

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 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 Gary DiPietro, and A. Rhea Solicitor.

Mayor Gatanis called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He mentioned there being a new flag, thanks to Mr. Brown. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken.

Mayor Gatanis introduced John T. Lenahan Salem County Prosecutor and Dave Cornman Chief County Investigator to the meeting. Mr. Lenahan said there was a county wide study done on the cameras in police vehicles. There are a lot of older cameras in use now, so the County looked into upgrading. The cost would be really high, so from the forfeiture funds the County is purchasing cameras. New MVR's will be placed in vehicles between Christmas and New Years. This purchase is around \$24,000 and at no cost to the residents. Mayor Gatanis asked how many cameras will that purchase. Mr. Lenahan said four. Mr. Lenahan said Carneys Point is a top notch Department and they represent the Township and County very well. He said he wishes all the Departments in the County were as outstanding. Mayor Gatanis thanked Mr. Lenahan for attending and said the Committee feels the same way too.

Mayor Gatanis asked for a motion to approve **payment of all properly audited vouchers**. Mr. Brown motioned, Mr. Newton seconded. Mr. Pelura questioned 13-01787 for the Salem County Local Government Dinner. He said the Committee no longer pays for dinners just seminars and conferences.

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

The **Compensation Report** was motioned by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on December 4, 2013**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Gene Montagna Fire/Rescue to attend Rope Rescue I on June 8th & 9<sup>th</sup> in 2014 at a cost of \$150. Also mentioned was **Educational Enhancements** for James W. Williamson and Eric Cline who also plan on attending this program. Motion was made by Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton. Mr. Newton did ask what rope rescue is about. The Committee said there is time and tabled these requests until further investigation. Lastly, there was a **Red Light Permit** for Charles R. Miller with the Fire/Rescue Dept. Motion was made to accept by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2013-186**

**CHAPTER 159, EMERGENCY MGT GRANT**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the insertion of an item or revenue into the 2013 Budget in the amount of \$5,000 under the caption of "Emergency Management Grant". Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2013-187  
AUTHORIZE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR  
CORNERSTONE ESTATES PROJECT.**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the reduction of the Performance Bond for Cornerstone Estates, Block 68, Lot 16, Block 160, Lot 4, Block 169, Lot 23 and Block 187, Lot 12. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2013-188  
TRANSFER OF TAXES FROM 2013 TO 2014**

Motion was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Dennis to approve the transfer of taxes from 2013 to 2014. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2013-189  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$37,300, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2013-190  
HONORING COMMITTEEMAN DENNIS**

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve a resolution to honor Committeeman Ken Dennis on his last meeting. Mr. Pelura read the resolution. Mr. Dennis said Committee people come and go but it was an honor to work with the employees here and dept. heads. They are the ones who make our job look easy. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Second reading of Ordinance 885**

**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.** Mayor Gatanis opened this ordinance up to the public for question and comments. With none, this portion was closed and a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

With no **correspondence** Mayor Gatanis moved on to **Old Business**. Mr. Gilbert mentioned the bid opening for the YMCA project. He said this is from the damage to the first floor because of flooding. Insurance provided approximately \$53,000 and all the bids were over that amount. Also, Ms. Rhea said the first three bidders had deficiencies in their bids so the lowest bid would have been \$84,000, which was way over the bid amount.

**RESOLUTION 2014-192**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Newton to reject all bids and rebid the project in January. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Dennis mentioned the OPRA request to the State concerning the Hazardous Waste. Ms. Rhea said they told her it was to vague and requested too many documents. Ms. Rhea said she is still looking into the matter. Mr. Dennis said he hopes the Committee continues because there may be some money in this. Next, Mr. Dennis asked about the lawsuit with Penns Grove Associates and the money the Township has spent to defend itself. The Attorney handling the case is going to draft a letter to the Committee. Lastly, he congratulated Wayne Pelura on winning the election recount.

Mrs. Stout mentioned the website agreement with the Sewerage Authority. They are requesting a quick link on our site to go to their home page. She said we pay \$120 dollars to our programmer and 120 dollars for the domain site. An interlocal agreement can be done for the

use of our website. Also, any additional costs will be charged to them. The Committee agreed on a 50/50 split of the yearly fees.

Mr. Pelura mentioned the Rec. Committee had lunch with Santa and it was a great success. There were about 75 to 80 people in attendance. As always the Rec. Committee did a great job.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Stout proposed an ordinance on Hazardous Waste spills. This will cover the Township on the cost of cleanup if this ever should happen here. Committee said it sounds like a good idea and will look into it in 2014.

Mr. Brown addressed a new fuel system at Public Works. The old system is having problems and parts and not easy to come by because of the age of the equipment. He also mentioned there is not a good control over the fuel system now and this new system will eliminate those problems. The cost is \$9,600 and money is available in the Public Works accounts. There will be on bonding or bidding needed for this project. This will save money in the long run and time. Mayor Gatanis said all Departments who use the pumps have been notified of changes to rules on pumping fuel. Mr. Pelura asked times? Mr. Gatanis said all pumping will be done during business hours. He said he understands there may be times when that will not work but for the most part all during day.

Mr. Pelura mentioned the free rabies clinic will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11am at the fire house. Mayor Gatanis said the Annual Reorganization will be held on January 2, 2014 at 6 pm here. Mayor Gatanis lastly mentioned the 2014 Non Contracted Employee Holiday List. Motion to approve the list was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

**Public Participation:** The meeting was opened for questions or comments. Martin Cleary of Broad St. mentioned painting disability parking in front of a house. How do you get this done? He was told to check with the Police Department on Handicap parking. Mr. Cleary said he would like to see the Sewerage Authority cleaned up still. Mayor Gatanis said he will bring this up to them, this committee has nothing to do with the Sewerage plant. Lastly, Mr. Cleary asked about the gas station on Rt. 130. He knows someone who wants to purchase it and make it a ratable. But he wants the back taxes dropped. He was told the taxes could not be dropped. Mayor Gatanis mentioned going to Division St. and did notice the blind stop because of bushes in the way. This will be cleared. Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. apologized to Mr. Dennis for a comment made to him in frustration. She congratulated both Mr. Pelura and Mr. Dowe. With no question or comments this portion was closed. Mayor Gatanis wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**RESOLUTION 2013-191  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motioned passed with five affirmative votes. Regular session ended at 6:57 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Brown and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm with the following action taking place:

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 7:17 p.m.

Approved: 1-15-2014

  
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June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk