

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Brown, Dowe, Newton and Gatanis were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, G. Gilbert- Public Works, G. Krivda-Police Chief, E. Biermann-Engineer 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 Mr. Brown for being reelected to Township Committee. He said to Mr. Newton and to Joe Racite time will tell for the election results but it was a great effort on both their parts.

Mr. Dowe motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on October 15, 2014**; seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Annmaire Brown Court Administrator to attend the League of Municipalities in Atlantic city from November 18th, 19th, and 20th. The cost is \$55.00 and CEC's will be obtained. There were also **Educational Enhancements** for Annmaire Brown and for Deputy Court Admin. Karen Rubino to attend a mandatory Quarterly meeting on December 19th at no cost to the Township. CEC's will also be obtained. Mr. Brown motioned to approve all of the Educational Enhancements, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2014-172

SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2015 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, second by Mr. Brown to approve the submission of a grant application and execute a grant contract with NJDOT for the reconstruction of E Street project. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-173

TRANSFER RESOLUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,200.00

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the transfer resolution in the amount of \$40,200.00, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-174

CHAPTER 159-BODY ARMOR GRANT

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in to the 2014 Budget under the caption "Body Armor Grant" in the amount of \$1,933.97. Seconded by Mr. Newton and unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-175

TRADE IN VEHICLES TO OBTAIN A 2013 POLICE VEHICLE

Motion was made by Mr. Newton to approve the Police Chief to trade-in five vehicles and use additional funds to acquire a used 2013 Chevy Impala from Point Buick GMC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown. Chief Krivda explained how vehicles were being transitioned out of the fleet. He said the Construction Dept. received one and the Fire Dept. received vehicles. Point said they will be credited \$10,000 for the old vehicles in exchange for the 2013 Chevy Impala. Forfeiture funds will be used and some money from his 2014 Budget. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-176

100% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN

Motion to approve the refund of \$293.28 for a 100% Totally Disabled Veteran at Block 160.03, Lot 11 was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-177

CANCEL ASSESSED TAXES FOR BLOCK 160.03, LOT 11

Mr. Brown made a motion to cancel the assessed taxes in the amount \$1,159.06 to Block 160.03, Lot 11 due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran status. Motion seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 898

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$153,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF JEFFERSON STREET WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Mayor Gatani opened this ordinance up for public comments or questions, with none this portion was closed and the Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence:** Mayor Gatani mentioned a letter of resignation from Emma Jean Shockley from the Planning Board effective October 31, 2014. Motion to approve with regret was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatani mentioned receiving a thank you note from a Penns Gove resident on the Public Works doing an outstanding job.

Next was a letter from Terri Friant of N. Broad St. She is requesting to have someone look into lowering the speed from 30 to 25 on her road. She asked to have signs put up and maybe a crosswalk. Mayor Gatani said when he received this he spoke to the Chief to see what can be done. The electronic speed sign was put out right away to try to slow the traffic down. The speed signs would have to go to the County because it's a County road. Mr. Gilbert said he also spoke to Ms. Friant. He asked if the Township Committee could request the County to evaluate the speed on that road by resolution. Mayor Gatani said he will have it ready by the next meeting

Under **New Business;** Ms. Rhea discussed a complaint of foreclosure for a Small Cities Grant. In the past the Township has not taken action because to the cost of litigation. She said this has been amended a few time already. The property is on New Road in Oldmans Township. Ms.

Rhea said she could file a Non contesting statement. That means Carneys Point would have a claim in for any money left over after all is paid off. Mr. Brown motioned to have the letter filed, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mrs. Stout asked for the Committee to review the list of Professional for the 2015 year. She is requesting to go out for RFP's. Mr. Pelura asked about the advertising for Planning Board appointments. Mrs. Stout said she puts theirs on our notice because of costs. Mr. Dowe motioned to authorize the notice for the paper, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatani mentioned the open house at the County Department of Emergency Services for the review of Flood Hazard Maps on November 13th from 4 to 8 pm. The notice has also been put on our public access channel and on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Mayor Gatani mentioned a free movie night hosted by the Municipal Alliance at the YMCA on November 13th from 6 to 8 pm. This is free to all residents.

Also, Mayor Gatani mentioned the free rabies clinic which has been set for January 17th from 9 to 11 am. Dogs are 9 to 10:30 and Cats from 10:30 to 11. This will be held at the Fire House.

Public Participations: Ed Voyles of PV-Aub. Rd. mentioned his Mother-In-Law receiving a phone call from a person wanting money. The person said her Grandson was in an accident. The person had names and enough information to sound real. Nothing happened with my Mother-In-Law but people need to be educated to these scams. The Chief said he will get something together for the public access channel. .

David Murphy of Elmwood Ave. mentioned the cost of the special mailing for property taxes. He asked if the date of collection can be changed from August 1st to September 1st so we do not have to spend money on special mailings. Mrs. Stout said the dates are set by Statute and the special mailing was because the State was late getting their paperwork to us. He then asked about the tax lien list. Could that notice go on our website instead of the paper? That would save money for the Township. Mrs. Stout said it could also be put on the website but by State Statute they require it to be noticed in a public place so many times. Mrs. Stout said she is not sure if a website is considered a public place. Lastly, Mr. Murphy said it is against Federal law to place political flyers in a mailbox. He said he spoke to the post office about this and nothing was done. The Chief said he looked into this and cannot find anything in Statutes that make it Criminal. The Chief said to Mr. Murphy, you could file a harassment complaint, but you need to know who did the placement. Mr. Murphy said his problem with this is he was on vacation and stopped his mail and paper for security purposes. Mr. Murphy then mentioned a crime wave on Pinewood Ave. He said there have been three robberies that he knows of. Chief Krivda said a person was arrested. Mr. Murphy asked if the Township is free of liability from using Narcan. Chief Krivda said yes, this is a very new law. The person who overdoses is not charged as a criminal because they need help. With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

Under **Old Business:** Jeff Surenian Special Council for COAH suggested the discussion on the Status of the Mount Laurel doctrine and the Township's affordable obligation will be heard in Executive Session for Attorney Client privilege.

**RESOLUTION 2014-180
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:40 pm. With the following action being taken:

**RESOLUTION 2014-181
HIRE STEPHEN A. DELVECCHIO TO PUBLIC WORKS**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to authorize the hiring of Stephen A. DelVecchio as a full time employee in the Public Works Department effective November 17th, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote took place.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned having a sub-committee meet with the Executive Board at the YMCA to discuss them purchasing the YMCA. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe to appoint Mayor Gatanis and Mr. Newton to be on the sub-committee and go to the YMCA.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Pelura. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved: 11-17-2014


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk