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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Higgins called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Mayor Higgins gave the statement of adequate notice. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Switlyk	Present
Councilman McTiernan	Present
Councilman D'Alleinne	Present
Council President Mullay	Present
Mayor Higgins	Present

NEW BUSINESS: Inspection of Department of Public Works (DPW) Facilities

Mayor Higgins explained the necessity of upgrading the DPW facility, specifically the need for a new garage. Jay Meixsell, Public Works Director, and Keith Nonnemacher, Mechanic, led the attendees through the existing garage and old salt shed.

Mayor Higgins stated that the current garage has only one large truck bay to accommodate the Township's fleet of large dump trucks, and that the lighting in the building is insufficient.

Director Meixsell explained the lack of appropriate lifts in the current facility. Mayor Higgins advised that they were shown a lift in the Manalapan facility that is similar to the one being proposed for the new garage, albeit the lift in Manalapan is larger than the one being proposed.

Director Meixsell stated that water from snow melt off the vehicles ponds on the existing garage floor, as there is no drainage system. Additionally, water for the garage is provided by a well within the building, which is an open hole in the floor that is only 25ft deep. The well runs dry after rinsing the Township's large dump trucks.

Director Meixsell commented on the condition of the existing garage, stating that part of the concrete block wall is below grade and starting to deteriorate, causing water infiltration. He then discussed the size and width of the proposed bays for the new garage.

Councilwoman Switlyk asked if the current structure is up to current building codes. Mayor Higgins stated that there have been occasions where one truck in the large bay was waiting for a part, leaving no bays for repairs to other large vehicles.

Council President Mullay asked if a new garage would enable more work to be done in house, instead of sent to outside mechanics. Director Meixsell advised that more work could be done in house. Mayor Higgins opined that DPW has new mechanics, and a better facility will allow them to

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do more, enabling Director Meixsell to do more supervising instead of assisting with mechanical repairs. Councilman D'Alleinne asked for a tally to be made of repair work that is currently outsourced.

Mayor Higgins stated that the original concept for the new garage exceeded \$2.3 million, and that the budget was trimmed to \$1.95 million by making some items Add Alternates in the bidding process. If bids are lower than budgeted, then the Township can accept some additional items.

Councilman D'Alleinne asked if the \$1.95 million amount includes a 20% contingency; Mayor Higgins replied that it does. Councilman D'Alleinne asked if demolition of the existing building is included in the budget; Mayor Higgins advised that it is. Council President Mullay suggested leaving the existing garage as a cost savings. After discussion, Director Meixsell agreed that the existing garage could have uses for storage and to provide a secure facility for the Police Department to execute evidentiary searches of vehicles, which occur from time to time.

Director Meixsell addressed the old salt barn, which would be demolished as part of the proposed scope of work, and noted that telephone cable is currently being used to support the structure.

Mayor Higgins discussed the possibility of locating the new garage further west, and noted possible drainage and LOI issues that may create. He also advised that the DPW is looking into a new system to track maintenance records. Keith Nonnemacher stated that it is hard to keep track with the current paper system given the number of vehicles in the Township's fleet.


PUBLIC COMMENT:

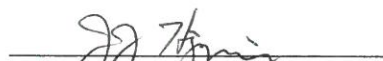
Mayor Higgins opened the meeting for public comment. There being no public comments, Mayor Higgins closed public comment.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION was offered by Councilman D'Alleinne to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Seconded by Councilwoman Switlyk. There being no further discussion a voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Carla Conner, Township Clerk


John Higgins, Mayor

Adopted: November 9, 2016