Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on February 12, 2025. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferrell at 7:25 pm. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: William Ferrell III, Jeff Newman, Brian Porch, John Pomponi and Dean Sparks

Approval of Minutes: January 7, 2025 Reorganization Meeting

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Mr. Porch made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2025-42** Emergency Transfer for 2025 Temporary Municipal Budget

Until the budget is adopted working off temporary budget.

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

**Ordinance 2025-02** Calendar Year 2025 - Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Allows up to 3.5% increase in the budget

**Resolution 2025-43** Introduction to Ordinance 2025-02

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

**Ordinance 2025-03** Amend 2025 Salary Ordinance for Public Works Department

**Resolution 2025-44** Introduction to Ordinance 2025-03

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS General Billing – Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Pomponi seconded and all agreed.

Auburn Water Testing by Vineland Environmental Laboratories for 2025 in the amount of $2,875.00 – Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

Release of Purchase Order 25-00069: Defender Emergency Products Sale & Service for purchase of Commander Series Tanker Apparatus for Logan Volunteer Fire Company i/a/o $585,970.00. Purchase of firetruck was approved by the 2024 Township Committee. A grant was received which is partially paying for the new firetruck. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Resolution 2025-45** Recommendation to the Salem County Commissioners for Improvements to the Perkintown Road Ball Field

County received a grant to make improvements to the paving, play area and ballfield.

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2025-46** Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites

NJ League of Municipalities is sponsoring legislation to allow municipalities to post public notices on their municipal website rather than the newspaper since less newspapers are now in print.

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

Lennox Run – Stormwater Basin Fencing

Many of the posts have broken off at the ground and the rails are also broken. It is not a requirement that a fence surrounds the basin; more for aesthetics. The Committee asked Scott Myers, Public Works, to obtain the cost of repairing the fence before any decision is made.

Street Lighting Pole Survey

Scott Myers has a list of lights that are not functioning and compared it to the Atlantic Electric website. There were some discrepancies. Mr. Myers will continue to work with Atlantic Electric to get the lights fixed.

Appointment of Alternate Township Representative to Salem County Advisory Solid Waste Council: Brian Porch – Brad Holmes is the Township representative but an alternate is allowed. This is a mayoral appointment.

NJ DOT Grant for Donna and Diane Drives

Ms. Taylor contacted NJ American Water about the possibility of doing road work in the near future. No plans are in place by NJ American Water beyond Pennsville-Pedricktown Road. Mr. Porch made a motion to accept the Fralinger Engineering proposal for engineering services in regard to the NJ DOT grant for Donna and Diane Drives. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and all agreed to proceed.

PLANNING BOARD:

Mayoral Appointment of Spyros Apessos – Alternate #3 (One Year Term)

**Resolution 2025-47** Refund Escrow Balance to National Land Developers i/a/o $256.80 for Application 2024-03

Mr. Porch made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services Contract Release- The Township Committee had no further changes to the contracts and authorized the release to each emergency service group for their review.

**Ordinance 2025-01** Amending Chapter 15 Fire Department, Deployment Section

Changing minimum required number of firefighters to be on the firetruck from four (4) to three (3) for responding to fires.

**Public Hearing**

Justin Adams Wanted the year changed for junior firefighters from 14-16 to 14-15.

Melissa Powell Would like a copy of the ordinance.

**Resolution 2025-48** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-02

Mr. Porch made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

**Resolution 2025-49** Adopting the Salem County Multi-Jurisdictional, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

Application for Membership to Logan Volunteer Fire – Caitlin Peachey

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

Application for Membership Reinstatement to Logan Volunteer Fire – Michael Lemke

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

Application for Junior Membership to Logan Volunteer Fire – Gabrielle Lemke

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, subject to parent/child interview with Township

Committee, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

HOUSING

**Resolution 2025-50** Renewal of Contract with Bay Hill Environmental for Lead-Based Paint Evaluation

Mr. Porch made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

**Ordinance 2025-04** Amending Chapter 103 of the Oldmans Township Code Providing for Fees in Connection with Issuance of Lead-Based Paint Inspections

**Resolution 2025-51** Introduction to Ordinance 2024-04

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cordy Taylor There will be a public meeting for the County Cross Acceptance Presentation at Salem Community College on Wednesday, February 19th at 5:00 pm. Municipalities can work with the county or on their own with the State master plan.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

William Ferrell Drawbridge at US Route 10 over Oldmans Creek will be closed February 18 to March 23 for painting.

Jeff Newman Oldmans Road Updates:

\*Perkintown Road overpass over Route 295 will be closed to raise the overpass. Closure is to commence mid-April. The road will be closed to traffic for one year. Total lane closure will allow the project to finish quicker and a better quality job.

\*County will not repair the end of Straughns Mill until 2027 due to insufficient funds.

\*East/West Mill – County waiting for Logan Township’s sign off on closure to truck traffic on the bridge.

\*Straughns Mill – newly paved portion. “Washboard” will be fixed.

\*Straughns Mill ditches by old portion will be cleared.

School Board: There is an opening for school board member; interviews being conducted. Mr. Newman addressed to the school board a residents concern about traffic backing up on Freed Road.

Dean Sparks The SADC is holding a meeting on January 23rd to discuss the new appraisal process. They have started to reach out to farmers in Oldmans Township.

Asked Mr. Taylor for more information regarding Giordano solid waste meeting with SCIA.

LAC trash truck broke down but no service will be interrupted. Will need to purchase a new truck.

Board of Agriculture dinner tickets are available at $35.00.

Melinda Taylor The State made changes to the NJ tax rebate program. There is one application, which will completed on-line, for all rebate programs.

**Resolution 2025-52** Executive Session (7:50 pm)

Contract Negotiations – Affordable Housing

Personnel – Litigation

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

Executive Summary:

Contract Negotiations Discussed 78 Perkintown Road for affordable housing opportunity.

Litigation Discussed status of 15 S. Railroad and former Country Store compliance.

Litigation – Personnel Tort claim discussed

Also discussed were proposed upgrades to municipal computers.

There being no further business, with a motion from Mr. Porch and seconded by Mr. Newman, all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk