the Fire Companies had expressed interest in walking through each warehouse to get an idea of the layout and check the knox boxes. It was proposed that the Fire Bureau be made up of a chief from each fire company, emergency management representative, first aid squad representative and representative from Township Committee. A minimum of two inspectors would be needed. If an inspection fee is charged, it should be compensatory for actual time spent on the inspection. If property owner fails to allow inspection, a fine can be assessed. The proposed ordinance will be given to all three emergency services for their review and comments.

Proposed Ordinance for Amendment for Junior Firefighters: The State is allowing 14–16-year olds to join the fire department as junior members. The State has released their guidelines yet, but JIF has. This proposed ordinance will be given to the two fire companies for their review and comments.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, Mr. Ferrell seconded and all agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jack Defeo Requested that his ditch be cleaned out.

Dean Sparks Ditches on private property are the responsibility of the owner. Ditches alongside the road are the responsibility of the County.

Bill Ferrell County has been addressing the issue with the Mosquito Commission.

Jack Defeo Interested in home improvement grant.

Melinda Taylor Application available, no cost to apply.

Jack Defeo Also interested in farming grants.

Dean Sparks Suggested checking with farmland bureau at County level or NRCS.

Steve Wilson Wanted to know how long landfill has to be monitored by the NJ DEP.

Melinda Taylor Closure is anticipated to be 2024; need NJ DEP sign off.

Steve Baker Wanted to know status of restricting truck traffic through town.

Dean Sparks Read the cover letter and memo from the Salem County Engineer’s Office which outlined the procedures to make a request to the County to change the current traffic speed and/or pattern.

Bill Ferrell Oldmans forwarded resolutions from 2017 and 2018 requesting changes which haven’t been done. The Mill Street traffic study is still in process. County has agreed to provide paint for a no parking zone by the Logan Fire house.

Niki Arbittier NJ DOT has to grant approval for any changes to Township roads.

Bill Ferrell Would like to discuss closing Freed Road to truck traffic in the future.

Keith Walton Suggested that the Township start working on a traffic study.

Frank Mongello Wanted to know status of campsite at Route 130.

Melinda Taylor Certified letter was returned today; unclaimed. Will have to hand deliver letter.

Kevin Norton Inquired about trailers parked at the pallet company.

Melinda Taylor Property owner is working on site plan to appear before the Planning Board.

Kevin Norton Concerned about the number of trailers parked at the former National Lead site.

Melinda Taylor Owner was preparing an application for the Planning Board to request a variance, but has decided not to apply. He was told had 90 days to removed trailers.

Maria Cifella Requested confirmation as to whether or not the airport was sold.

Melinda Taylor Airport sold to Knight Owl.

Kevin Norton Asked whether the proposed cell tower at the landfill would be a problem for the airport.

Melinda Taylor Not in the airport hazard area.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Dean Sparks 1. Would like a representative from the State Police to occasionally attend a Township meeting.

2. Announced results of tire amnesty program – 60 tires.

3. Oldmans Ag Board met with Brian Slaugh, Planner, to work on a Farmland Preservation Plan. A draft should be ready this fall.

4. Attended the County stormwater meeting as previously discussed.

5. The school held a Health Fair on April 27th, well attended.

6. Salem County Art Tour will take place May 20 and 21; Chapter One is a stop.

7. There will be a May local government dinner in Elmer.

8. There is a public meeting at the Woodstown High School for a conceptual warehouse plan.

9. Community yard sale scheduled for May 20 and 21.

Tom Tedesco Bid opening for paving Tighe Road is scheduled for May 15th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Resolution 2023-78** Litigation – Oldmans Township Airport Authority, Inc. (8:20 pm)

Mr. Ferrell made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and all agreed.

SUMMARY (8:45 pm)

* Discussed status of airport litigation.
* Mr. Sparks gave an update on a possible shared services with Carneys Point.
* Mr. Sparks spoke about the possibility of selling Auburn Water.
* Ambulance Squad as to the proposed use of the American Recovery funds.

LOGAN FIRE

Mr. Murphy reviewed with the Committee the list of items that Logan wanted to purchase using the American Recovery funds: mini split, smart board, replacement people doors and generator (state contract). The total came to $45,000. The Committee asked that Mr. Murphy go back to the fire company to reprioritize their list with the understanding that there will not be future funding in the fall as was done previously in the past. The American Recovery funds are to be used to purchase items that they need, which includes turnout gear, hose replacement and air packs. Mr. Murphy stated that the fire company has applied for two grants (1) brush truck replacement and (2) SCBA gear.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Ferrell, seconded by Mr. Murphy and all agreed, to adjourn the meeting 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk