

**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF
CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2015**

The meeting of the Carneys Point Industrial Commission was held on the above date at the time of **6:30 p.m.** Commission members Bomba, Dennis, Johnson, Lopes, O'Donald, Racite and Redfield were present. Also present was J. Proffitt-Secretary.

Mr. Bomba called the meeting to order; read the **Open Public Meeting Act** and led the **Salute to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken and a Quorum was established.

Mr. Redfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Industrial Commission meeting held on March 9, 2015 seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor except Mrs. Racite abstained due to not being in attendance at the March 9th meeting.

There is no **Correspondence** to discuss at this time. Mr. Bomba moved on to **Old Business**. He mentioned the final payment for Cory Sickles of Burning Image for the brochures. Mrs. Racite said she was not in attendance at the last meeting but saw in the minutes some inaccuracies with what Mr. Sickles told the Commission. She said she never received the cover of the brochures. She did get the inside information. Mrs. Proffitt Secretary said Mr. Sickles did send the cover and inside material.

Under **New Business**: Mr. Bomba mentioned an e-mail from Mr. Lopes on Pascale Sykes Foundation giving out money to economic, tourist efforts in Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Atlantic counties. He said this is for promotion of Counties or Towns in the four areas. Mr. O'Donald asked if our Grant Writer would look into this or can we. Mr. Bomba said we would need to go to them with a publicity idea to promote the Township or County. Mr. Lopes spoke of forming a sub-committee to look into this. Mr. Bomba asked for a motion to form that sub-committee. Mr. Lopes motioned, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mr. Bomba said he will volunteer to be on the committee. Mr. Lopes and Mr. O'Donald also volunteered. Mr. Bomba said they will report back to the Committee.

Mr. Lopes said he had an idea to market Carneys Point Township. His idea is "Get to the Point" Carneys Point. We have land, location and logistics. We can grow in a way without changing the quality of life here. He said this was part of his campaign. "More at exit four, get it done at exit 1".

Mr. Bomba moved on to remind the Commission members of their responsibility to file a financial disclosure form with the State. Mr. Bomba explained what the financial disclosure form is about and added if there are any questions to see the Clerk, June Proffitt.

Next, Mr. Bomba discussed the need for identification for Commission members. He said when we present ourselves outside of this building we should have something to indicate who we are. Dr. Racite mentioned the college does photo ID cards. Mr. Bomba said so does the Salem County Vocational Technical School. He also mentioned the "Votech" also makes business cards in small numbers so we would not have hundreds. Mrs. Racite said cards were looked into last year but we do not have a phone number or an e-mail address where someone is checking the information coming in. Mr. Bomba suggested personal phone numbers. At the end of a

discussion on what phone number to use the Commission decided to use the Township Clerk's number and she can take messages or relay messages to the Commission members.

Mr. Redfield asked about the You Tube address for our website? Mrs. Racite said she will have to address that with Linda Jones who is maintaining the website.

Mr. Bomba mentioned seeing two vehicles parked behind the Clemente's building on Route 130. He said the gate was open but he could not stop by to see what is going on. Mr. Lopes suggested the Commission make contact with owners of land/property in Carneys Point to see what they may want to do with the property. If they are looking at selling this is where we may find a connection with a business wanting to come to town.

Under old business Ms. Johnson asked about the Troubadour Ministry that wanted to purchase the Wellseys Inn. Mr. Bomba said he phoned the number on the card and have not heard from anyone yet. Ms. Johnson asked about the Senior Day Care facility next. Dr. Racite Committeeman said the DCA has to approve the inside of the building first. He said our Construction Official is refusing to issue a permit until the building is up. Mr. Bomba said he saw plans and this one is like the original building they have. Ms. Johnson asked about the property by Layton's Lake. She was told John Bibeau now has ownership of that property. Dr. Racite said Mr. Bibeau will be moving for with that property.

Mr. Bomba mentioned that there are no bills until the Township approves our budget. Mr. Redfield asked what is the total of our money now. Dr. Racite said the Industrial Commission had only \$4,000 left after last year. Mr. Bomba went before the Township Committee when he presented his budget and asked for an additional \$6,000. The Committee agreed. Mr. Bomba said should we have a project come up and we need more than that we need to go before the Township Committee and request more money.

Mr. Dennis asked about the ball fields by the YMCA. The discussion was who owns the fields and who get them if the building was to be sold. Mr. Bomba seemed to think they reverted back to DuPonts. Mr. Dennis said this will have to be looked into. The Commission discussed all the easements on those lots.

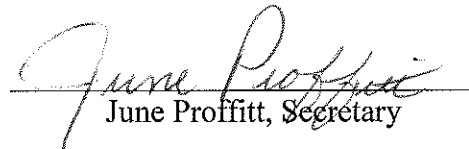
Bomba opened the meeting up for **Public participation** and Dr. Racite addressed the Commission. He wanted to encourage as a group how important the Industrial Commission is to the Township. He said the money from the Township needs to be encumbered for projects. It does not all have to be spent. He said the Commission needs a plan and a direction you want to go. Plan the year out and sell the Township. He mentioned that delinquent tax bills have been sent out. He said Mr. Dowe and himself are on a sub-committee to see what properties the Township would like to foreclose on. He is going to encourage the Township Committee to go after some of those properties. Dr. Racite said 10% of our budget is for uncollected taxes. We want these properties to be on the tax lists. He said it this Commission wants something taken to the Committee, please let him know. He said it does not matter if it's big or small he will address it to the Committee.

Mr. Lopes said to be successful this Commission needs to start meeting more than once a month. Form a Committee called business development. We should meet with local businesses to find out what they need or what they want to help them grow. We need to support our local

businesses. That will help the township grow. Steve Lopes made a motion to appoint a sub-committee to go out and meet some of the businesses in Carneys Point. He said all businesses from sub shops to large businesses. He said if we don't go out and try to get new business we go out of business. Mrs. Racite seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Lopes said he will Chair this Sub-committee with Mr. Dennis and Mr. O'Donald. Mr. Redfield asked what are your objective in visiting. Mr. Lopes said to find out what they do and what ancillary items they may need to grow. Mostly how can we help them. Mrs. Racite said to be careful, they may want to lower taxes and we cannot do that. Mr. Bomba said there is state funding for low interest borrowing for expansion. Mr. Lopes said you need an environment to be conducive to doing business easily. Being pleasant, smiling and being helpful means a lot to people. We need to have contacts with local and higher levels of government. Make a goal to bring in one business a year to start growth.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Racite, seconded by Mr. O'Donald to adjourn. Motion passed with seven affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Adopted: 5-11-2015


June Proffitt, Secretary