

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 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 stated that the JIF Elected Officials Liability Seminar will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 3:45 pm at the League of Municipalities. He said no location has been set yet for that seminar. The Mayor spoke on the Lakeside Lane project. Top soil and hydro seeding should be done this week. Recycling he said preparations are being done for leaf collection.

Mr. Pelura said on October 31st from 4 to 8 pm the Township will hold Halloween. The Recreation Commission is having costumes and hayrides on Wednesday, October 26th at 6 pm. The costume contest will be for age's infant to 10 years of age. This event is for the children and grandchildren of residents of Carneys Point. The Tax Office has sent out tax bills for new assessments and any added assessments. Added Assessment Report from the County stated we are at 3.3 million dollars for 2016. Mr. Pelura asked Kathleen Hill, Assessor about the net amount on the compliance. Compliance is equalization of neighborhoods. That is not reflected in the report but will be shown as of January.

Mr. Dennis mentioned the Insurance Services Office (ISO) who is an insurer-supported organization with the primary mission of providing insurance underwriting and rating information to insurers. They inspected our Construction Office looking at building codes, record keeping and such. On a scale of 1 to 10 where one is the best we scored a three. Very few offices get better than a three so we are good. Mr. Dennis said he attended a COAH meeting with Mrs. Stout and Mike Jedziniak to discuss briefly the changes with the HMFA funding scoring. The next funding opportunities will be in April 2017. Mainly our status quo is the same. Mr. Dennis said there is no activity with the Planning Board. Our Fire Chief went to see the new fire truck being built. Some minor adjustments have been made and the construction is moving along. Mr. Dennis said he thinks sometime around April the truck will be delivered.

Mr. Brown mentioned attending the Department head meeting on Tuesday for a review of the employee handbooks. Our JIF insurance requires a review and update every two years. Now, every employee and volunteer will be distributed the book. They will sign and return a receipt they received and reviewed the book. Several Township employees attended a Conflict Resolution Training sponsored by the JIF today. He reminded the Committee that the Employee Health Fair will be held Thursday. All employees and volunteers are welcome to attend. Lastly Mr. Brown mentioned he will be attending the JIF Executive meeting in Mullica Hill on Monday.

Mr. Dowe mentioned five educational enhancements for the Court Administrator and Deputy for November and December. Mr. Dowe mentioned the Industrial Commission working on updating their website. He asked for the Committee to release \$1,200 for the process to begin. And under Animal Control Mr. Dowe mentioned there have been 208 more licenses sold than last year. The free rabies clinic is being worked on for next year.

Motion that **all properly audited vouchers be paid** was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Brown had a question on PO#16-01544 for PCI general engineering services. He is not sure what we are paying in this PO. Mrs. Stout said she will pull the purchase order and look at it. He said he will approve the bill list with condition this is all right. All were in favor.

Under the **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from September 2016**. All were in favor. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **Compensation Time** report, seconded by Mr. Dowe all were in favor.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on October 5, 2016**, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2016-170

REFUND FOR NON RECORDED TAX SALE CERTIFICATE

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the refund of \$40.00 to Block 45, Lot 26 for a tax sale certificate that was not recorded, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-171

CHAPTER 159, BODY ARMOR GRANT

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the insertion of an item of revenue into the 2016 budget in the amount of \$1,943.57 under the caption of "Body Armor Grant". Second made by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-172

AUTHORIZE POLICE REPORTING FOR TAX APPEALS

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the policy where the Tax Assessor has to provide a complete list of tax appeals to the Township Committee and the Finance Officer by June 1st of each year. Second to the motion was Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Adoption and Public hearing of Ordinance:

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. Mayor Racite opened the ordinance up for public questions or comments. With none this portion was closed and brought to the table for comments. Mr. Pelura made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned receiving a letter of resignation from Colin Caswell who worked as a Police Booking Clerk. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

With no **Old Business** to discuss Mayor Racite moved onto **New Business**. Mrs. Stout said she forwarded a copy of the Best Practice Worksheet to the Committee for review. She said in order to receive our full State Aid payment we had to answer positively 22 points. She said we actually had 28 positive points. Mrs. Stout said last year there were 50 questions but they streamlined the form to only 30 questions.

Public Participation.

Ed Voyles of Penns Grove Auburn Road said he saw an article on the news where a blue line is painted in the middle of the street to show support for their Police Dept. He said there is a company in Glassboro who will paint for free. He feels this should be looked into. He will e-mail the information to the Mayor. Mayor Racite asked if approval is needed for a State or County Road. Mr. Voyles said he was not sure.

Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. mentioned the Industrial Commission. He said the money for the website is part of the money in their budget. There were items that needed to be dealt

with before a contract could be made. If the Township sees this website and likes what they see this company would love to redo the Townships site.

Larry Rebyak the PG-CP Jr. Wrestling Board Member said they held their first 5K run and fun walk on October 8th. He thanked the Police for making sure everyone was safe. The \$900 raised will go to Breast Cancer. Thank you to all who participated and helped.

Heather Rubio of Justice Drive mentioned there are approximately 200 children who play soccer on the fields including her own. Mrs. Rubio said the fields have not been taken care of so volunteers mowed, trimmed and cut back weeds from the fields, piling the brush by the entrance of the Complex. It's still there. Two benches were found to be broken. We asked about replacing them but was told we were not allowed. The Soccer Association asked for a goal post to be taken down months ago. The pole was down and placed in the woods. The holes are open and exposed. Someone is going to get hurt. She said the fields are not being lined properly. Mr. Pelura said this is the first he has heard of these problems. He asked her to stay a few minutes after the meeting so he could speak to her. He said he will find out what is going on.

Kim Robinson of Lakeside Lane wanted to let the Committee know of the fabulous job that was done on the reconstruction of the road. She told the Mayor the soil and seed has been put down and it looks great. She read a letter from one of the neighbors on their gratitude also. She said the Company who did the work also did a good job keeping the neighbors informed.

Joseph Wright of Grandview Court said he heard that Schaffer is working on the drainage problems on the Golfwood Ave. side of the development and wants to know if they are also working on the drainage problem on the Grandview Court side. Mayor Racite said he has not heard anything about that. Mr. Wright asked who he can speak to so he can find out. Mayor Racite said call Mr. Schaffer.

RESOLUTION 2016-173

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dowe motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:32 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:24 pm with the following action being taken.

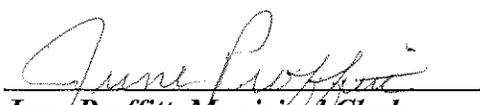
Mr. Dowe asked if the Committee has to approve the release of \$1,200 in the Industrial Commission Budget. Mrs. Stout said the Commission members need to follow proper procedures and you as department head will have to sign off the P.O.

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the letter of hire be sent to Kendrick Morrissey, Jr. with explanation of the one year probation period, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor with Mr. Dowe abstaining.

Mr. Pelura mentioned on Saturday, October 22nd Pointe GMC Buick on Virginia Ave will be holding a 10 year celebration with activities and food all day. At 2 pm there will be a flag raising ceremony.

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 8:30 p.m.

Approved: 11-2-2016


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk