

**CALL TO ORDER**

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**Sunshine Statement:** Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice advertised in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on January 12, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Kolodi and Mr. Catrambone were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Long, Solicitor, Mr. Paris, Mayor, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

**DISUSSION – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY (903 Oak Avenue)**

Mr. Catrambone stated that we talked about a number of options but his recommendation is that we move forward with an amendment to the capital budget and introduction of the bond ordinance tonight. Mr. Catrambone stated that this would help us move things along in the quickest way possible.

Mr. Long stated that he talked to Mr. O'Donnell after the last meeting and there seemed to be some confusion over when the Township could take the property and when the exact value would be decided. The Judge has decided in the Township's favor and the next step would be to file a declaration once the financing is in place. The final value will not be determined until the board appointed by the judge makes their decision. Most likely the value will be \$190,000, which is the amount of the appraisal.

Mr. Schwartz asked when the earliest is that we could have the second reading.

Mr. Catrambone stated the earliest we could have the second reading would be at the work session of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Council agreed to move forward with approval at the public meeting and have the second reading of the bond ordinance at the work session of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCUSSION – Award of Contract for Creek Road Sidewalk Improvements**

Mr. Catrambone stated that the bids have been received and the low bidder was Seacoast Construction.

Ms. Eggers stated that a draft Resolution awarding the contract was included in the conference packet but it was not placed on the public meeting agenda. If Council agrees to move forward, they would need to make a motion at the public meeting to add the Resolution.

Mr. Hatcher stated time is of the essence because funding for this project is through the CDBG Grant and we are already passed the deadline. Every month we delay the project, our grant for next year is affected.

Ms. Pangia asked what the amount of the contract is.

Mr. Catrambone stated that the low bid from Seacoast Construction was \$54,985 but that doesn't include Engineering of \$17,000. The grant was in the amount of \$65,000.

Ms. Pangia asked how much it is costing the Township.

Mr. Schwartz stated that the engineering is not covered in the grant.

Council agreed to walk this item onto the public meeting agenda.

### **2016 Best Practices Work Sheet**

Mr. Hatcher reported that this work sheet is required each year by the State. The Township must have enough positive answers in order to qualify for the entire amount of state aid. There are two questions that we need to address in order to get to that affirmative amount. One item is a policy that would require the Tax Assessor to provide tax appeals, in writing, to Council before June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. We already do this; however, there is no policy in place. Next, there is a question that requires Council to review the Fire Districts and affirm that they agree with the continuation of the Fire District. Mr. Hatcher stated that these items will be on the next work session for action but he wanted to give Council a heads up on those two issues.

Council had no questions or concerns regarding this issue.

Mr. O'Connell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schwartz to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk