

Thursday, April 16, 2020 - 7:30 pm

PRESENT: J. Roy Oliver, Mayor
Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor
Bill Ashton, Committeeman
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Cormac Morrissey, Engineer (Teleconference)
Allen Foster, CMFO
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey. This meeting was conducted via teleconference due to social distancing guidelines set for COVID-19.

Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Oliver, present
Mr. Whildin present
Mr. Ashton present

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whildin made a motion to approve the minutes of prior meetings, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Presentations

1. N.J.S.P – a representative from the New Jersey State Police was not present.

First Public Comments Session

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the first public comment session noting the time at 7:32 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Ben Stowman, Delmont, explained that an 180 day extension on the expiration of the Centers designation was done by the NJ Office of Planning Advocacy. This will allow more time for the township to get work done on the front end.

Bud Hughes, LVFC, thanked the Township Committee for their support for the Fire Company Easter parade. Mr. Hughes added that the event went well and they have received a lot of positive feedback. Mr. Oliver thanked the fire companies for having this event that was well received by the public and enjoyed by kids and adults alike.

Mr. Hughes, commented that all entities worked well during the Monday storm which took out trees and electric.

Penny Wells, Dorchester, thanked the Township Committee for everything they do and asked if “Leaf Collection” was on schedule. Mr. Whildin explained that it has been postponed by one week due in part to the clean up needed from Monday’s storm.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the first public comment session noting the time at 7:36 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Consent Agenda Resolutions

CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Committee and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Resolutions

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| *1. | Resolution No. | 70-2020 | A Resolution Awarding A Contract For Ambulance Service-North For The Period Of June 1, 2020 Through December 31, 2020 |
| *2. | Resolution No. | 72-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Electronic Tax Sale (on-line auction) |
| *3. | Resolution No. | 73-2020 | A Resolution Awarding A Contract For Electronic Tax Sale (on-line auction) |
| *4. | Resolution No. | 74-2020 | A Resolution Authorizing The Withholding Of Certain State-Owned Properties From Tax Sale |

Routine Matters

- *1. Elliott’s Septic Service, Inc. submitted an application for license for septic tank cleaner for the period of April 15, 2020 to April 15, 2021. The application fee and photos of trucks were attached.
- *2. Piggy’s Waste Management, LLC submitted an application for license for septic tank cleaner for the period of April 21, 2020 to April 21, 2021. The application fee and photos of trucks were attached

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adopt the resolutions and approve the routine matters listed in the Consent agent; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Township Committee Reports

William Ashton, Committeeman

Mr. Ashton reported the following:

1. Youth Baseball has been cancelled and money will be refunded..
2. Positive news was received regarding Matts Landing negotiations as the township has been asked to participate in the survey of the property.
3. Explained that all Township employees have not missed a beat during this pandemic and stated that their effort is really appreciated.

Ken Whildin, Deputy Mayor

Mr. Whildin reported the following:

1. Thanked everyone for working together in regards to the Monday storm.
2. The work at East Point is almost complete and it will provide a low water access point.
3. Community Clean up scheduled for April 25th is still taking place.
4. Leaf collection has been postponed by one week.
5. Thank you to George's Pizza who donated pizza during the Monday storm

J. Roy Oliver, Mayor

Mr. Oliver reported that no new waterways had placed in the Category 1 designation by the state. Mr. Oliver explained that waterways placed in this category generally are considered pristine. Mr. Oliver explained the waterways – Menantico and Maurice River falling in the Millville area had been designated Category 1 but none in Maurice River. Mr. Oliver emphasized that when waterways are designated Category 1 it places a lot of restriction on the use, such as a required 300-foot setback. Mr. Oliver explained that future Township Committees and Land Use Boards need to be cognizant of how this designation can affect the township and therefore fight it if it comes up again. This designation will greatly affect economic development.

Professional Reports

Engineer

Mr. Morrissey was in attendance via teleconference and provided the following report.

Newell Road & 2018 Road Program

The contractor is getting ready to work on the punch list. NJDOT has given verbal approval on the change order. The guiderail is being done by a subcontractor. Work maybe done on the weekend and possibly will start the end of next week. Paving of side streets will start soon; tonnage needs to be verified and the change cannot exceed 20% of the total original award.

Fox Street

The survey and predesign work have been initiated. The DOT has recommended that the township apply for additional funding to complete the work through the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund as well as the 2021 Municipal Aid grant. Mr. Morrissey explained that full construction is estimated to be around \$225,000 and presently a NJDOT grant has been received in the amount of \$188,000. The grants will be applied for with the School Access being primary and Estell Manor being secondary. A request has been received from the school to make the bus parking on an angle but this would be more expensive to complete.

2021 Bike Path Grant

Mr. Morrissey recommended making application to NJDOT for this grant again. This would be the same as last year with a pathway around the Leesburg recreation area.

Sapello Property

A meeting with NJDEP and Pinelands is needed and date soon was recommended.

Deerwood Avenue

A project number needs to be opened on the SAGE system.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to set the Sapello meeting for April 27th in the morning; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to apply for 2021 Municipal Aid grants for Fox Street Access and Estell Manor; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to apply for 2021 NJDOT Bike Path Grant; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to apply for the NJDOT revolving grant fund for Fox Street Access and Deerwood; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Penny Wells, MRTES BOE, explained that Board members had expressed concern that there would not be sufficient funds to complete the full project. Mr. Morrissey explained that the township is applying for both the revolving fund grant and municipal aid grant for this project.

Mr. Oliver asked Ms. Wells to take ask the Board of Education to come to a consensus on this project prior to April 27th. Mr. Morrissey stated that there is no guarantee that funds will be received under either of the grant options. Mr. Oliver stated that a formal vote from the school board will be best for support of the project. Ms. Powell, Business Administrator MRT, stated that a consensus was obtained at the March school board meeting and a resolution will be adopted.

Ms. Powell asked who was responsible for paying the engineer's fees. Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Foster, CMFO, which line would be used in the township budget. Mr. Foster explained the fees are administrative. It was discussed that 15% can be used under the grant to pay for design and management but any overage would be paid by the township.

Solicitor

Mr. DiDomenico reported:

1. The title searches on PSE&G properties are pending due to the closure of the County Clerks office in relationship to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The title searches on the two unimproved roadways are also pending due to the closure of the County Clerk's office.

Announcements

1. The Township Wide Yard Sale scheduled for April 18th (Rain Date April 19th) has been cancelled.
1. The Recreational Youth Baseball in Maurice River Township has been cancelled.
2. Leaf Collection has been postponed by one week.
3. The Senior Dance scheduled for April 25th has been cancelled.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report

\$153,533.52
(Provided by CMFO)

Road Dept. Report (March 2020)
Ron's Animal Control Monthly Reports March 2020

Mr. Whildin made a motion to accept the above reports, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Allen J. Foster	144.00
Atlantic Telcom LLC	892.50
Amtrust North America	1,780.00
Amtrust North America	3,900.00
Amtrust North America	1,004.00
Allied Document Solutions &	205.00
AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	280.00
AFA Protective Systems, Inc.	649.11
Atlantic City Electric	5,661.52
AFLAC	158.76
B.W. Stetson Co.	43.50
Belleplain Emergency Corps.	6,250.00
Comcast Cable	263.34
CM3 Building Solutions	1,695.00
CM3 Building Solutions	733.00
CM3 Building Solutions	217.17
Cumberland County SPCA	1,112.08
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	810.00
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	2,161.25
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	2,568.75
Dixon Assoc. Engineering, LLC	135.00
Donna M. Jacoby	351.70
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	649.80
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	820.80
J.C. Ehrlich Co., Inc.	86.83
Eurofins QC, LLC	399.00
Eurofins QC, LLC	131.00
Frank DiDomenico	312.50
Frank DiDomenico	454.80
Frank DiDomenico	1,000.00
Frank DiDomenico	2,199.35
Grace Marmero & Associates, LLP	45.00
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	8,175.63
Gold Medal Environmental of NJ	19,323.33
Gordon L. Gross	60.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	41.00
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
Heritage Business Systems, Inc.	54.91
JPMonzo Municipal Consulting	100.00
Kaeser and Blair, Inc.	1,364.68
Kaeser and Blair, Inc.	1,224.39
Leslie G. Fogg, Inc.	46.00
Maurice River Township BOE	41.89
Maurice River Township BOE	188.38
Maurice River Township BOE	251,021.00
Maurice River Township BOE	188.38
Mansfield Oil. Co – Gainesville	440.53
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	163.30
Mansfield Oil Co – Gainesville	270.08
MGL Printing Solutions	94.00
Major Petroleum Industries	813.65
New Jersey SHBP	11,505.98
New Jersey SHBP	6,370.59

NJ State Dept. of Health & SR.	103.80
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	263.58
NAPA (Genuine Parts Company)	68.63
New York Life Insurance Co.	90.24
NJ Advance Media	19.19
NJ Advance Media	690.99
NJ Advance Media	21.69
NJ Advance Media	22.52
NJ Advance Media	9.18
NJ Advance Media	297.85
NJ Advance Media	20.02
NJ Dept. of Transportation	25.00
Nelbud Services Group, Inc.	390.00
NJ Civil Service Association	320.00
Positive Promotions, Inc.	1,514.68
Pitney Bowes, Inc.	216.00
Prudential	59.88
Protection 1, A Div of ADT LLC	437.50
Ron's Locksmith Service	110.00
Riverside Shells, Inc.	900.00
Riggins Inc.	140.44
Riggins Inc.	32.81
Ronald L. Sutton, Sr.	1,100.00
South Jersey Gas Company	1,613.40
Steven M. Hagemann	161.00
Seashore Asphalt Corp.	120.00
Staples Business Advantage	75.65
Staples Business Advantage	245.58
Sports Supply Group, Inc.	1,476.93
Sir Speedy Printing	285.00
Treasurer, State of NJ	50.00
Treasurer, State of New Jersey	413.00
Thomas M Corrigan, Esq.	958.00
Thomas M. Corrigan, Esq.	958.00
Tri City Paper Co.	54.90
U.S. Postal Service	1,000.00
Verizon Wireless	371.78
Verizon	36.31
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.	177.26
W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	44.49
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	1,376.34
Woodard & Curran, Inc.	5,130.87
Whitemarsh Corporation	150.00
William R. Mints Agency	367.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	272.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	250.00
William R. Mints Agency	364.00
William R. Mints Agency	2,972.00
William R. Mints Agency	4,012.00
William R. Mints Agency	2,162.00
William R. Mints Agency	3,460.00

Mr. Whildin made a motion to pay all properly signed bills, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

Second Public Comment Session

Mr. Whildin made a motion to open the second public comment session noting the time at 8:07 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays – None

Mr. Stowman asked if any additional information had been received from Mr. Risko; the township planner is looking for the business plan. Mr. Oliver stated he would call tomorrow.

Mr. Stowman stated that so far nothing has been received for the May meeting of the LUB the only information pending is the information from Phil Risko.

Ashleigh Hughes, Dorchester, explained that there have been a lot of burglaries in the area and asked the Township Committee to request increased patrols by NJSP. Ms. Hughes explained that larger items are being stolen such as a zero-turn lawnmower. Mr. Oliver stated that the Township Committee will reach out to the NJSP.

Bob Whildin, Heislerville, asked what was being done regarding the trespassing situation on Hunters Mill Road. Mr. Oliver explained that the Township Committee discussed this Monday and with the solicitors advise determined that it was best for the owner of the property to make postings and take measures regarding the violators. Mr. DiDomenico explained that essentially it would be impossible for enforcement along this stretch of road.

Mr. Whildin made a motion to close the second public comment session noting the time at 8:15 pm; seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Roll Call: Ayes – Whildin, Ashton, Oliver Nays - None

Mr. Whildin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ashton.

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 70 -2020

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE-NORTH FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River previously determined that there exists a need for ambulance service for the northern portion of the Township; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, NJSA 40A:11-9 et seq. advertised for public bids; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening took place on March 3, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., as advertised, and one (1) bid was received; and

WHEREAS, the sole bidder, Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company submitted all required bid documents and submitted a bid of \$5,244.25 for the North-North portion of the Township and a bid of \$10,889.08 for the South-North portion of the Township for a total of \$16,333.33; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available for this contract;

WHEREAS, the lowest qualified bid was received from Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company in the total amount of \$16,333.33.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township as follows:

1. Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company is awarded the ambulance contract for the north portion of the Township for the period of time of June 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a total cost of \$16,333.33.
2. Contract award is subject to the parties entering into a mutually agreeable contract.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Resolution No. 72-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
ELECTRONIC TAX SALE
(on-line auction)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19, requires that the Tax Collector hold a tax sale once a year for unpaid property taxes and other municipal charges; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic (on-line) tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, due to the current COVID-19 “social distancing” mandated by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector is requesting to utilize the electronic tax sale process to ensure the safety of our employees, our community and interested bidders. This process may also increase the pool of bidders thereby limiting the number of new municipal liens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the Tax Collector be hereby authorized to hold an electronic (on-line) tax sale for all 2019 and prior year delinquent taxes, interest, penalties and municipal charges.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 73 -2020

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR
ELECTRONIC TAX SALE
(on-line auction)**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of Maurice River previously determined that there exists a need for an electronic (*on-line*) tax sale rather than a live (*in-person*) tax sale; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (LPCL), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and does not fall under one of the LPCL statutory exceptions of public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the company meets all rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services under N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available for this contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township as follows:

1. Real Auction, LLC is awarded the Electronic Tax Sale contract for the 2020 Tax Sale with the cost of \$15.00 per certificate advertised.
2. Contract award is subject to the parties entering into a mutually agreeable contract.

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
Resolution No. 74-2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN
STATE-OWNED PROPERTIES FROM TAX SALE**

WHEREAS, the land located at the end of Matts Landing Road - Block 294 Lot 1 and Block 316 Lots 44.01, 44.03 and 44.04 – is owned by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. These lots (*and certain buildings*) have been leased for many years to private individuals in order to operate marinas; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of ownership by the State of New Jersey, the Tax Collector has been advised that any tax lien created through tax sale due to a delinquency on these properties could not be foreclosed upon; and

WHEREAS, in order to alleviate this situation and ensure the Township is paid the amounts that are due, the Township Committee and Tax Collector will be taking alternative means of collecting the delinquent taxes, interest and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township that the Tax Collector be hereby authorized to withhold the below properties from the tax sale process for an alternative means of collection:

Block	Lot	Marina Operator	Address	Total Assessment
294	1	Castroff, John / Welch	108 Matts Landing Rd	\$273,000
316	44.01	Lupton, Edward & Ruth	140 Matts Landing Rd	\$277,700
316	44.03	Haase, Joseph Jr & Donna	122 Matts Landing Rd	\$124,100
316	44.04	Haase, Joseph Jr & Donna	114 Matts Landing Rd	\$237,000



Township of Maurice River
Engineer's Report
April 16, 2020

Item	Project Name	Project Number	Status
1.	2018 Road Program	MR17-111	Harriet/Taylor Road paving pending. Punch list items pending for Carlisle Place Road
2.	Newell Road Resurfacing Grants	MR17-001	Contractor authorized to perform inlet, guide rail and striping work on Newell. Contractor authorized to perform additional paving work. Work schedule pending.

3.	Fox Street Paving	MR19-044	Survey and predesign work initiated. DOT recommends applying for additional funding needed to complete work at the school through the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund. Recommendation for Applying for additional funding through 2021 DOT Municipal Aid Grant..
4.	2021 NJDOT Bike Path Grant	MR19-001	Recommend resubmitting bikeway grant application for 2021 funding.
5.	2021 Municipal Aid Grant	MR20-001	Recommend submitting two applications: 1) School Access Drive; 2) Estell Manor Road
6.	Sapello Property	MR19-044	Meeting with Green Acres and Pinelands to be rescheduled.
7.	Deerwood Avenue	MR19-001	Base information for NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Fund Applications has been prepared.