

WORKSHOP MEETING
May 6, 2020

The workshop meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on May 6, 2020 via Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96134076314> or by calling the toll-free number: (877) 853-5247 and entering the meeting ID: 961 3407 6314.

Adequate Notice of this meeting was properly re-advertised in The Express Times/NJ Zone Edition, Express Times, the Township website (www.oxfordtwpnj.org) and Township Facebook page in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975.

In attendance were Robert Nyland, Gerald Norton, Georgette Miller, Township Committee, Richard Wenner, Attorney and Sheila L. Oberly, Municipal Clerk.

Matt Hall also attended.

The flag salute was recited.

Mayor Nyland called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2020-39

A RESOLUTION OF OXFORD TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, Oxford Township has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order to procure electricity for the Local Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) (the "Act") authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, Oxford Township will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act, waiver number EMEX LLC-1, located at www.energymarketexchange.com; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Robert Nyland of the Local Unit is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Oxford Township Committee any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction.

On motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mayor Nyland and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adopt **Resolution 2020-39**. The savings will be \$683.41 annual on the following:

- Route 31 & Wall Street Signal
- Jonestown Road
- Municipal Building
- Vista Rossi Pump Station
- Route 31
- DPW Building
- Pequest Park

The savings to Oxford Township Street Lighting is \$663.37 per year.

RESOLUTION 2020-40

REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, payment of taxes was made by the mortgage company-CoreLogic on Block 33 Lot 104 for the first quarter of 2020, and

WHEREAS, this has caused an overpayment on Block 33 Lot 104, and

WHEREAS, the mortgage company CoreLogic have requested a refund check be issued,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Committee authorize the Certified Finance Officer to refund the sum of \$2,268.88 to CoreLogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019.

On motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mayor Nyland and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adopt **Resolution 2020-39 and Resolution 2020-40**.

RESOLUTION 2020-41

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS' RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE STATE AND
FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOCATE CRITICALLY
NEEDED EMERGENCY AND ECONOMIC FUNDING TO THE COUNTY OF WARREN
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

AND

**IMPLOING THE GOVERNORS OF NEW JESEY AND PENNSYLVANIA, AS WELL
AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK,
TO PROMULGATE UPDATED PROTOCOLS REGARDING OBSTETRICAL LABOR,
DELIVERY AND VISITATION**

WHEREAS, in response to the deadly COVID-19 (“Corona Virus”) pandemic the Township of Oxford has continued to work closely with the County of Warren on a coordinated and comprehensive response in order to mitigate the impact upon our residents as well as our economy; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has continuously demonstrated exceptional leadership during this period of time as well as an unprecedented level of cooperation with its municipal partners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren have implored both our Federal and State Government to take notice of the significant impact on residents and taxpayers of Warren County caused by the Corona Virus epidemic and to take immediate action to correct and address the inequities caused by the current allocation of State and Federal and provide the necessary funding and resources to the County of Warren and municipalities within the County to protect the health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren have further implored that Governor Phil Murphy of the State of New Jersey and Governor Tom Wolf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as the board of trustees of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, modify the policies for labor and delivery for the birth of a child to permit participation by designated family; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford wishes to affirm their support for these measures on behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren and the people of the County of Warren;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Oxford, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that certified copies of this resolution and the aforesaid resolutions of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Governor Tom Wolf, the board of trustees of the Lehigh Valley Health Network, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren.

On motion by Mayor Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adopt **Resolution 2020-41.**

Discussion of Township Business Properly Bought Before the Township Committee:

Mayor Nyland stated that he has been on all the calls with Governor Murphy. He stated that if anyone has any problems filing for unemployment benefits to reach out to him and he will try to help.

Mayor Nyland said that Oxford Township is following the Governor's Guidelines. He stated that the township is preparing to open Oxford Furnace Lake but certain guidelines must be followed. If these rules are not followed, the lake will be closed.

Mrs. Miller updated the Committee on the Event Coordinators. The coordinators are planning a carnival when COVID-19 is done. There has been no date set as of yet, but they are trying to get sponsors and donations.

Mrs. Miller stated that "Making a Mask Contest was won by Elizabeth O'Neil, and she will receive a gift certificate for making the most masks.

Mr. Norton discussed the solar bids.

He stated that the Township advertised for solar bids and received two bids-Active Solar and SolarStone but after Attorney review, both bids were rejected. The township rebid and received one bid from SolarStone for the three parcels.

On motion by Mayor Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to reject the Cambridge Bid from SolarStone because the bid did not make the minimum bid threshold.

- Development \$1k/year
- Lease \$107,000/year

On motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mrs. Miller and passed unanimously on call vote to accept the bid from SolarStone for the Coachlight and Renner Road parcels.

Coachlight:

- Development: \$5k/year
- Lease \$172,000/year (2% escalator)

Renners Road:

- Development: \$10k/year
Lease \$143,000/year (2% escalator)

Mr. Norton stated that approximately \$315,000.00 revenue will be collected by the Township-no school services, pure revenue and over the length of the contract, the revenue should be \$5.3 million dollars.

Mayor Nyland thanked the legal team and Mr. Norton for being very active and taking the lead to get this revenue for the township.

Mr. Norton stated that he attended the Oxford Township School Board Budget Meeting and there will be an increase in school taxes of approximately \$96.95 on an average home.

On motion by Mr. Norton, seconded by Mrs. Miller and passed unanimously on roll call vote to go out for RFPs for Cambridge West Redevelopment and to advertise specs, post to website and award a redeveloper at the May 20th Township meeting.

Mr. Norton asked Lisa Gerickont, Tax Collector for a report on delinquent sewer and garbage. The report states that the total for delinquent Sewer and Garbage is \$167,000.00.

Mr. Norton suggested that a letter be sent to all the people on the list that owe \$1,000.00 or more and ask them to please get current on their bill. If there is a problem getting current, please contact the Committee.

Then, later a letter be sent to all people who owe \$1,000.00 or less and ask the same. The Attorney's office will write the letter, giving them 90 days to comply.

Motion to Pay Bills:

On motion by Mayor Nyland and seconded by Mrs. Miller to pay all bills approved and signed. Mr. Norton voted No.

Township Engineer Report:

Mr. Finelli:

- Paving on Kauffman Road scheduled for this Friday
- Guardrails are not included and will be done at a later date

- 119 Belvidere Avenue Summons-Court Case scheduled for July 14th
- No new information on the Triangle (OxWall)

Township Attorney Report:

Nothing to Report

Public Comment:

The Mayor opened the meeting to public. There was no public comment. The public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

Adjourn:

On motion by Mayor Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC