

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Brown, Dennis, Pelura, and Racite were present. Mr. Dowe was not in attendance. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt-Clerk, G. Gilbert-Public Works Superintendent, G. Krivda Police Chief 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 mentioned in his Committee Departmental Report that Budget Workshops are still going on. We have our next meeting on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in the courtroom at 9 am. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Budget will be introduced on March 15<sup>th</sup> and adopted on April 19<sup>th</sup> in accordance with State Statutes. Mayor Racite said our MAPSA Organization will reorganize this Thursday night here at 6:00 pm. Their meetings will be held on the Third Thursday of each month at 6 pm here in the courtroom. Under Streets and Roads Mayor Racite mentioned the DOT working on the drainage on Route 130 by Clemente's. Mr. Gilbert said he met with the DOT Representative and their Engineer who will be putting in 1350 feet of new piping in the Springfield Ave area. They are also putting in some more catch basins and doing repair to driveway aprons. Mr. Pelura asked if this will help with the flooding in that area. Mr. Gilbert said yes it should. Mr. Brown asked about notifying the neighbors. Mr. Pelura said this is not our job and we have no control. Mayor Racite mentioned the Route 48 Dam replacement. He said that project should be completed and the road open back up by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gilbert said there was an issue with Layton's Lake Drive entrance. When they put the road in they made the entrance too narrow and at the wrong angle. The Engineer is aware and it will be corrected after the bridge is back open. Mayor Racite spoke of the first recycling meeting was held today at the County. Mr. Gilbert said there are not a lot of changes. The flow control has been put in place. Building and Ground right to know report has been completed and sent to the State.

Mr. Pelura said he has not report for the Recreation Department. He mentioned the Tax Assessment cards have been mailed out and if you did not receive one. He said to contact the Tax Assessment Office. Mr. Pelura read parts of a letter sent in to the Police Department. He made the comment due to the nature; some of the letter could not have been shared. He read: there are no words that can express the kindness and concern that your officers displayed when they responded to a tragic event on January 23, 2017. They went above and beyond and did all they could to console the family. This level of professionalism is hardly seen anywhere. They even showed up at the funeral. Thank you a very proud Carneys Point Resident. Mr. Pelura said the Officers were Lt. Detective Colletti, Sgt. VanNamee, Corp. Petruz, Patrolman Tim Haslett and Patrolman Justin Spinelli. While we hate to read letters like this we are glad to receive letters from resident who appreciate our Officers as we do. Chief thank our men for a job well done. Mr. Dennis said there was no Planning Board meeting. The Construction Official said all is running smoothly. Mr. Dennis commented the vacant building ordinance has brought

in \$93,000. The Fire Dept. and Rescue had 18 calls last month. They had an annual training and inspection of fire hydrants. One by the new bridge over Laytons Lake will have to be moved.

Mr. Brown said he has sent out several e-mails to Department Heads and Committee on free JIF training. It has been for the Police, Fire, Rescue, EMS personnel. Mr. Brown mentioned the JIF Annual Payroll Audit was going to be happening. Linda Jones said she was aware and has already pulled all the information needed. Mr. Brown mentioned the use of Drones in the Township. He said the MEL Safety Bulletin 17-28 has rules and regulations. Lastly, the February wellness newsletters have been sent out by Arlene Pemberton to all department heads. If anyone did not get it contact Ms. Pemberton in Finance.

Mayor Racite mentioned Mr. Dowe is home sick tonight.

Mayor Racite asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,865,849.12**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from January 2017** and all were in favor. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the **compensation time**, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura motioned and Mr. Dennis seconded for the approval of the Budget meeting **minutes from February 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and the Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on February 1, 2017**. All were in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-44**

#### **REFUND CORELOGIC ON OVERPAYMENTS**

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the refund to CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service in the amount of \$1,585.84 due to overpayments of various properties. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-45**

#### **TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to approve the transfer of funds from one line to another within the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$3,000. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-46**

#### **VERIZON WIRELESS TO INSTALL NODES WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS**

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to install nodes in the public right-of-way, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2017-47**

#### **EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION**

Motioned by Mr. Brown to approve the Emergency Appropriations in the amount of \$68,683.00, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-48**  
**CERTIFICATION OF LOSAP**

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the annual contribution to a deferred income account for each Fire/Rescue volunteer member that meets the criteria during the calendar year. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Ordinance 923** was read by title aloud by Mayor Racite.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDIGN FOR VARIOUS 2017 GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,557,613 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,435,819 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis and the vote was as follows: Mr. Brown – No, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voting yes.

**Old Business:** Mayor Racite commented that Mr. Gilbert is requesting to forward the Gary Ave bid package to the State. Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize this, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

**New Business,** Mr. Pelura introduced Mike Meriney from Excel Environmental. Mr. Pelura said he is going to discuss the status and remediation of some properties in the Township. Mr. Meriney started with he worked in Carneys Point before from 2003 to 2008/09. The work had to stop because of the economic down turn. Mr. Meriney handed out paperwork for the Committee to review. Mr. Meriney went over six properties that can be remediated. Mr. Meriney spoke of the Spill Act legislation. If a property has redevelopment aspects it will fit into the State Spill Act funding. He said this is the best funding for brownfield sites. The application is free. Resolutions will have to be processed and contracts will have to be done with remedial vendors. Mr. Avedissian asked about extraordinary special services or RFP's. Mr. Meriney said either way. Mr. Pelura asked since they worked here before on some of the same properties will the Township have to start from the beginning. Mr. Meriney said no, there may be resolutions on file that will fit what we need. He said he will look when he goes back. Mr. Pelura made a motion to move forward with the project, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. Mayor Racite asked about the funding running out like before. Mr. Meriney said every year the money is replenished; this should keep the money going. Work is encumbered so the Township will not get ahead of the money. Mr. Pelura asked for a definition of Spill Act. Mr. Meriney said, "Any person who has discharged a hazardous substance, or is in any way responsible for any hazardous substance, shall be strictly liable, jointly and severally, without regard to fault for all cleanup and removal costs no matter by whom incurred".

Mayor Racite opened the meeting up for **Public Participation:** Martin Cleary of Broad St. stated at the last meeting he asked about a pile of dirt by the Sewerage Plant. Mr. Cleary asked if the dirt is contaminated. Mr. Gilbert said he did speak to the Sewerage Authority but will follow up. Mr. Cleary said he heard the Township was going to hire an outside person as Foreman at Public Works. Mayor Racite said that is a discussion

with the Committee and at this point cannot be discussed. Mr. Cleary said the Sewerage Plant needs to be cleaned up because the debris is blowing into the road blocking the drainage system. Mayor Racite said he will stop by and check this out. With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2017-49  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Dennis motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:50 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 8:01 pm with the following action being taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-50**

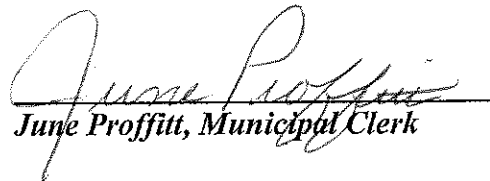
Mr. Dennis made a motion to change the working status of Charles Robinson from Part-Time Seasonal to Part-Time, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize Mr. Avedissian to send a letter to the YMCA with a cancelation of their lease and put them on a month to month until the building is sold. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to authorize Mrs. Stout to not send \$3,000 in support of COAH and to contact COAH Council. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved: 3-1-2017

  
June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk