

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Chief Krivda-Police, G. Gilbert-Superintendent of Public Works, 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.

Mayor Racite started with the Finance Department for his **Committee Reports**. He said the Township uses Govdeals.com for selling unused Township property. A year to date amount the Township has made is \$4,877.00. Public Works, Streets and Roads the Lakeside Lane project has begun. It should be about four week to completion. The Mayor mentioned erosion of earth on Plant Road. Mr. Gilbert said he met with Chemours Representatives who said it did need to be tended. They feel it will take about a month to do. Mayor Racite said the security cameras installation has been completed and up and running.

Mr. Pelura said on October 8th will be the Family Campout at the Rec. Complex. He said on October 26th is the Annual Halloween event with costume contests and hayrides. Mr. Pelura said the Tax Office has mailed tax bills out today. And lastly, the Police will be back doing bike patrols now that the weather is cooler.

Mr. Dennis said he and Mrs. Stout had a meeting on Monday with American Medical Response (AMR) about some personnel issues and reporting issues. They said it will be looked into. On October 20th will be a follow up meeting. Mr. Dennis said there is nothing to report on Planning Board or Emergency Management. The Code Office is still working on vacant properties. To date they have brought in about \$25,000 to the Township. Mr. Dennis said he attended a meeting at the College for Economic Development, Cultural Affairs and Tourism on September 16th given by the South Jersey Economic Development District. The discussion centered on needs of each community and areas of growth. He believed they are going to be speaking to local farmers in the area to discuss what product would be a good fit for international trade. Mr. Dennis said there will be a follow-up meeting with the Mayors on October 21st at the Collage.

Mr. Brown said he attended the Township Safety Committee meeting on September 20th. The topics discussed were the workers compensation claims. We are two down from last year. It was discussed how to utilize the safety monies from JIF. Mr. Brown also mentioned safety training in the courtroom this Friday if anyone is interested see Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Brown said the Township is scheduling a fire drill/active shooter drill to be held before the end of the year. Lastly, he reminded the Committee and employees of the Health Fair on October 20th with a lot of excellent vendors attending. Mr. Brown also gave an update on the clearing of wetlands at 81 7th Ave. by the land owners and DEP got involved. Within two weeks the owners will remove all the piles of trees that were cut down. By December 31st the owners will put up a fence to block off the wetland areas. Lastly they have allowed for the vegetation in the wetland areas to grow back.

Mr. Dowe said he has no report for the Animal Registrar or Animal Control. The Industrial Commission did not hold their last meeting due to lack of a quorum. A meeting has been scheduled for October 6th. In Courts he mentioned a meeting on September 14th on Criminal Justice Reform. January 1st will be the start of a new system. Chief Krivda said he attended the

meeting and gave his assessment. He said the bail system will be changing. He said he has pamphlets explaining the new system.

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. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from August 2016**. All were in favor. Mr. Pelura motioned, Mr. Dowe seconded the motion to approve the **Compensation Time** report all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on September 7, 2016**, seconded by Mr. Brown. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2016-151

REFUND OF OVERPAID TAXES ON BLOCK 163, LOT 18

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the refund of \$20.71 to Block 163, Lot 18 for overpaid taxes, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-152

**CANCEL TAXES ON BLOCK 94, LOT 2 FOR
100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to cancel the taxes on Block 94, Lot 2 due to 100% totally disabled veteran status. Second made by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-153

REFUND CORELOGIC TAX SERVICE

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the Township to refund Corelogic Real Estate Tax Service \$1,319.94 on Block 94, Lot 2 for a 100% totally disabled veteran. Second to the motion was Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-154

**GRANTING 100% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION AS OF
JULY 1, 2016**

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura granting 100% totally disabled veteran exemption as of July 1st. Second to the motion is Mr. Dowe, and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-155

AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE GARBAGE TRUCK AGREEMENT

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the addition to the contract with Granturk, by Change Order #1, for the purchase of a Leachate Tank in the amount of \$4,620.00. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-156

PLACEMENT OF NO PARKING SIGNS ON S. PV-AUB ROAD

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to request the County of Salem to place No Parking signs on S. Pennsville-Auburn Road, after the parking lot at intersection Rt. 48 extending south approximately 700 feet on the east side of the road. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-157

ADOPTING CHANGES TO EXISTING DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize the adoption of changes made to the existing deferred compensation plan so to conform to the Code. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2016-158
OVERPAIDS OF TAXES DUE TO TAX APPELAS**

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve refunds to various properties in various amounts due to tax appeals. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2016-159
SALARY INCREASE FOR ZONING OFFICER**

Mr. Dennis made a motion to authorize a pay increase for the Zoning Officer, making her salary \$10,078.00 per year. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and the roll call vote is as follows: Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voting yes while Mr. Brown voting no.

**RESOLUTION 2016-160
AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES
AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the amendments and changes to the Personnel Policies and Procedures manual. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2016-161
APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the job descriptions for all employees within the Township. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Adoption and Public hearing of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 920

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 37, AND FIXING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Mayor Racite opened the ordinance up for public questions or comments. With no comments or questions this was brought to the table for comments and adoption. Mr. Dennis made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voted yes. Mr. Brown voted no.

Introduction to Ordinance 921

ORDINANCE 921

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 138-3 ENTITLED "NOISE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Mr. Dennis made a motion to introduce, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned a letter from DEP in response to our letter on the transfer of ownership of landfill A and B from DuPonts to Chemours. DEP said they are looking into our concerns such as landfill A closed in 1994 and landfill B stopped accepting waste in 2003 but the application for transfer says they are still in use. The fact sheet said the landfill is being investigated by DEP and the EPA but there is no remedial action plan in place. And lastly, Chemours has their name spelled three different ways on the forms. They will be getting back to us.

Mayor Racite said the residents of Layton's Lake approached him about the new dam project. They also had concerns with the water level. Mayor Racite said he got a meeting with our Engineer and the Contractor and the people of Layton's lake. He said their newsletter details the results of the meeting. Bottom-line is the water should be at the same level as before. The Bridge should be open on or about December 26th of this year.

Mayor Racite mentioned the dates are out for the Elected Official Liability Seminar. He said if anyone is attending the League they can take the seminar there. Mayor Racite mentioned a conflict resolution training also given by our JIF. He said this would be beneficial for all Department heads. Mayor Racite mentioned a letter from NJ State and General Assembly on they hold a Legal Service Night at the High School on Thursday, September 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is open to the public for free legal advice. Mayor Racite mentioned a follow up letter from NJ DOT on the No Passing Zone that has been completed on Route 140.

Old Business: Mayor Racite spoke on a response letter from Cornerstone on removal of inlets 19, 20 and 21. It stated they will address our concerns with their Manager and will get back to us. Mayor Racite said this is on the drainage.

Mr. Gilbert said the Recreation Complex now has wifi hookups. He said Dunns Park also is monitored and the Municipal building has new cameras inside and out. This was an upgrade here.

New Business Mr. Pelura requested to place an ad in the paper looking for part-time as needed booking clerks. The last time an ad was placed was in 2015. Mr. Pelura made a motion to allow, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura addressed an application for a Parade Permit for the Police Association 5K Run. The date is November 12 from 10 to 11:30 on G and Bay Street. Mr. Pelura said he spoke to Officer Spinelli and Officer Pino. There will most likely be parking on Hoover St. The run will be through the village on the side streets and they do not feel roads will be closed down. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the run, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Mr. Pelura said the Rec. Commission will be assisting this event.

Mr. Dennis spoke about Percell Kelly who taught music in both the Middle School and High School. There is going to be an alumni band concert and buffet dinner at the High School on September 30th where they will be honoring Mr. Kelly. The Township Committee will be presenting a certificate of Recognition to Mr. Kelly. Mr. Dennis made a motion to request to be allowed to present the certificate, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Public Participation.

Ed Voyles of Penns Grove Auburn Road asked what happens to the fluid collected by the Leachate Tank? Mr. Gilbert replies that it has to be released at the landfill when the truck is emptied.

Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Road said she is selling tickets to two events that benefit local businesses. One is a crab feast for Habitat for Humanity and the second is for the Daryl Bankie foundation, transportation for disabled persons, at the Riverview Inn. Both are on October 8th and tickets are \$35.00 each.

Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. mentioned the letter from the DEP on DuPont's transferring the name on the landfills A & B to Chemours. He asked if he could get a copy of the letters. Mayor Racite said yes he can get copies. Also, Mr. Bomba asked if the water level at Laytons Lake is going to be back to the original height. Mayor Racite said it will be what it was before the construction started.

RESOLUTION 2016-162

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 6:36 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:19 pm with the following action being taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Dowe to authorize the minimum bid to be set at \$675,000.00, seconded by Mr. Pelura 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 five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved: 10.5.2016



June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk