

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Dowe, Brown and Gatanis were present. Dr. Racite was not in attendance. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, 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.

Motion that **all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept all **Monthly Committee Reports from October 2015**. All were in favor.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **Administrative Compensatory time report**, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **Minutes from the November 4, 2015 regular Committee meeting**, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned a **Raffle Application** for the Habitat for Humanity of Salem County on December 19th at noon. Motion was made by Mr. Dowe to approve, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor. Mr. Brown motioned to approve a **Blue Light Permit** for Jerry Reaves with the Carneys Point Fire/Rescue Dept., seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-185

REFUND TAXES TO CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICE

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the refund of \$13,733.55 to Core Logic Real Estate Tax Service, seconded by Mr. Pelura. Mrs. Stout said all Municipal Liens have to be paid in full before any payments are taken. This is refunding the taxes paid due to Municipal Liens and two overpayments. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-186

REFUND TAXES TO LERETA TAX SERVICE

Motioned to approve the refund to Lereta Attn: Central Refunds was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mrs. Stout said this is the same thing. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-187

AWARD A MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE SERVICE GRANT

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the award of the Municipal Alliance Service Grant in the amount of \$13,746.00 for FY2016. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-188

CONTRACT FOR ROCK SALT

Mr. Dowe motioned to approve the contract with Mid-Atlantic Salt, LLC for the purchase of Rock Salt. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

First reading of Ordinance 909

ORDINANCE 909

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP CODE, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, TO AMEND FEES FOR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY. Mr. Brown made a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mr. Brown said the Construction Official is fixing a few mistakes that were made and setting fees for our third party construction officials. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

With no **Correspondence** Mayor Gatanis moved on to **Old Business**: Mayor Gatanis spoke about the Project Funding Agreement between the Township and the Sewerage Authority. Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Ms. Rhea said this should be done by Resolution. Mr. Pelura motioned to table until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned the Route 48 Layton Lake Dam project detour plan. Jeffrey String the Project Manager with South State Inc. is looking for a letter from the Township approving the detour. Mr. Gilbert said he attended a meeting at the School District Office on the detour route. The construction company is just looking for a letter on the detour plan only stated Mr. Gilbert. This project will start January 2016 and end January 2017. Mr. Gilbert said the Township Engineer has reviewed the detour plan and has approved it. Chief Krivda said he has concerned with the picking up and dropping off of the children in the Layton Lake area. He found out that a bus is not allowed to back up onto roads. Mr. Pelura said this should not change from the way it is now. Mayor Gatanis opened the meeting up for public comments related to this topic.

Stan Field of 10 Oak Lane said his main concern is the children. He said they will be dropped off at Stumpy Lane which is 8 tenths of a mile to Oak Lane. The children will be walking on a major highway, with no sidewalks. Mr. Field said he received a letter from Albert Graham at the District Office to bring questions to the Township. Chief Krivda said this is not a Township issue. Picking up and dropping off of children is the problem of the school. Mr. Fields said he has spoken to the school a few times already with no help. Mr. Pelura suggested the construction company put in a bus turn around. Mayor Gatanis said he is going to hold off on the letter until this is worked out.

Next, Mayor Gatanis mentioned the amendment to the Municipal Shared Defense Agreement. Mrs. Stout mentioned Dr. Burchell who the Committee approved to work up numbers for our COAH obligation has had a serious health issue and is being replaced by Econsult Solutions, Inc. Mrs. Stout said this is the paperwork to allow for the change. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Defense Agreement, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **New Business**, Mr. Brown mentioned the Annual JIF Dividend Announcement in the amount of \$42,698. He said the Township can opt to take the money in three different ways. One is as a credit to offset the cost of next year's assessment. Mr. Brown motioned that the Township use the money as a credit towards the 2016 assessment, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned that the Planning Board has requested an increase in the escrow deposits. They received information from other townships to see what they request for the same escrows. Mayor Gatanis said they are requesting going up to \$1,200 from currently \$750. Mr. Brown said from the sheet of the most resent Planning Board applications he feels it should go to \$1,500. The Committee all agreed so an ordinance will have to be done.

The Mayor opened the meeting to **Public Participation**.

With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed and the Committee went into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2015-189

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:43 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 7:40 pm with the following action taking place.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the MOU for the Police Contract, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize the Township's Special Council to send a letter as directed by the Committee, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

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

Approved: 12.2.2015



June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk