

## **TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE JULY 21, 2015 MINUTES**

The Tewksbury Township Committee met in a regular session on the above date at the Police Administration Building.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM, roll call held and a quorum established. Mayor William J. Voyce presided.

Other officials in attendance were Township Committee members Dana Desiderio, Louis DiMare and Peter Melick.

Shaun Van Doren was absent.

Jesse Landon, Township Administrator and Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk were in attendance.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

### **1. Open Public Meetings Statement**

Mayor Voyce opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration Building bulletin board, transmitting a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the Municipal Clerk, all on July 16, 2015.

### **2. Flag Salute**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

### **3. Public Participation**

In response to a question from George Cassa, Mr. Landon noted that a memo had been submitted by the Attorney regarding releasing the Draft Wastewater Management Plan (WMP) to the public. It was the consensus of the Committee to wait until the next meeting to discuss the matter as the memo had not been reviewed by the full Committee.

### **4. Actions to be taken**

Mr. Landon noted that two bids were received for 2015 Capital Roadway Improvements - Bissell Road Phase IV and Deer Hill Road. The contractor, for whom Resolution #67-2015 was drafted, has withdrawn his bid and the remaining bidder is well over the Engineer's estimate.

Mr. Landon noted that the funding is in place for the road work to be done, but the timing for receiving bids was flawed from the beginning. He suggested going out to bid again in 2015 for all roads, with work to commence in 2015 and to be completed in early 2016.

Discussion followed regarding the differences in the two bids received, with particular attention being paid to the soil erosion/sediment control line item. It was noted that the bottom line figure needs to be adhered to rather than individual line items.

Mr. DiMare made a motion to start the entire bidding process over for all road work to commence in September/October 2015 with a finish date for the spring of 2016, seconded by Ms. Desiderio.

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In response to a question from Mr. Melick, Mr. Landon noted that the Township has the right to award bids for only the roads they want done and to break out the roads in the bid package would not be advisable.

Mr. DiMare noted that the contractor could be advised of the order of road work to be done in the Township.

Mr. DiMare amended his motion to authorize the appropriate staff and professionals to create bid documents for all remaining road work including Bissell Road Phase IV and Deer Hill Road with work to commence in September/October 2015 and a finish date for the spring of 2016, seconded by Ms. Desiderio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. Ayes: Desiderio, DiMare, Melick, Voyce. Nays: none. Absent: Van Doren.

Further discussion followed regarding the lack of interested bidders and the problem with going out to bid too late in the season.

Mr. Landon noted that Califon-Cokesbury Road and Potterstown Road bids should be prepared for winter of 2015 with work to commence in 2016 when conditions allow.

**5. Township Committee Comments**

Ms. Desiderio noted the above mentioned information from the Township Attorney regarding release of the WMP to the public. The matter will be further discussed at the upcoming Committee meeting.

Mr. Landon noted that the heat and air conditioning units at the PAB are in working order and most of the odor from the fire has dissipated. It was added that there are no leads in the arson investigation.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 AM.

Roberta A. Brassard  
Municipal Clerk