

Stow Creek Township Meeting Tuesday July 11, 2023

Present: Mayor Dale F. Cruzan, Jr; Committeeman Tom Burton & Davis Shivers

Others Present: Clerk/Treasurer -Ron Campbell and Solicitor -Rebecca Bertram
Mayor Cruzan read the Sunshine Statement, led in the Flag Salute and Mr. Burton had a Moment of Prayer.

Public Comment: No public was present at the meeting and no one indicated that they wished to make any comments.

Motion (Burton, Shivers) to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting.
The motion to approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting passed with 3-0

Correspondence: Mayor Cruzan stated that he received a message from the county that municipalities should check if they have an old Hazardous Mitigation link on their websites as it is no longer valid and apparently goes to a disreputable site, it should be removed.

Committee Reports: Comments were that everything seemed to be going well with nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion (Shivers, Burton) to approve the Kincaid Farmland Preservation application with no comments.
The motion to approve the Kincaid Farmland Preservation application with no comments passed 3-0

Motion (Shivers, Burton) to adopt a resolution certifying the 2022 Audit Report as provided by Ford Scott & Associates.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT
FORM OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2022 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and,

WHEREAS, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and,

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Stow Creek, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The motion to adopt a resolution certifying the 2022 Audit Report as provided by Ford Scott & Associates passed a vote of the Committee 3-0

Motion (Burton, Cruzan) to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills.

The motion passed 3-0 Ayes: Burton, Cruzan & Shivers Nays: none

The treasurer commented that the Township will need to adopt a Lead testing ordinance to comply with the State's mandated lead testing for older homes when a CO is required for a rental or sale of a home. This can be accomplished three ways, the owner has testing done and certified, the Township hires/trains someone to do the testing or the township uses an approved company to do the testing.

Also because of a recent need, the Township needs to name someone to do the 911 house numbering for new homes, it had been the previous Zoning Officer.

Motion (Burton, Shivers) to adjourn the meeting

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.