

# Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

## MINUTES

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplin, Vice-Chair; John Quigley, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio, Esq., Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator; Stacy Smith, Township Secretary, and 11 members of the public

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

Motion by Quigley to Close Regular Meeting & Open Hearing For Adoption of Zoning Ordinance No. 138 and Zoning Map Amendment. Seconded by Koplin. 3 Ayes.

Motion by Wright to Reopen Regular Meeting March 18, 2021 Meeting. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Wright Announced that an Executive Session was held on March 11, 2021

Discussion took place Regarding the Executive Session. Quigley made several statements.

Motion by Quigley for the purposes of discussion to Approve the Minutes of January 21, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Koplin to Approve with the Addition of Koplin's Statement. 3 Ayes.

Wright asked that if Quigley wished to have his statements recorded in the minutes, that it should be emailed to the Secretary. None were Received.

During the April 15, 2021 Meeting Quigley wished to have this Statement included. Quigley stated that "Ellen Koplin's report stating that John Quigley had cost the Township money through legal fees was disproved by Quigley when he submitted documentation (emails, etc.) to support his position." "Quigley demanded a retraction from Koplin saying that her report was false"

Wright also added "that part of the statements primarily 95% of the statements made from Quigley concerning the statements and quality of the staff. I completely and utterly disagree."

The Treasurers Report as of January 31, 2021 was read by Wright:

• General Fund	\$	1,134,625.00
• Historical Registry Fund		5,735.00
• Rec & Open Space Fund		7,110.00
• Sewer Fund		35,325.00
• Capital Reserve Fund		804.00

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- Fire Fund 301,800.00
- Highway Capital Improvement 322,831.00
- State Liquid Fuels Tax Account 155,766.00
- Developers Escrow (Non-Township) Funds 56,618.00

Motion to approve Treasurer's report as of January 31, 2021 made by Koplín. Seconded by Wright. 2 ayes. 1 Nay.

The Treasurers Report as of February 28, 2021 was read by Wright:

- General Fund 1,184,551.00
- Historical Registry Fund 5,735.00
- Rec & Open Space Fund 7,110.00
- Sewer Fund 31,193.00
- Capital Reserve Fund 804.00
- Fire Fund 298,963.00
- Highway Capital Improvement 322,868.00
- State Liquid Fuels Tax Account 153,059.00
- Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds) 54,933.00

Motion by Koplín to Approve Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2021. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Motion by Koplín to Authorize paying of February 2021 Bills. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay. Quigley stated his objections to the fees by Clark Hill.

Motion by Koplín to Authorize paying of March 2021 Bills. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay. Again, Quigley stated his Objections.

Wright announced the Administrators Report – January & February

Wright announced the Zoning Report – January & February

Wright announced the Public Works Report – January & February

Wright announced the Secretary's Report – January & February

Wright announced the Macungie Ambulance Report – January & February

Wright announced the Fire Company Report – Year End Report

Southern Lehigh Library Report- February Director's Report

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It is to be noted that Quigley left the at 7:30 PM and would not return.

Subdivision/Land Development. – None

Action on Subdivisions and Land Development – Motion by Koplin to Approve William Roy LLC Revised Final Land Approval. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

**Under Old Business:**

NONE

**Under New Business:**

Motion by Koplin to approve Employee Pension Proposal Submitted by PSATS. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Approve Resolution 2021-5 Authorizing the Participation of Lower Milford Township in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law. With the Adoption of Resolution to be in effect as of January 1, 2021. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Approve the Supplemental Participation Agreement for Pension. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Approve Reimbursement of Zurich Surrender Charges. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion made by Koplin to Approve Resolution 2021-6. Designating Wendy Stryker as Open Records Officer with Emily Fucci as an Alternate. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion made by Koplin to Approve Resolution 2021-7. Agricultural Security Area Addition, Property of Margaret and John Patterson. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Announcement of Docket 21-01 the Appeal of Scott D. & Patricia A. Davis. No objections were received by the Board. However, Concerns over Traffic & Property Access were Expressed. If Horse Shows or Events are Held.

Announcement of Winding Creek Report Regarding Failing Septic System.

Motion was made by Koplin to Request SEO to Evaluate the Septic & Provide Options and Solutions. Seconded by wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Approve the hiring of Douglas Shaw as a Seasonal Plow Driver. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Authorize the Advertisement for the 2021 Road Material and Repair Bids. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Motion by Koplin to Authorize the Advertisement for Public Works Laborer Position. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Discussion took place on the MS4 Stream Restoration.

Motion by to Approve Cowan Associates to survey the Gehman Property with the permission of the Property owners and a statement of hold harmless is received. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Update to Upper Saucon Act 537 received by Hanover Engineering.

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Covid-19 EIT Projection Received by Berkheimer.

Motion by Koplin to Approve the Request made by Trinity Great Swamp UCC for Traffic Control by Lower Milford Fire Company. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes.

Several Compliments were Received by Residents on the Great Job done by the Public Works Department during the Snow Events.

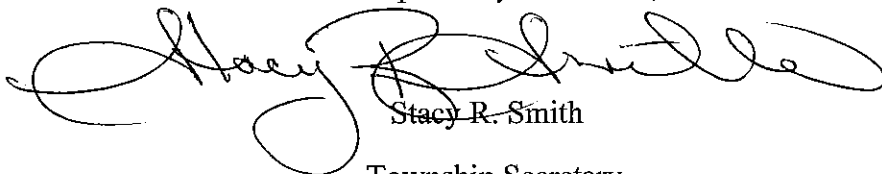
During Public Comments, a question was received from Jason Flexer regarding the return of Zoom meetings. Koplin responding by stating that the Zoom meetings were no longer needed.

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

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Concluded at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacy R. Smith

Township Secretary