

Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

October 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplin, Vice-Chair; John Quigley, Supervisor Mark Cappuccio, Esq., Solicitor; Stacy Smith, Treasurer/Acting Secretary, and members of the public

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM by Chair Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Quigley began with his objections to the presence of Smith (See Attached)

Chair Wright Thanked Quigley for his comments and stated that she strongly disagrees with the statement he made.

Southern Lehigh Public Library Budget Presentation was given by Lynette Saeger Ryan Fields and Bruce Eimm

Wright appreciated the new data that was given, which provides the Board with a better overview of the amount of Lower Milford Township Residents that utilize the Libraries Services.

Several Residents spoke as to how important the Library is to them and their family.

Motion by Koplin to approve the minutes for September 17, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Quigley

2 Ayes 1 Nay

Motion by Koplin to approve the minutes for October 1, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Quigley. 2 Ayes 1 Nay.

The Treasurers Report was read by Wright:

• General Fund	\$	1,037,523.40
• Historical Registry Fund		5,734.50
• Rec & Open Space Fund		7,105.93
• Sewer Fund		37,141.79
• Capital Reserve Fund		33,046.03
• Fire Fund		327,163.86
• Highway Capital Improvement		322,668.33
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account		218,875.43
• Developers Escrow (Non-Township) Funds		43,177.71

Motion to approve Treasurers report made by Koplin Seconded by Wright, Quigley stating that he has zero confidence in Smiths abilities to handle Lower Milford Township Funds. Additionally, an itemized list of the bills was not received which Quigley feels that without knowing how much was spent specially to Clark Hill. 2 ayes 1 Nay.

Quigley also requested Cappuccio to email Smith that he would be in the office to take a look at the Clark Hill bills.

Authorizing paying the October 2020 bills was Tabled till November.

Wright announced the Zoning Report

Wright announced the Public Works report.

Wright announced the Secretary's Report

Wright announced the Macungie Ambulance Report

Members of the LMT Fire Co. Spoke regarding some of the Grants they have applied for to offset the lose of Funds usually received during Fund Drives.

Subdivision/Land Development Sketch Plan came in for 1200 Beverly Hills Rd. 31 purposed lots They will be coming before the Planning Commission in November.

Under Old Business:

Operation and Maintenance Agreement for 3156 Cassel Rd Property
Quigley made Motion to approve with the change that all the Supervisors be added to the Agreement. Koplin Seconded. 3 Ayes

Quigley made the Motion to submit the DEP application for the 3156 Cassel Rd. Property.
Koplin Seconded. 3Ayes

Quigley added to the agenda that former employee Zachary Cooperman returned to Quigley Township Property that was to be returned as part of his Separation Agreement.

Minimum Municipal Obligation tabled till next meeting.

Under New Business:

Announcement of Sheriff Sale 5140 Palm Rd.

Koplin made the Motion to Announce the Intent to Hire a CPA Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Resolution 2020-8 Group Health Plan Amendment – Amendment to waive 90 day waiting period for employees who have returned to employment at Lower Milford Township before 365 Days

Koplin made the Motion to Accept, Quigley seconded for purposes of Discussion.

Quigley feels as though this Resolution is specifically being put in place so that Wendy Stryker the Bookkeeper will have Full Benefits starting Day One. 2 Ayes 1Nay

Koplin discussed the financial ramification of the COVID -19 Pandemic.

2021 Budget Draft is still being Constructed. A Workshop meeting was Scheduled for November.

Quigley made a Motion to Accept Grant money that would be applied to expenses incurred during the COVID – 19 Crisis also including the installation of wireless upgrade to the Building and the Shop. Koplin Seconded 3 Ayes

Quigley made comments regarding Budget and Staffing. Quigley takes great Exception to the Staffing Concept made at the Last Meeting.

Quigley Objects to Smith being moved to a higher Position and that she does not deserve an increase. He finds her to be “Disgusting” and a “Horrible Person” and he will continue his objection to her presence because she is still here.

Wright announced that the Lehigh County Land Preservation Recognized and will continue to recognize October as Farmland Preservation Month.

Wright announced that on November 14, 2020 from 8-3 there will be a Hazardous Waste Collection at the Coca-Cola Park. Please see Facebook for details on Accepted Items.

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Public Comments were made by Jean Schock regarding a letter received about the work being done on Scout Rd.

Wright suggested Jean reach out to John Hagan the Public Works Foreman with any Questions.

Several Residents Commented on How Pleased they are with the Road Work being done in the Township. Also, a comment was received From Sean Redfield on how the roadwork done on Wind Hill Rd. put a "Smile on My Face "

He would also like to get on record as stating that he is opposed to the Proposed 63 Acre Subdivision at 1200 Beverly Hills Rd.

Ed Miller also spoke to the disappointment he has in the Township. He purchased a 7-acre Property based on the understanding that he could put a pole building on the property.

Ed hopes to have a meeting with the Zoning Officer Ms. Fucci to discuss the misunderstanding.

Ed just wished to make the Board aware of the misrepresentation.

Meeting Schedule is available on the township Website.

Motion was made by Koplín to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy R. Smith
Acting Township Secretary

APPROVED

Again I want to state that I am opposed to the presence of Stacy Smith at these meetings for reasons that I have stated at previous meetings. Those reasons are:

- Her history of making false accusations against a township supervisor and the previous manager
- Her lies and false statements regarding me and others with regard to the placement of a camera in the township office
- Her documented threat against the African-American family of our previous township manager
- Her complete lack of qualification for the job for which she was hired and the fact that now we have had to hire a qualified bookkeeper/treasurer to do that job.

I find these offenses to be terminable offenses and I am personally offended that she has not only been able to continue as a township employee but is now receiving a promotion and 23% raise for a job which should be part-time and whose responsibilities are certainly less than the job which she is being removed from and therefore deserving of less compensation.