

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 7, 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, F. Margron Engineer and D. Avedissian- Solicitor.

Mayor Racite called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He leads the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken.

Under Committee Reports Mayor Racite stated that E Street is still ongoing but getting closer to being done. They paved today. He mentioned the vehicle with Crown Pipeline on it as working on gas mains. Under Parks and Playgrounds Mr. Gilbert has been removing dead and dying trees from the parks. Mayor Racite mentioned a fire under the Delaware Bridge today. This caused a lot of road closures in the area. After being checked the bridge has been reopened. He also mentioned an accident on Rt. 48 and Pennsville-Auburn Road where a State Police vehicle hit a tree. He asked to keep the Officer involved in your prayers. NJ American Water sent an e-mail with information on their annual water quality report. The water is of higher quality than required by state and federal drinking water agencies. He said NJ American Water uses carbon filters to filter out any harmful substances such as PFOA's. If anyone has a well get it tested by DuPonts.

Mr. Pelura said the Police Dept. just finished their Click It or Ticket campaign. In the two weeks, this was going on they issued 92 summonses and served 4 warrants. The Bike patrol is now out and about. Mr. Pelura said on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the Recreation will hold family movie night. There will be vendors at 7 and the movie "Sing" will start at 8 pm.

Mr. Dennis said the ambulance that the Fire/Rescue was looking at was under sized. Hopefully within the next month they will have specifications for us to look at. Mr. Dennis said they responded to 24 alarms. Our #2 engine was sent off for repairs and all the air packs have been serviced. At the Planning Board McLane New Jersey, Inc. was granted a use variance, preliminary and final major site plan approval. Mr. Dennis spoke on the UCC vacancy. He said the Township is still interviewing potential candidates.

Mr. Brown said he attended the JIF Executive monthly meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said he took the Cyber Liability training on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and on the next day the Township internet provider had a security breach which affected our web site. Mr. Brown said this was a good opportunity to put the training to use. Next, Mr. Brown mentioned the June monthly Wellness Newsletters being sent out. If anyone did not receive one contact Linda Jones in Finance. The wellness training scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He finished with anyone who deals with our JIF Professionals should have gotten an evaluation for their performance. Please send all comments to him so he can put them in a package and send them off.

Mr. Dowe said the Industrial Commission is making headway on the permission to get access to the Township website so they can link in their own website. He said he emailed a power point draft of the Industrial Commissions site for review. Mr. Dowe said under the Courts the Township will be discussing a personnel addition. He said they will be hiring a court recorder. And the May 31<sup>st</sup> the Court Security meeting has been postponed to July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. Court is being cancelled on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will be rescheduled due to the Judge having to attend mandatory training.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dowe to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on May 17, 2017**. All were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2017-104**

**INCREASE WORKIN HOURS FOR THE HOUSING OFFICER**

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the increase in working hours from 30 to 40 for the Housing Officer and compensate her at \$16.00 per hour in accordance with the 2017 Salary Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-105**

**APPOINT DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER**

Motioned by Mr. Dennis to authorize the appointment of Karla Smith as Deputy Zoning Officer effective June 7th. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-106**

**APPOINT ACTING CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to appoint Robert J. Kunkle as Construction Code Official, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous no vote was taken. This resolution failed.

**RESOLUTION 2017-107**

**SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Motioned by Mr. Dowe to authorize the shared service agreement with the Sewerage Authority for Computer Consulting Services. Mr. Dennis seconded and the vote was as follows: Mr. Dowe, Mr. Dennis and Mr. Brown voting yes while Mr. Pelura and Mayor Racite abstained.

**RESOLUTION 2017-108**

**CHANGE ORDER #1 E STREET**

Motioned on by Mr. Brown to authorize change order #1 for E Street Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction project in the amount of a reduction of \$26,825.00. Seconded on by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-109**

**FINAL PAYMENT AND MAINTENANCE BOND E STREET**

Mr. Dennis made a motion to authorize the final payment in the amount of \$15,456.00 and to put in place a maintenance bond for one year. Seconded by Mr. Pelura. Mr. Brown asked if anything else needs to be done. Mayor Racite said this is for the sewerage work only not the paving. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-110**

**FIXING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the increase in salaries of certain officers and employees not recognized by the Police Association or the Teamsters 676. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll vote was taken.

**ORDINANCE 924**

**An Ordinance of the Township of Carneys Point Code amending Chapter 81-9 Kennels, Pet Shops, Shelters and Pounds to comply with NJ Statutes Annotated (N.J.S.A.) 4:19-15 License Term.**

Mr. Dowe made a motion to introduce the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**ORDINANCE 925**

**An Ordinance fixing salary ranges for certain officers and employees of the Township of Carneys Point in the County of Salem not recognized by the Carneys Point Police Association or the Teamsters Local 676.**

Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Dowe, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **correspondence** Mayor Racite mentioned an application for the Carneys Point Fire/Rescue Dept. Mr. Kenneth J. Bullwinkle Jr. is looking to become a member. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the membership, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Racite mentioned a letter from Township Planner Joe Luste regarding the intersection at Route 40 and Courses Landing Road. As a "stakeholder" he would like to see a letter go to NJDOT regarding the truck traffic. Mr. Brown asked about the cost of doing a traffic study. Mayor Racite said should be through the Planning Board or the escrow of McLane. After discussion Mr. Avedissian said he will look at the traffic study the Planning Board has on file and then send a letter to the State.

**Old Business:** Mr. Dennis said the Township was gifted property off Fenton Drive. He said the Engineer was asked to look at the property and see how a pond could be put in to help with the flooding in that area. Mr. Margron Township Engineer said they came up with three options. Mr. Margron spoke on the design and structure of the different options. Mr. Dowe asked the cost of upkeep on each pond. Mr. Margron said the natural pond would require less upkeep than the rain garden type. Mr. Margron said there are grants and this would qualify. Mr. Pelura said the Township needs to make a decision on the type of pond. He said once decided then the Industrial Commission can market the properties. The Committee decided on #2, the infiltration pond. Mr. Dowe proposed to send this to the Industrial Commission, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor except Mr. Brown.

Mayor Racite spoke on the sale of the YMCA. He said there is a person who is interested. The Township now has to wait the allotted time frame to see if he posts the 10%. Mayor Racite said we will know more at the next meeting.

**New Business,** Mayor Racite said Mr. Gilbert is requesting to go out to bid for a Licensed Electrical Contractor. Mr. Pelura made the comment they will be used for regular business. Mr. Gilbert replied yes. Mr. Gilbert said the current contract expired the end of April. Mr. Pelura made a motion to allow for advertising, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

**Public Participation:** Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked about mosquitoes in the pond. Mr. Margron said the pond is made to completely drain within 72 hours. Mr. Cleary asked about the ditch by the Sewerage Plant. When is that going to be cleared. The mosquitoes are bad. He said the Township could get a grant to get this cleared. Mr. Cleary moved onto conflict of interest with putting a developer on the Planning Board. Mayor Racite said he is alright as long as he does not vote on his own business. Mr. Cleary became loud and angry and was asked to leave the meeting. Chief Krivda walked him out of the meeting.

Marilyn Waring of Lupine Lane asked what will happen to the YMCA when sold. Mayor Racite said the Township owns the building not the business. He said if sold the new owners may keep the YMCA we don't know. Mrs. Stout said the YMCA will still be the YMCA but may not be in that building. Mr. Brown said even if this does close it will be months until the new owners take over. Mr. Pelura mentioned that even though this is the Salem County YMCA the County does not contribute anything to the YMCA and neither does any other Salem County Municipality.

Mr. Anthony Michael of Sandy Ridge Apt. asked about forming a Police Athletic league. He asked what goes into starting one. Chief Krivda said we have MAPSA and Explorers. The Chief said all happens with volunteers who are motivated and dedicated and they are hard to come by. Mr. Brown said a lot of our Officers have young families and work long shifts. When they get off they go home to their families. A lot also do not live in the Township. Mr. Pelura said Mr. Brown is not being negative but a lot of our Officers already volunteer for other organizations. He suggested calling/emailing a Chapter of the PAL to see how to start one. Mr. Dowe mentioned camp at the YMCA is starting in two weeks and the pool is not open. Mr.

Gilbert said he received a quote a 2 today and needs to address this with the Mayor and Mrs. Stout first. He feels it will be open shortly.

Mr. Pelura apologized for the outburst tonight. He said some people ask the same questions at each meeting and they are unjust. It does not matter who the Mayor is or what political party is in charge. He said he is sorry you had to hear this.

With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2017-111**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Brown motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:07 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 8:02 pm with the following actions being taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-112**

**HIRE PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR PUBLIC WORKS**

Motioned by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Pelura to hire Jesse J. Coffey as a part-time seasonal employee to work in the Public Works Dept. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-113**

**HIRE PART-TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEE FOR PUBIC WORKS**

Motioned by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe to hire Ryan Cody Johnson as a part-time seasonal employee to work in the Public Works Dept. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-114**

**HIRE FULL TIME CLERK FOR THE FINANCE OFFICE**

Mr. Brown made a motion to hire Kelsey Mitchell to work full time on an interim basis, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2017-115**

**HIRE PART-TIME COURT RECORDER FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT**

Motion as made by Mr. Brown to hire Ana Laura Rodriguez Flores as the Court Recorder for the Municipal Court, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

After some discussion on the Construction Code Official, Mr. Dennis made a motion to hire John W. Palumbo as the Construction Code Official pending acceptance of the job offer and with the understanding of the conflict with Sickles Engineering. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dowe 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. Brown. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: 6-21-2017

  
**June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk**