

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 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 Pelura, Bomba and Brown. Also at the meeting was K. Mitchell CMFO, J. Santogrossi, Public Works, Police Chief D. VanNamee, Clerk J. Proffitt, 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. Bomba mentioned a letter from Sergeant Matthew Petruz about acknowledging Chief John Stranahan and the Carneys Point Fire Dept for their outstanding service on march 19<sup>th</sup> when a bus had to be evacuated. Approximately forty people were taken to the Fire House until the Greyhound bus service could get repaired. Mayor Brown said good job to the Fire Company. Mr. Pelura asked if the bus service or any of the people taken off the bus said anything. He also said Well done.

Mr. Santogrossi said he had no report for this meeting.

Mr. Cosaboon, Engineer said N. DuPont Phase II reconstruction is waiting on contracts. A preconstruction meeting is being scheduled. Mr. Cosaboon said on Friday at 1 pm will be the bid opening for the 4 municipal roads. Mr. Pelura asked if it is for two roads and two roads are alternative. Mr. Cosaboon said yes.

Mr. Pelura mentioned that if you have a dog and did not get it licensed you will now have to pay the \$15 late fee. The dog owners had until March 31<sup>st</sup> to pay the license fee. Any new dog is not charged a late fee to license.

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$3,296,790.69. Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-95**

**APPOINT ROBERT SCHMID AS ABANDONED PROPERTY HOUSING OFFICER**

Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the appointment of Robert Schmid as the Abandoned Property Housing Officer, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.



Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from the DCA Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, with their regret that our application for Dunns Park was denied. Mr. Bomba said this was for path replacements.

Next, Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from the Penns Grove-Carneys Point School District on them tentative approving their school budget for the 2022-2023 school year. This will result in a decrease of .066 cents.

Under **Old Business**: Mayor Brown spoke of the TRIAD Housing Rehabilitation Program for 112 Lupin Lane. He said there is a change order in the amount of an increase of \$3,300. Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the Change Order, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in faovr.

Under **New Business**: Mayor Brown asked Mr. Cosaboon to discuss the NJDEP wetlands application. Mr. Cosaboon said our Sewerage Authority has a project but the Township needs to co-sign the application because we own the roads where the force main will be placed. Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the forms, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mr. Dowe came on line for the meeting 6:12 PM.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to allow him to sign the Contract with Triad for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent. Mr. Bomba made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

At 6:15 Mayor Brown stopped the meeting so he could discuss the 2022 Budget Introduction.

#### **Resolution 2022-101**

#### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

Mr. Bomba made a motion for the budget to be advertised and put up for adoption on May 4, 2022 at 6:15 PM. Mr. Pelura seconded the motion and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Brown read a summary of the Budget. He said the tax rate is .698, which translates to \$43.00 on an average home assessed at \$144,493. The school taxes had an estimated tax decrease of .066. Mayor Brown said part of the reason for the tax increase is we are losing the COGEN revenue. He said everyone worked hard on this Budget and the Township is doing a great job.

Back to New Business, Mayor Brown spoke of a proposal from Daniel O’Gorman Senior Field Representative with NJ Transit on placing four bus stops. The Mayor said he contacted Mr. O’Gorman for more information; one being are these going to be signs or shelters. Mr. Pelura said in the past they placed shelters here and walked away. We became responsible for their up keep. Mr. Bomba commented one of the four is located in Penns Grove. Mayor Brown said he is trying to get more information before this gets approved.

**Public Participations:** Josh Widen with the Fire Department said he is putting in flag poles by the monument at the Fire House and was told to come ask the Committee. He said they are

being cemented in and the Construction Office said he needed permission. The Committee all agreed to allow the flag poles construction and Mr. Bomba will speak to the Construction Office.

With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed. Mayor Brown asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 2022-102**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba and seconded by Mr. Pelura to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:27 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize an ad for the tax collection clerk, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Pelura authorized the CMFO to move the Deputy Treasurer to an acting Treasurer position with a \$2,000 increase, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Motion was made to contact Mrs. Linda Jones to work in the Finance Office part-time, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Pelura. Motion passed with three affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved: 4-20-2022

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk