

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Dowe, Brown, Dennis, Pelura, and Racite 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 D. Avedissian- Solicitor.

Mayor Racite 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 read resolution 2016-95

RESOLUTION 2016-95

HIRING TIMOTHY D. HASLETT AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the hiring of Timothy D. Haslett as a full time probationary Police Officer in the Carneys Point Police Department, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken. Solicitor Avedissian administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Haslett.

Chief Krivda thanked the Committee for hiring another Officer for the Police Department. Chief Krivda said the best candidate with the best skills was hired. Officers today need integrity, morals and character. Mr. Pelura took a moment to congratulate Officer Haslett, to his parent's great job. He did a great job and his interview was impressive. Mr. Pelura said with all we see on the news today, he just wanted to say thank you to the officers in the room and to stay safe. He said you all do such a great job. Carneys Point has one of the best Police Departments in the county. A recess was taken so all could congratulate Mr. Haslett and then leave the meeting.

Mayor Racite gave his committee reports; he started with Streets and Roads. He mentioned the reconstruction of Hollywood Ave. A resident came to the last Committee meeting about the corner of Golfwood Ave and Springfield Ave. Mayor Racite said they are removing the island, and putting in arrows. He is not sure if this will help or not. He mentioned a resident with a complaint of runoff from the Turnpike on to South Game Creek Road. He said the Engineer is looking into this. Mayor Racite said on June 25th at the Recreation Complex from 8 to 11 am there will be a shredder event. Mr. Gilbert said there will be no limit in the amount that a resident can bring. This coincides with the Community Yard Sale.

Mr. Pelura said yes both events will be on June 25th at the Rec. Complex. There are forms to fill out to participate in the yard sale. The next event for the Township is National Night Out in August. Mr. Pelura mentioned the first Tax Sale held online. He said there were 170 properties in the sale. 152 of those properties were purchased by outside liens. 18 are with the Township. The Township made \$114,041.50 for the sale. They collected for Pennsville Water Dept. and Carneys Point Sewerage. Mr. Pelura said he had no report for the Police Dept.

Mr. Dennis mentioned long time Volunteer Fireman Loren Chard Sr. will be receiving an award at the Fireman's Convention on June 25th for 50 plus years. Also our Fire Chief and Penns Grove Policeman Ted Stranahan received an award of Officer of the Year. This shows the quality of people in the fire dept.

Mr. Brown mentioned the Annual Fund Evaluation on JIF vendors was sent to the Finance Office for their input since they deal with the vendors on a regular basis. He mentioned he will be attending the June 20th JIF regular committee meeting at the Gloucester County Library.

Mr. Dowe made the comment that the Judge is back and doing well. Mr. Dowe said there was an exciting Industrial Commission meeting. There is a German Based Grocery Store looking to locate in New Jersey. The Commission discussed reaching out to them with what we have to offer. Mr. Brown said he heard they are going to Vineland area. They have a lot of empty properties to move into. Mr. Dennis asked about a distribution center in this area like McClain.

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

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from May 2016**. All were in favor.

Mr. Pelura motioned, Mr. Dowe seconded to approve the Compensation Time report with all in favor.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on June 1, 2016**, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Racite mentioned two **Park Permits 32 and 33** being for use of the Rec. Complex for various events. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2016-96

APPROVE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption licenses for the 2016-17 year, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-97

APPROVE CLUB LIQUOR LICENSES

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the renewal of Club Liquor Licenses for the 2016-17 year, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-98

APPROVE PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the renewal of Plenary Retail Distribution license for the 2016-17 year, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-99

REAPPOINT BONNIE WARREN

Mr. Brown made a motion to reappoint Bonnie Warren as Deputy Municipal Clerk, Alternate Registrar and Tax Assessor Clerk, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-100

HIRE ADRIAN FELICIANO AS PART TIME SEASONAL LABORER

Motioned by Mr. Dowe to approve the hiring of Adrian Feliciano to the Public Works Dept. as a part-time Seasonal Laborer, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-101

AUTHORIZE PARTICIAPTION IN THE "HGAC"

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Pelura to authorize the participation in the Houston-Galveston area Council, a National Cooperative Contracting Unit. Mayor Racite said this resolution will allow for us to join this CO-OP so we can purchase items for less. Mrs. Stout said they are a national cooperative out of Texas and follow their purchasing laws. Because they are much larger there are much larger discounts. Mrs. Stout said the prices are better than some of the State contract pricing. The same procedures will be followed, there is a fee but it is being paid by the Fire Truck Company. This is a relativity new program to NJ.

RESOLUTION 2016-102

APPROVE PURCHASE OF GARBAGE COLLECTION TRUCK

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the purchase of a garbage collection truck from GranTurk Equipment Co. at a cost of \$181,715.00. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and the vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe abstained, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voted yes. Mr. Pelura mentioned that because of the shared service with Penns Grove for public works this purchase has been made with funds derived from that service. This is not from our funds.

RESOLUTION 2016-103

RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND TO MM-TM ASSOCIATES, LLC

Motion to release the performance bond and put in place the maintenance bond was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Pelura. Mr. Brown asked if shields were put on the light in the parking lot. He said the light bleeds to the neighbor's house, whole front yard. Mr. Brown said he remembers this being spoken about at the Planning Board meeting. A unanimous vote was taken with the condition of shields being placed on the lights in the parking lot.

RESOLUTION 2016-104

AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED TAX BILLS FOR THIRD QUARTER PROPERTY TAXE.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the estimated tax bills to be produced and mailed, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Mr. Pelura mentioned the County Budget passed at tonight's meeting. Mr. Brown said if we were to send out bills due to the County not passing the budget can we charge them for related costs. Mrs. Stout said she can write a letter but no she cannot.

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 918

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP CODE; FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION. Mayor Racite opened the meeting up for public questions or comments. With none this portion was closed and a motion to adopt was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

First reading of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT AMENDING CHAPTER 212 ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP TO REDESIGNATE SECTIONS OF THE RR-2 (RUAL RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT AND LI-R ZONING DISTRICT TO THE LI (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 212 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CLARIFY PERMITTED USED, AND TO REPLACE AND / OR ADD PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USED AND THE DISTRICT SCHEDULE. Mayor Racite opened this ordinance up for public questions or comments. He mentioned Township Planner Joe Lutz was in attendance to answer any questions. Patrick Bomba asked if maps were made available of the site. He was told they will be available when the ordinance is adopted. He was told this is for the Melita property on Virginia Ave. Mr. Bomba asked if this is "Spot Zoning". Mr. Brown said it was spot zoned by the State years ago, this is correcting and changing it back. With no more questions this portion was closed and a motion to introduce was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned a letter received from Egg Harbor Twp. on supporting their opposition for licensing casinos outside of Atlantic City. Mr. Brown said he is in support of the letter for no casinos outside of Atlantic City. Mr. Pelura said he does not want to see casinos all over the state but we do sit on the waterfront. There has been talk in the past of riverboat gambling. Do we want to shoot ourselves in the foot this year by opposing this now.

He thinks we may want to stay clear. He said in a few years we may want to do something along the waterfront.

Also, Mayor Racite mentioned a letter from NJ DOT on approval of the "No Passing Zone" on Route 48 in the vicinity of Oak Lane. Mr. Gilbert had a follow up with NJ DOT. He mentioned he met with a representative from the NJ DOT on speed limits on Route 48 by Layton's Lake. Mr. Gilbert made the request to have the representative come back after the bridge has been repaired.

Old Business: Mr. Avedissian spoke on the Gas Station demolition. He said he went before the Judge and was approved for the demolition. Mr. Avedissian said the cost will be put on the property. Mr. Berducci, Construction Official is looking into getting quotes.

Mayor Racite mentioned the Cornerstone Estates basin maintenance. He said we need to take what action is necessary to enforce the Developer to comply with the maintenance of the basin. Mr. Avedissian said citations would come from the Code Office. The Engineer asked for records of the basin and was told there were none. Mr. Avedissian said he will write a notice to supply the Township with records on maintenance of the basin. Mayor Racite said we also need to discuss the continued flooding in that area.

New Business, Mayor Racite addressed the 911 Police Dispatch with the County. Mayor Racite said we have received no correspondence from the County. He said he sent a letter to them with a list of questions pertaining to 911 Dispatch. As this moment the letter has not been read or no response back. Mayor Racite said he did invite the County to come to our meeting and answer some of our questions. Mayor Racite said he was not in favor of sending our dispatch to the County in the first place. He is definitely not in favor of sending it out of the County. Mr. Brown said Mayor Racite's wife attended a meeting at the County and asked questions. Mr. Brown said no one was notified about this move, not just us. Mr. Pelura said we would have included the people affected by this contract change. Mr. Dowe said the County was very unprofessional in the way this was handled. Mr. Pelura said the Mayor should write a follow up letter letting the County know how we feel, Mr. Dowe seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe mentioned a bump in the road by 6th Ave on Broad St. He commented someone is going to get hurt. Mr. Gilbert said he will speak to the County and also for a sink hole in Penns Grove. Mr. Dowe mentioned a house at 25 6th Ave. that looks abandoned. He said it is not but really overgrown. Mr. Gilbert said a letter can be sent to them from the Code Office.

Mayor Racite moved on to the **Public Participation:**

Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Road told the Committee they should give the County that letter. The County has no respect for anyone involved with this, employees, other Municipalities, residents of the County.

Pat Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. said Freeholder Action removed the topic from the agenda at the County's meeting tonight. She said this topic is off the table. Mr. Bomba said he is worried about next year. He thanked the Committee for standing up for the Community.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked Mr. Brown how he can ask the Code Office to send a letter to two old residents because their yard is overgrown but you can't do anything about the Sewerage Authority plant. Mr. Cleary moved on to address the flooding at Cornerstone Estates. He said the Township should do a stop work order until every problem is fixed. He does not understand why the Township lets this go on. With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2016-105
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pelura motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:07 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 pm with the following action being taken.

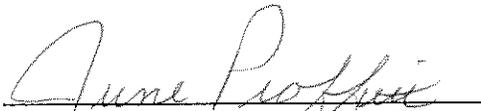
Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to allow for Chief Krivda to make the necessary recommendations on promotions in the Police Dept., seconded by Mr. Dowe. The vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe voting yes, Mr. Brown voting no, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Pelura voting yes and Mayor Racite abstaining.

Mayor Racite mentioned moving forward with the YMCA. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Mr. Brown to move forward with the process, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor except Mr. Dowe who abstained.

Mayor Racite mentioned bills from Mr. Telsey and Mr. Marizatti that have been coming in. Mayor Racite said extra money was added to the legal O/E but that is running out. Mayor Racite said an emergency appropriation resolution will be done at the July meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Approved: 7-20-2016


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk