

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 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, Pelura, and Racite were present. Mr. Dennis was not in attendance at this meeting. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, G. Gilbert-Superintendent of Public Works and 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 the Committee Department Reports by addressing Streets and Roads. He said Mr. Gilbert and Engineer Fred Margron have been evaluating roads for the 2017 Municipal Aid application. The new solid waste recycling guide books are out. Any questions please contact Public Works.

Mr. Pelura said the Police Dept has been nominated by the Salem County Prosecutors Office for the Salem County Community Law Enforcement Award. This is through the NJ State Attorney General's Office where each County nominates one Dept. Chief Krivda said February or March he should hear. Also our two newest Police Officers are on the road. One said he is happy to be on the job. Mr. Pelura said with Recreation, they held lunch with Santa which was a success. Mr. Pelura mentioned the resignation of the Tax Collector Beth Ruhl. She will be going to another Township. Mrs. Ruhl has asked to be compensated for her unused vacation time. Mr. Pelura said this will be done under the correspondence section.

Mayor Racite gave a report for Mr. Dennis on a COAH meeting that he Engineer Fred Margron, Mrs. Stout and the Mayor all attended. Frank Banish Master was appointed by the Court to assess our Township. Mr. Barish answered all questions we had in regards to our COAH obligation. He took a tour of our Township to help make an assessment on where our COAH assessment should be. Mayor Racite said he took into consideration our sewer and water capacity, rather than just take a number generated on a computer. Our Third round obligation immunity has been extended to February 28th.

Mr. Brown gave his report by addressing the JIF Holiday Pot Luck Appetizer Luncheon on December 15th. About 20 employees attended and this was a success. This event was at no cost to the residents. Mr. Brown said he distributed the monthly risk management newsletter to all Department Heads this past week. Also, the yearly JIF state of the fund report was given to all Committeemen, Clerk and Administrator. He said he attended the JIF monthly meeting on December 19th. He reminded all personnel who still needs the yearly training session should attend an upcoming meeting. Dates and time have been sent out already. Mr. Brown mentioned two letters that were handed out on OPRA requests and litigation. Mr. Brown said he and Mrs. Stout attended a meeting with our Health Insurance Broker today as a follow up from the meeting last month. We are still in the process of working out some problems.

Mr. Dowe said the Court is all well. He reminded everyone that the free rabies clinic is on March 11th from 9 to 11 at the firehouse. And he has no updates on the Industrial Commission.

Motion that **all properly audited vouchers be paid in the amount of \$375,919.17**, was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Under the **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from November 2016**. All were in favor.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-201

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE 2016 BUDGET

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the transfer of \$102,400.00 within the 2016 budget, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-202

CANCEL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION BALANCES

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the cancelation of capital appropriation balances from completed projects in the amount of \$32,532.98. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-203

CANCEL CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCES

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the cancelation of capital reserve balances in the amount of \$79,489.90. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2016-204

CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND APPROPRIATION RESERVE BALANCES

Mr. Dowe made the motion to approve the cancelation of Grant Receivable and Appropriation Reserve balances, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned a letter of resignation from Teresa Walker from the Recreation Commission effective December 7th. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Brown to accept the resignation and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite mentioned a resignation of Ed Voyles as Alternate #1 from the Planning Board. Mr. Dowe motioned to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite then mentioned the resignation of Beth Ruhl as Tax Collector effective December 30th and to reimburse her for her unused vacation time. Mr. Pelura made the motion to accept the resignation and to pay her the unused vacation time, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown asked if she owes the Township any money for schooling or such. Mrs. Stout said no. With that all were in favor.

Mayor Racite mentioned receiving a letter from the residents on Gary Ave about some Sewerage issues. Mayor Racite said he sent the letter to the Sewerage Authority and they are going to take care of the issue.

Mayor Racite said there was a letter from the County Engineer's Office letting us know the crosswalk we requested to have installed by Pine Street on Hollywood Ave. has been installed per their resolution 2016-400.

Under **Old Business** Mr. Brown mentioned the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund POL/EPL premium options for FY2017. Since our accidents rates have been so lot we could pay an extra \$824.32 and make the deductible 5,000 less. Mayor Racite said he feels to save the \$800.00 per month to save 5,000 is not worth the amount. Mr. Pelrua said this was offered a few years ago and the Township did not accept it then either.

Mr. Gilbert gave an update on the Robinson Road parking issue. He said he and the Police Chief spoke to the owner of the dump truck and he is now parking at the other end of the road in the correct direction. Everyone seems to be satisfied with the outcome.

Mayor Racite gave an update on the Layton's Lake (former Heritage) project. He said our Solicitor was in conflict so this was sent to Adam Telsey, Esquire for review. Mr. Telsey sent a letter to suggest this item be sent to the Planning Board for their review.

Under **New Business**: Mayor Racite discussed the 2017 Holiday List for Non Contractual Employees. A motion to accept the Holiday List was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

With no more to discuss Mayor Racite moved on to **Public Participation**.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked why John Bibeau was put on the Planning Board. He is a developer in the area and that should be a conflict of interest. Mr. Cleary mentioned how Mr. Bibeau sued the Township and cost us all \$70,000. Mayor Racite said his appointment has nothing to do with the conflict. This was discussed before at another meeting. Mr. Avedissian said you may disagree but it your opinion. Mr. Cleary moved on to discuss shared services. Mr. Pelura said we do have shared services according to the State.

Debra Jefferies of Robinson Road thanked Mr. Gilbert and Chief Krivda for resolving the dump truck parking issue on her street. With no questions or comments from the Public this portion was closed and Mayor Racite moved on to Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2016-205

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pelura motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:29 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:31 pm with the following action being taken.

Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize Mrs. Stout to advertisement for a full time Tax Clerk, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3rd for Reorganization. A meeting will follow said Mayor Racite.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Pelura. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Approved: 1-18-2017


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk