

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP**  
**BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRAURY 18, 2017**  
**9:00 AM**

The Budget Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 9:00 a.m. Committeemen Dowe, Brown, Dennis, and Racite were present. Mr. Pelura is to arrive at a later time. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout- CMFO / Administrator, J. Proffitt-Township Clerk and L. Jones-Treasurer.

Mayor Racite called the meeting to order, he read the **Opening Public Meeting Act**. Mayor Racite led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** and roll call was taken.

Mrs. Stout started the making by statement she made cuts across the board in the amount of \$600,000. She took all anticipated revenues to the maximum amount permitted. Mrs. Stout said legal appropriations were cut to \$645,000. She said this is having \$300,000 for Mr. Maraziti, \$250,000 for Mr. Telsey, Mr. Avedissian's salary and a \$50,000 buffer. She said she used \$924,000 of surplus only leaving \$394,753. Mrs. Stout said the amount to be raised by local tax is .04 which is approximately \$60.52 on the average home of \$151,300 home. Mrs. Stout said she went line by line and reduced each department's budget by anything over what was expanded in previous years. She said this is a very tight budget and would like to have a meeting with all Department Heads after the budget is adopted to inform them this is all they get and to plan accordingly.

Mrs. Stout said she spoke to Stuart Klepesch on Thursday about doing foreclosures for the Township. He already looked over a list that was sent to him. Mrs. Stout said Mr. Klepesch will be sending a resolution for his hire and an agreement along with a resolution to get him started. Mrs. Stout said she hopes once he gets started some of these properties will get paid off. Mr. Brown said the amount for the uncollected taxes has gone up every year he has been on the Committee. Mrs. Stout said it is almost \$78,000 more this year than last. Mr. Brown added that once foreclosed on, Mr. Berducci can assist with the properties. Mrs. Stout said she would also like to sit down with the Planning Board Professionals and let them know their financial situation.

Mayor Racite said the Committee can go over the Police Budget since Chief Krivda was in attendance. Before he could add any changes Mrs. Stout went over the changes she put into effect. She told the Committee what the changes and cuts were. Mrs. Stout mentioned cutting the overtime by 20,000, schooling reimbursement by 20,000. Mrs. Stout said she spoke to Lt. Colletti to ask what his schooling will actually be this year. He said closer to 20,000. There was discussion on a few line items. Chief Krivda questioned the maintenance amount he was given. He said one of the cars that will be replaced is having issues now. He said he was hoping to fix this vehicle and transition it back into the Investigation Unit. Mrs. Stout said that is another way to save, would be by eliminating vehicles for Lieutenants. Mrs. Stout said keeping vehicles for the Lieutenants is not a priority when we are trying to keep our doors open. Chief Krivda said he can positively say the two Lieutenants do not use Township vehicles after they leave. Mrs. Stout said like in the past. Chief Krivda said this is his forth budget and knows it will be a tight one. He said it will be tough for all of us but his department and he will work with Mrs. Stout. Mr.

Brown mentioned training that is free through the JIF. He said he has been sending it out when he receives it. The Chief mentioned new procedures through the bail reform. He said this new procedures have him worried about the overtime. The Chief also mentioned training for people with mental illness and such. Mr. Brown said he will forward the requirements to the JIF to see what they may offer. Chief Krivda said he has heard many rumors about this budget so he came to see for himself. Mrs. Stout said this is just short of laying off people.

Mr. Pelura arrived at 9:54 and Chief Krivda left the meeting at 9:56 am.

Mrs. Stout moved on to Tax Collection. She said she reduced computer supplies down to \$1,000. The Committee reviewed the lines in the Tax Collection budget. Mrs. Stout answered all the questions they had. Mayor Racite moved on to discuss Tax Assessor. Mrs. Stout said she took map maintenance down to 1,000. This is something we would all like to have but right now cannot afford. Mrs. Stout said she asked the Planning Board Secretary to ask the Planning Board Solicitor if it is possible to include in the resolution the resident pay for tax map maintenance. Mrs. Stout said she added more to Professional Services in case of appeals. Mrs. Stout said she will look at the current budget in November and cancel any lines to surplus for next year. Mayor Racite addressed the letter the Assessor wrote. It said she would like the clerk in her office to work more hours. She would like for her to be able to do field work during the day hours. Mrs. Proffitt, Township Clerk said she would allow the shared individual to work over in the Assessor's office if she is not busy in the Clerk's Office. Mrs. Stout reduced the P/T salary line back to 10,000. The rest of the budget was good. Mayor Racite commented this budget binder is complete. He asked if anyone has any questions. Mr. Pelura asked about COAH. Mrs. Stout said she reduced the amount in COAH. With none, Mayor Racite moved on to **Public Participation:** With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

Mayor Racite said the Committee is going to go into Executive Session for discussion on DuPont Hazardous Waste.

**RESOLUTION 2017-51**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dennis to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 10:22 am.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:51 am.

Mr. Pelura mentioned the Local Government Dinner being on this Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Racite reminded the Committee the next meeting will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> and Mr. Telsey will be in attendance. He also said he does not feel we will need the last Saturday budget meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Approved:

  
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June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk