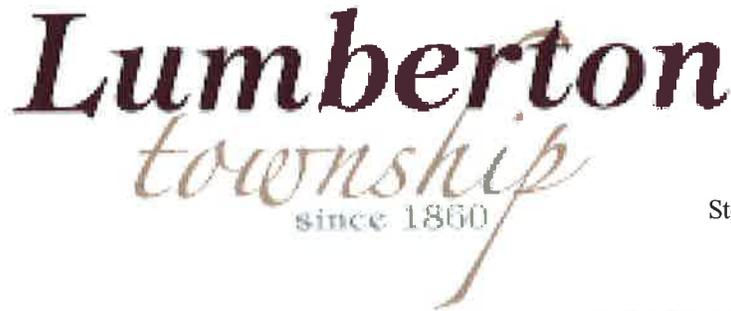


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**Lumberton Township Clears former Municipal Complex  
To Make Way for a State of the Art Public Safety Center**

Lumberton, NJ – July 10, 2015- Lumberton Township Officials held a demolition ceremony to mark the start of Phase I of their multi-year project to transform the former Municipal Complex into a State of the Art Public Safety Center. The site located across from the current Municipal Complex has been vacant since 2000 when the Township moved its offices into their new quarters located at 35 Municipal Drive. Prior to the site being transformed into the Municipal Complex for the Township, it served as a Defense Department Base from 1958 until it was decommissioned in 1974. Phase II of this project, will be the construction of a new building to house the Lumberton Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Protection, Lumberton Emergency Squad, and Office of Emergency Management.

“Today we continue our commitment to Public Safety in Lumberton Township with the start of phase one of our project to construct a state of the art building for our Fire, EMS and OEM personnel. The development of this project has been in the works for several years now and a lot of time and effort has gone into getting the Township to this starting point,” stated Committeeman Mike Dinneen. “We are excited that today marks the next chapter in helping to beautify our municipal corridor by demolishing these buildings which have been an eyesore for our community,” added Committeeman Dinneen.

“Our objective is to move all of our first responders to a centrally-located facility, that is state of the art and not in an area prone to flooding. We hope that these new quarters will help enhance the first class services our residents receive from these brave individuals,” continued Committeeman Mike Mansdoerfer. “The entire Township Committee is committed to ensuring that our first responders have the tools they need to do their job because they are our resident’s first line of defense,” added Mansdoerfer.

On March 24, 2015 the Lumberton Township Committee passed Capital Ordinance 2015-03-04, which appropriated \$400,000.00 for the demolition of the Old Municipal Complex. Later at its May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Township Committee Meeting, they awarded a contract to RVT Construction for \$293,000 to complete the demolition work on the site. The Township expects the work to be completed by the middle to end of October, 2015.

“The next step for us is working closely with our first responders to develop plans for our new Public Safety Center. On Tuesday evening during a special Township Committee Meeting, we will select an architect to assist in this process from applicants who submitted to our request for qualifications advertisement several months ago,” said Committeeman Jim Conway. “Our goal is to have a plan in place and shovels in the ground for this new building sometime in 2016,” he added.

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