

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 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, Bomba and Brown. Mr. Dowe was not in attendance. Also at the meeting was K. Mitchell CMFO, J. Santogrossi, Public Works, D. VanNamee Police Chief, J. Proffitt-Clerk 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.

Committee Departmental Reports; Mr. Dennis mentioned the Tax Collectors report was included in this meeting. He also said there was an annual Tax Collectors report included. Mr. Dennis said our collection rate was 96%. The tax sale will be September 12th of this year.

Mr. Bomba said he had no report for the Code Office. He mentioned a County Ambulance meeting will be held on March 24th. The Fire Department is in the works to purchase a used fire truck to replace a very old one. Mr. Santogrossi said Boutown Creek has had all the pump repaired. Currently all three pumps are working. He mentioned storm drain cleaning going on around town. One drain someone had been dumping oil and gas down. OEM and the Police were notified. Chief VanNamee mentioned the Penns Grove VFW post is hosting a Police & Fire Recognition Dinner. Christopher McElroy will be honored as Officer of the Year for 2021 and since COVID, the dinner was cancelled last year, Timothy Haslett will be honored as Officer of the Year for 2020.

Mr. Telsey said the ball field sale by the old YMCA has closed and a check has been received. The other property at 411 S. Pennville Auburn Road is scheduled for closing on April 29th.

Mr. Pelura mentioned dog licenses are coming to an end before the late fee of \$15.00. March 31st is the last day for regular pay.

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to approve the **Committee Departmental Reports**, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$470,357.47**. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Bomba to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from February 2022**. All were in favor.

Motion was made after the review of the **Administrative Compensatory time** to approve by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dennis. All were in favor.

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the regular Committee meeting **minutes from March 2, 2022. Also minutes from Budget meetings held on February 19th, February 26th, and March 5th**. seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2022-81
REFUND DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT**

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the tax refund for Bk 42m, Lot 15 in the amount of \$843.12 due to duplicate payment, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-82

AUTHORIZE MAILINGS AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR TAX SALE

Motioned by Mr. Dennis to authorize the mailings and advertisement for the 2022 tax sale. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-83

ELECTRONIC TAX SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATUTES

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the electronic tax sale in accordance with N.J.S.A 54:5-19.1, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-84

CERTIFICATION OF LOSAP

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the Length of Service Awards Program contribution to volunteer members. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-85

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION RESERVES

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the transfer of appropriation reserves in the amount of \$25,660.00, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-86

PURCHASE FROM STATE CONTRACT VENDOR LIST

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to authorize purchases from the State contract vendor list, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-87

ENDORISING ITS AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to endorse it's amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and the following vote took place: Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mr. Bomba voting yes while Mr. Brown abstained from the vote.

RESOLUTION 2022-88

APPROVING THE COST PROPOSAL FOR REDEVELOPMENT INVESTIGATION PLANNING SERVICES FROM BACH ASSOCIATES, PC FOR BLOCK 1, LOT 17- TO BE INCLUDED IN FRANGIBLE DISK REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the cost proposal from Bach Associates, PC, for redevelopment investigation planning services, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-89

AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A NON-CONDEMNATION REDEVELOPMENT AREA PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION FOR BK 1, LOT 17

Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the Planning Board to undertake a non-condemnation Redevelopment Area Preliminary investigation, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Pelura asked where is this located. Mr. Bomba described the location. Mr. Dennis, Mr. Pelura and Mr. Bomba voted yes while Mr. Brown abstained.

RESOLUTION 2022-90

HIRE FLOYD HILL AS A DRIVER IN PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the promotion of Floyd Hill to Driver in the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-91

HIRE FULL TIME STEVEN GOULD

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the hiring full-time of Steven W. Gould in the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-92
HIRE FULL TIME ANDREW G. MILLIS

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the hiring full-time of Steven W. Gould in the Public Works Department, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayoral Appointment to add Eleanor Washington to the Recreation Commission as Alternate #2 which will expire on December 31, 2023.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve a request from Ms. Mitchell to be paid for her unused vacation time in the amount of \$3,298.43. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Under **New Business**, Joe Henry with Hardenbergh Insurance Group mentioned Safety on the Agenda, Slip's Trips and falls. Mr. Henry mentioned our Township's Safety Committee and how well they are doing. He mentioned the money the Township has earned due to our good safety totaling \$9,450.00. Mr. Henry then discussed the Slip, Trips and Falls. He discussed the difference between them and why they occur. Mr. Henry discussed how they are all preventable and if one occurs how JIF can help.

Mr. Dowe entered the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Mr. Telsey discussed with the Committee a letter received from Clint Allen requesting a vacation of part of Schoolhouse Lane. Block 230.01, Lot 1 and Block 56, Lots 11 and 11.01. The location was discussed and when all was informed Mr. Telsey said he could do an Ordinance for the Vacation.

Mayor Brown then opened the meeting up for **Public Participation**.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. said he attended a Planning Board meeting and the members on the Committee was chorusing a member to change his vote. He did not think that was right.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2022-94
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura and seconded by Mr. Dowe to reconvene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:26 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:34 pm with the following action taking place.

First reading of Ordinances:

ORDINANCE 993

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF FIREFED APPARATUS (RESCUE PUMPER) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,050,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, NJ IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE

FOREGOING. Mr. Pelura made a motion to introduce the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

ORDINANCE 994

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CARNEYS POINT RECREATION COMPLEX IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINTM, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$600,000 THEREFORE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$600,000: MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS: AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. a motion to introduce was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dowe and unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 995

AN ORDINANCE READOPTING ORDINANCE NO 643 AND PROVIDING FOR REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES AND FOR ABATEMETN OF REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-93

EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH DPIF3 NJ6 GAME CREEK ROAD URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the signing of the amendment, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 996

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES WITH DPIF3 NJ6 GAME CREEK ROAD URBAN RENEWALM, LLC PURSUANT TO THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20 ET SEQ. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to go back into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2022-94

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Pelura and seconded by Mr. Bomba to return into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:40 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:30 pm with the following action taking place.

Ms. Mitchell reviewed with the Committee the budget changes as of today. She said there is a list of all that needs to be addressed. Ms. Mitchell started to review the list of items the Committee originally said yes or no. She confirmed they still felt that way.

Police are not getting a third Lieutenant or a Sergeant but the Committee allowed for one Corporal along with two SLEO II officers. They are allowing for a second secretary in the back to help out and to change the title of the Police Clerk and give her an increase in salary.

The Planning Board Secretary asked for an increase. The Committee allowed for an increase. The position of Principal Technical Assistant was discussed. The Committee came to an agreement on the base salary and to give a bump when a certification is achieved. The Clerk, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor were all given increases. The Deputy Clerk, Public Works Administrator were given increases. Lastly, the inspectors in Construction Office were discussed. They were given increases along with the Construction Official.

The Capital requests were discussed and the budget was finalized. She said Public Works did not put in for any equipment due to supply issues. She said she is going to put some extra in for various equipment in case. Ms. Mitchell said she will send an email to everyone with the changes that were made. She said the increase should be no more than 3 cents. She said she will be sending the budget to be processed and put together. If anything comes up she will let the Committee know.

Mayor Brown opened the meeting to the Public, Dave Wright of Golfwood Ave. said this was his first Budget meeting. He said he would not like to have to make the decisions the Committee have to make. He commented the Committee did a good job.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Approved: 4-6-2022


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk