

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 9, 2011 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met in a regular/work session on the above date at the Municipal Building, Mountainville, NJ.  
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, roll call held and a quorum established.  
Mayor Peter Melick presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Dana Desiderio, Louis DiMare, Shaun Van Doren and William Voyce.

Jesse Landon, Township Administrator and Michael Selvaggi, Township Attorney were in attendance.

There were approximately two members of the public in attendance.

**1. Open Public Meetings Statement**

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Melick.

**2. Flag Salute**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**3. Actions to be taken**

➤ **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Van Doren moved adoption of the Consent Agenda with corrections as noted to the minutes, seconded by Dr. Voyce. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.  
Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Van Doren, Voyce. Nays: None.

**RESOLUTION #78-2011**

**CHAPTER 159  
TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the Budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Tewksbury has received \$3,724.31 from the State Department of the Treasury and wishes to amend its 2011 Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the Budget of the year 2011 in the sum of \$3,724.31 which is now available as a revenue from:

Revenues – State Department of the Treasury  
Solid Waste Administration

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2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk forward one (1) copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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Peter Melick  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #79-2011  
AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE OLDWICK VILLAGE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT – PHASE II**

**WHEREAS**, the following four bids were received on July 26, 2011 for the Oldwick Village Sidewalk Improvement Project- Phase II; and

A. Takton Concrete Corp.	\$77,150.00
Diamond Construction	\$179,420.00
Midwest Construction Inc.	\$69,335.00
A & A Curbing, Inc.	\$82,846.00

**WHEREAS**, the attached bid tabulation and letter from the Engineer dated 08/05/11 outlines the parameters of the bid award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendations made by the Township Administrator and Township Engineer on said bids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined sufficient funds are available.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following contract be awarded based on the recommendation of the Township Administrator and Township Engineer.

Midwest Construction Inc. 23 Dead River Road Warren, NJ 07059	
	\$69,335.00
Tewksbury Inn Corner	\$ 9,765.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$79,100.00</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the Township Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for same.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that additional funds up to 9.5% of the base bid may be used with prior Township Engineer approval of a proper change order and with authorization of the Township Administrator.

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Peter Melick  
Mayor

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Claims as submitted by the CFO
- Regular minutes of 07/26/11
- Correspondence List

**4. Reports**

➤ **Township Committee Sub Committees & Township Committee Comments**

Mr. DiMare stated that he would like to have the Committee meet with their department personnel periodically to get feedback and to give the employees the opportunity to express their concerns and/or criticisms. He opined that this would be a direct interaction with the staff that could prove beneficial.

Mayor Melick and Ms. Desiderio stated their agreement with this concept.

Mr. DiMare added that he would like each Committee member to meet with their department's staff in the near future.

In response to a question from Mr. DiMare, Mr. Selvaggi stated that he would get information regarding posting codes on line from e-code.

Mr. DiMare noted that he felt flags should be flown at half staff in light of the weekends' Chinook helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Mr. Van Doren noted the numbers from the construction code reports-comparing the first seven months of 2010 with 2011. He noted that the receipts are up considerably and more permits have been processed in 2011, although fewer new homes have been constructed.

Mr. Van Doren added that the overall budget is down and the finance subcommittee is going to revisit the fuel issue and possible sewer rate increase in September.

Mr. Van Doren noted that he contacted the public relations person at the NJDOT regarding the condition of the exit 24 ramp off of Route 78. He noted that trees were overgrown and wires were exposed on a lighting fixture. The condition has been corrected.

Mayor Melick noted that the tree work being done by JCP&L on the Dinner Pot should be more extensive to cut down more of the tree growth. Mr. Landon noted that the work is being done in two phases and the tree cutters will be returning.

Mr. Landon stated that he would look into the time line for resurfacing Route 517 from Homestead Road to the PAB.

Mayor Melick opined that the possible number of Land Use Board meetings for the Johnson helistop was excessive and he did not think it would be a good idea to drag out the matter for so long.

Ms. Desiderio noted that she and Dr. Voyce met with Mr. Landon and a representative of the Tewksbury Historical Society (THS) to discuss the use of the garage in Oldwick. She stated that the THS would like to have office space on the second floor of the building, but this is not allowable without variance approval. She added that the THS representative stated that they do not immediately need the space for storage as their artifacts are currently housed in various places around the Township.

Discussion followed regarding lease or rental of the property for a garage or other storage space.

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It was noted that no written request has been submitted, but verbal inquiries have been made. Mr. Van Doren reiterated that the property would have to be offered to contiguous property owners first. He added that if the property were used for anything other than a garage, variances and Land Use Board approval would be needed.

Mr. Van Doren stated his concern that neighbors could be disturbed if the garage were used for something that could produce excessive noise, such as a working garage. He added that if the garage were used to house THS artifacts, Oldwick could become a showcase.

Ms. Desiderio stated that she did not want to lease the property to a group for a nominal annual fee if there were a way to recoup money for the Township.

She added that the Township Committee needs to work together for a solution to this issue.

Mr. Van Doren reminded the Committee that the Public Hearing on the Ordinance is scheduled for 9/13/11. He added that the DPW superintendent should be contacted to ascertain that the garage is no longer needed for the storage of equipment as he has heard that the space could still be of use.

It was suggested that the DPW subcommittee discuss the matter further prior to the 9/13/11 Public Hearing.

➤ **Township Attorney**

Mr. Selvaggi noted the following items.

- Information related to the JCP&L substation scheduling order was included in his report.
- The Saloman case is completed and the fence has been erected.
- No new information is available regarding the Steinberg matter-no answer has been received from the County.
- The closing on the Hill and Dale property is scheduled for later this week.

Mr. Van Doren stated that he did not want Mr. Selvaggi to attend any meetings for Steinberg without having money in place and a specific plan for the property submitted.

Discussion followed regarding the Niles Lang matter and how it is being handled by the insurance carrier.

It was noted that there are tax appeals set for September.

It was noted that the contractor who will be doing work at the JCP&L site wishes to get rid of the fill.

➤ **Township Administrator**

Mr. Landon noted the following items.

- Phase 1 of the sidewalk project in Oldwick is nearing completion.
- A letter from the Chief of the Tewksbury Rescue Squad regarding change of coverage will be discussed at a later date. Mr. Landon will contact the Chiefs of Califon and Whitehouse Station regarding the matter.

Mr. Van Doren stated that he would like to be advised in advance of the presentation by Mr. Selvaggi's partner regarding health benefits and pension matters.

Ms. Desiderio requested that the telephone in the back room be repaired.

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**5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Roberta A. Brassard  
Municipal Clerk