

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 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. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of the Construction Code Official Robert Berducci.

Mayor Racite started with his Departmental Report: under Public Works-Streets and Roads the NJDOT drainage project on Route 130 is complete. On Route 48 around Game Creek Road where there was water coming out of the ground, we sent water for testing. He said the lab where it was sent lost the sample. When questioned they said the sample was too small and was discarded. So, we sent another sample to someone else for testing. Mayor Racite said the Penns Gove pump station was not functioning so Mr. Gilbert did what he had to and got the station up and running. Mayor Racite said Lakeside Lane has been repaired. Lastly, he mentioned the recycling containers are in. They are round 20 gallon containers.

Mr. Pelura started his report by mentioning this week is National Police Week. Mr. Pelura said our officers do a great job and keep in touch with residents. Mr. Pelura mentioned a thank you letter that was received from Meals on Wheels for Police Officers who donated time to delivering meals. He moved on to the Recreation Commission. On May 6th, they had the Community Yard Sale. There were 22 houses on the list. There will be another yard sale in the fall. On June 10th will be the Family Movie Night at the Recreation Complex. At 8:30 the movie "Sing" will be played and before starting at 7 pm will be displays such as EMO, MAPSA, Fire Dept and such. Will be a good night out.

Mr. Dennis said there was no business with the Planning Board. On May 4th, the new Fire Truck was received. The firemen are in the process of transferring over all the equipment. Mr. Dennis mentioned an oil spill on 48/40. Our Emergency Management Office was there and the oil was cleaned up. Mr. Dennis finished with the Construction Code Office update. He said another application has been received for the position of Construction Official. An interview will have to be set up.

Mr. Brown said he will be attending the JIF Executive monthly meeting on May 22nd. He mentioned there is a Cyber Security webinar on May 23rd from 2 to 3 pm. Everyone attending has to register first. Mr. Brown said the monthly Safety meeting was held yesterday. The employee health fair date was set as October 19th from 11 to 2. Mr. Brown mentioned sending out e-mails on summer and seasonal help training. He lastly mentioned a change in the NJ Road laws. Vehicles have to move over for sanitation workers as they do for Police, Fire and road workers.

Mr. Dowe said he has no report for Animal Control. Mr. Dowe mentioned a meeting on May 31st with the Court, Mrs. Stout and himself for Safety and Security. Mr. Dowe said the Industrial Commission is moving forward with the website. Island Officials will be needing permission to access the Township website in order to download the new Industrial Commission website. Even with access to the Township's site they would only be working on the Industrial

Commissions site. He said he is happy with the progress and what they have done so far. Mr. Dowe mentioned a letter they have to send out to prospective businesses and solicit them to come to town. Mr. Bomba from the audience explained how all our system is linked to one file so we would have to get access to all in order to place our site on the Township site.

Next, Mayor Racite asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,509,620.02**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from April 2017** and all were in favor. Mr. Dennis motioned and Mr. Dowe seconded for the approval of the **Minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on May 3, 2017**. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2017-97
REFUND OVERPAID TAXES**

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Tax Collector to refund \$238.72 to Block 149, Lot 8 due to an overpayment. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-98
TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND CORELOGIC**

Motioned was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize the Tax Collector to refund CoreLogic Centralized Refunds for various properties in the amount of 1,920.56. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-99
TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND FOR 100% TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the Tax Collector to prepare the refund in the amount of \$595.35 to Block 215, Lot 10 due to 100% Totally Disabled Veteran Deduction. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-100
REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to approve the refund of \$411.43 to Block 66, Lot 31 for an overpayment of Taxes. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-101
AWARD A CONTRACT TO RICKY SLADE CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize a contract with Ricky Slade Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$103416.75 for the 2016 State Aid Resurfacing of Gary Ave. project. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-102
SUPPORTING CLICK IT OR TICKET MAY 22ND TO JUNE 4TH**

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura to authorize support for the Police Department Mobilization of Click It or Ticket from May 22nd to June 4th. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Racite said with no **correspondence** to discuss he moved onto **Old Business**: Chief Krivda discussed the Intern Program from the last meeting. He said York College in Pennsylvania sent a check list for the Internship. He said the College does not provide a certificate of insurance. Mr. Pelura reirrigated that the Intern will not be riding in the vehicle but

doing office work under the supervision of an Officer. The Intern will be doing what our Booking Clerks do. Mr. Pelura said the Intern will receive school credits for the 120 hours he spends here. Mayor Racite said this has been done in the past.

RESOLUTION 2017-95

AUTHORIZE AN INTERNSHIP IN THE POLICE DEPT.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to allow for an Intern to work in the Police Department for 120 hours for college credits. Seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Dowe asked if he will have a schedule. Chief said yes from 8 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. He will only work when his Supervising Officer is in. Mr. Pelura asked who that will be. Chief said he will be working under Sgt. Vannamee. The vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite voted yes while Mr. Brown voted no.

New Business, Mr. Dennis said he would like to have Captain Chuck Miller address the proposal for the purchase of a used ambulance. Captain Miller was with Ted Stranahan, Nicole Shoulders and Paul Muhlbaier, Jr. They had an ambulance in the parking lot for view by the Committee. Captain Miller spoke about AMR providing a 2017 ambulance for around \$95/\$130 thousand dollars with a 120 day turn around. Also, there is VCI with a 2016 ambulance for \$164,500 and a 30 day turn around. The one from VCI will come with additional equipment. Both ambulances are similar in style and make. Mr. Brown said you should get quotes for the same items or as close as possible. The Committee asked if the equipment equals the difference in cost for an older ambulance. Captain Miller said the equipment is costly. Chief Miller said the old ambulance would get traded in with the purchase. Mr. Brown asked about Govdeals selling it. Mr. Dowe asked about life expectancy for an ambulance. Chief Miller said 12/15 years but things starts to break down. Mrs. Stout said the Auditor is looked into bid process because the ambulance is over the bid threshold. Capitan Miller said he will return in two weeks with more information for the Committee to review.

Back to Old Business; Mr. Pelura mentioned that the JIF did said they would defend the Township in regards to the Internship in the Police Dept. This Intern will be under a supervisor's instruction. We also have volunteers throughout the Township working with equipment such as the Recreation. The volunteers could also be hurt but they do work for us all the time. Chief Krivda left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Mayor Racite mentioned that the Sewerage Authority no longer has a Computer Consultant. He had a meeting with the Sewerage Authority, Mrs. Stout and the Township's Computer Consultant. He is willing to include the Authority in a Shared Service Agreement for the same price without increasing our payments. We currently pay \$3,500 a year and get 2 ½ hours free each month of his work. If we go over the time limit then he charges \$65.00 per hour. If we are under then he banks the time. Mayor Racite said they came up with the Sewerage Authority paying us \$1,500 of the yearly payment. Mr. Dowe motioned to move forward with the agreement, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Voting was as follows: Mr. Brown, Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis voting yes while Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite abstained due to being members of the Sewerage Authority.

Mayor Racite wanted to remind the people in the audience that the Primary Election is on June 6th. For voting districts #2 and #5 they will be changing locations. The old location was at the

St. Gabriel Archangel Parish (old St. James School). The new location is across the street at St. Gabriel Archangel Church hall. This is due to the new States ADA compliance rules.

Mr. Brown mentioned attending a Nuclear Briefing breakfast this morning. It was with PSEG. He said they learned background on the operations of Salem and Hope Creek Generating Station as well as the future outlook for those units. He said on May 23rd there will be a drill. He said they learned that Nuclear energy is clean. He mentioned that Nuclear energy does not receive any tax credits from the State. Mr. Brown provided a brochure for each Committeeman to review.

Public Participation:

Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked why do we want to get involved with the Sewerage Authority when we should be involved with other Municipalities for Shared Services. He mentioned the Sewerage Authority is not fixing their yards after the construction of the new line. Mayor Racite said that project is not complete yet but will speak to the Chairperson at the Authority and let him look into your questions. Mr. Cleary said he called the Mosquito Commission but said the grass was to high to treat.

Patty Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. said she liked the yard sale when it was sat the Rec. Complex. Will it be there again. Mr. Pelura said no, not enough people participated and not enough residents came out. Mrs. Bomba then asked if the bathrooms at the Church hall are ADA compliant. Mr. Brown said no and they do not have to be open in order to vote.

Pat Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. commented the Industrial Commission is working in the right direction. We just need to get the web site going. Mr. Bomba asked for clarification on the Computer Consultant's salary and hours. Mrs. Stout gave him that info.

Mr. Pelura said it was stated the streets and roads look bad in Carneys Point. The reason is when people cut their grass they bow the clippings into the road. This not only looks bad but also clogs up the storm drains. Mr. Brown said to get the name of people who do this and let the Township know. With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2017-103

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:08 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 pm with the following actions being taken.


Motion made by Mr. Dennis to extend Karla Smith's hours to 40 hours a week and increase the salary to \$16.00 per hour.

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to appoint Karla Smith to the Deputy Zoning Officer position. Seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mr. Brown asked if this position has any requirements. Mrs. Stout said no. Formal resolutions will be done at the next meeting.

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 8:50 p.m.

Approved: 6-7-2017


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk