

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 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, G. Gilbert, Public Works Superintendent, 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. Brown and all were in favor. Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Dr. Racite to accept all **Monthly Committee Reports from November 2015**. All were in favor. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the **Administrative Compensatory time report**, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe motioned to approve the **Minutes from the November 30, 2015 Special meeting and the December 2, 2015 regular Committee meeting**, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis mentioned an **Educational Enhancement** for Annmaire Brown Court Administrator to attend Municipal Court Administrators Association meeting on January 8, 2016 at no cost to the Township. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. There were two **Raffle Applications** for Penns Grove HS Project Graduation on February 5, 2016 at the Sakima Country Club. Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor. Next, was a **Bingo Application** for St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish on various dates through the 2016 year. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor with Mr. Brown abstaining from the vote. Also, a Raffle Application for St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish for various dates through the 2016 year. Mr. Dowe motioned with Mr. Pelura seconding and all were in favor with Mr. Brown abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2015-193

PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the funding agreement with the Sewerage Authority, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-195

REFUND PREMIUM BID MONEY FROM TAX REDEMPTION ACCOUNT

Motioned to turn over the premium bid money to the Township on certificate #12-00079 in the amount of \$1,200 from the Redemption Account. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-196

TRANSFER TAXES FROM 2015 TO 2016

Dr. Racite made a motion to approve the transfer of taxes from 2015 to 2016 for various Blocks and Lots in the Township. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2015-197

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the transfer of funds from one line to another in the amount of \$77,550.00 in the 2015 budget, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-198
INSERTION OF REVENUE IN TO THE 2015 BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the insertion of an item of revenue into the 2015 budget under the caption of "Municipal Alliance Grant" in the amount of \$17,182.50. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-199
INSERTION OF REVENUE IN TO THE 2015 BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the insertion of an item of revenue into the 2015 budget under the caption of "Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant" in the amount of \$4,837.78. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-200
CERTIFYING REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Audit and at a minimum review the Findings and Recommendations. Motion was seconded by Dr. Racite. Mr. Pelura congratulated Mrs. Stout and the Finance Office on a good audit and another year with no finding. He said he knows they all work hard. Mayor Gatanis also said congrats. Mrs. Stout said she has fine people in the Finance office but it also takes all Department Heads working together. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2015-201
HONORING G. RICHARD GATANIS

The resolution to honor G. Richard Gatanis for his years of service to the Township of Carneys Point was read aloud by Mr. Brown. Motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Mayor Gatanis said it takes a lot of people to make the Committee look good, he went on to thank Mrs. Stout and the Finance Office staff for all they do. He said he has been on the Township Committee for 9 years and four as Mayor and it is not easy. Mrs. Stout does a great job balancing money to keep the Township going. He mentioned the Chief of Police. He mentioned he has worked with four Chiefs through the years. Chief Krivda you are one of the finest ones I've worked with. He has worked miracles with the Department. He mentioned Mrs. Proffitt, Clerk next. She has always been there when I've needed her. As a Clerk she has to be at the top of the list. He then mentioned Mr. Gilbert in Public Works. He does an outstanding job. He said everyone does great work here from the Recreation Department to the Constructions Department. You could not ask for a better group of people to assist and work with. Mayor Gatanis mentioned the Professionals. Ms. Rhea Solicitor does an outstanding job. Mr. Biermann Engineer has worked hard and has saved this Township lots of money with the way he performs. He said he is not sure if there will be anymore and thank everyone. It has been a great nine years and he appreciates each and everyone.

Correspondence Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Annmarie Court Administrator who is requesting to carry over 32.60 unused vacation hours. Mr. Brown made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Next, there was a letter from Kim Minguez Zoning Officer requesting to carry over 32 unused vacation hours. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business**: Mayor Gatanis mentioned the Route 48 Layton Lake Dam project detour plan. Mayor Gatanis said South State Contractor has agreed to pay for two mini busses to pick up the children around the lake. It has been approved by the School Board. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the letter being sent to approve the detour plan, seconded by Mr. Pelrua and all were in favor. Ms. Rhea is to write the letter.

Mayor Gatanis gave an update on Halstead Street pool issue. He said it want to court and the Judge allowed for the pool owner to have until April 30th to take the pool down.

Chief Krivda mentioned the confrontation at the High School on December 4th. He said there was about 80 children involved. One child was injured at his own hands and one Penns Grove Police Officer was injured. Chief Krivda said there have been 22 charged. Since the riot there has been meeting with the School Administration and new procedures put in place also there will be training for staff members. Lucky no one was seriously injured. Mr. Brown said he thought all schools had lock down procedures? The Chief said all is being reviewed. Dr. Racite commended the Police for what they did. He said this could have been worse.

Under **New Business**, Mayor Gatanis mentioned that authorization is needed on the Specific and Aggregate Insurance coverage for 2016. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

Mrs. Stout is requesting authorization to be Valic Deferred Compensation Plan Administrator and to sign agreement adding "Portfolio Manager Service Option" to the existing plan. Mrs. Stout said Valic has always offered a Deferred Compensation Plan but this is just a new option a guided portfolio service. Motion as made by Dr. Racite, seconded by Mr. Brown to authorize Mrs. Stout to sign. All were in favor.

Mr. Brown discussed the 2016 Deductible and Co-Insurance requirement for Employment Practices and Public Officials liability claims. He said he is recommending keeping the current amount of \$20,000. Mr. Brown motioned, seconded by Mr. Pelrua and all were in favor.

Mr. Gilbert mentioned the YMCA's pool dehumidification needs repair. He said there is a problem with air handler #2 and there is a bad blower unit. The cost to repair is \$3,428.00. Mr. Gilbert said #1 air handler and blower unit was repaired last year. It was asked where they stand on rent. Mrs. Stout said there has not been a rent payment. Also she said they are responsible for maintenance. Mr. Gilbert mentioned the cost of replacement of the dehumidification for the pool. He said it has been ten years since it has been replaced. Dr. Racite suggested sending a letter telling them they are responsible for the repairs. After discussion the Committee requested Mrs. Stout to send the letter to the YMCA about the repairs and if not repaired then the pool will have to be closed.

Mr. Gilbert then mentioned the Solid Waste Management Plan. He said this is about flow control. All Municipalities are to take solid waste to the County Landfill, which we already do. He also mentioned for budgeting purposes the price is increasing by 2%. Mr. Brown said they checked around to other landfills and Salem County is still the least expensive.

Mayor Gatanis mentioned the 2016 Non-Contractual Holiday list. Motion was made by Dr. Racite to approve the Holiday list, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

The Mayor opened the meeting to **Public Participation**. Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Road said she has another appointment tonight but wanted to be at the meeting for the Mayors last day. She wanted to thank the Mayor for all his years of service to Carneys Point Township and the residents. She also thanked the Chief and his men on the school situation. She said she was there to pick up their Granddaughter. She remembers being a first grader in St. James when they had a shooter in the school. She said to the Chief, be tough and put new procedures in place and better security. The Chief said thank you.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. said he thought the doors locked once they closed? The Chief said they all do but children were holding the doors open so people could come back in the building. He said now if someone is late to school they will have to go to the office in the front of the building to get buzzed in. Mr. Dowe said all doors are automatically locked. He said unless someone opens a door from the inside they do not open. Teachers even have to use a card to unlock the doors. Mr. Cleary said he hated to see the Mayor go. He mentioned people he knows thanking the Mayor for the renovations to Dunns Park. He thanked the Mayor on getting the

Dispatchers to the County. This will save the Township money. Mr. Cleary said we need more shared services. Mayor Gatanis said the next group will work on that.

Steve Lopes of Lafayette Road also had other events to attend but came to the meeting instead. He said every time there is bad press in the town the value of homes take a hit. The values of homes in the area are directed by the quality of the schools in the area. He said while he was umpiring the team from Penns Grove acted polite, professional, disciplined with self control and manners. He credits that to parents and school teachers who put in time with the students. Mr. Lopes mentioned security at the school. He feels there needs to be much more security in place. Chief Krivda said he disagrees; he does not want the children to feel as if they are in a prison. Mr. Lopes said he feels parents are to blame. Parents will attend school meeting, Township meeting only for the most negative thing, but there was no one at the School Board meeting after this incident. Parents should be involved. He said the Township should have a liaison to the School also.

Mr. Pelura said with all the negative about the school tonight he wanted everyone to hear a positive. He missed the last meeting because his daughter was inducted into the National Honor Society. He said there was 30 Juniors and Seniors inducted this year. There are a lot of good kids in the system. Mr. Pelura said this is his third child inducted in the National Honor Society. Mayor Gatanis also mentioned various people in the Township he missed in his speech. He mentioned Kathleen Hill Assessor. He said she does a great job and he appreciates her hard work. He said to the Committee we may not always see eye to eye but he appreciates all they have done. He wished them all good luck.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-202
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dowe motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:59 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:06 pm with the following action taking place. Mayor Gatanis had left the meeting so Deputy Mayor Brown took over the meeting. Deputy Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Penns Grove for Tax Collection. Dr. Racite made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mr. Pelura said he thought the cost to Penns Grove was 60 thousand and this says a little more than 63 thousand. Dr. Racite explained the change in fees. Dr. Racite said this will be approving the agreement with corrections. All were in favor.

Deputy Mayor Brown mentioned the Public Works Union Contract for January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019. Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve the contract with verifications of rates of raises, seconded by Dr. Racite and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Racite to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Approved: 1-4-2016


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk