

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Present at the meeting was Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Dowe, Bomba and Brown. Also at the meeting was K. Mitchell CMFO, J. Santogrossi, Public Works, D. VanNamee Police Chief, J. Proffitt-Clerk, S. Cosaboon, Engineer and A. Telsey- Solicitor. The meeting was also presented virtually.

Mayor Brown 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 Brown asked for a motion to approve the Hiring of Brady Locke as a full time Carneys Point Police Officer.

RESOLUTION 2022-53

HIRING BRADY LOCKE AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe to approve the hiring of Brady Locke as a full-time Carneys Point Township Police Officer. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Brown administered the Oath of Office to Officer Locke. After the ceremony the family and Police Officers in attendance left the meeting.

Mr. Dennis started the **Departmental Reporting**. He mentioned PD5 Applications were mailed on January 20th and due by March 1st. This is for any property owner receiving a senior, disabled person or surviving spouse deduction on their tax bill. The PTR2 forms for Senior freeze will be mailed out by the State by April 15th. They are due on November 1st, 2022.

Mr. Bomba asked Mr. Santogrossi for his report. Mr. Santogrossi said the pump at Boutown Creek came in. They will be moving #1 pump to the 2 position and replacing that pump. They will check the seals for leakage. Mr. Santogrossi said Gutter Guys were here to replace the gutter on the front of the building. He then mentioned a sink hole on Jordan Ave. He contacted Mr. Cosaboon to see who is responsible for this hole. Mr. Bomba addressed the #2 Ambulance being out of service. It was sent out and determined the leaf spring broke and not the axle. Mr. Pelura said this should have been reported at the time of the accident and it was not. Mr. Dowe said this has been a problem all along with the Fire Dept.

Mayor Brown asked the Police Chief for a report. The Chief said Stubini's South has received a license suspension from the State ABC for 280 days. Chief VanNamee said the County is expunging juvenile's records going back a few years. He also mentioned a police vehicle was in an accident reporting to a call. This was reported and no one was hurt. He said also needle expungements. They have about 30 days to comply with clearing any case involved.

Mr. Cosaboon Engineer addressed the bid for N. DuPont reconstruction will be here on February 18th. The Playground is done with the State. The schedule is mid-May to receive the equipment

and mid-April to set it up. Mr. Bomba asked if this should be delayed due to shipping problems. Mr. Pelura suggested postponing until after the beginning of Little League.

Mayor Brown said Olympus Sports at the old St James School has not paid any fines they have been given. Mayor Brown said the sports center is renting the building from a LLC. He mentioned the Thunder Guards has moved out of town.

Mr. Dowe said what is on his reports will be addressed later in the meeting.

Mr. Pelura started with the Budget Meetings. He said February 19th and 26th, March 5th and 12th will be budget meetings held at 8:00 am. The meetings are in the courtroom. Mr. Pelura mentioned the Free Rabies Clinic was held at the Carneys Point Fire House on January 22nd. He said 59 shots were given out with 48 being dogs and 11 cats. There were 48 licenses issued. Mr. Pelura went on to thank the workers for doing a great job again this year and the firehouse members who assisted. Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$2,087,829.23. Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on January 19, 2022**; seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-55

REFUND CORELOGIC FOR DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENTS

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the refund to Corelogic for six properties totaling \$2,781.75, for with duplicate tax payments, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-56

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Transfer of Appropriation Reserves in the amount of \$15,000.00 within the 2021 Budget, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-57

AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF BLOCK 240, LOTS 4 & 5

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to authorize sending the above Block and Lots to the Planning Board for preliminary investigation. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-58

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION FOR \$189,325.67

Mr. Pelura approved the Emergency Temporary resolution for \$189,325.67, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-59

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MARCH 27, 2019 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER

Motioned on by Mr. Bomba to authorize the First Amendment to the Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor with Mr. Brown abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2022-60

CANCEL ADDED BILLED TAXES DUE TO PILOT AGREEMENT

Mr. Bomba made a motion to authorize the cancelation of billed taxes for Block 250, Lot 11 (Courses Landing Urban Renewal) in the amount of \$2,128,224.93 due to the property has entered into a PILOT Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-61

HIRE ASHLEY CRIST FOR DEPUTY TREASURER AND DEPUTY TAX CLERK

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Hiring of Ashley Crist as Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken. Mr. Pelura commented that Ashley was interviewed by the Finance Office staff and then he and Mr. Dennis along with the Tax Collector did a follow up interview. She is highly recommended and already trained. She will be working 40 hours and starting on February 14th.

RESOLUTION 2022-62

**RE-ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-43 DESIGNATING A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA
IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT-COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR**

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the readoption of resolution 2022-43 from January 19, 2022, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence:** Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional Board of Education on Enforcement of motor vehicles laws on school grounds. Chief VanNamee said this will allow any stops on school grounds to apply Title 39 due to private property. Mr. Bomba authorized the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business:** Mayor Brown mentioned the Vacant Property Registration Official. He said there were two applicants for this position. He asked if it was ok to start the interview process. The Committee all agreed to move forward.

Mayor Brown spoke of a cost proposal for a Redevelopment Plan for the Commercial Corridor for Bach Associates, Candace Kanaplue. Mr. Bomba made the motion to authorize the cost proposal, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

There was a proposal from Bach Associates for Affordable Housing Planning Services Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in the amount of \$3,500. Mr. Bomba made the motion to authorize, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor with Mayor Brown abstaining.

Next, a proposal from Bach Associates for Redevelopment Planning Service-Amended Redevelopment Plan for Block 1, Lots 16 & 17 Frangible Disk Redevelopment Plan Area in the amount of \$6,830.00. Motion made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dowe to authorize the work from Bach Associates, a unanimous vote was taken with Mayor Brown abstaining.

Mayor Brown asked for the authorization to sign for two police vehicles from KS State Bank Government Obligation Contract. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Under **New Business**: Mayor Brown introduced Anthony Sorantino with Twin Bridges, LLC requesting a letter of support from the Township for a Cannabis business. Mr. Sorantino read a prepared statement he presented to the Township what he is looking to obtain from a business in Carneys Point. He is looking at starting with a Micro License and moving up from there. Mayor Brown said the Township limits two of each license. Once obtained then you proceed to the Planning Board. Mr. Dowe asked if he had been any place else. Mr. Sorantino said he went to Penns Grove also.

RESOLUTION 2022-54

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CANNABIS CENTER

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to approve the letter of support for Twin Bridges, LLC for a cannabis center in Carneys Point, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Ms. Mitchell discussed TRIAD rehabbing four homes in Carneys Point. These are two homes that applied for the Grant and was approved. She is looking for approval to do a purchase order for these two home repairs. Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve 229 Wintergreen Lane, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve 112 Lupine Lane, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

The Township Committee discussed investigating pricing for a cleaning company. The Mayor said this is a good time since we will be discussing the budget. Mr. Bomba said to check into the ARC of Salem County.

Public Participations: With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed. Mayor Brown said there was no Executive Session for this meeting.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Dowe to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bomba. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Approved: 2-16-2022


June Proffitt, Township Clerk