

Township of Lopatcong
Regular Session Minutes
6:30 pm

November 4 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Mengucci. The meeting took place at the Municipal Building Court Room located at 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, NJ.

Everyone was wearing masks and social distancing during the meeting.

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance

Mayor Mengucci stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

Present: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci. Also present were Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Attorney Campbell reported that an Executive Session was approximately one hour and ten minutes and the topics of discussion were as stated on the agenda – items one thru seven. A second Executive Session will take place at the end of the meeting to discuss No. 6.

Public Comments- No comments

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve Executive and Regular Session Minutes for October 7, 2020. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Wright to approve. Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.
NAYS: None

Ordinance No. 20-11 – Second reading and public hearing to Vacate any Utility Rights Retained Upon Vacation of an Alley by Ordinance No. 75 (1956). Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor. No comments from the public. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Wright, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Ordinance No. 20-11

Second Reading of an Ordinance

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO VACATE ANY UTILITY RIGHTS RETAINED UPON
VACATION OF AN ALLEY BY ORDINANCE NO. 75 (1956)**

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

New Business:

Generator Replacement Project – Authorize purchase and installation of generator at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$75,782.32 from P3 Generator Services pursuant to contract through New Jersey Start Program. Motion to authorize by Council President Pryor, seconded by Councilman Wright. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

2020 Best Practices Inventory – CFO Browne explained the Division of Local Government Services puts out a survey each year; this year had 60 questions on it and some of those were ranked and some were not so if you score really low it affects your state aid. Lopatcong does not have that problem. Out of the potential points of 24.5, Lopatcong scored 22. There is not deduction in the state aid for Lopatcong. This has been submitted and approved.

Warehousing ROM Zone – Council President Pryor stated that Lopatcong and the County in general are experiencing increased interest in warehousing and in September the County issued a draft report which identified 15 sites comprising 4500 acres and 45 million square of gross floor area for the total of warehouses. Lopatcong has strived to balance development. There is such an interest here that Lopatcong is starting to look unbalanced with two projects; Ingersoll Rand site and Strykers Road. On the east side of Strykers Road there is approximately 250 acres there that could accommodate roughly the same as on the west side. Truck traffic is an issue as well. Once a project gets to the Planning Board, there is very little control over off site traffic. The courts have determined that if you did not like the traffic, the zoning should not have allowed it. Council President Pryor stated that it might be time to eliminate warehousing as a permitted use in the ROM District; take a break and experience what is now here in Lopatcong. Mayor Mengucci agreed stating also that there is not control over what goes on in other townships that are also experiencing warehousing and what road routes will be used by trucks. Council President Pryor thought the introduction of an ordinance to strike warehouses out of the ROM Zone. Councilman Belcaro said he agreed with the Mayor and Council President Pryor that there has to be a balance and this is the time that the balance could be lost; sometimes the revenue is not worth it. Attorney Campbell stated that in order to accomplish this introduction of Ordinance 20-12 to Amend, Supplement and Revise Land Use Zoning Ordinance Sections 243-75A to eliminate No. 2 – Warehouse and Distribution Centers as a permitted use and also to Amend Section 243-77.3C1C to delete the Section in its entirety. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Attorney Campbell noted this ordinance will be listed for the second reading and public hearing for December 2nd and in the meantime, it will be sent over to the Planning Board for their review.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-12

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO AMEND AND REVISE CHAPTER 243 ENTITLED “ZONING AND LAND USE” TO
DELETE SECTIONS 243-75(A)(2) AND 243-77.3(C)(1)(c) TO REMOVE WAREHOUSES
AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AS PERMITTED USES IN THE ROM AND PD
ZONES.**

WHEREAS, the Lopatcong Township Council wishes to amend its Land Use and Zoning Ordinance to remove warehouses and distribution centers as permitted uses in the ROM and PD districts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey that Chapter 243 entitled “Zoning and Land Use”, Sections 78.1 and 83 are amended and revised as follows:

Section 1

Section 243-75 ROM Research Office and Manufacturing Zone, Subsection A shall be amended to delete Subsection 2.

~~243-75(A)(2) Warehouse and distribution centers.~~

Section 2

Section 243-77.3 PD Planned Development Overlay District, Subsection C Use Regulations, Subsection (1) Principal Uses shall be amended to delete subsection (c).

~~243-77.3(C)(1)(c) Flexible office/warehouse uses, provided that no building is located within 400 feet from the right of way of U.S. Route 22.~~

Section 3

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 5

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on November 4, 2020 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on December 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at

the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Planning Board Class IV Appointment – Appoint Robert Samson to the unexpired term ending 12/31/2023.

PPE – Court Room – Authorize Carl’s Auto glass who submitted a quote for PPE in the amount of \$6600.00. This matter is tabled. CFO Browne indicated that there is a grant in the amount of \$85,000 which is to be used for COVID related expenses. CFO Browne indicated that an application must be submitted by the 10th of November and why she is stating this is because the quote for Carl’s Glass is a part of that which can be reimbursed for. This is timing thing. The application has to be submitted and approved and present them with a financial expenditure reports with all the backup. The deadline is December 10th. This is a tight window. Councilman Belcaro said there would be an answer by December 10th. Council President Pryor asked if Councilman Belcaro could be authorized to issue a purchase order for something that makes more sense? Councilman Belcaro said he would come back with an alternative that will be way cheaper. CFO Browne will do a budget that will include the amount even if it is not used. List it as participating for the court asked Council President Pryor. Councilman Belcaro thought a clear piece of vinyl clear as glass that would be cheaper.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President Pryor, seconded by Mayor Mengucci. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

LAA Raffle License – Approve Raffle License for the Lopatcong Athletic Association.

Resolution No. 20-137 – Memorialize the hire Paul Esposito as an Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector provisionally pending Civil Service Procedure for 8 hours a week at \$40.00 per hour.

R 20-137

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING HIRE OF PAUL ESPOSITO AS ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL/INSPECTOR PART-TIME BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL PROVISIONALLY PENDING CIVIL SERVICE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve the hire of Paul Esposito as Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector part-time in the Construction Office; and

WHEREAS, his position provisional pending Civil Service Procedure; and

WHEREAS, Paul Esposito is a qualified, licensed official in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Paul Esposito will work 8 hours a week at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the hire of Paul Esposito as a part-time Electrical Subcode Official/Inspector to assist the Construction Official up to eight hours per week at a rate of \$40.00 an hour.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-138 – Memorialize the hire of Andrew Melendez as a Zoning Official for 8 hours a week at \$35.00 per hour provisionally pending Civil Service procedure.

R 20-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING HIRE OF ANDREW MELENDEZ AS ZONING OFFICIAL PART-TIME PROVISIONALLY PENDING CIVIL SERVICE PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey approve the hire of a Andrew Melendez as Zoning Office part-time; and

WHEREAS, his position is provisional pending Civil Service Procedure; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Melendez is a qualified, licensed official in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Melendez will work 8 hours a week at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby authorize the hire of Andrew Melendez as Zoning Official part-time up to eight hours per week at a rate of \$35.00 an hour pending Civil Service Procedures.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-139 – Approve Fireworks to be held at the Phillipsburg High School on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

R 20-139

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF A FIREWORKS CELEBRATION LOCATED AT PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey received a request from the Phillipsburg School District to support a fireworks celebration to be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this celebration will take place at Phillipsburg High School located at 1 Stateliner Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Celebration Fireworks must obtain a permit as required by the Lopatcong Fire Subcode Official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RSOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve the fireworks celebration upon obtaining permits from the Lopatcong Township Fire Subcode Official.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-140 – Approve submission of an application and acceptance of grant from the State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs, Div. of Local Government Services Emergency Fund in the amount of \$85,399.00 to reimburse COVID-19 related expenditures during the period from March 1 through December 31, 2020.

R 20-140

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,399.00 FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY FUND TO REIMBURSE FOR COVID-19 RELATED EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services has awarded Lopatcong Township \$85,399.00 from the Local Government Emergency Fund; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be to reimburse for necessary and unexpected expenditures necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic not to exceed \$85,399.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant covers the period of March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the grant agreement and any other required documents to accept the grant.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-141 – Authorize refund of tax overpayment for Block 86.02, Lot 1 in the amount of \$3,724.72.

R 20-141

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ISSUE A REFUND FOR A TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR BLOCK 86.02, LOT 1

WHEREAS, Block 86.02, Lot 1 qualified as tax exempt (disabled veteran) on December 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has adjusted the account to cancel taxes for the 4th quarter of 2019 and 1st and 2nd quarter of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage company for the property owner made a tax payment in the amount of \$3,724.72 on February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage company is requesting that the payment be refunded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes a refund in the amount of \$3,724.72 to: Corelogic, Attn: Saravana Rajendran, P.O. Box 9202, Coppel, TX 75019.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-142 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-026 in the amount of \$24,995.71 on Block 58.01, Lot 4.

R 20-142

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2017-026 ON BLOCK 58.01, LOT 4

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 6, 2017, a lien was sold on Block 85.01, Lot 4 also known as 404 South First Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-026 was sold to Stuart Lasher; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020 the title company has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2017-026 in the amount of \$24,995.71.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of September 2020, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$24,995.71 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2017-026 to:

Stuart Lasher
P.O. Box 83
Milltown, NJ 08850-0083

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-143 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 107, Lot 9.

R 20-143

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO CORRECT THE SEWER ACCOUNT FOR BLOCK 107, LOT

9

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong has been provided with an affidavit from the owner of Block 107, Lot 9 regarding cash payments she made to her sewer account which were not posted to her account; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply these payments to the account and cancel any interest associated with the failure to timely post these payments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Tax Office to apply a credit to the sewer account for Block 107, Lot 9 to show a zero balance as to January 1, 2018.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 20-144 – Correct Sewer Account for Block 51. Lot 8.

R 20-144

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE CREDIT TOWARDS SEWER BILLING ON
BLOCK 51, LOT 8

WHEREAS, the property owner has notified the Sewer Collector's Office of a 22, leak that occurred at 409 Stelko Boulevard, also known as Block 51, Lot 8 that they are requesting a sewer credit for; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has supplied the Township with water bills and repair receipts for repairing the leak; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to apply a credit equivalent to the 21,000 gallons to the resident sewer billing; and

WHEREAS, the Township Sewer Collector has calculated the credit to be \$239.25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong hereby authorizes the Township Sewer Office to apply a credit of \$239.25 to the sewer account for Block 51, Lot 8.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Howard Burd and Sons – Approve Final Payment for sidewalk and curb work on Wordsworth Lane in the amount of \$15,860.00.

Council Reports:

Councilman Palitto – No report. Congratulated Mayor Mengucci on his re-election.

Councilman Belcaro – No report. Congratulated Mayor Mengucci as well.

Council President Pryor – No report.

Councilman Wright – Asked for an update on the dog situation. Clerk Dilts said she would send out the new Zoning Officer as soon as he is on board. Attorney Campbell said she was contacted by the owner’s potential engineer and they are planning to file an application.

Mayor Mengucci – Thanked the Township for the support. He did not have a contest he said this year and hard for him to believe he is going on Term 7; enjoys seeing projects get done. Mayor Mengucci said he brought an architect in here last week and noted a retirement of one of the employees and because of that he would like to make some changes in the building format. He would be interested in putting four people in the Clerk’s Office/Mayor’s Office which would include the Tax Collector, CFO, Jen and Beth in the same office. This would provide better service to the people. For security reasons he would close off the second set of doors and would create another service window. Tax Collector’s Office would become a storage area. He informed the public he would like to bring an architect that lives in town who he has worked with at the school district spending no more than \$10,000 for his services.

R 20-145

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF PAUL JULIANO, OF JULIANO ARCHITECTS AS A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE DESIGN OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOPATCONG TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Township is in need of retaining a professional consultant to provide architectural services to the Township with regard to making improvements to the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, said services shall not exceed the sum of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a Resolution authorizing an award for the contract of professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, Warren County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Council does hereby approve the retention of Paul Juliano to serve as a professional consultant to provide the Township with design and construction drawings for the proposed improvements to the Lopatcong Township Municipal Building;

2. Said firm is retained and hired without competitive bidding, as “professional services” under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law specifically provides for the exemption of “professional services” from competitive bidding;

3. That the contract be awarded upon the issuance of a certificate of availability of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township, as required by law, within ten (10) days after passage.

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG

ATTEST:

MARGARET B. DILTS, CLERK

JAMES E. MENGUCCI, MAYOR

DATED: November 4, 2020

CERTIFICATION

I, Beth Dilts, Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lopatcong Township Council at a meeting held on November 4, 2020.

MARGARET B. DILTS, CMC

Mayor Mengucci made the motion to approve the Resolution to award seconded by Council President Pryor. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Palitto, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.

NAYS: None

Engineer Sterbenz – Reported the 2020 road improvements have been completed and Red School Lane and Baltimore Streets were striped the other day.

Chief Garcia – The welfare of the Township overall is in good hands.

Council President Pryor – asked the Chief about the 15 MPH speed limit sign on Third Street and why it is not 25 MPH. Chief Garcia will take a look into that.

Department Reports – Motion to approve by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Payment of Bills – Motion by Mayor Mengucci to pay bills, seconded by Council President Pryor.
Roll call vote:
AYES: Councilman Palitto, Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Wright, Council President Pryor, Mayor Mengucci.
NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Resident – Moved to Belvidere Road and was told there was going to be sidewalks installed on the property. Is there a sidewalk going to be installed he asked and also wanted to confirm Smith Street was owned by the church; it is chained off on the Red School side and gravel off Belvidere Road. Engineer Sterbenz asked him for his email so he can correspond with him.

Jack Budd – 600 Avenue A property – Explained the situation he has with the placement of his building and Sixth Street. The 20-foot alley was vacated but the problem lies in the roadway itself. Since the vacation, the ten-foot portion going to 600 Avenue A leaves the road not wide enough to service the homes. Engineer Sterbenz will look into the matter by contacting his surveyor.

Motion to go back into Executive Session. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman Palitto. All in favor.

R 20-146

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, there are presently pending matters to be considered in Executive Session concerning possible matters listed:

Attorney/Client Privilege – Policy on employees PTO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and the State of New Jersey that the Council is authorized to hold an Executive Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Lopatcong will make said matters public within approximately 30 days of said meeting or until such a time as confidentiality of the matters is no longer required.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Motion to go back into Regular Session by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

No action taken from Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Palitto, seconded by Council President Pryor. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret B. Dilts, CMC
Clerk/Administrator

James E. Mengucci
Mayor

