

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 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 **November 18, 2013**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under Applications: Mayor Gatanis mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Court Administrator Annmarie Brown to attend the AOC Quarterly Meeting at no cost to the Township on December 20th. Mr. Brown motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. There was an **Educational Enhancement** for Paul Muhlbaier, Jr. with the CP Fire & Rescue Dept. to attend Incident Command System I-200 on December 20th and 21st at a cost of \$30.00. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. Lastly, there were various Fire and Rescue Members to sign up for recertification of their CPR to be held on December 10th at a cost of \$40.00 per person. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. Chief DiGregorio said the Police will need CPR recertification in the future and asked if someone can be trained in house as a teacher. He said this could save the Township money.

RESOLUTION 2013-182

CANCEL A GRANT RECEIVABLE BALANCE

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton to cancel the receivable balance and the offsetting appropriation reserve balance from the balance sheet in the amount of \$50.00. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-183

EXTENSION OF GRANT FOR MAPSA

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the extension of the grant term from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Pelura questioned the dates. Mrs. Stout said the grant is going from a calendar year to a fiscal year. Mr. Pelura asked about the finances for the extension. Mrs. Stout said they are allowing additional amounts to last until June 30, 2014. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-183

CHAPTER 159, RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

Mr. Pelura made a motion to allow for the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$13,338.00 into the 2013 Budget under the caption of "2012 Recycling Tonnage Grant". Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2013-184
CHAPTER 159, BODY ARMOR GRANT

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to allow for the insertion of an item of revenue in the amount of \$2,440.81 into the 2013 Budget under the caption "Body Armor Grant". Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

Final reading and Public hearing.

ORDINANCE 884

ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 780 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY. Mayor Gatanis opened the ordinance for Public comments or questions. With no questions or comments this portion was closed and Mr. Brown motioned to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter of request to reduce the Performance Bond for Cornerstone Estates. Mr. Biermann said they asked for a reduction to \$458,190.06 based on work that has been completed. Our Engineer said he would recommend the reduction. Mr. Brown motioned to accept the Engineers recommendation and to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a resolution for the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business**: Chief DiGregorio mentioned the Police Dispatcher who requested to attend Gloucester County Police Academy but he changed his mind and would like to go to Cape May Police Academy in the spring for Class II Officer. The Committee approved him attending Gloucester County Academy in August, but due to family issues he is requesting to attend Cape May Police Academy instead. The Chief recommended allowing this employee to take the PT test and if successful than move forward. Mayor Gatanis asked how much time does this employees have and how is he going to be replaced for the 9 week academy. The Chief said he will schedule the employee to take the PT test and see if anything else is needed. Then he will get together with the Committee to discuss all other points of his attending the Academy. So this will be revisited in the spring of next year. Mr. Brown motioned to allow for the Chief to schedule the employee for the PT test, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned Mrs. Stout and Fire Chief Ted Stranahan have finished the FEMA Grant paperwork for fire truck. Mrs. Stout said it has been submitted. Mayor Gatanis said he is in contact with the Legislators for any assistance they can provide.

Mr. Newton spoke of a request from the Construction Code Official for changes to be made to the Ordinance. He said one of the changes is 7 to 10 days for the Housing Official to schedule inspections. Another is requiring the Zoning Officer to enforce casual sales, fence permits and a few other items in the ordinance. Mr. Newton said this will bring the code up to date. Ms. Rhea said this will be done in the New Year.

Under **New Business**; Mr. Brown mentioned attending a meeting with Mrs. Stout and our Insurance Broker Scott Davenport. The Township is self insured but they went over the State program, all claims from the Township and if additional insurance is needed. Mr. Davenport suggested the Township stay where they are currently. There is enough insurance to cover all claims. Mr. Brown said the Mayor needs to sign the agreement before the end of the year. Mr. Brown motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis said the lawsuit with Penns Grove Associates was adjudicated in the favor of the Township. The Township spent approximately \$35,500 in legal fees to defend this case. He wanted to know if the Township is going to try to get some if not all of the money spent back. Ms. Rhea said she can call the Attorneys who handled the case to see if it can be done.

Public Participation: Martin Cleary of Broad St. mentioned the employee attending the Police Academy. When he is done will that employee be automatically hired or will the job be advertised. Chief DiGregorio said no job has been guaranteed, but because he is an employee it will be taken into consideration at that time. The Chief said he is not a Police Officer but a Class II Officer. Mr. Cleary said then why is the Township paying for him to attend. The Committee said we are not paying; he is paying for himself to attend. The question was the coverage while he is out. Chief DiGregorio said to be clear there is no cost to the Township for his attending the Academy. Mr. Cleary moved on to address bushes that block the stop sign and view from E Street on to Division. Mr. Pelura said this was looked at a while ago. The Township Engineer at that time recommended a stop sign being placed at the end of E Street. Mr. Brown commented that any time a resident can go to the Code Office and ask for the Township to look into a potential hazardous situation. Lastly, Mr. Cleary asked about the repairs to the YMCA. He wanted to know why are we repairing the Y and not selling it to them. Mayor Gatani said the repairs are from an insurance claim from the flooding of Sandy. The Township is always looking at selling it back to the Y but not at this time.

Alex Cooker of DuPont Rd. said after the last few heavy rains Highland Ave. has flooded and would like to see this looked into by the Township. He said this has happened 2 or 3 times this year alone. Mr. Cooker said he feels an easy fix, to start with, would be to clear the ditcher on both sides of the road. He also said the pipes that run under DuPont Road needs to be cleaned out and possibly enlarged. Mayor Gatani said he will have this looked into.

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

Mrs. Stout questioned when reorganization will be held. Mayor Gatani said Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Chief DiGregorio said the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot was held and about 130 people attended. The money raised will benefit a cancer patient and go to a scholarship fund.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved: 12-18-13


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk