

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 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

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 said he would like to take a moment to welcome former Police Chief Bill Luzzo, former Carneys Point Det. Sgt. Bernard Buckley, all retired and active Police Officers; Salem County Prosecutor John Lenahan, along with family and friends. Tonight we will have seven promotions by seniority. Chief Krivda is going to say a few words. The Chief also recognized guests in the audience. He went on to say what an honor to have the opportunity to recognize these officers for their accomplishments. Chief Krivda said he was given the approval for the promotion process; it has been a tough few months with written and oral tests. He thanked the Township Committee for furthering the organizational structure. These men are the future of the Department. The Chief said in conclusion, in 4 to 5 years one of you will be where I am now.

RESOLUTION 2016-120

PROMOTION OF MARTINA PIERSON

Mr. Dennis made a motion then read the resolution to promote Martina Pierson from Corporal to Sergeant in the Carneys Point Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. Oath of Office was administered to Sergeant Pierson by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-121

PROMOTION OF JOSEPH JOHNSON

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to promote Joseph D. Johnson from Corporal to Sergeant in the Carneys Point Police Department. Mr. Pelura read the resolution. Mr. Brown seconded and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. Oath of Office was administered to Sergeant Johnson by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-122

PROMOTION OF MICHAEL GIORDANO

Mr. Brown made a motion and read the resolution to promote Michael Giordano from Corporal to Sergeant in the Carneys Point Police Department. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. Oath of Office was administered to Sergeant Giordano by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-123

PROMOTION OF JOSEPH C. RACITE

The Resolution was read by Mayor Racite to promote Joseph C. Racite to Corporal in the Carneys Point Police Dept. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown and the vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe, Brown, Dennis and Pelura votes yes. Mayor Racite abstained from the vote. The Oath of Office was administered to Corporal Racite by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-124

PROMOTION OF MATTHEW PETRUTZ

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis who read the promotion resolution for Matthew Petruz to Corporal in the Carneys Point Police Dept. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. The Oath of Office was administered to Corporal Petruz by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-125
PROMOTION OF MATTHEW SCHULTZ

Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve the promotion of Matthew Schultz to Corporal in the Carneys Point Police Dept. Mr. Dowe also read the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. The Oath of Office was administered to Corporal Schultz by Mayor Racite.

RESOLUTION 2016-126
PROMOTION OF NATHAN PINO

The resolution was read by Mr. Pelura who also made the motion to promote Nathan Pino from Patrolman to Corporal. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous roll call vote was taken. The Oath of Office was administered to Corporal Pino by Mayor Racite.

Mayor Racite moved on to give his committee reports. He said he, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Stout met to review the Personnel Policy Hand Book which is required by our JIF every two years. This has to be done by October. There have been a lot of little changes and Mrs. Stout will get that out to everyone for review. In regards to Public Works Streets and Roads Mr. Gilbert met with Engineer to address some sinkholes on Erie Ave and Fenton Drive. Lakeside Lane and E Street reconstruction have been awarded and we are waiting on the construction schedules. On August 4th was our Safety luncheon which was a success and well attended. New Sewerage pump was installed at the YMCA. Under Parks and Play Grounds security cameras are being installed. Mr. Gilbert had the goal posts removed from the old Twins football field.

Mr. Pelura mentioned National Night Out which was held on the first Tuesday of August sponsored by MAPSA. He said it was a good night and well attended. He said the Police Officers with MAPSA/Explorers did a great job. Recreation has some events coming up but dates have not been set yet. Mr. Pelura said as you can see the Police have been busy with testing, studying and interviewing. All was well deserved.

Mr. Dennis said he had no report for the Construction Dept. The Fire and Rescue Department still has a rescue truck out of service. The part has been found and if no other issues this should be repairs and back on the road soon. The Fire Dept. assisted Penns Grove on a house fire last week. All went well despite the excessive heat. Mr. Dennis mentioned the Planning Board saw the Community College purchased the vacant hair salon a crossed the street to make a Salem County Library and house the Book Mobile. He said as a state public education institution is exempt from the local zoning ordinances and requirements. (1972 Rutgers v. Piluso, 60 N.J 142(1972) 286 A. 2d 697) their only requirement was to tell the Township what they were planning to do.

Mr. Brown said on August 4th was the Employee Safety Lunch provided by our JIF Insurance. A health lunch was provided. This is a reward for the employees reducing the number of accidents over the prior year. On July 25th Mr. Brown attended the JIF quarterly Employee Practices Liability Committee meeting in Mullica Hill. He also attended at his own cost a two day planning retreat in Almonesson, NJ. He said he reviewed new policies and procedures for the coming year. Mrs. Stout will receive a copy for distribution. The safety meeting for this month had been cancelled and rescheduled for September 20th. Lastly, the issue with the Survey for the Code Office has been resolved and the survey is moving forward.

Mr. Dowe said he had nothing to report for Animal Control. The Industrial Commission met last week and discussed Lidel a German grocery store chain. He said a representative came here to discuss putting a store in this area and met with two Commission members and the Mr. Brown. Unfortunate we are not a suitable location for their organization. Mr. Dowe said the courts will be attending training on September 14th for Criminal Justice reform. This reform is supposed to

start on January 1st. The Court Administrator, Deputy and the Judge will be attending. If anyone else on the Committee would like to attend they are invited.

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. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Dowe to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from July 2016**. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on July 20, 2016**, seconded by Mr. Brown. All were in favor with Mr. Dowe and Mr. Dennis abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2016-127

APPOINT FRANCIS DOUGHERTY AS ELEVATOR INSPECTOR

Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve the appointment of Francis Dougherty as the Elevator Inspector for a 4 year term, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-128

REFUND OVERPAID TAXES

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the refund of \$7,217.56 to CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service for overpayments, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-129

TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Township to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with MMTM Associates, LLC, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-130

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the Emergency Resolution in the amount of \$225,000.00, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-131

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2016

Mr. Pelura made a motion to support the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Statewide Crackdown. Motion to second was made by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-132

CHAPTER 159, INSERTION INTO THE 2016 BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the insertion of revenue into the 2016 Budget under the caption "Drive Sober Get Pulled Over 2016 Statewide Crackdown Grant" in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-133

REFUND RECORDING FEES

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the refund of \$40.00 for the unrecorded tax sale certificate for Block 77, Lot 3, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-134

REFUND RECORDING FEES

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to approve the refund of \$200.00 for the unrecorded tax sale certificates of five properties at \$40.00 each to Ocwen Financial Corp. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Introduction 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. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Dowe and the vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voting yes while Mr. Brown voted no.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned receiving a phone call from a resident on Layton's Lake. In regards to the reconstruction to the dam the water in the lake was dropped 1 to 2 feet lower than residents were told it would be. This is a New Jersey State project so we asked our Engineer to request the water be put back to where it is supposed to be. Mayor Racite said there was a meeting between residents and the NJDOT and since then he has not heard any more of this.

Mayor Racite said at the last meeting a resignation for Kim Miguez Zoning Officer was tabled. Since then she has sent a letter to rescind her resignation. No need to move at this time.

Mayor Racite said he received an email from Woodstown Councilman Ed Segrest and Mayor Donald Dietrich on vacant property registrations. They had requested to come before our meeting to discuss a county shared service vacant property registration. Mayor Racite told them that Carneys Point already has an ordinance in place and it is more beneficial to our Township. The Mayor of Woodstown requested a copy of our ordinance. NJDEP sent a letter stating that NJ American Water is abandoning an old well and drilling a new well. Due to age it is cheaper to put in a new well then repair the old one. The new well will be within 100 feet of the old well. Mayor Racite said he spoke about the quality of water here. The DEP gave a link to a website to check water quality that is up to date and accurate with more information. The link was put on our web page and public access channel if anyone would like it.

Old Business: Mayor Racite discussed the issues of flooding with Cornerstone Estates. He said at the last meeting there were three letters to be sent. One to Cornerstone with regards to basin maintenance and record maintenance, one to Cornerstone requesting paving to be completed on the sections done and removal of inlets 19, 20 and 21. The last was to the County who is scheduled to do construction of Golfwood Ave. in 2017. Mayor Racite said he received a phone call from Jason Schaeffer, Developer stating that they have been maintaining the basin and will send the reports over for our review. There was a follow up e-mail that said they will agree to pave if we release part of the Performance Bond. There is some issue with the inlets that need to be worked out. We also received a response from the County and they are planning to reconstruct Golfwood Ave from Georgetown to Hollywood Ave. and put in drainage. Mayor Racite said this should fix the flooding in that area.

With no **New Business** Mayor Racite moved on to **Public Participation.**

Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Road said she is confused about the Book Mobile. Mr. Dennis answered with the College is purchasing the old hair salon and making it a public "County" Library. The Book Mobile will run out of this building. Mrs. Bomba asked if people with wells get testing. Mayor Racite said you can get testing but you pay for it. She finished by congratulating the promotions of Officers earlier in the meeting.

Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. mentioned the Industrial Commission meeting with Lidel. He said they have very little name recognition here. He said we spoke to them about a storage facility which they seemed interested. Their plans are to place stores up the Eastern seaboard. As far as the website for the Industrial Commission. The Commission decided this would be

better than brochures. Mr. Bomba said the Commission may come before the Committee for funds to support their website.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked if all the Golfwood road reconstruction will help with the flooding at Grandview Court. He said all the flooding should be taken care of at one time. He mentioned the flow of waster cannot be changed and that is what the Cornerstone Estates Developer did. Mr. Cleary asked when E Street reconstruction will be done. Mayor Racite said the project is on hold due to the State putting a hold on all state funded construction projects. Mr. Cleary asked about the “children playing” sign being put up and the stop sign at the end of Division St by the Fire House. Mr. Avedissian arrived to the meeting at 7:13 pm.

RESOLUTION 2016-135

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:14 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 8:32 pm with the following action being taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to promote Sergeant Brian Hogan to Lieutenant at the September 7th Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dowe to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved: 9-7-2016


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk