

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG

August 3, 2011

The meeting of the Township Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Steinhardt. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Mayor Steinhardt stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Steinhardt, Council President Camporine, and Councilmen Baker. Also present were CFO Dobes, Tax Collector Edinger, Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Resolution 11-65 - was passed to hold an Executive Session to discuss Computer Contract with Design Works, LLC, Beers Street gas line installed for resident Heeber, Stelko Avenue water situation, Warren County Rapid Notification System, Municipal Aid Application from State, Morris Canal Greenway, Pohatcong Court

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve minutes of July 6, 2011. Motion by Council President Camporine, seconded by Councilman Baker. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Steinhardt

New Business:

Clymer Village – Requests to take down fencing along detention basin in rear of property. Motion by Councilman Baker to approve based on Engineer Sterbenz recommendation, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt

NAYS: None

Top Line Construction – Approve Change Order No. 1 and final payment for work completed on Edward Street and Stelko Avenue in the amount of \$192,913.41. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 11-66 – Authorizing budget appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 to conduct a Reassessment of all properties in the Township.

R 11-66

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SPECIAL EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to make an Emergency Appropriation to meet certain extraordinary expenses incurred or to be incurred, for the preparation and execution to cover expenses related to contractual obligations for Reassessment Services and other related costs as a component to complete a program of reassessment of real property for the use of the local assessor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 provides that it shall be lawful to make such appropriation, which appropriation and/or the “special emergency notes” issued to finance the same shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of an appropriation of at least one-fifth or one-third of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, (by not less than two-thirds of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for contractual obligations for Reassessment Services and other related costs in the total amount of \$128,972.00.
2. That the emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$25, 794.40 in each succeeding annual budgets.
3. That an “emergency note”, not in excess of the amount authorized pursuant to law, be provided.
4. That such note shall be executed by the Township of Lopatcong’s Chief Financial Officer.
5. That said note shall be dated at the time it is put in place and may be renewed from time to time provided that such note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization.
6. That the statement required by the Local Finance Board has been filed with the Clerk and a copy will be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
7. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; however, no approval is required from the Division.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None

Council Reports:

Councilman Baker – No report

Council President Camporine – Provided information on “Movies at the Pool”.

Mayor Steinhardt –

Resolution No. 11-67 – Hire Design Works, LLC for the Township website.

R 11-67

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING DESIGN WORKS, LLC TO
CREATE, MONITOR AND UPDATE THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approved Design Works, LLC to create, monitor and update the Township website; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong will provide a contract to Robert Edinger to keep the website updated on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township has set a fee of \$400.00 to complete the initial work related to the website creation and \$45.00 per hour to update as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve the hire of Mr. Rob Edinger of Design Works, LLC to create, monitor and update the Township website.

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Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None

Beers Street Gas Line – a letter of request was received from resident Mr. Heebner of Beers Street in Delaware Park to allow a Road Opening to complete the installation of a gas line. Engineer Sterbenz informed Council that the road disturbance would be minimal. Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine to approve. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.
NAYS: None

Resolution No. 11-68 - Municipal Aid Application – Mayor and Council decided that the application should be made for South 3rd Street.

R 11-68

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR AND CLERK TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SOUTH THIRD STREET – ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the NJDOT makes funds available to municipalities and counties for road improvement projects through the municipal aid portion of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that the Township Council apply to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funds that are available under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, Fiscal Year 2012 Municipal Aid Program for the purpose of constructing improvements to South Third Street in the Township of Lopatcong; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has considered this recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Engineer is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2012-Lopatcong Township to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Lopatcong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreements on behalf of the Township of Lopatcong and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Douglas J. Steinhardt, Mayor

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Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Approve Dept. Reports – Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Payment of Bills - Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Baker, Council President Camporine and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Mrs. Taggart – Trees along Baltimore Street owned by Larken Associates need trimming.

Bonnie Hayford – drainage problem in back yard of three homes along Stelko Avenue. There was significant discussion but both Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz felt the township has no legal or engineering basis for tax payer dollars to fix their property problems.

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council President Camporine. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts
Clerk/Administrator

Douglas J. Steinhardt
Mayor

