

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 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.

Departmental Reporting Mr. Dennis had no reports for this meeting. started the. Mr. Bomba asked

Mr. Dowe mentioned that someone here needs to say something to the Ambulance service if they are having problems, they need to say something to someone here for assistance.

Mayor Brown said he also had no report for this meeting.

Mr. Cosaboon, Engineer said N. DuPont Phase II reconstruction is on the agenda to award the bid received. He mentioned the Green Acre Grant phase II. We are waiting for the letter from the State.

Chief VanNamee said car #14 is still at Bay Shore wanting for a part. Should be done soon. Also, the two new patrol vehicles should be ready by Friday.

Mr. Dowe said the Soccer Association had concerns with the fields. He said they mentioned bare spots on the fields but nothing can be done due to the weather. They also mentioned benches for the teams to sit on. Mr. Dowe said that is being worked on. They requested keys. Mr. Pelura asked keys for what? Bathrooms no longer need keys. The Chief said he can make sure the doors are unlocked but needs a schedule. Mr. Dowe mentioned the color of the playground equipment. Mr. Cosaboon said it is a blue green color. He was asked to send the photo to the Committee members so everyone can see what it will look like. Mr. Dowe said he had no Court reports for this meeting.

Mr. Pelura started with the Budget Meetings. He said March 5th and 12th are the last two meetings on Saturday morning at 8:00 am. The meetings are in the courtroom and open to the public and virtual. Mr. Pelura said dog licenses are due by March 31st before a \$15.00 late fee is applied. Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$181,236.74. Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on February 16, 2022**; seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-77

TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS RESERVES

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Transfer of Appropriations Reserves in the amount of \$16,000.00, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-78

AWARD CONTRACT TO PAVING PLUS, LLC

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to award a contract to Paving Plus, LLC for the 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Resurfacing program of N. DuPont Road-Phase II. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2022-79

EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION

Mr. Pelura authorized the Emergency Temporary resolution in the amount of \$1,377,341.24. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 992

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 212 ENTITLED 'ZONING' OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT. Mr. Bomba motioned to introduce, seconded by Mr. Dennis. Ms. Kanaplue, Twp. Planner said the Township designated four areas within the Township as being part of the Affordable Housing Element. She mentioned IA1 and 2 as being Sandy Ridge Apartments and Moors Landing Apartments. Ms. Kanaplue also mentioned some inconsistencies in the ordinance such as Density Limitations 6 dwelling units per acre. This is built into the ordinance, 12 units or more per building. The wording stated 20 % but was written 15%. She said 15% is the correct amount. A unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Brown mentioned a letter of resignation from Ms. Mitchell as our CMFO. Mr. Pelura asked to table this until he can ask a few questions. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Under **Old Business**: Mayor Brown spoke of the TRIAD Interim payment and inspection report for 229 Wintergreen Lane. Ms. Mitchell said this is just for your review.

Mr. Cosaboon spoke on the bid process for the four Township roads. They would like to go out to bid for those. Also, he mentioned the Water Company and Gas Company were given the projects to make sure they were not going to have any projects in the near future. He commented this will be a base bid and Alternate bids.

Under **New Business**: Mayor Brown asked for authorization to sign the Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. agreement. This is for them to pick up our electronics and they do not charge us any fees. Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the signature, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to sign the TRIAD Housing Rehabilitation for 340 Ives Ave. at a cost of \$164,790.00. Mr. Pelura said he and Mr. Bomba was on the sub-committee to look for homes to rehab. This seems extremely high in costs. He asked how are they going to sell at that high a cost. Could they call to explain at our Saturday's meeting. Ms. Mitchell will ask.

Public Participations: Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked why did those people resign from the Planning Board and you put them back on so fast. Mayor Brown said this has been discussed many times before. Mayor Brown said he had people in the wrong places and made the corrections. Mr. Cleary commented the Police are not checking the streets and the streets are dark. Mr. Pelura asked if lights are out or if there are no poles with lights. Mr. Cleary said they are not bright enough. Mr. Cleary spoke of saving property for something other than warehouses. He commented the Committee needs to do something for the township.

With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed. Mayor Brown said the Executive Session will be for negotiations and client attorney privileges.

**RESOLUTION 2022-80
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Bomba to reconvene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:33 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 6:59 pm.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelsey Mitchell as the CMFO per her letter with regret and allow her to work on a Part-Time basis as an hourly employee. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

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 7:02 p.m.

Approved: _____

June Proffitt, Township Clerk

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MARCH 2, 2022**

The Executive Session of the Township Committee meeting was held at 6:36 PM on the above date with Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Dowe, Bomba and Brown present. Also, K. Mitchell CMFO, J. Proffitt-Clerk and A. Telsey- Solicitor.

Mr. Pelura

- Mentioned we will be needing a CMFO. As of March 12th Ms. Mitchell will be done as the CMFO. But will start working part-time. Ms. Mitchell said she will work one full day a week, Thursday, will pop in when she can. It was mentioned Ms. Mitchell also does Insurance. Who will be doing that? She commented it will be with the CMFO job.

Mr. Albert Telsey on the phone

- Said he made a motion in Federal Court for them to post the money they owe. DuPonts/Chemours has had many years but now want to dispose people. Mr. Telsey said there is one more mediation on March 10th. He is not expecting anything to come of this. He said we are on two very different pages. He said he suggested the updating of our wastewater plant for about 70 million. Or maybe go into theirs. 943 is the number we are looking at for a settlement. Then the penalty phase and then the economic gains. That should be in the 100's of millions. Then he spoke on us wanting the public participation plan. Mr. Telsey mentioned that Chemours sued DuPont and settled for 4 million. The Chemours chairholders sued Chemours. There are also lawsuits for damages for water contamination. Mayor Brown said he is disappointed with the progress even thou the law is on our side. Mr. Pelura said he knew this would take time but would like to see the end sooner than later.

With no further discussion; **motion** was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dowe to go back to Public Session. There were five affirmative votes. Executive session ended at 6:59 PM.

Approved: 3-16-2022



June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk