

LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
Lehigh County  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
March 16, 2016 Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

Present: Chair Donna Wright, Vice-Chair Michael Snovitch, Supervisor John Quigley, Ellen Koplin, Township Manager, Mark Cappuccio, Esq., Solicitor and 33 audience members

The meeting was convened at 7:31 pm by Chair Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Wright announced an executive session was held prior to the meeting for personnel and litigation purposes.

No public comments were received at this time.

Motion by Quigley to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 regular meeting, seconded by Snovitch and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February 29, 2016 (cash & investments) was read.

• General Fund	\$601,471.00
• Rec. & Open Space Fund	7,948.00
• Sewer Fund	64,583.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	12,587.00
• Fire Fund	559,050.00
• Highway Capital Improvement Fund	315,294.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	16,809.00
• Developer Escrows (Non Twp. Funds)	53,303.00

Motion by Quigley to accept the February 29, 2016 Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Snovitch and unanimously approved.

Motion by Quigley to pay the March 2016 bills, seconded by Snovitch and unanimously approved.

Wright announced that Zoning, Manager's and Public Works reports are available.

There are no new subdivisions or land developments and no action required.

No Fire Company Report

An Ambulance Report was submitted by Macungie Ambulance for February 2016. Chris Greb of Macungie ambulance attended and reviewed their 2015 Annual Report.

No Library Representative report

Under Old Business:

Motion by Snovitch to adopt the proposed Ordinance No. 128 repealing Ordinances No. 1 and No. 112 disbanding the Police Department, seconded by Quigley. Comments as follows:

Matt Everett – Lifelong resident. Always remembers having police, why disbanding?

Wayne Rhoades – Echoes sentiments of Matt Everett

Deborah Everett – Home during the day and had incident with stranger

Charlene Schaffer – Concerned of possible suspicious people and speeding

Julie Tostevin – Thinks bad decision in this day and age

Arland Schantz – Complained was “shoved” through previously had four.

Wright reviewed the coverage we have had by the Pennsylvania State Police historically and over the recent absence of the two township police, it has been 100%. The State Police do a great job.

Snovitch reviewed that the Township did not have the funds when there were four officers and that is why they were laid off.

Lance Tittle – Shouted that if something happens, it’s the Supervisor’s fault

Barbara Wynn – Asked why the officers are out on medical leave?

Jeff Tankred – Recounted an incident handled by the Pennsylvania State Police when his son was home alone and reported a suspicious vehicle. The State Police responded very quickly in force with five officers. They do a great job.

Two ayes and one Nay (Wright) Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 128 carries.

Quigley questioned what the Auditors actually do since Lance Tittle described himself as Chair of the Auditors and the Township appoints a firm of certified professional accountants to do the annual audit.

Motion by Quigley to adopt Resolution 2016-5 rescinding Ordinances No. 1 and No. 112, seconded by Snovitch. Two ayes and one Nay (Wright) motion carries

Motion by Snovitch to request the Pennsylvania State Police Troop M Fogelsville to provide police coverage to Lower Milford Township, seconded by Quigley and unanimously approved.

Lt. Nederostek, Station Commander of Pennsylvania State Police Troop M Fogelsville, addressed the Board of Supervisors and the audience that he is very familiar with Lower Milford Township and has worked the area since 1993. We should contact him with any concerns or needs that we have and when special events will be taking place.

Motion by Quigley to approve partial escrow releases for Maplewood Estates Section 1A & 1B and 2 for improvements completed, seconded by Snovitch and unanimously approved.

Under New Business:

Motion by Quigley to adopt Resolution 2016-4 appointing resident Roger Hall to the Zoning Hearing Board, seconded by Snovitch and unanimously approved.

Motion by Snovitch to appoint Cathleen Bannon to Planning Commission vacancy, seconded by Quigley and unanimously approved.

Under Correspondence: Southern Lehigh Public Library Agenda

Clean-Up Day 2016 was announced. It will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 8 AM to Noon with lunch provided. The Public Works Director should be contacted for more information and to volunteer.

Under Public Comments:

Wayne Rhoades stated that there was never any question that the State Police do a good job but thought the Ordinance should have been announced to the residents.

The Solicitor responded that it was advertised in the Morning Call Newspaper.

An audience member wanted to know how the community will be informed of what is happening; Wright said we will investigate how to communicate and Lt. Nederostek offered to provide information. She also asked how much the State Police will cost us and what we are paying for ambulance coverage. We are not charged for State Police coverage for Lower Milford and the ambulance service from Upper Saucon, Macungie and Upper Perk Corps also does not cost the Township.

On motion by Snovitch, seconded by Quigley, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin  
Township Manager/Secretary

Approved