

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Pelura and Racite were present. Mr. Dennis was not in attendance. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, G. Gilbert- Public Works, G. Krivda Police Chief and D. Avedissian Solicitor.

Mayor Racite called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. We were led into the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and roll call** was taken.

Mayor Racite mentioned guests in the audience Prosecutor John Lenahan, Retired State Police and Former Deputy Chief in the Prosecutors Office Bill Higgins, Retired Chief in the Prosecutors Office David Cornman, Prosecutor Chief Brian Facemeyer, Retired Carneys Point Chiefs of Police Bill Luzzo and Robert DiGregorio, Retired Lut. Bernard Buckley, Ret. Lut. and former Committeeman Arnold DiTeodoro, former Committeeman Frank Krivda and Charles Miller Salem County Sheriff. Thanks to all active and retired officers who are here to share this evening with soon to be Lieutenant Brian Hogan. Welcome friends and family. Mr. Pelura read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016-137

PROMOTION OF BRIAN HOGAN TO LIEUTENANT

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the promotion of Sgt. Brian Hogan to Lieutenant in the Carneys Point Township Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote took place. Chief Krivda thanked for everyone who showed up for the event. He also thanked the Township Committee for authorizing the promotion and by putting the Police back to full staff. Chief Krivda reviewed the employment history of Lieutenant Hogan from being hired in 1996 to current. He said Lieutenant Hogan has good leadership skills and has an ability to lead. Solicitor David Avedissian administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Hogan.

Mayor Racite took a five minute recess from the meeting.

Upon returning from the recess Mayor Racite asked for a motion to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on August 17, 2016**. Motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor. Mayor Racite asked for approval on the **minutes from the Special meeting held on August 24, 2016**. Motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor with Mayor Racite abstaining.

Mayor Racite spoke on the Departmental Committee reports. Tomorrow at 11:00 will be a preconstruction meeting on Lakeside Lane Reconstruction project. They met with a contractor for an estimate on repairs of a broken pipe that goes across a driveway causing a sink hole on North DuPont Road. There are some drainage issues on Fenton Dr. and Erie Ave. caused by broken catch basins. The Township is also getting quotes on these repairs. Video of the

drainage pipes on South DuPont Road has been completed and we are waiting on the report. The recycling calendars and guide books are out for printing quotes. Security Camera installation is ongoing at the Municipal Building, and we removed some dead trees in Dunns Park.

Mr. Pelura said he had no fall event reports for the Recreations Commission. He said once the events are scheduled he will have more information. The Police are working hard and finally fully staffed. Mr. Dowe asked about lining of soccer fields. Mr. Gilbert said they have been lined as of today. Markers are flush with the ground. Mr. Gilbert said with the new regulations two fields had to be redone with new markers.

Mr. Dennis arrived to the meeting at 6:28 pm. Mr. Dennis apologized for being late then mentioned the vacant property enforcement as bringing in approximately \$25,000. This money will help maintain and secure the properties without any cost to the Township or tax payers. He mentioned a drop box is now located by the door of the Annex building for permits, payments exc. after hours. Emergency Management Office monitored the weather and high tides over the weekend with nothing to report. Fire and Rescue the Rescue truck is almost finished. Once back, truck #3 will have to be put in for service. The Fire Dept. is stripping the jeep and moving all the equipment in to the newly acquired vehicle. Once complete they will take the jeep to Public Works. Mr. Dennis said there are no applications for the Planning Board.

Mr. Brown gave a reminder that the 2016 Health and Wellness Fair will be in the Courtroom on October 20th for employees and volunteers only. This event is not for the general public. The September wellness letter has been sent out and there has not been a JIF or Safety Meeting since the last report. Mr. Brown mentioned from the last meeting the DEP sent a letter to the owner of the property on 81 7th Ave. with violations for clearing the wetlands. Mr. Brown said he made a copy of the letter for the Committee to review. There were no fines given just what they need to do to repair the wetlands.

Mr. Dowe said he has not report on the Animal Control. He also mentioned the Industrial Commission will meet on Monday so he will discuss that at the next meeting. There is a Court issue which will be addressed in executive session.

Solicitor Avedissian left the meeting at 6:32 pm.

RESOLUTION 2016-138

TAX COLLECTOR TURNING OVER TO THE TOWNSHIP \$2,000

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown to authorize the Tax Collector to pay the Township \$2,000 from the Redemption Account for Certificate #12-00001, foreclosed by the Lien holder. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-139

RECORDING FEES TO FOUNDATION TITLE

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund \$40.00 in recording fees to Foundation Title, certificate #16-00085, 241 I St. Motion seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2016-140

RECORDING FEES TO OCWEN FINANCIAL CORP

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to refund \$280.00 in recording fees, on seven different certificates from the Collectors' Redemption Account. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION 2016-141

RECORDING FEES TO WELLS FARGO REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICES

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund \$80.00 in recording fees, on certificates 16-00108 and 16-00145. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-142

RECORDING FEES TO CORELOGIC REAL ESTATE TAX SERVICE

Motioned on by Mr. Pelura to refund \$320.00 in recording fees, for eight different certificates. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-143

RECORDING FEES TO SHELL POINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund \$40.00 in recording fees, certificate 16-00058, 280 Harold St. Motion seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-144

RECORDING FEES WEST JERSEY TITLE

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund \$40.00 in recording fees, certificate 16-00047, 89 S. DuPont Road. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-145

RECORDING FEES TO PNC

Motion made by Mr. Pelura to refund \$40.00 in recording fees, certificate 16-00057, 274 Harold St. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-146

RECORDING FEES TO SHERWOOD F. LLOYD, IV

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund \$40.00 in recording fees, certificate 16-00029, 57 Christmas Ave. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-147

PURCHASE FORD SUPER DUTY F-250 TRUCK

Motioned by Mr. Brown to authorize the purchase of a Ford Super Duty F-250 Truck through NJ State Contract for \$35,452.00. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-148

AMEND RESOLUTION 2016-107

Mr. Brown motioned to amend resolution 2016-107 to awarding a two year contract to EVS. Inc. for repair to Municipal Fire Trucks. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-149

AMEND RESOLUTION 2016-108

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to amend resolution 2016-108 awarding a two year contract to Belmawr Truck Repair, Co. for repairs to Municipal Medium and Heavy Duty Trucks. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned a letter of resignation from Rick Verdecchio from the Planning Board. The resignation was accepted by the Committee.

There was a letter of resignation from Judge Witcher effective December 31, 2016. Mr. Brown made a motion to table this correspondence until the Committee has time to discuss it further. Seconded to table was made by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite said there was a letter from Thomas Melita on charges he received on a zoning change on his property. Mayor Racite suggested sending this back to the Planning Board. Mr. Brown made the motion to do so, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite made a Mayoral Appointment of moving Tim Vendetti Alternate #3 on the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term left open by the resignation of Rick Verdecchio Class IV. Mr. Vendetti's term will expire on December 31, 2018.

Old Business: Mayor Racite mentioned that Cornerstone Estates had been sent a letter with issues with the drainage. One issue was to have them do maintenance of the basin and send reports directly to the township for review and filing. We received the first report. They will now be sent on a quarterly basis.

New Business: Mayor Racite mentioned a proposal from RFP Solutions Inc. for a telecommunication service/maintenance agreement. Mrs. Stout mentioned that this agreement is lower than the former company. Motion to approve the service/maintenance agreement was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura discussed a proposal from PCI on applying for a Transportation Alternative Program Grant. Mr. Pelura said this would design and construct an off road trail facilities for pedestrians to get from Sandy Ridge Apartments to the Rec. Complex in a safe manner. He said he spoke to the Recreation Chair and Mr. Gilbert on this topic. Mr. Pelura said the Engineer said the engineering work would be about \$3,000. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to proceed, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all voted yes.

Next, Mr. Pelura spoke on the parking on South Pennsville-Auburn Road by the People's Tavern. This is unsafe and someone is going to get hurt. The Chief suggested No Parking signs be put up. This is a County road so they will need a letter with the request. Mr. Pelura suggested having the Solicitor write and send the letter. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite addressed the release of a Performance Surety Bond for Heritage-Layton Lake Estates. It was stated they no longer own the property. The Mayor said the Engineer said it is alright to release. The Solicitor can have a resolution in place at the next meeting.

Mayor Racite spoke on a request to advertise to hire part-time help in the Public Works Dept. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite said there was a meeting to review the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Mrs. Stout said this is a requirement of our Insurance to review at least every two years. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe to complete the changes and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite said Mrs. Stout handed everyone a packet of job description for each position in the Township. Please take time to review them and they will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

Public Participations:

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked why is the Township hiring part-time employees for Public Works. He said they need full time employees so more can be done. He feels there is not enough help now. Next he brought up the Sewerage Plant and it looking bad. He mentioned how his yard was dug up when the sewerage line was put in and it has not been fixed. Mayor Racite said the company working is not done yet. Mr. Cleary mentioned the Children Playing sign he requested for E Street. The Chief said he will put the message board on that road.

With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-150
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 6:55 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 7:48 pm.

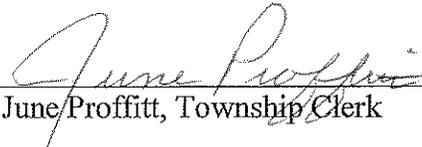
Mayor Racite mentioned the resolutions for Police promotions being out of order. Mr. Dennis made a motion to allow for the Clerk to reverse the first two resolution names to correct this mistake, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Next, Mayor Racite mentioned there needs to be a new MOU for the Judge. He asked to be allowed to start working on this with Mr. Dowe. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to allow for Mayor Racite and Mr. Dowe to start working on the MOU for the Judge, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Authorize Mr. Maraziti to dismiss the other law suits filed by DuPont CoGen. Mr. Pelura made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor with Mayor Racite abstaining. Mayor Racite said Mr. Avedissian will be drafting a news release.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved: 9-21-2014


June Proffitt, Township Clerk