Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on June 12, 2024. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: David Murphy and Dean Sparks. William Ferrell absent.

Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

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Dean Sparks made a motion to approve, David Murphy seconded and both agreed.

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2024-97** Emergency Resolution in the Amount of $30,000.00 for Cash Match Portion of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Grant was awarded in May after the budget was approved.

 Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

**Resolution 2024-91** Chapter 159 – Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in the Amount of $400,000

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

**Resolution 2024-92** Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant Funding $5,482.84

 Grant was awarded after the budget was approved in May.

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

**Resolution 2024-93** Refund Escrow Account Balances

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Resolution 2024-94** Approval of Grant Submission to the NJ DOT for Road Resurfacing on Donna/Diane Drive

Requesting a grant to resurface the road. Oldmans is allowed to submit grant applications for two roads. This project is the first priority.

 Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

**Resolution 2024-95** Approval of Grant Submission to NJ DOT for Road Resurfacing on Helen Avenue

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

**Resolution 2024-96** Award of Contract (Bid A-12/2024) for the Purchase of Electric Power Supply with the County of Camden, on behalf of the South Jersey Power Cooperative

Electric will be provided through a coop agreement with pricing guaranteed for two years.

 Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

Contract for Sale of Real Property Located at 2-4 W. Mill Street, Pedricktown a/k/a Block 8/Lot 41: The Township Committee requested conditions from the bid package were included in the Sales Agreement. Mr. Sparks made a motion to authorize the signing of the agreement, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

Salem Couty Resolution Restricting Truck Traffic on East Mill Street and Pedricktown Bridge: The County approved adding a weight restriction to the causeway bridge off Mill Street. The Commissioners are seeking approval from the State

NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Small Cities Grant Approval: Oldmans received a grant in the amount of $400,000. Half will be used for rehabilitating low-moderate owner-occupied housing. The other half will be used for lead paint remediation.

Execution of Option to Lease Agreement for Conduct Feasibility Study for Solar at Oldmans Township Landfill by AC Power for Solar: Joseph DiNicola, Solicitor, explained the proposed agreement to the Committee. The agreement is for an option to lease 4 acres of the Township landfill. The sola company is requesting twenty-four months to complete their due diligence. Within six months, the solar company will pay the Township $1,000 quarterly and $27,000/year once the project is started. There were two items that Mr. DiNicola was requesting to have changed: 1. (Section 10) Revise the state law governing the agreement; should be New Jersey not New York and 2. (Section 8) Confidentiality clause is not permitted for a public entity like a municipality. Mr. DiNIcola would like to add that if an OPRA request were received, the contract would be public. Mr. Sparks made a motion to authorize the signing of the contract, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

9 Donna Drive – Clearance of Paper Street Carolina Drive: Donna Drive is a Township owned road. Three quotes were received to clear trees and foliage from the portion of the paper street that is contiguous to 9 Donna Drive. Mr. Sparks recommended Bergholz’s Tree Service at $3,520.00, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

Freed Road /Benjamin Green– Oil and Stone Paving: There is $60,000 leftover for road repair. Prior discussions were held about oil and stone for Freed Road or Benjamin Green Road. Neither road is urgent for repaving. Oil and stone should last for ten years. The Committee agreed to reconsider in the spring of 2025. No work will be done on either road at this time.

Proposed Safety Changes for Mid-Salem Court, Woodstown Location: Judge Telsey of the Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Vicinage sent a letter to the Borough of Woodstown regarding security for the Mid-Salem Court. There were eight items listed. Woodstown has begun working on remediating the safety concerns; the cost of which will be borne by the five municipalities that share the court system. Another meeting is scheduled for June 18th to discuss the progress and anticipated cost.

New Jersey Dept. of Health – Free Well Testing for Radioactivity, Bacteria and Nitrates: Oldmans has been listed as one of the municipalities in Salem County that shows a high percentage of radioactivity in private wells. Free well testing is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Have until August 1, 2024 to apply.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Auburn Volunteer Fire Company Junior Membership – Caley Loveland

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

Pedricktown First Aid Squad Membership – Devin Soffy

Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed.

AUBURN WATER

Request for Bid Solicitation for the Installation of Chlorine Analyzer Unit for Auburn Water:

Natural Systems Utilities prepared a proposal for the installation of a chlorine analyzer unit but the cost exceeds the allowable bid threshold so the contract cannot be awarded. Mr. Sparks made a motion to go out to bid, Mr. Murphy seconded and both agreed. Ms. Taylor will prepare a bid package

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Baker How many megawatz will be generated by the solar?

Joe DiNicola 1.2 megawatz

Steve Baker How is the truck traffic on Mill going to be restricted…size or weight?

Melinda Taylor Based on weight.

David Murphy Traffic Study recommended weight restriction.

Commissioner

Cordy Taylor The County resolution for Mill Street was also sent to Gloucester County for their approval. The County also approved a resolution to make Straughns Mill Road a uniform speed of 35 mph. The repair of Perkintown Road has been declared an emergency and funds were approved in the amount of $125,000 to fix.

Dean Sparks Asked Commissioner Taylor about the status of the ambulance reimbursement program.

Cordy Taylor The County budget was approved last week. Ambulance Squads will receive $150.00 for 911 transports, based on the CAD system. The $150 payment is meant to assist in the retention of emergency personnel. A contract must be signed by the ambulance squad. Also, Inspira notified the Commissioners that beginning July 19th some patients will have to be transported to Elmer Hospital rather than Salem Hospital.

Steve Baker Inquired about the status of the campsite on Route 130.

Melinda Taylor Lot was supposed to be cleared by June 1st. A municipal ticket was re-issued for court proceedings.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Tom Tedesco There was a small sink hole (5”-6”) on Carolina Drive from work done by New Jersey American Water. Tom contacted NJAW and they will repair in about two weeks.

 Also, the ADA crosswalks from the recent paving project did not pass State inspection. Tom has notified the contractor who will bring into compliance.

Dean Sparks The School has contracted with a security company to hire an armed guard to be present during the school year.

 Contract was signed with B.R. Williams Bus Company to run the high school trip and one elementary route.

 There are job openings: nurse, aid and teacher.

 Hired an interim Business Administrator.

 League of Municipalities sent out a newsletter about Gov. Murphy’s signing of the revisions to the OPRA law.

 Susan Payne, Executive Director of the State Agricultural Development Commission, retired June 1st.

There being no further business, on a motion from Mr. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Ferrell and all agreed to adjourn the meeting 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk