

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. with Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Brown, Newton and Gatanis present. Also present were M. Stout CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, R. DiGregorio-Chief of Police, E. Gilbert-Public Work, E. Biermann-Engineer and A. Rhea Township Solicitor.

Mayor Gatanis called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. Mayor Gatanis led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**, and **Roll call** was taken.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **Minutes** from the regular Committee meeting held on **September 18, 2013**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under Applications: Mayor Gatanis mentioned **Park Permit #67** for an event at the Rec. Complex on October 12th. Mr. Brown motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. Mayor Gatanis mentioned a **Raffle Application** for the Carneys Point Fire & Rescue Dept. on November 2, 2013 at the Fire House. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2013-158

DECLARE OCT. 10TH AS "PUT BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY"

Motioned was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown to proclaim October 10th as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day". A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-159

TAX REFUND

Mr. Newton motioned to approve the Tax Collector to refund overpaid taxes due to a Tax Appeal in the amount of \$399.21 to Block 246, Lot 4. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 883

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CARNEYS POINT POLICE ASSOCIATION OR THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 676. Mr. Dennis motioned to introduce, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Final reading and Public hearing.

ORDINANCE 882

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 OF THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP CODE TO AMEND THE FEE FOR RETURNED CHECKS. Mayor Gatanis opened the ordinance for Public comments or questions. With no questions or comments this portion was closed and Mr. Newton motioned to adopt, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under Correspondence: Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from the YMCA requesting to use the ball field for hayrides as part of their Halloween Event on October 25th between the hours of 5:50 and 8 pm. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the use of the field and to accept the correspondence, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business**: Mayor Gatanis mentioned from the last meeting Mr. Dennis requesting to have the Solicitor send a letter to DuPont's for an independent audit of the Hazardous Waste Receipts for Carneys Point Township. Mr. Dennis added that according to the statute DuPonts was required to pay the Township a gross receipts tax of 5% and provide a certified statement. The statements were never received and in light of them closing operations we should know what we are owed, if anything. Mayor Gatanis said were they ever asked for the statements over the years. He said both parties are at fault here. Mayor Gatanis suggested having a subcommittee formed to meet with DuPonts. Ms. Rhea said she reviewed the file from former Solicitor John Jordan on this matter. She also spoke to Mr. DiNicola Attorney for DuPont's a while ago. She said an audit is a large undertaking and we need to be very specific in what we are looking for. Is a specialist required to review the reports or findings? Ms. Rhea said who is paying for the audit is another question. I don't think we can ask for them to pay for our audit request. Mr. Pelura said this was done before and that is what prompted Mr. Jordan to send a request to the State for assistance. Mr. Newton motioned to appoint Mr. Dennis and Mr. Brown to the Subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis brought up the flooding issue on Route 130 by the Praxair Plant. Mr. Biermann said he met with DuPont's representatives and Mr. Gilbert on this matter. DuPont's has asked for the Township to agree to apply for a freshwater general permit #26 so the culvert can be cleaned out. DuPonts also has agreed to cover all costs associated with this project. Mr. Biermann said DuPonts will also have the removed material tested before disposing of it.

RESOLUTON 2013-160

AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR FRESHWATER WETLAND GENERAL PERMIT 26 FOR CLEANING OF ROUTE 130 CULVERT

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the submission of the permit, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor except Mr. Pelura who abstained due to the works for the company who may do part of the work.

Next, Mayor Gatanis mentioned the proposal for the reexamination of the Master Plan. Mrs. Stout said we are required to reexamine our Master Plan every ten years. We can start in 2013 and finish in 2014. Mrs. Stout said she can fund only part this year and budget next year for the rest. Mr. Pelura asked what did the Planning Board have to say about this. They did not discuss this yet. Mr. Dennis made a motion to table the proposal until November so the Planning Board will have time to review it, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mr. Gilbert spoke of the recycling calendars. He said he was asked to add on another leaf collection day this year and to put it on the calendar for next year. He said other than that nothing changed. Leaf collection will be also the first four weeks in December. Leaves can also be put in bags up into January. Mr. Gilbert asked if he could leave the year off the booklets so they can be used the following year. Mr. Pelura said just put a revised date in the book.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned the letter sent to the Superintendent of Schools on the parking, pick-up and drop-off issues by Lafayette School. Ms. Rhea said she phoned thinking this would speed up the response. She has not heard anything from the School. Mr. Newton said they are not following the planning board resolution. Mayor Gatanis said to send a letter requesting a meeting be set up.

Under **New Business** Mrs. Stout addressed a new program from the insurance company. She asked Ms. Rhea to look at the agreement and Scott Davenport from the Insurance Company provided answers. This program will provide at no cost to the Township Active Diabetes Care. It will provide the testing materials.

RESOLUTION 2013-161

AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVECARE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN HEALTH SERVICES FOR COVERED DIABETIC PATIENTS UNDER THE TWP. HEALTH CARE PLAN

Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the agreement was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mrs. Stout moved on to address a MOU with the NJ Office of Emergency Management in order for the Township to apply for grants under FEMA. She said we have to be online if we want to apply for any grants. Mr. Pelura made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Lastly, Mrs. Stout mentioned the fact that the YMCA is now in a flood zone. Hardenberg Insurance suggested a supplemental insurance policy. This insurance policy will provide \$500,000 and we would have to pay the first \$10,000. There is a 30 day waiting period. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned our next meeting will be on October 15th at 6:30. This is because of the Special Election and the half hour difference is because there is a meeting before ours here. Chief DiGregorio spoke on the meeting at Rivers Bend Apts. He said it was well attended and he thanked the Committee members who attended. He said now Sandy Ridge wants to have a meeting. This allows for the Police Dept to know what some of the issues are there. He mentioned a rash of daytime burglaries in the village area. He is asking residents to keep their eyes open. Mayor Gatanis said you and Mr. Colletti put on a very good program. Lastly, he mentioned the resolution for "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" as being October 10th. He said this is the only day where there have been not fatalities in the State.

Public Participation: Patrick Russell of E. Line St. mentioned problems with the events at the VFW. He said since March they have held events on every weekend and sometimes two events. This has progressively gotten worse in the last three years and since the pavilion was built. The problems include loud music, noise from motorcycles and drinking. They have no concern for the neighbors in the area. Mr. Russell said they hold all kinds of parties including the Republican Club meetings. He said he has phoned the police before because of the problems there. Mayor Gatanis and Chief DiGregorio said they will look into this and get back to him.

John Bibeau of Delaware Ave. said he is glad to hear the Township is going to look into the Hazardous Waste Audit with DuPonts. He knows of a company who specializes in hazardous waste from Virginia. He said it is not what they told the Township they treated but what has been treated is what counts. This may help with the finances in the Township. He will provide the phone number to Mr. Dennis.

Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. said years ago she thought the Committee set up a committee to review DuPonts records. Mayor Gatanis said this is his first time and he is not sure what was done years ago. Mrs. Bomba said she does not trust DuPonts. She said her husband was with the County Waterways Committee and they were not given permission to go into DuPonts. What are they trying to hide. Mayor Gatanis said the DEP monitors DuPonts. Mr. Bibeau commented that the Hazardous Waste Commission was dissolved so who now watches over these companies.

Mr. Pelura said he is not a member of the VFW but the Republican Club has met there. He said they rotate where the club meets, sometimes in non-profits and sometimes in profits and they pay to use the facilities.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2013-162
EXECUTIVE SESSION

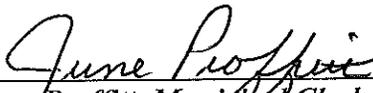
Mr. Dennis motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:00 pm. with the following action taking place.

Mrs. Stout mentioned receiving a rent check in the amount of \$2,500 from the YMCA. She said the Vice President delivered the check and said they have no intentions to comply with the request of the Township for a business plan. Someone will call the President of the Board but nothing will be done for now.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved: 10-15-13


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk