

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 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, 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 asked for a motion to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on October 19, 2016**. Motion was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Departmental Committee reports; Mayor Racite reminded everyone to Go Vote on November 8<sup>th</sup> next Tuesday. He said Hollywood Ave. is under construction and should be done by around Thanksgiving. Electronic recycling is under way; Magnum Recycling is the new company taking our electronics. AN E-JIF inspection was completed and we scored 95 out of 100. A JIF Safety inspection was completed and the Risk Consultant was pleased with our efforts and programs. Also a contractor inspected the roof of the Firehouse. The report is not in yet.

Mr. Pelura said the Halloween costume party at the Recreation Complex was a nice event and well attended. Recreation Commission will be holding Christmas in the park on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. Lunch with Santa will be held the following Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse from 12 to 2 pm. Mr. Pelura mentioned on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a ceremony in Dunns Park by the VFW. Gathering will be at 10:30 with the service starting at 11:00 am. The Police gave a good report for Halloween and mischief night. Also, there is a Police graduation on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Gloucester Police Academy at 3 pm. Please let the Chief know if you would like to attend. He said the Tax Assessor was at the County Tax Office today to get approval on our second half of our volunteer compliance plan. The Mayor and Mr. Brown attended this meeting. Mr. Brown said back in 2008 was the peak of the real estate market. Then the market fell off. Over the last two years people have been filing many appeals. Our Assessor being proactive in order to not do a full reevaluation at the cost of \$600,000 did a study of the average sale of homes in Carneys Point. Last year over 600 people saw a reduction of their taxes due to this compliance plan. This January the next step will be put into action. Then some will be done in August. So he said good job to the Tax Assessor for saving the Township over \$600,000 dollars. Mr. Pelura mentioned the three resolutions on the agenda tonight. They are for a grant to put in a walking path from Sandy Ridge Apartments to the Recreation Complex. At current there are ditches and no shoulders on either side of the road for residents to walk or ride to the park. This will apply for, support and maintain if approved.

Mr. Dennis gave a fire report for the month of October. He said they had 32 fire/rescue calls which included 4 building fires and 4 vehicle fires, 8 elevator rescues and a few serious vehicle accidents. The new fire truck is being built. There were issues with the rescue truck but it has been taken care of. The Fire Dept. is very aware of the budget problems so repairs are looked over twice.

Mr. Brown mentioned the great success of the Employees Health Fair. He said there were several vendors including an Olympic Gold Medal winner. This event also provided flu shots for the employees. Mr. Brown said his understanding there will be a health and wellness event before the end of the year. This is at no cost to the residents. He said he also attended the monthly JIF Executive Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing to report from that meeting. On the E-JIF, we passed the policy and procedures manuals out to all employees and volunteers for signature. They should be back for employees and almost back for committees.

Mr. Dowe said there is no date set yet for the free Rabies Clinic for 2017. He did not attend the special meeting of the Industrial Commission last month due to a death in his family but said he will give a report at the next meeting. And lastly the Court system has ongoing discussions with the Judge and will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-174**

##### **GRANT APPLICATION FOR PATH TO REC. COMPLEX**

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe to authorize the submission of a grant application and execute a contract with NJDOT for a proposed path between Sandy Ridge Apartments and the Recreation Complex. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-175**

##### **SUPPORTING A PEDESTRIAN PATH TO THE REC. COMPLEX**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to support a handicapped accessible path between Sandy Ridge Apartments and the Recreation Complex. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-176**

##### **MAINTAINING A PEDESTRIAN PATH TO THE REC. COMPLEX**

Motion made by Mr. Pelura to agree to maintain a proposed handicap accessible path between Sandy Ridge Apartments and the Recreation Complex. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned that he received a packet from the United States Postal Service on cluster box units for new developments. This has been referred to the Planning Board and to the UCC office for their review.

Mr. Avedissian said on October 19<sup>th</sup> the County's Attorney Michael Mulligan sent a letter to the Township on a law in which it states if the municipality enters into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement the Township has the obligation to remit 5% of the annual payment to the County. Mr. Avedissian said this is nothing new and the Township has been following this law already.

Mayor Racite read a note from Megan Meiler Homecoming Coordinator. She thanked the Committee for our participation in the High School Homecoming Parade and is looking forward to next year.

Mayor Racite also reminded the audience that the next Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. This is due to the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City.

Under **Old Business:** Mayor Racite asked for a motion to approve allowing Mrs. Stout to begin the process for RFP's/Q's for 2017 professionals. Motion was made by Mr. Brwon, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite spoke on Chemours and PFOA's. He said on October 25<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Stout, Mr. Margaron Engineer Mr. Brown and himself met with Chemours Plant Manager Dawn Hughes and Project Manager Andrew Hearten at their invitation to discuss and answer questions on the PFOA's in our wells. At the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting Mayor Racite said he spoke on this issue. He said in 2009 DuPonts and NJDEP sampled wells in a 2 mile radius of the plant to check for contaminates that they had suspected had left the plant and entered our wells. He said in May 2016 the EPA created new standards for testing. DuPonts was required to do test again. Many of the wells tested have failed. Bottled water is provided to the resident until a carbon filter system can be installed. This will be at no charge to the residents. Mayor Racite said here is a sampling of the questions asked to their specialist. Can PFOA's be absorbed through the skin? They didn't know. Why only 2 mile radius? They may consider going out further in the future. How much contaminates is removed by the carbon filter? 100%. What about livestock and animals? Beef Cattle cannot absorb this but not sure of other animals. What about produce? Tests showed no contaminates. How did it leave the plant? It traveled through the air on wind currents. And there have been no changes since 2009. We were told PFOA's do not degrade through time. Mayor Racite asked about NJ American Water and was told they have a carbon filters system so there have been no sign of contaminates. Mayor Racite said there are approximately 200 wells in the 2 mile radius of Chemours and only 80 residents have responded to the mailer to be tested. Mayor Racite said the EPA would be glad to come and do a public forum.

**Public Participations:** Mayor Racite announced that that the YMCA and the Township are putting together a press release. He said he was asked to wait so the YMCA could inform their employees. If anyone is here for the YMCA and has questions for the YMCA Mayor Racite said he was told you can contact the Executive Director at 299-1493. Mayor Racite then read a brief statement regarding the sale of the YMCA.

*Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Road* said her well was tested and it is ok but her daughter's was not. She would like to have the forum. She said she feels the handicapped walking path from the Apartments is a great idea. She is on a Pennsville Group looking for a grant for handicapped accessible playground equipment. If they get it who would she speak to in Carneys Point. Mayor Racite said the Recreation Commission and Mr. Gilbert.

Elaine Voyles of PG-Aub Rd. said she was dismayed to hear of the selling of the YMCA. She said she was informed through a facebook post and not by the Township. She wanted to know how this was discussed if not in an open meeting. She went on to read the Executive Session resolution and say discussion on selling of a public building is not a topic to be discussed in Executive Session. Where did this fit in? This is a violation and subject to litigation she said. She said she will OPRA records and if she finds anything in executive session she will turn it over to John Paff. She said this is a violation of the public trust. Mayor Racite said the discussions in Executive Session were on the contracts associated with the selling but all action was taken in open session. With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-177**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura and seconded by Mr. Dowe to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:36 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:36 pm.

**RESOLUTION 2016-178**

**APPOINT KRISTIE ANNE BOOTH AS BOOKING CLERK**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the appointment of Kristie Anne Booth as a part-time as needed Booking Clerk, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2016-179**

**APPOINT NICHOLAS HOURIGAN AS BOOKING CLERK**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the appointment of Nicholas Hourigan as a part-time as needed Booking Clerk, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2016-180**

**APPOINT AALIYAH ROCHELLE GARLIC AS BOOKING CLERK**

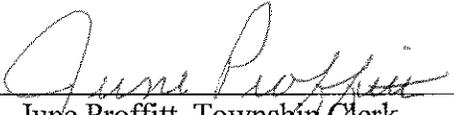
Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the appointment of Aaliyah Rochelle Garlic as a part-time as needed Booking Clerk, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjust the hours of the Assessor to Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 only starting January 2017 seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite mentioned that Mr. Gilbert Public Works Superintendent will be preparing a job description for the position of working foremen. Motioned on by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Dowe to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Approved: 11-14-2016

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk