

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Racite, Pelura, Dowe, Brown and Gatanis were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt- Clerk, E. Gilbert-Public Works Superintendent, E. Biermann Engineer, G. Krivda Police Chief 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.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on August 19, 2015**; seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mr. Dowe commented on a mistake where he motioned and also seconded. This will be corrected, than all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned **Park Permit #46** for use of the Rec. Complex on September 19th. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. **Educational Enhancement** for Robert Berducci to attend "Understanding & Testing Smoke Control Systems on October 15<sup>th</sup>" at no cost to the Township. Mr. Dowe motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown. Dr. Racite asked if Mr. Berducci does Fire control inspections. Mrs. Stout said yes he does and all were in favor. **Educational Enhancements** for Officer's Petruz, Hill, Maiden and Spinelli to attend a course titled "missing Children Investigations" for two days on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$40.00 each. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor. There was a **Social Affairs Permit** for the Penns Grove VFW to hold an event on October 24th at 100 Margaret Street. Motioned to approve was by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION 2015-143**

**OVERPAID TAXES AS A RESULT OF BEING OVERBILLED**

Motion was made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Dowe to approve the refund of three properties taxes due to overbilling. Mrs. Stout said it could have been an appeal amount. A unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Shawn Torres, Dispatcher requesting to be paid for unused vacation time. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Charles Berry Sr. Quartermaster for the VFW on requesting a waiver for the Township fees associated with holding a raffle. Dr. Racite made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pelura. The fee is \$750.00. Mayor Gatanis said the cost to the State is \$750. They also have to pay the Township \$750. Mr. Dowe said they asked for a waiver a while ago for construction fees for a roof. Mr. Brown said he is not voting for this because there are at least a half dozen no profit organizations and churches that are trying to keep their heads above water. By granting this we will be setting precedence for future groups. Ms. Rhea said in order to grant a waiver an ordinance would have to be in place to allow for that. A unanimous no vote was recorded.

Mayor Gatanis moved on to discuss a letter from Hopewell Township on their taking legal action on behalf of communities neglected by Verizon. He said the cost to Carneys Point would be \$2,500. Mayor Gatanis said he is not sure if there is a problem here with Verizon. Mr. Brown said he lines are old and service is poor especially during storms. Mr. Brown said there is a lot of static on the lines. Dr. Racite said the same thing but felt this issue should be sent to the State Utility Authority to handle. Mrs. Stout said the problem is there is not final cost and the Township did not budget for this. She said in Alloway where she also works they have sent many letters on behalf of residents and Verizon does not even respond. The Committee decided to do nothing at this time.

Under **Old Business:** Mayor Gatanis addressed the ongoing issue of Halstead Street. He said a letter was sent to Mr. Rappa from the Zoning Officer for a code violation. Mr. Rappa will have ten days to remove the pool off Township property or be taken to court. The letter was mailed on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Under **New Business:** Police Chief Krivda asked the Committee for permission to advertise for the position of Booking Clerk. He said there has been a resignation, one person left and one person has been unavailable to work. He would like to keep at least a ten person list. Chief Krivda said he would like to advertise for a person who has Spanish as a second language. The Committee all agreed and allowed for an advertisement to be placed in the paper.

Mr. Biermann spoke about the New Jersey Municipal State Aid Grant program for road reconstruction. He said this is the grant we apply for every year and have received every year. The due date is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Biermann said he has already spoken to Mr. Gilbert about possible roads. He said a bid proposal will be prepared for the next meeting.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned a pre construction meeting with the County on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is for the reconstruction of Hollywood Ave. He and Mr. Brown will be attending and will try to get Golfwood Ave. worked on. Mr. Pelura said if the County repaves Golfwood they will not put in drainage.

#### **Public Participations:**

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked he thinks the Township Committee should help the VFW out with the waiver on the raffle license. He said this Township does not do enough for the businesses or the people in the Township. He then mentioned the Booking Clerk advertisement. He said people who apply should not have to speak Spanish. Mr. Cleary mentioned branches around the village. Mayor Gatanis said some are still there because they had their trees cut by professionals and we do not pick those up. Mr. Cleary asked about hiring people to paint curbs, pick up leaves and branches. Lastly he mentioned a vehicle park on blacktop by the Sewerage plant so the street sweeper could do its job. The person was told to move or get a ticket. He wanted to know why parties at the firehouse uses this spot and nothing is said about that. Chief Krivda told him he will look into this.

*Joseph Wright of Grandview Court* asked if anything has been done about the flooding. Mayor Gatani said a letter was received by Mr. Schaffer that stated they will not be doing anything until the project is completed. The Performance Bond was discussed at this point. With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

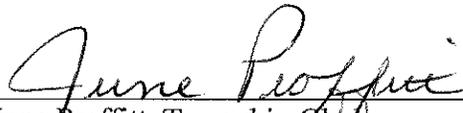
**RESOLUTION 2015-144**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dowe to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:36 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:07 pm.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Dr. Racite. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Approved: 9-16-2015

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk