

Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

December 16, 2021, Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplun, Vice-Chair; John Quigley, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio Esq., Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator; Stacy Smith, Township Secretary; and 28 members of the Public.

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

Motion by Koplun to Approve the Minutes of November 18, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Abstention.

The Treasurers Report as of November 30 ,2021 was read by Wright:

• General Fund	1,349,815.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Fall Festival Fund	(689.00)
• Rec& Open Space Fund	7,118.00
• Sewer Fund	32,397.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	38,062.00
• Fire Fund	403,627.00
• Highway Capital Improvement	323,445.00
• ARPA of 2021 Fund	194,369.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	191,051.00
• Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds)	56,928.00

Motion by Koplun to Approve Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2021. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Motion by Koplun to Authorize paying of December 2021 Bills. Seconded by Wright 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Wright announced the Administrators Report – November 2021

Wright announced the Zoning Report – November 2021

Wright announced the Public Works Report – November 2021

Wright announced the Secretary's Report – November 2021

Wright announced LMT Fire Co Report –

Lower Milford Township Library Representative Ryan Fields gave an update on some of the offered programs at the Library. He also spoke asking Lower Milford Township not to Reduce the Donation to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. He also read several emails from residents regarding the same matter. The discussion was to be continued under the Budget Approval.

Zapach Subdivision Final Plan Approval was Tabled until January 2022 due to the failure to submit signed plans.

Under New Business:

Visit from State Representative Milou Mackenzie was Postponed to a later date.

Wright Announced the Acknowledgement of Notification Received from Tax Collector Jessica Skibicki to Retain Deputy Tax Collector Deborah Herstine.

Motion by Koplin to Authorize Truck Restriction Study on Portion of Hoffman Lane. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Approve a 6 Month Assistance for Strays Contract in 2022 with The Sanctuary of Haafsville, To be Revisited at time of Contract Renewal in May of 2022. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Docket 21-09 Notice of Appeal by David Gubitosi, Special Exception was Tabled until further investigation of uses on property.

Motion by Koplin to accept Resolution 2021-15 Setting the Tax Millage for the year 2022 at .67756 mills or .067756 Cents on each one Hundred Dollars of Assessed Real Estate Valuation. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to accept Resolution 2021-16 Establishing the Millage for Special Tax for Fire Services at the rate of .33878 mills for 2022. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to accept Resolution 2021-17 Adopting an Annual Municipal Budget as Advertised for Fiscal Year 2022. Seconded by Wright. Discussion took place on Library Funds.

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Residents and Community members Pat Gergar, Ian Burley, Brian Keifer, Janet Tremer, Anne Kerschner, Beverly Rickles, Joshua Schultz, Kat Moyer, Joan Giannini, David Holuck, Jason Flexer, Rodney Derstine, Stephen Bacchi, Lynnette Seager, Ed Bendekovitz , Bruce Eamer, Susan Koplin, Jill Stanley, Rachel Pfeiffer, Elaine Snovitch and Nicole DiBelo provided an extensive presentation addressing concerns regarding the reduction of Lower Milford Townships Contribution to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. Their concerns included impacts on educational programs events and day to day operations and maintenance.
Sub motion by Quigley to add back the \$5,000 to the Southern Lehigh Public Library. Wright seconded for purposes of discussion. Koplin expressed that the decision was very thought out and arbitrarily making changes was unwise. Wright questioned if ARPA funds could be used for Library costs. A vote taken 1 Aye. 2 Nays.
Final vote taken on Koplin’s initial motion to accept Resolution 2021-17 Adopting an Annual Municipal Budget as Advertised for Fiscal Year 2022. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Let it be noted that Quigley after leaving his chair multiple times, left the meeting at 8:28 PM. And did not return.

Motion by Koplin to accept Resolution 2021-18 Appointing the firm of Cambell, Rappold and Yurasits, LLP for the 2021 Audit. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to accept Resolution 2021-19 providing for Supplemental Appropriations for 2021 Budget. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Wright read Holiday Card from Senator Pat Browne.

Tim Cogle addressed his ongoing concerns regarding the property on Hoffman Lane.

Motion by Koplin to Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.
Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting Concluded at 9:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy R. Smith

Township Secretary

APPROVED