

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2017

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**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on January 18, 2017**; seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor with Mr. Dowe abstaining.

Mayor Racite started the Departmental reports. He mentioned the first budget meeting was held today at 3:30 pm. This was a reschedule meeting from Saturday. Mayor Racite gave his condolences to Mr. Dennis whose Mother passed away. Mayor Racite said the next budget meetings will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 18th and 25th. They all start at 9 am here in the courtroom. The budget will be introduced on March 15th and adopted on April 19th. Mayor Racite moved onto Streets and Roads with the "Jake Brakes" signs being ordered and will be up soon. He said they are following up with the DOT for an update on the Route 130 drainage project by Clemente's. Information is being gathered for the recycling tonnage report. The Clean Community report has been submitted to the State. And Building and Grounds PEOSA did a surprise records inspection. Four items were found to be in deficit. Three items have been corrected already with one involving training still needs to be completed. Mayor Racite spoke on the petition in the foyer of the Municipal building. He said this is to request DuPont's to clean up Chambers works. He said at the last meeting a resolution was adopted to authorize the Township to obtain signatures and to permit the Township to be a part of the decision making process on the clean up. He asked if everyone can take a look at this and sign the petition.

Mr. Pelura said the Tax Assessment cards have been mailed out. Under the Recreation Commission he mentioned they met and set a Chairperson. The Commission discussed events for 2017. No dates have been provided yet. Mr. Pelura read a thank you note that was sent in to Sgt. Giordano from the Salem County Women's Services. This note said they acted in a professional and compassionate manner helping the victim through the process. Mr. Pelura said Officer Haslett and Officer Spinelli were also included.

Mr. Dennis said he had no updates on his departments but spoke on COAH. NJ Supreme Court said we must factor in the numbers from 1999 to 2015. This is called the gap years. We were hoping this time would not be factored in to our numbers. The Committee will have to start discussing this further.

Mr. Brown said he attended the JIF meeting on January 23rd and was reminded to update EXIGIS with any changes to employees. He did remind Mrs. Stout that we no longer have our

Tax Collector so the new person will have to be bonded. Mr. Brown also attended the monthly safety committee meeting at the Township. Mr. Gilbert mentioned safety money and its disbursement. Mr. Brown said there were two items being purchased that will lead to safety in our community. One is a flashing light up stop sign for the crossing guard. The other is the replacement of cross walk cones. Mr. Brown then said he has been sending out notices for upcoming safety training classes which are required. Lastly, Mr. Brown said the Wellness Incentive Program Procedures were sent to those in the Township that needed the information. Mr. Dowe said he also has no reports on his departments. He did add that the free rabies clinic will be held on March 11th from 9 to 11 at the firehouse.

RESOLUTION 2017-41

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MAPSA GRANT

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Alliance Grant, seconded by Mr. Brown, and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2017-42

CONGRATULATING THE JIF ON 25 YEARS OF OPERATIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Brown offering congratulations to the Gloucester, Salem, and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund on 25 years of successful operations. Motion seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Introduction of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 922

CALENDAR YEAR 2017-ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A COP BANK. A motion to introduce was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence:** Mr. Brown said a resident who lives on Route 40 just west of Pointers Auburn Road sent him a request for help. He is looking at getting the State to come and look at the lighting at his property. The resident owns a farm and said it is hard to get out of his property. Mayor Racite asked Mr. Gilbert to look at this and report back.

Under **Old Business:** Mr. Avedissian said a request had been made by Tilson Tech to install nodes in our public right-a-ways. Richard Komissar with Tilson Tech approached the bench to address the Committee. Mr. Komissar said he is working on behalf of Verizon to get consent to install network antenna nodes in Carneys Point. He said their team will research to see where the service is low or where a lot of people gather and put a node in that area to boost performance. He said the nodes help to off load the capacity. They will put the antennas on existing poles if available. Mr. Komissar also stated there would only be about between 2 to 5 antenna nodes around town. The Committee asked questions and Mr. Komissar answered all of them. Mr. Komissar said the installation would be towards the end of the year. The Township would have approval of placement and quantity before anything is installed. Mayor Racite said a resolution will be done at the next meeting to approve this action.

Mayor Racite gave an update on the sale of the YMCA. He commented there were two potential bidders for the property, but due to some unanswered questions, no bids were actually received. A new bid date will be set for future bidding.

Under **New Business**: Mr. Pelura said every year vehicles are rotated out of our Police line to be used in other offices. Mr. Pelura said he is looking for permission to transfer a 2009 Crown Vic to the Fire Department to replace the Chief's vehicle. Motion was made by Mr. Pelrua, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis spoke on a 5K Run on June 3rd. He said Larry Rebyak came before the Committee last year to hold a run where the proceeds went to breast cancer. This year he is looking to raise money for the Oasis Club, which works with youth from grades 6 through 12. They are trying to make money to purchase a building of their own. Mr. Dennis said adults will be on the corners with vests to make sure everyone is safe. The Committee was ok with the event.

Next Mayor Racite introduced our Detective Lieutenant Michael Colletti to give a report on the Garden of Eden fire in October 2016. Mayor Racite said this is not a trial or hearing and we will not be taking any testimony or questioning any witnesses or permitting any rebuttal. If after we hear the report and feel there is a need for more information or further investigation then a hearing date will be set up. Mayor Racite said this is being heard in public instead of executive because two firemen may be mentioned by name. They were given the option to have this heard in executive but in public they can both be present. Mayor Racite said he will be abstaining from any questions or voting due to a conflict with a fireman. Mayor Racite turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Pelura. Mr. Avedissian also made the statement that this has been brought before the Committee because of it involving two volunteer firemen. Lt. Colletti did a thro investigation. This case had been turned over to the Township Committee for review. Mr. Avedissian said he spoke to the property owner and they commend the fire dept on putting the fire out. He said the Committee is hearing this to see if they want to do anything, which could include further investigation, future training or even nothing.

Lt. Colletti gave the particulars of the fire at the flower shop. Actions of one individual (not a fire person) caused a chain of events and caused potential liability to the Township and a lack of public trust. He said this is still under investigation so some details have been held out. Lt. Colletti discussed in detail the particulars of the case with the Committee. He gave a time line of events. Deputy Mayor Pelura commented because of so many conflicts this was sent to the Committee for review. The Committee asked a few questions and Deputy Mayor Pelura said he did not feel this warrants any further action from the Committee. Deputy Mayor Pelura said thank you to the fire people who were in attendance tonight. He also thanked their families for their support. Mayor Racite took back over the meeting.

Public Participations: With no comments or questions this portion was closed and a motion was made to go into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 2017-43
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

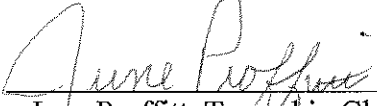
A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dowe to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:57 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Brown and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:01 pm.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to extend the auction date with Govdeals.com to April 28th, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: 2-15-2017


June Proffitt, Township Clerk