

**Lower Milford Township**  
Lehigh County, Pennsylvania  
Board of Supervisors  
September 21, 2023, Regular Meeting  
MINUTES

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplin, Vice-Chair; Lowell Linde, Supervisor; Mark Eastburn, Township Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 16 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Wright.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Linde to approve the August 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Koplin and unanimously approved.

Wright read the Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2023 aloud:

• General Fund	\$ 1,933,024.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Sewer Fund	29,880.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	43,637.00
• Fire Fund	229,400.00
• Highway Capital Improvement	328,335.00
• ARPA of 2021 Fund	55,082.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	312,726.00
• Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds)	40,794.00

Motion by Koplin to approve the Treasurer's report as of August 31, 2023 as read. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Koplin to authorize paying the September 2023 bills. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Wright announced the Administrator Report for September 21, 2023.

Wright announced the Zoning Report for August 2023.

Wright announced the Public Works Report for August 2023.

Wright announced the Administrative Assistant Report for August 2023.

Wright announced the Macungie Ambulance Report for August 2023 and acknowledged receipt of their request for funding for the 2024 budget. A consensus was reached that the Board would not provide funding.

Ed Miller announced that the Fire Company is working with Milou Mackenzie for available grants and working on additional fundraising opportunities.

**Under Old Business:**

Motion by Linde to authorize the sketch plan created by Cowan Associates, Inc for an access easement to landlocked Township property on County Line Road to the property owner for review. Seconded by Koplín and unanimously approved.

**Under New Business:**

Motion by Linde to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation budget for 2024. Seconded by Koplín and unanimously approved.

Motion by Koplín to adopt resolution 2023-9 accepting the application Nathan Fell and property tax ID number 549196898562-1 to the Lower Milford Township Agricultural Security Area. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on draft resolution 2023-10 to update the Township special event permit fee scheduled and the draft resolution was tabled.

Motion by Koplín to approve the payment of \$3,968 to Site Specific, Inc for repair of a Limeport WWTP grinder pump at 1488 Limeport Pike out of the ARPA of 2021 fund. Seconded by Koplín and unanimously approved.

Wright read a letter of interest aloud from Christopher Yetter for the Zoning Hearing Board. Fucci will contact Yetter and request he attend the October workshop.

**Under Correspondence:**

Wright announced receipt of the petitions from Township Residents for: "Increased Enforcement Signs in the Village of Hosensack", "Noise Ordinance in the Village of Hosensack", "Limit Truck Length on Limeport Pike in Village of Hosensack", "Lower Speed Limit to 30 mph in the Village of Hosensack", "No Engine Brake Signs in the Village of Hosensack", "3 Way Stop at Limeport Pike and Kings Highway in the Village of Hosensack", and "No Thru Traffic Signs on Milky Way".

The Board stated they are not in disagreement with any of the complaints, but there is difficulty addressing the issues because the Township does not have jurisdiction over PennDOT roadways. Koplín suggested that a letter be sent to PennDOT requesting they investigate the petitioned items and reference all applicable sections of Title 75.

Discussion followed on each item raised in the petition and numerous public comments were received. Ed Lounsberry expressed that he spoke with PennDOT directly and they advised him that the Township can request that traffic studies are performed. Candance Tomes commented on the increase of traffic due to the use of GPS for alternative routes. Kelly Houser commented on the dangerous traffic conditions on Milky Way and the risk it creates for children. Ronald Tomes commented on the increased flow of traffic. Lounsberry commented on noise and disruption created by the vehicles. Lounsberry volunteered to act as the main contact for the Township. Jason Flexer stated that he thought permanent speed bumps were more effective than removable speed bumps.

Motion by Koplin to take the following action: Request Cowan Associates, Inc perform a preliminary evaluation of Milky Way to establish the feasibility of a traffic study for truck restriction, a letter be drafted to PennDOT to call attention to the resident petitions and ask that they begin with an updated traffic count, Township staff research the feasibility of both removable and permanent speed bumps on Milky Way, Township staff review the need for additional markings and signage on Milky Way, and all residents are kept up to date on the Township's action by email. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Wright announced receipt of the PaDEP Approval Letter for Act 537 Planning Module Exemption for Limeport Commons Land Development.

Wright announced receipt of the Lower Macungie Township Historical Society Request for financial contribution to support the production of a 30-minute film on Fries rebellion. A consensus was reached that the Board is not interested in provided funding, but noted it was a wonderful project.

Wright announced receipt of the Saucon Creek Watershed Association request for financial donation and a consensus was reached that the Board was not interested in provided funding.

Wright announced receipt of the New Bethany, Inc request for financial donation and a consensus was reached that the Board was not interested in provided funding.

Wright announced receipt of the September 2023 social security newsletter.

Wright announced the invitation from LV Greenways to the "LV Greenways Municipal Leaders Breakfast" on October 19, 2023.

Wright announced the Dementia-Friendly Lehigh Valley informational flyer.

Wright announced the County of Lehigh Board of Assessment Appeals "Appeal Hearing Notice" for 7331 School House Lane.

**Under Public Comment:**

Ed Bendekovitz reminded that the Fire Company hoagie sale runs until the following Tuesday and orders can be placed with him after the meeting or at the Fall Festival.

Tim Cougle stated that the brush still needs to be trimmed on Hoffman Lane and claimed it was not cut back in the spring.

Motion by Linde to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wright and unanimously approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Emily Fucci  
Township Secretary

APPROVED