

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2013

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

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

Mayor Gatanis congratulated Marcus Dowe, Jr. on winning the election. He said welcome to the Committee and he looks forward to working with him.

Mayor Gatanis asked for a motion to approve **payment of all properly audited vouchers**. Mr. Brown motioned, Mr. Newton seconded. Mr. Dennis abstained from two vouchers #13-01723 and 01724 which were for his wife and himself for working the election. Also, Mr. Dennis voted not to #13-01797 moving monies from the fire truck fund. Mr. Pelura voted no to the voucher moving the fire truck fund and abstained to 13-01697 which was a Public Works purchase with WJV who he works for. All others were approved by all.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from October 2013**. All were in favor.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **Compensation Report**, Mr. Dennis seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on October 15, 2013**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned a **Social Affairs Permit** for the Salem Community College on December 30th. Mr. Dennis motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis said Mr. Biermann had to leave early and asked him to address Ordinance 885, Riparian Zones. Mr. Biermann said a model and the requirements were sent from the NJ Environmental Protection. This is part of the County Waste Water Plan that the Township approved a few months ago. He said there is no necessary mapping. This will provide structure to NJDEP. Ms. Rhea said she also reviewed this as well. Mr. Pelura said this deals with land use and should it be reviewed by the Planning Board. Ms. Rhea said she has already forwarded a copy to the Planning Board Attorney for review and to be presented at their next meeting. With no more questions Mr. Biermann moved on to the request for Bond reduction at Cornerstone Estates. Mr. Biermann said inspections will be done next week and will be put on the next agenda. Lastly, he addressed the bids and award of contract for Walker Ave. Mr. Biermann said there was a base bid amount and four alternate bids items. The Township decided to do all the alternates along with the base and Landberg Construction, LLC was the lowest bidder. Mrs. Stout said there is a resolution to award the contract.

RESOLUTION 2013-169
REFUND TAXES 100% DISABLED VETERAN

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to approve the cancellation of 2013 taxes in the amount of \$1,837.85 and refund \$310.30 for the Homestead Rebate to Block 35, Lot 9 for 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-170
100% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve cancellation of 2013 taxes to Block 144, Lot 12 due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-171
NEW BANK ACCOUNT FIRE RESCUE TRUST FUND

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the new bank account. Mrs. Stout mentioned this is for any funds received such as donations. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-172
AUTHORIZE SUB-GRANT

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the application for and acceptance of a sub-grant award of the Federal Fiscal year 2013 Dept. of Homeland Security Emergency management Performance Grant Program Funding. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-173
RE-EXAMINATION OF MASTER PLAN

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton to approve a contract with Lippincott Jacobs Consulting Engineers to perform the re-examination of the Master Plan. Mayor Gatani said the Master Plan by State Statute needs to be reviewed every ten years and ours needs to be done by March of 2014. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-174
DEPUTY REGISTRAR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the appointment of Leslie W. Wright as Deputy Registrar, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-175
MAILING TAX SALE NOTICES

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to authorize the mailing of tax sale notices in accordance with Statutes, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mrs. Stout said in the past the notices had to be published in the paper four times. Now Statute allows for twice in the paper and twice a notice is mailed to the property owners. Mr. Pelura said he remembers a tax sale done earlier in the year. Why again. Mrs. Stout said Penns Grove allows for installments and if someone defaults on an installment then a tax sale has to be done. It is a lot more work for our people in the Tax Office. Penns Grove has 6 so we added our 2 to the sale. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-176
TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow for the transfer of funds from one line to another in the amount of \$121,000 in the 2013 budget. Motion seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-177
SUPPORTING DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the support of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Year End Statewide Crackdown. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-178
CHAPTER 159, DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Mr. Brown motioned for the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$4,400 into the 2013 budget under the caption of "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Year End Statewide Crackdown. Mr. Newton seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-179
CONTRACT FOR WALKER AVE.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve a contract with Landberg Construction, LLC for reconstruction of Walker Ave. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 884

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 780 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Pelura asked why Ordinance 780 is being amended. Mrs. Stout said the ordinance was for capital projects and the Walker Ave. project is being added. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 885

AN ORDINANCE OF CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP TO DESIGNATE RIPARIAN ZONES AND PROVIDE FOR LAND USE REGULATIO THEREIN FOR THE PROTECTION OF STREAMS, LAKES AND OTHER SURFACE WATER BODIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **correspondence** Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Reverend Rene Canales of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. He was requesting a police presence on December 12th for a vehicle precession through Carneys Point for the Our Lady Guadalupe celebrating. Mr. Pelura motioned to allow for the Police to assist, seconded by Mr. Dennis. All were in favor except Mr. Brown who abstained. Mayor Gatanis spoke on the JIF Insurance Dividend release in the amount of \$30,417. Mr. Pelura motioned for the Mayor to sign the Release Form for the money to be used towards our 2014 assessment, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Lastly, Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Attorney Thomas Cushane requesting to start negotiations for Superior Officers. Mayor Gatanis said the negotiating team will be himself and Mr. Newton. He will contact Ms. Rhea to set up some dates. Mr. Newton motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business**; Mr. Newton said he has been looking over the Peddler/Solicitor Ordinance because it does not address resident farmer wishing to sell produce off their land. He is requesting an amendment be made so resident farmers can sell off their property and establish a fee of \$100 for the growing season. Mr. Brown explained why this ordinance amendment came about. He said a local farmer wanted to sell produce off their property felt because they were off the main roads of the Township. They also felt the fees were to high.

Mayor Gatanis gave an update on the parking issue at Lafayette/Pershing School. He said a meeting was set up with himself, the Chief and Mr. Newton, the new Superintendent of Schools and the School Principal. They agreed to move the school staff parking lot so parents can drive in, drop off, and leave. Students will not be in danger of crossing the highway. All parties agreed to the change.

Mr. Pelura asked about Rope Rescue classes for two firemen from the last meeting. Clerk Proffitt said she spoke to the Fire Chief and was told they would need Rope Rescue 1 before taking II. So at this time it has not been rescheduled.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Gilbert requested going out to bid for YMCA repairs. Repairs are contained to the first floor because of the flooding. Mr. Brown motioned to allow for the advertisement, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mrs. Stout mentioned a Bond Anticipation Note come due in the amount of \$285,000 on November 6th. We paid \$28,500 down and renewed it for \$256,500. Three bids were received with TBGC being the low bidder at .99. The bond was renewed with TGBC.

Mrs. Stout then mentioned getting RFP's for professional services for 2014. A list has been included for your review. Mr. Brown motioned to allow for the advertisement of RFP's, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor gave an update on the fire truck grant. Mrs. Stout said she and Ted Stranahan, Fire Chief has been working on the grant. It's all done on line and has to be in by December 14th. Mr. Stranahan has put in around 20 hours working on this grant. To date there are approximately 40,000 other applications submitted.

Mayor Gatani requested a new flag for the courtroom. The flag there has only 48 stars. Chief DiGregorio said on November 30th will be the annual turkey trot on Warner Road in memory of Chief Bruce Maah. Walk or run at 9am.

Public Participation: The meeting was opened for questions or comments. With no question or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2013-181
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Newton. Motioned passed with five affirmative votes. Regular session ended at 6:42 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 7:11 pm with the following action taking place:

**RESOLUTION 2013-180
HIRE ROBERT CASSIDY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve moving Robert J. Cassidy to full time in the Public Works Dept. as a Laborer. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the FMLA leave for Mark Forsman. All were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Newton. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved: 12-4-13


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk