Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on December 13, 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: November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting

 November 28, 2023 Executive Meeting

 November 28, 2023 Budget Meeting

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

FINANCE

**Resolution 2023-156** Transfer Resolution

Budget did not increase; only moving money from one line item to another.

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

**Ordinance 2023-16** Amending Chapter42: 2024 Salary Compensation for Officers and Employees

Increase of 3.5% for 2024.

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2023-157** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-16

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

**Ordinance 2023-19** Capital Expenditures for Emergency Services

 $10,000 for Fire and Ambulance.

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2023-158** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-19

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

**Ordinance 2023-17** Amend Chapter 50: Providing for Dog License and Registration Fees

Fees will be $17 and $20.

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2023-159** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-17

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

**Ordinance 2023-18** Amending Chapter 150, Section 150-19 “Permit Fees and Escrow” (Road Opening)

Fee will increase from $100.00 to $250.00. This should not effect an Oldmans resident as most of the road opening permits are for utility companies such as South Jersey Gas.

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2023-160** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-18

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

**Resolution 2023-164** Appointment of Animal Shelter Services for 2024 – Animal Adoption Center

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

**Resolution 2023-165** Authorizing Consent to the Proposed Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan Amendment (Resolution was tabled).

Summary Request: Clint Archer, Esquire, represented a builder/developer for a project in Carneys Point on Route 40. Erik Bierman, PPE, represented the Carneys Point Sewage Authority. When the developer on Route 40 requested an amendment to the Lower Delaware Water Quality Management Plan, the NJ DEP conducted a regional overview and then made the requirement of the developer to include the unassigned sewer area in Gateway Business Park to be included in the proposed amendment to the WQM. This request is not for any additional sewer projects in Oldmans, only for the lots known as Block 28.01/Lots 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66 (known as Gateway Business Park II – Sorbello). The NJ DEP wants the WQM brought current. Oldmans had already approved the Gateway Business Park project. Public notice of the amendment will be published 1/2/2024. The flows reflected in the paperwork are for the project in Carneys Point, not Gateway. Mr. Archer requested the Township Committee to approve a resolution that will be forwarded to the State acknowledging the inclusion of the Oldmans piece in the amended WQM.

Clean Communities Coordinator Job Description

The description was based on the State’s job description. Mr. Ferrell made a motion to accept the job description, Mr. Murphy seconded and all agreed.

Municipal Ambulance Board for Emergency Medical Services in Salem County

American Legion Ambulance sent a letter inquiring if the Township would consider a mutual aid agreement with them. They are a for-profit ambulance company. There would be a cost to the Township to participate. Mr. Ferrell indicated that he would be willing to meet with them for discussion purposes only.

NJ Dept. of Transportation – 2024 Municipal Aid Grant for Resurfacing of New Road, Phase III

Oldmans was awarded a $93,488.00 grant to continue the paving of New Road. Hope to have ¾ of the road finished. Work should be done in 2024

TAX COLLECTOR

**Resolution 2023-161** Tax Emption – Totally Disable Veteran – Block 13.02/Lot 3

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

MID-SALEM COURT

**Resolution 2023-162** Authorizing Mid-Salem County Court Agreement Between Woodstown, Mannington, Elmer, Quinton and Oldmans for the Year 2024

A new violation clerk was hired. Oldmans percentage increased 1.0% to 19.0% contribution.

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

Update on Proposal for Salem County Municipal Court Working Group

Mr. Ferrell attended a meeting regarding a proposal to regionalize all municipal courts into one county-wide court system. Based on the response of those who attended the meeting, there may not be sufficient interest.

SANITARY LANDFILL

**Resolution 2023-163** Awarding Contract for Testing of the Oldmans Township Sanitary Landfill: 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Services – SCS Engineers

The test has been scheduled for January. Should be the last time tested. Hoping NJ DEP allows the closure of the landfill in 2024.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam Holmes Expressed her concern about the American Legion proposal for mutual aid. With the county-wide volunteer companies, there is no charge to each municipality for mutual aid. With American Legion Ambulance there will be a charge for mutual aid. County Commissioners partially fund American Legion who owes the County money for fuel. Other outside entities are owed money by American Legion.

Keith Walton Wanted to know if the Township was addressing the tractor trailers parked at the truck stop.

Melinda Taylor Contacted the property owner’s attorney. Tractor trailers will be removed by February 1, 2024.

Shirlee Mills Was upset that residents were not notified prior about the roadwork being done on Carolina Drive.

Tom Tedesco Contractor should have notified residents. He will follow up to make sure the residents are informed so they can move their cars if needed.

Justin Adams Wanted to know if the Committee had considered speed signs in Kay Gardens.

Dean Sparks Public Works Dept. is working on speed signs.

Olivia James Wanted to know if the Township Committee would consider speed bumps in Kay Gardens to deter speeding.

Dean Sparks Will research the possibility.

Phyllis Moore Need to consider how speed bumps will affect emergency vehicles and school bus when driving.

Frank Mongiello Wanted to know the status of the camp ground on Route 130.

Melinda Taylor Court proceedings scheduled for January, 2024.

Jeff Moore Unhappy that emergency services were not notified of any road closures for the road being done on Porcupine.

Dean Sparks Should be done by January 1st. Additional road work will start on Straughns Mill and the bridge.

Bill Ferrell Wants to know where/when work will be done. There has been no communication from the County.

Olivia James Will Porcupine be repaved later?

Dean Sparks Yes, Porcupine will be repaved when the work is finished.

Kevin Norton Wanted to know if the road lines on Freed Road could be repainted as they are hard to see at night.

Tom Tedesco He will reach out to the County to see if they can paint the lines on behalf of the Township.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

David Murphy School Christmas Concert is scheduled for Dec. 19th at 6:30 pm.

 School closed Dec. 25th – January 2nd.

 Santa will be on the fire truck driving around Saturday, Dec. 16th

 Close out meeting is scheduled for Dec. 27th.

 Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3rd.

 Phyllis Moore submitted a letter of resignation for her position as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator effective 12/31/2023.

Dean Sparks Perkintown Road is being partially repaved.

 All three committeemen attended the County Emergency Management Training Session.

 Attended the County Economic Development Meeting.

 2024 Trash & Recycle contract with LAC will cost $109,288.

Tom Tedesco Curb and gutters being replaced on Carolina Drive. Once finished, road will be milled and paved. Some sidewalks will be replaced when road work is finished.

 South Jersey Gas requested a road opening permit for Stumpy Road to run a 4” gas main to the Turnpike service station. Line will be run on the shoulder.

 Will reach out to the County Engineer’s office to request a schedule of anticipated road work in Oldmans Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Resolution 2023-166** Contract Negotiations: 2-4 W. Mill Street (8:00 pm)

 Land Acquisition/Litigation: Affordable Housing Obligation

 Personnel

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

SUMMARY EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Contract Negotiations: 2-4 W Mill Street: Discussed contract conditions.

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Land Acquisition: Will host an Affordable Housing meeting in the near future.

Personnel: Discussed crossing guard position and tax collector.

**Ordinance 2023-20** Amending Ordinance 2023-16 Salary Ordinance for 2024 (By Title Only)

For the Position of Tax Collector

 Increase annual salary to $28,600.

**Resolution 2023-167** Introduction to Ordinance 2023-20 (By Title Only)

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

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ferrell, all agreed to adjourn the meeting 9:05 pm.

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk