Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on January 7, 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.

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

December 11, 2024 Executive Meeting

December 30, 2024 Close Out Meeting

December 30, 2024 Executive Meeting

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

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2025-31** Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2025

Allowed 26.25% of prior year’s budget which equates to $532,277.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Resolution 2025-32** Certifying Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

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

**Resolution 2025-33** Establishing an Absence from Meeting Policy for Elected Officials and Appointed Members of Boards, Committees and Commissions

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

**Resolution 2025-34** One Year Contract to Dean Sparks to Farm Municipal Owned Property - Block 9/Lot 5.02

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed with the exception of Mr. Sparks who abstained.

**Resolution 2025-35** Disposal of Municipal Generated Leaves and Wood Chippings

Mr. Porch made a motion to approve, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed with the exception of Mr. Sparks who abstained.

**Resolution 2025-36** Two Year Contract to ZRH Farms to Farm Municipal Owned Property – Block 29.02/Block 50

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

AUBURN WATER:

NJ DEP Administrative Order 2024-15 Drought and Water Supply Allocation:

* Interconnections Flow Test
* Leak Detection and Water Losses
* Water Audit

New requirement from the NJ DEP. Mr. Ferrell, Mr. Newman and Scott Myers will meet to discuss.

PLANNING BOARD:

15 S. Railroad (Block 11/Lot 17) – Redevelopment Plan (Residential) – The considered whether to task the Planning Board with a creating a redevelopment plan for the former elementary school area. Following discussion it was agreed that a redevelopment plan would commence at this time. The Committee would like to wait until the May due date for the property owner to appear before the Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Evans Questioned status of Ordinance 2024-10 (fire deployment).

Bill Ferrell Committee is still working on. The ordinance requiring four firefighters on the firetruck has been in existence for a long time.

Dan Evans The Ordinance referenced 17:10 which is for paid firefighters and has different requirements. Should have referenced 17:20 which is for volunteer fire companies.

Melissa Powell The Township Committee had stated that a new ordinance would be ready for the January meeting.

Bill Ferrell Multiple topics of emergency services are being discussed.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Dean Sparks It was announced by the NJ League of Municipalities that the election date for the June primary has been changed from June 3rd to June 10th to allow celebration of a Jewish holiday.

Bill Ferrell Route 130 iron bridge will be closed beginning January 13th.

Perkintown Road overpass for Route 295 should begin construction in January. Will allow one-way traffic.

Jeff Newman School Board – three members were sworn in. Maria Calabrese was named in as President and Stacy Podolski was named Vice President.

**Resolution 2025-37** Executive Session: (7:45 pm)

Potential Litigation/Attorney-Client Communications

Contract Negotiations – Emergency Services

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

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Reviewed draft resolution regarding affordable housing obligations.
2. Reviewed draft emergency services contract

**Ordinance 2025-01** Fire Department – Deployment (by title only)

Amend the minimum requirement of 4 firefighters on first truck to 3 being allowed. Two firefighters is the minimum allowed to respond on the second truck. Two firefighters is the minimum allowed to respond on an ambulance call for lifting purposes; if assisting a motor vehicle accident, the minimum allowed to respond will be three firefighters. Junior members (14-16) are not allowed to ride on the firetruck.

**Resolution 2025-39** Introduction to Ordinance 2025-01 (by title only)

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

There being no further business, with a motion from Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Sparks, all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk