

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 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 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 said the Budget will be introduced tonight and adopted on April 19th. Streets and Roads with Public Works; the NJDOT has signed for a drainage project on Route 130. The plan will begin in the spring. This should help with the flooding in that area. Mayor Racite said street sweeping is still ongoing. We were inspected by the NJDEP and we are working on updates to the Stormwater Management Plan and the Stormwater Pollution Plan. The plans for the reconstruction of Gary Ave were revised and resubmitted to the State. Mayor Racite said the storm left a lot of homes without electricity, as of noon today there still were some. Mr. Gilbert commented on the storm by saying there were a lot of trees and branches down. Dunns Park and the Recreation Complex both had some damage. There will be lots of chipping a head. Mayor Racite said he would like to commend both Public Works and the Police for the good job they did. Chief Krivda said there were a few minor fires due to down wires. Mr. Pelura also said Public Works did a great job.

Mr. Pelura said the Attorney is working on the foreclosures. Title work has been ordered and will take about 30 days. Receptions next advent will be the Easter Egg Hunt in Dunns Park on April 15th at 10 am sharp. Mr. Pelura said under the Police there have been breakings in of vehicles around town. Please keep valuables out of the vehicle, close windows and lock doors. Also, leave outside light on at your home. Mr. Pelura mentioned another letter from a resident who has had three family deaths in two weeks. They said the police acted with compassion, kindness and professionalism. As Mr. Pelura said this is not something we like to read but like to hear about the Police Dept.

Mr. Dennis had no reports from his departments.

Mr. Brown said he sent out JIF emergency reporting list to certain department heads and the Committee. This is to be used when there is damage incurred during emergency events at any hour day or night. Mr. Brown said he will be attending the JIF Executive Monthly meeting and the Employment Practices Liability Committee meeting on March 27th. Mr. Brown mentioned free training classes this month. He said there is an Active Shooter class on the 17th. He said Department heads should start assigning people to attend.

Mr. Dowe mentioned the Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 11th. He said there was 115 vaccinations given and 64 licenses issued. Mr. Dowe asked Mr. Bomba to give an update on the Industrial Commission meeting from Monday night. Mr. Bomba said the Commission members worked on the website. He said this is moving forward. There was an in depth discussion on Kast development. He believes they have now come in to

the Planning Board for permits. He was they discussed ways to induce new businesses to the Township. Mr. Dowe said the courts will be discussed under New Business.

At 6:15 PM Mayor Racite moved to introduce and discuss the 2017 Municipal Budget.

RESOLUTION 2017-71

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Mayor Racite read the 2017 Municipal Budget notice a loud to the public. Mr. Dennis made a motion for the introduction of the budget, seconded by Mr. Pelura. Mayor Racite said this budget does represent a 4 cent tax increase. That equates to \$67.77 to the average home owner per year who is assessed at \$151,285.00 and/or \$16.94 per quarter. Our budget is \$10,142,520.28. If anyone would like a copy of the budget, please see the Township Clerk. Mayor Racite said he would like to thank the other Committeemen for their hard work during the budget process. This is a tight but balanced budget. Mayor Racite especially thanked Mrs. Stout for making this a smooth process. Mr. Brown said he will be voting yes on the introduction but may not vote so, on the adoption. He said he feels this budget could have been squeezed a little tighter. Mr. Dowe added the Committee did a fine job. This was a very difficult job to tighten and squeeze pennies out. He said everyone including Department Heads did a great job. The roll call vote was as follows; Mr. Dowe, Brown, Dennis, Pelura and Racite all voting yes.

Mayor Racite asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$321,068.25**. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor with Mr. Pelura abstaining from purchase order #1700139.

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

Mr. Brown motioned and Mr. Pelura seconded for the approval of the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on March 1, 2017**. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2017-61

ELECTRONIC TAX SALE NOTICE

Mr. Brown motioned to authorize the Electronic Tax Sale in accordance with State Statutes. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2017-62

AUTHORIZING MAILINGS FOR TAX SALE NOTICES

Motioned was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the mailings and advertisement of Tax Sale Notices, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2017-63

TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize Mr. Gilbert to submit the Tonnage Grant Application, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2017-64

TAX IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT

Motioned by Mr. Brown to approve the Tax Identification Statement associated with the Tonnage Grant, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-65
TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to approve the transfer of funds within the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$104,400. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-66
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION**

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to approve the Emergency Appropriations in the amount of \$141,500.00, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-67
PREMIUM BID MONEY**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the payment of \$3,000 Premium Bid money from a foreclosed by lien holder. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-68
PROVIDING FOR BONDS, SERIES 2017**

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the combination of certain issues and determining the form and other details of the offering of \$5,150,000 general obligation Bonds, Series 2017 of the Township. Seconded by Mr. Dowe with the roll call vote being Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voting yes and Mr. Brown voting no.

**RESOLUTION 2017-69
TO AVERAGE TAX COLLECTION RATES FOR USE IN THE 2017 BUDGET**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the averaging of tax collection rates for the use in the 2017 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-70
SELF EXAMINATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Mr. Dowe motioned to approve the self-examination of the 2017 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business: Mr. Gilbert addressed the Certified Recycling Professional with Woodstown. Mr. Gilbert said he spoke to Cynthia Dalessio from Woodstown at the last Recycling Coordinators meeting. Mr. Gilbert said he can prepare the report but cannot send it to the State because you have to be certified as a CRP. Within this agreement for no fee to Woodstown, Mrs. Dalessio will send our report for allowing Woodstown residents to bring their used oil to our Public Works facility. There was discussion on how much waste oil there will be. Mr. Avedissian will review the agreement and resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2017-72
APPROVE A SHARED SERVICE BETWEEN WOODSTOWN AND CARNEYS
POINT TOWNSHIP FOR CYNTHIA DALESSIO CRP SERVICES**

Mr. Brown motioned to authorize a Shared Service Agreement with Woodstown for their residents to bring used oil to our public Works facility for the services of the Certified Recycling Professional, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

New Business, Mr. Dowe spoke of an agreement with Salem for Municipal Court Services. Mr. Dowe mentioned COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) that came from Ashley Wolk, Municipal District Manager. It states in the event of an emergency Carneys Point Court would take over the daily operations for Salem City. Mr. Avedissian said this is a plan that dictates which courts take over for other courts in a disaster. The Administrator in Salem gave a two week notice of leaving the job and there

is not a Deputy to take over. Mr. Avedissian said he does not think this is an emergency. He feels this is their negligence for not staffing in their court properly. He recognizes there is a need for this type of agreement, but not the way it was given to us. He suggested reaching out to Ashley Wolk, MDM with his questions and concerns. If not they Mr. Avedissian will reach out to Judge Curio for answers.

Mr. Pelura said over the weekend he attended the High School Play, Little Shop of Horrors". He said the kids did a great job. Tom Mason always does a great job with the plays and the kids. Sorry he did not announce this before.

In Public Participation: *Martin Cleary of Broad St.* told Mr. Gilbert his men did a great job during the storm but they need to slow down. Mr. Cleary asked the Committee members for their opinions on roof tops. The Committee give their opinions on roof tops from love to see more grown to there being more kids in schools and more police presence. Mr. Cleary said if a developer comes in they should have to fix what the mess up. Mr. Dowe said in the past people who went to school here came back here to live and work. Unfortunately not anymore the teachers at the schools are from outside the Township and County. They do their job and leave at the end of the day. They do not spend here, or anything else. Mr. Pelura suggested to Mr. Cleary go to the School Board with his concerns. With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2017-73
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 7:15 pm.

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 8:13 pm with the following action being taken.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to terminate Steven DelVecchio from the employment of the Township and to notify the Union. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. Mrs. Stout will send a letter to Mr. DelVecchio and Mr. Gilbert will notify the Union.

RESOLUTION 2017-75

HIRE CHARLES ROBINSON TO FULL TIME IN PUBLIC WORKS

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to hire Charles A. Robinson to full time in Public Works effective March 16, 2017, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

There was discussion on hiring another employee to the Part/time full time position.

Mayor Racite said he will bring this up at a later date.

RESOLUTION 2017-74

ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS

Mr. Dowe made a motion to authorize an agreement with stipulations for lease of land at Public Works for a tower, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Approved: 4-5-2017


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk