

LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

MINUTES

PRESENT: Donna Wright, Vice-Chair; William Roy, Supervisor; Ellen Koplin, Township Manager; and approximately 8 members of the audience.

- Vice-Chair Donna Wright called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recreation & Open Space Board – Mission Discussion
Wright said the Board of Supervisors will look in the (DCNR) handbook for some things they could be asked to do. There will be another Mission Statement drafted for the Recreation & Open Space Board so that they will know what they should do.
- Fire Company-Request for Funds for Roof
Koplin said the Fire Tax was created to fund a new Fire Co. building and payments toward a loan for the building. Wright asked what wording the Second Class Township Code and the Fire Tax Ordinance gave concerning uses/restrictions of the Fire Tax Fund. Koplin left to obtain those items.
- Saucon Creek Watershed Management Plan Resolution of Support
At least half of the municipalities in the Saucon Creek Watershed must pass the Saucon Creek Watershed Management Plan Resolution of Support in order for Saucon Creek to be placed on the DCNR River Registry for higher priority funding. Wright stated that the Saucon Creek is already classed at the highest cold water fishery level. The Board will address this further at the May regular meeting.
- QRS Vehicle – Lease or Single Payment
A recommendation was made by Manager Koplin and Treasurer Kinney to pay the QRS vehicle outright rather than spend 3-5 thousand dollars in interest payments over a 3 to 4 year period. Koplin said that although the vehicle was not budgeted for, the money is there.
MOTION was made by Roy to pay the QRS vehicle in a single payment. Wright seconded the motion.
Unanimous
- Fire Company Roof (revisited)
Koplin stated the reason for moving the Fire Company location is because of a strong recommendation for improved response times from the Regional Council. Koplin read the portion of the Second Class Township Code concerning enacting the tax and the Ordinance enacting the Fire Tax. Wright expressed concern that the amount that the fire company is asking for roof repairs, at \$84,000 plus masonry work costs, will set back the new building by one year. She also expressed concern that the taxpayers would feel that the funds are not

being used for the reason which they were intended. Koplin inquired if they had available funds in their accounts. They said they did not have the full amount in any one account. Wright asked that they firm up the masonry work cost and let the Board know the total estimated amount.

Lower Milford Fire Co. President Lloyd Ohl asked if the Township would pay for the Fire Company's EDU's and the yearly expense associated with the sewerage when it gets connected. A discussion concerning EDU usage ensued.

- Resolution 2010-11 Revised Fee Schedule (Replaces Resolution 2010-6)
Language for escrows and an update for conditional use were changes made to the Fee Schedule requiring a new resolution to be adopted.
MOTION was made by Roy to adopt Resolution 2010-11 for a revised Fee Schedule replacing Resolution 2010-6. Wright seconded the motion. **Unanimous**
- Wright announced the resignation of Richard Harris effective 4/23/10.
- Wright asked that those interested in the position of Supervisor submit a Letter of Intent by 5/17/10. There will be action to appoint a new supervisor at the Board of Supervisors meeting on 5/20/10.
- *Wright* adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin
Township Secretary