Oldmans Township Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on March 12, 2025. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ferrell at 7:00 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

Meeting called to order

Sunshine Law Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

FINANCE OFFICE:

**Resolution 2025-53** Emergency Temporary Budget Transfer

Adding funds to temporary budget for repairs to fire trucks and ambulance.

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

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

Increase cap on budget up to 3.5%

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2025-54** Final Adoption of 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

Auburn Water must be tested daily for iron and chlorine seven days/week. Stipend will be given to Public Works employee for testing on weekends and holidays.

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2025-55** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2025-03

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

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

ADDITIONS TO THE BILLS LIST:

Logan Volunteer Fire – Defender Emergency Products (3-1) $2,295.00

Logan Volunteer Fire – Defender Emergency Products (3-2) $2,326.44

Approval of additional work; encumber funds to send out purchase orders.

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

Auburn Volunteer Fire – Campbell Supply Company – 2019 Pumper - $3,053.37

Auburn Volunteer Fire – Campbell Supply Company – 2020 Danko Mini Pump - $842.57

Work has already been completed.

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

AUBURN WATER:

**Resolution 2025-56** Award of Contract to Environmental Laboratories for Annual Testing of Auburn Water for 2025

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

Back up Chlorine Pump

The current pump has been rebuilt but is still not working correctly. Scott Myers is recommending the purchase of a backup chlorine pump. Cost would be $1,860.00.

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

Direct Read Water Meter Replacement

Meter has been giving false reads. Parts are no longer available to fix. The meter is supposed to be calibrated every five years but don’t believe it has been done. Would like to purchase a replacement. NSU can purchase and install a replacement for $3,950.00.

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

Bid Package for Chlorine Analyzer System

NSU has submitted the technical bid package so that the full bid package can be issued. Ms. Taylor will work on getting the bid package ready and publicized.

Mr. Newman made a motion to go out to bid, Mr. Porch seconded and all agreed.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

**Ordinance 2025-05** Adoption of Garden State C-PACE Program

 Facilitates clean energy to commercial buildings. There is no cost to the Township but the Township is allowed to charge an administrative fee.

**Resolution 2025-57** Introduction to Ordinance 2025-05

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

**Resolution 2025-58** Award of Contract to SCS Engineers for Semi-Annual Methane Vent Testing for Oldmans Township Sanitary Landfill Not to Exceed $6,450

Out of the four tests previously required by the NJ DEP, this is the only one left that still needs to be done.

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

Farmland Preservation Program – Application for Preservation of Block 13/Lots 4, 4.1& 4.14

Ms. Paxton would like to preserve her horse farm through the SADC program. It appears that the airport, especially the Airport Hazard Zone might affect the appraised value of the farm. Mr. DiNicola offered to speak with Ms. Paxton. The Right of Way that leads to the Oldmans Township Landfill needs to be addressed in the preservation documentation; the easement must remain. Ms. Taylor will contact the NJ DOT Aeronautics Division to find out the status of the airport and the hazard zone.

Mr. Newman made a motion to support the application for farmland preservation, Mr. Pomponi seconded and all agreed. Said approval is subject to the easement for the landfill remaining so that the landfill can be accessed.

Lennox Run - Fencing

Mr. DiNicola has researched the need for fencing around the stormwater basin at Lennox Run. Based on his research a fence is not required. Having the fence there increases the labor and time for public works to mow and weedwack around the fence.

Mr. Porch made a motion to remove the fence in its entirety, Mr. Newman seconded and all agreed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Membership to Logan Volunteer Fire Company – David Murphy

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

Membership to Auburn Volunteer Fire Company – Rocco String

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

HOUSING

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

**Public Hearing** No comment.

**Resolution 2025-59** Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-04

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Walton Believes that the Airport Hazard Area is null and void once the airport closed.

Melody Reese Questioned street light outages.

Scott Myers Outages have been reported to ACE.

Janet Bowe She has been reporting lights out to ACE for many years.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Jeff Newman School Board Reportings:

A memorial dedication ceremony is in the works for the Gaudreau brothers.

The Pedricktown Committee received approval to host an Easter Egg Hunt at the school.

Cherry Hill Police, along with the State Police (Woodstown Barracks) will be training at Oldmans Elementary School.

There is still a school board vacancy – candidacy was postponed to the next meeting.

Attended the Salem County Road Dept. meeting:

Main Street in Auburn is scheduled to be repaved in approximately 2 years.

The collapsed pipe underneath Perkintown Road will be fixed.

Commissioner Taylor Once Route 130 is open again, signs will be installed along Mill Street to prohibit tractor trailers.

John Pomponi Thanked the fire company for responding to recent brush fires in town.

Brian Porch Asked Commissioner Taylor for an update on the animal shelter.

Commissioner Taylor A recent public meeting was held to discuss the lack of an animal shelter. Representatives from the Third Legislative District attended the meeting. There are 12-15 people who volunteered to be part of the task group, including members from the Salem County Dept. of Health, Sheriff’s Dept. and Prosecutor’s office. A meeting will be scheduled in mid-March with the results of that meeting being reported at the Commissioner’s meeting scheduled for April 16th. This meeting will be open to the public. Task force will be looking at a short term solution, which could take up to one year. Will be requesting assistance from the State for funding.

Dean Sparks Oldmans hosted a rabies clinic but the turnout was lower than previous years.

 Lower Alloways Creek trash truck is still out of service for repairs; continue to use the spare truck.

 Encouraged residents to bring in their trash/recycling containers and not leave them along the road. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the containers. If the container is damaged by a passing vehicle, the homeowner is responsible for paying for the replacement, not the Township.

Suggested that the Township take back any containers left at vacant houses. Worried about theft of the containers. Once the house receives a Certificate of Occupancy then the containers can be returned.

Joe DiNicola Would have to send a letter to the vacant property owner asking them to return the containers. If not returned then the Township could go on the property and retrieve the unused containers.

Dean Sparks Clean Communities clean up dates will be scheduled for April.

Melinda Taylor Flyers are available to the public regarding local public meetings, hosted by the NJ Division of Taxation, in regard to the recent changes to the NJ senior tax rebate programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Resolution 2025-60** Personnel – Public Works (7:45 pm)

Contract Negotiations: Emergency Services Amendments to Contracts and Deployment Ordinance

Contract Negotiations – Oldmans Landfill & Solar Provider

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

Executive Summary: (8:50 pm)

Personnel – Searching for health insurance options

Contract Negotiations (Emergency Services) – Suggestions by emergency services were taken under consideration for their contracts. Revised contracts will be sent to them. The Deployment Ordinance will be amended.

Contract Negotiations (Oldmans Landfill) – Mr. DiNicola will send a letter to the lease holder about the contract option payment.

Mr. DiNicola reported that letters were recently sent to King Companies for both the former elementary school and the former Country Store. Ms. King responded to Mr. DiNicola stating that the septic at the deli will be installed by June 1st. Also the rest of the equipment at the old school will be removed but requested leaving the bush hog so that the grass can be mowed at the school.

There being no further business, with a motion from Mr. Newman and seconded by Mr. Pomponi, all agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor

Municipal Clerk