

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Brown, Newton and Gatanis 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, G. Krivida-Police Chief, E. Biermann-Engineer and A. Rhea, Solicitor.

Mayor Gatanis 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 Gatanis introduced Sgt. Thomas McDonough to present Michael Rosario with Police Explorer of the Year. Sgt. McDonough said first the Police explorers are going strong and starting their 6th year. Just completed the school year and held the annual gun safety and picnic at the Salem County Sportsmen's Club. He thanked Leslie Wright the new MAPSA Coordinator for assistance on funding. He thanked the Borough Council of Penns Grove. Sgt. McDonough mentioned that Chief Krivida created a facebook page for information about the Police Dept., crime in town to the Explorer program. Sgt. McDonough moved on to speak on Michael Rosario. He started in 2011 and has over 100 volunteer hours. Out of 38 young adults he was the most aggressive in the volunteer area. Mr. Rosario will graduate from Penns Grove High School and enter into the New Jersey National Guard then into college. Mayor Gatanis read a certificate and presented it along with a check for \$200 to Mr. Rosario. Sgt. McDonough said Chief Krivida along with the past Chief's and Penns Grove's Police Chief has all been very supported of this program. He wanted the residents to know the check is not from tax payer's money but from money the Police Explorers earned. Chief Krivida said he attended his first Police Explorer meeting and has to give the Officer involved a lot of credit for all the good work they do.

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on June 4, 2014**; seconded by Mr. Newton a all were in favor.

Under **Applications** Mayor Gatanis spoke of **Park Permits #37-43** for the Recreation Complex. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2014-102

CHAPTER 159 –CLEAN COMMUNITY GRANT

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Newton to approve an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2014 Budget in the amount of \$16,405.15 under the caption "Clean Community Grant". A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-103

DALE FAHR PAYMENT ON UNUSED VACATION TIME

Mr. Newton motioned to approve the payment of unused vacation and compensatory time to Sgt. Dale Fahr upon his retirement, seconded by Mr. Brown and unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-104

RENEWAL OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the liquor licenses renewals for certain establishments in Carneys Point, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2014-105

SALARY INCREASE FOR THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Gatani said this resolution is going to be skipped for now. Mr. Pelura asked why? Ms. Rhea said the resolution cannot be done until the Salary Ordinance is completed.

RESOLUTION 2014-106

PAYMENT FOR TAX APPEAL – BLOCK 218, LOT 9

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the payment of \$18,527.34 to Navkar, LLC for both 2010 and 2011 tax appeals for Block 218, Lot 9. Motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 892

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATION THE SUM OF \$116,800 THEREFOR: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$110,800; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

Mayor Gatani opened the Ordinance up for public comments or questions. Joe Racite of N. Pennsville-Auburn Road asked what the items are being bought. Mayor Gatani said Police computers and software for \$21,000, tri-deck mower \$13,400 and a dump truck for 82,000. With no more questions this portion was closed and brought to the Committee. Motion to adopt was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Pelura mentioned numerous times it was stated there would be no more borrowing in the budget. Why! You said there was not going to be any borrowing and now we are borrowing. Mayor Gatani said he did not want to borrow because the Township was hundreds of thousands in debt from previous administrations, but there is a difference between a want and a need. This is a need, the fire truck is a want so it was not added. Mr. Pelura said the March 4th minutes reflect the Committee addressed the purchase of items. We were going to speak to the Auditor on purchasing or bonding. On March 5th minutes reflect that you said use capital money for purchase of some of the items and bond for the rest. Mr. Pelura said you said we were not borrowing in this budget. The first meeting after the budget you want to borrow \$116,000. Mr. Pelura said he is not questioning the need of the items, just your word on borrowing. Mr. Brown said the equipment is needed so we have to bond for it. The computers for the Police Department were an unexpected purchase. The State said we needed new equipment. The other equipment is well worn and needs to be replaced. All in agreement these items are needed, politics aside, let's just vote. The vote is as follows: Mr. Pelura-No, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Mr. Gatani votes yes. Ms. Rhea said the ordinance failed because the vote had to be 2/3 of full membership.

Final reading and public hearing of Ordinance 893.

ORDINANCE 893

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM RESERVE AND \$133,600 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPORVEMENT FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A REFUSE TRUCK WITH COMPACTOR.

Mayor Gatanis opened the ordinance up for public questions or comments. There being none this portion was closed. Mr. Pelura made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence:** Mayor Gatanis mentioned a letter from Taylor Wiseman & Taylor Engineers requesting information on a bus stop on Route 130. Mr. Gilbert spoke about the unapproved bus stop. Mayor Gatanis motioned to request Mr. Gilbert to respond to the request, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor. Mr. Gilbert said he is going to also ask for funding to repair the bus stop.

Under **Old Business:** Ms. Rhea addressed the competitive bids received for EMS Services. She said there were two bids receive, one from American Medical Response and one from Pro-Care Ambulance Services. After looking at certain criteria Ms. Rhea said she and Mrs. Stout recommend American Medical Response. Mr. Pelura asked why the cost for the three year contract is higher than the one year contract. In the past the longer contracts are less. Mr. Pelura asked to table the award of contract until clarification on the fees can be made. There was no second. Ms. Rhea mentioned that cannot be done with competitive contracting. Mr. Brown suggested a one year contract.

RESOLUTION 2014-107

APPROVING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve a one year contract with American Medical Services (AMR). Motion seconded by Mr. Newton and the vote was as follows: Mr. Pelura – No, Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton and Mr. Gatanis voting yes.

Ms. Rhea discussed with the Committee the Sakima Country Club tax appeal. She said the court ruled in the favor of the Township. The Sakima's Attorney is taking the ruling to the Appellate Court. She said the Attorney changed the by-laws to make it a public golf course. The golf course is owned by DuPonts. She said the appeal is on the building alone.

Mr. Biermann said the Lakeview Woods basin project is waiting on as-builts. The project is completed except final walk through. The Mayor said Pierson did a super job.

Mr. Biermann addressed Walker Ave. The project is completed except for the punch list items. He said they are requesting a waiver from taking core samples. He said the Company did nuclear testing along the way of paving. They are hoping the testing will be good enough for the State. Mr. Biermann said he will update the Committee if he hears anything from the DOT.

Lastly, Mr. Biermann spoke on Jefferson Street. He said the award was less than the scope of work. He spoke on the three phases and the total cost being \$153,000. We only received from the State \$13,820. Mr. Biermann said Sickels can state the design. Mrs. Stout said there is money set aside in Capital for road repair that could be used. A Capital Ordinance will have to be done. Mr. Brown made a motion to start the design, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Mayor Gatanis addressed the refurbishing of Dunns Park. He said Atlantic Electric donated \$7,500. Mannington Mills and DuPonts have scheduled meeting to discuss this project. Mayor Gatanis said demolishing is scheduled for June 9th. The JIF sent an e-mail today to say if Township Employees are used there would be no extra costs but if Inmates are used there would be added insurance costs. Mr. Brown questioned the use of inmates and being covered by our insurance. Mr. Gilbert said the Township Employees will bring the gazebo down and the inmates will clear the structure up. Mr. Gilbert said he does not see a difference between clearing the construction material up and clearing ditches. Mr. Pelura asked about other costs such as disconnection of the electric, dumpsters and such. Mr. Brown said they are trying to get those costs donated.

Under **New Business**; Mr. Pelura said in the next few meetings he would like to have introduced a Hazardous Substance Ordinance. There are rail cars, tank truck, trailers traveling through the Township. With what happened in Paulsboro last year the costs could damage the Township. He feels the costs should be covered by the owner of the mess. Arnold DiTeodora and Jim Williamson from Emergency management spoke. Mr. DiTeodoro spoke on the Paulsboro incident and the mistakes that were made. DuPont's material but Conrail's bridge collapsed. Payments are required in a timely manner and this ordinance will set time limits for reimbursements. Mr. DiTeodoro made a suggestion to add any and all emergency responding agencies. Mr. Pelura suggested Ms. Rhea write up an ordinance for the Committee to review and make suggestions.

Mr. Gilbert mentioned a bicycle rodeo at the Carlton School on Saturday. Cpl. Schultz of the Penns Grove Police Dept. asked for use of cones and barricades.

Public Participations: Martin Cleary of Broadway asked about police patrol at construction sites on the highways. He wanted to know why the officers do not get out of their vehicles. Chef Krivida said the lights are on the police cars to slow traffic down. He said if two lanes of traffic they do not have to get out of the vehicles but if only one lane than they do get out. Mr. Pelura said most contractors will have traffic controllers.

Patrick Bomba of Hawks Bridge Rd. asked if the Township could approach the contractor for EMS Service on extending the contract or even clarification of fees. Ms. Rhea said that cannot be done under Public Contract Laws. Mr. Bomba then asked about the density testing of pavement for Walker Ave. Mr. Biermann explained the Company did nuclear density testing as they paved.

Steve Lopes of Lafayette Rd. said he wanted to thank Mr. Dowe and Mr. Pelura for voting no on the Bond Ordinance at the last meeting. He said it did not pass at tonight meeting but also feels the Township does not need to borrow on the backs of the residents.

Karen Koons of AMR thanked the Committee for the one year contract. She said it has been a privilege to provide service to Carneys Point Township the past few years and look forward to the future. She said she will do her best to explain the fees next time.

Brian Trinidad of Lakeview Woods mentioned the fence on his property has a gap due to the construction. He has the material and would like to know when it will be repaired. Mr.

Biermann said it will be put on the punch list to finish. He asked if there is a need for a permit on a hot water heater. Mr. Brown suggested calling the Code Office in the morning.

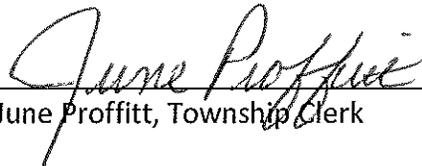
Anthony Michael of Sandy Ridge Apts. Mentioned another power outage. He said the Atlantic Electric repair person said it is due to squirrels damaging the lines. There are orange cover boxes to go over the transformers. He has spoken to Atlantic Electric and the Apartment Complex to request the boxes be put on the lines. Mr. Pelura made a motion to ask the Solicitor to send a letter to Atlantic Electric requesting orange transformer covers, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mr. Gilbert wanted to thank Mr. Biermann on his help with a sink hole in Penns Grove on West Pittman St. The whole is filled in for now.

With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Newton. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Approved: 6-18-2014


June Proffitt, Township Clerk