

# Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors November 5, 2020 Workshop Meeting

## MINUTES

W/Attachment

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplin, Vice-Chair; John Quigley, Supervisor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator; Stacy Smith, Township Secretary, and 4 members of the public.

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

Public Comments were received, Quigley stated his usual objection to the presence of Stacy Smith.

After stating his objection, it is noted that Quigley left the meeting at 6:33 PM and did not return.

The Minimum Municipal Obligation Pension Budget for 2021 was read by Fucci. Koplin made the motion to Approve with the understanding that Tyler Schmeltzle our former Equipment Operator will be removed. Wright second the motion. 2 Aye Motion carried.

The Lower Milford Fire Company Announced the Recipients of the 2020 Stipend. Wright asked for a Resolution be drawn for the release of the stipend which included the names addresses and the amount given to each recipient and how many calls each recipient was on.

Cowan Associates provided the Township with a list of Maintenance Recommendations for our Lower Milford Township Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The maintenance recommendations are quite simple in nature and could easily be handed by our Public Works Crew.

At the next Board of Supervisors meeting a motion can be made to approve the Budget for maintenance.

Also brought up with the recommendations was a placement of a shed to be placed at the treatment plant for storage of lawn equipment and chemical storage.

The first draft of the 2021 Budget was reviewed with Fucci making comments on some noticeable changes that have been made. One such item is an increase of 10,000 to purchase tools and some equipment so that more project can be conducted in house.

Koplin and Wright had no comments regarding Budget and felt that with some minor changes it would be acceptable. However, with the absence of Quigley, the Budget discussion will be tabled until the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting on November 19, 2020.

Public Comments received by Jean Schock expressing her gratitude to the Public Works Crew for the work that has been done on Scout Road.

Additionally, Wright asked Ryan Fields our southern Lehigh Library representative if something could be done with condition of the Library Book Drop located in front of the Township Building.

He stated that he would investigate seeing what possible options could be done.

Koplin made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Wright.

Meeting concluded

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Smith, Acting Township Secretary

APPROVED

**Attachment to Minutes of November 5, 2020**

Quigley would like to add to the third paragraph:

“After stating his objection, it was noted that Quigley left the meeting at 6:33PM and did not return.”

Quigley would like it noted that he did not leave the meeting because of his objection to Smiths presence, but it was because he did not receive a copy of the budget as promised. “There was no sense of going over it at first glance in a public meeting”.

Koplin would also like it noted that during the meeting prior to the workshop meeting on November 5, 2020 she stated that it would be ready to review at the next meeting. She also had stated that we could not make any promises and that, “it would be ready when it’s ready.”

Wright would like her response to Quigley and Koplin’s statements to also be added to the attachment. Although she would have liked to have seen the Budget earlier, she had no objections to receiving it when they did and the opportunity to sit down and go over it.

During the workshop, approximately 45 minutes was spend going over the budget line by line. Having discussions as to changes and as to what was going on. She felt it was highly available & highly informative.

Wright told Quigley that she was sorry he missed the opportunity to go over the budget. Although she understood his point, she also felt it to be very foolish. The staff worked very hard to get it done. The residents were there and the opportunity to discuss the budget was there. She stated that Quigley missed out on all that discussion, she appreciates his objection, as she also had a problem with the timing but was not going to get up and leave a meeting when they had the information in front of them and the opportunity to go over it during Workshop, which is what a workshop is for.

Respectfully Submitted

Stacy R. Smith Township Secretary

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.