

CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2023

6:00 P.M.

The 2023 REORGANIZATION meeting of the Carneys Point Township Committee was held in person and telephonically on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Municipal Clerk June Proffitt called the meeting to order, where she read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Clerk Proffitt introduced Robert Brayerton, Pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship in Carneys Point to give an Invocation. When he was done, she led the meeting into the Pledge to the Flag.

Clerk Proffitt, certified the election results from the County then introduced Wayne D. Pelura and Michelle M. Shaw as the new Committee people. Committeeman Pelura was sworn in by Committeeman Kenneth Dennis and Committeewoman Shaw was sworn in by David Avedissian, Esq.

Clerk Proffitt took nominations for the position of Mayor.

RESOLUTION 2023-RO-01

APPOINT MAYOR

Mr. Dennis nominated Wayne D. Pelura for the position as Mayor, seconded by Mrs. Shaw. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and Mr. Pelura was declared Mayor for 2023. **Oath of Office** was then administered by Mr. David Avedissian, Esquire.

RESOLUTION 2023-RO-02

APPOINT DEPUTY MAYOR

Mrs. Shaw nominated Mr. Kenneth R. Dennis for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Pelura. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. A unanimous roll call vote was taken. Deputy Mayor for 2023 is Mr. Kenneth Dennis. **Oath of Office** for Deputy Mayor Dennis was administered by David Avedissian, Esq.

Mayor Pelura took a moment to introduce the members on the 2023 Township Committee. From his left to right he mentioned Mr. Bomba, Mrs. Shaw, Himself-Mayor Pelura, Deputy Mayor Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Brown.

Mayor Pelura moved on to resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2023-RO-03

APPOINTING VARIOUS EMPLOYEES TO VARIOUS POSITIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Dennis to adopt the resolution appointing various employees to various positions. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-RO-04

APPOINT PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE GUIDE

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure guide for the year 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-RO-05

ADOPT TAX INTEREST RATE DELINQUENCIES

Motion made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mrs. Shaw to adopt the resolution setting the interest rate to be charged for delinquent tax payments. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-06
DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY**

Motioned by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis adopting the resolution designating a municipal depository for interest bearing accounts for municipal deposits. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-07
APPOINT MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT**

Mr. Brown motioned and Mr. Dennis seconded to approve the appointment of Fred Caltabiano of Bowman & Company LLP as the Township Registered Municipal Accountant. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-08
ADOPT ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR AND DESIGNATE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL NOTICES**

Mr. Brown motioned, seconded by Mr. Dennis to adopt resolution setting the meeting dates and designating the official newspapers for legal notices. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-09
APPOINT A MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR**

Motion made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis to appoint David Avedissian, Esquire, LLC as the Township Solicitor for the year 2023, a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-10
APPOINT A CONFLICT MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR**

Motion made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mrs. Shaw to appoint Kimberley Stuart, Esquire as the Conflict Municipal Solicitor for the year 2023, a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-11
APPOINT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**

Motion made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mrs. Shaw to appoint Kimberley Stuart, Esquire as the Municipal Prosecutor for 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-12
APPOINT MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Gabrielle De Sorte, Esquire as the Public Defender for 2023, seconded by Mr. Dennis. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-13
APPOINT BOND COUNSEL**

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Bomba to appoint Archer & Greiner, P.C. as Bond Counsel for the year 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-14
APPOINT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Mrs. Shaw motioned to appoint Alaimo Group Consulting Engineers as Township Engineer, seconded by Mr. Dennis for the 2023 year. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-15
APPOINT HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER**

Mr. Dennis motioned to appointment of Insurance Solutions Inc. for Health Insurance Broker Services. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-16
APPOINT A FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to appoint Phoenix Advisors, LLC as our Financial Advisors for 2023, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-17
APPOINT TOWNSHIP PLANNER**

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mrs. Shaw to approve a contract with LFB Land Planning as Township Planner for 2023. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-18
APPOINT A GRANT CONSULTANT**

Mr. Brown motioned to appoint Carolyn Zumpino with Triad Associates for Grant Consulting Services in 2023, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-19
APPOINT SPECIAL COAH COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mrs. Shaw to appoint Michael J. Napuda, Esquire as Special COAH Counsel for the year 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-20
APPOINT A REDEVELOPER ATTORNEY**

Mr. Dennis made a motion to appoint Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Tylor, LLC as the Township Redeveloper Attorney, seconded by Mrs. Shaw. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-21
APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bomba to appoint David Avedissian, Esquire as special counsel for tax appeals for 2023. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-22
APPOINT RISK MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Dennis motioned to appoint The Barclay Group as Risk Management Consultant for 2023, seconded by Mrs. Shaw. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-23
APPOINT BROKER OF RECORD**

Mr. Dennis motioned to appoint The Barclay Group as Broker of Record for 2023, seconded by Mrs. Shaw. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-24
APPOINT MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEALS**

Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Martin Appraisal Associates, Inc. for one year as the Real Estate Appraisal Service. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-25
APPOINT SICKELS AND ASSOCIATES FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to authorize the appointment of Sickels and Associates for certain projects as specified in the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-26
ACCEPT TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2023**

Mr. Dennis motioned, seconded by Mr. Bomba to accept the temporary budget appropriations for the year 2023 in the amount of \$3,905,219.18. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-27
ADOPT A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis to accept the cash management plan for the Township for 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-28
CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve a contract with Wesley Barber of Barber Consulting Services, LLC until March 31, 2023., seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-29
APPOINT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Mr. Bomba made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dennis to approve a contract with Edmund (Ned) Shimp for Animal Control services for the year of 2023. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-30
APPOINT CLASS III MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bomba to appoint Kenneth Dennis as the Class III member to the Planning Board, for one year and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-31
APPOINTMENT TO SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to appoint Joseph F. Racite a five-year term ending January 31, 2028 on the Carneys Point Sewerage Authority, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-32
REMOVE TWO MEMBERS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD**

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the removal of Germer Ledford and Levi Snow from the Planning Board. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-33
APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SHELTERING STRAY ANIMALS**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve a contract for one year with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-34
CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENT OR DELINQUENTS LESS THAN \$10.00**

Motioned by Mr. Brown to authorize the Tax Collector to cancel overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-35
APPOINT A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EPL**

Mr. Dennis made the motion to authorize Tim Pine, Township Administrator and Mayor Pelura additional person to be appointed as the contact people for the Employee Practices Liability Helpline of our JIF. Seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-36
CREATE THE POSITION AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE
CARNEYS POINT INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the creation of the Executive Director for the Industrial Commission for a four-year term. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayoral Appointment – Mayor Pelura appointed John Bibeau to the position of Executive Director for the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2025.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-37
APPOINT ANTHONY WRIGHT TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Motioned by Mr. Dennis to appoint Anthony Wright as a member on the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2027. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-38
APPOINT ADAM GAGLIARDI TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Brown motioned to appoint Adam Gagliardi to fill an unexpired term on the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-39
APPOINT STAN HARRIS TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON
THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Stan Harris to fill an unexpired term on the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-40
APPOINT ERIC MYERS TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON
THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Eric Myers to fill an unexpired term on the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2023-RO-41
APPOINT THOMAS PANKOK TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON
THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Brown motioned to appoint Thomas Pankok to fill an unexpired term on the Industrial Commission ending December 31, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:

In accordance with the New Jersey Revised Statutes, the Mayor and/or designee in the absence of the Mayor becomes the member Class I of the Township Planning Board for one (1) year concurrent with his/her term of office as Mayor for the year 2023. As authorized by the New Jersey Revised Statutes, Mayor Brown hereby made the following appointments:

Mayor Pelura as for the approval to accept the resignation of Kim Murray from the Recreation Commission effective 1/3/2023. Motion was made by Mr. Brown seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

Class I	Wayne D. Pelura	Appointment for 1 year	2023
Class II	John Bibeau	Appointment for 1 year	2023
Class IV	Kim Murray	Appointment for 4 years	2023-2026
Class IV	John Giocaboni	fill an unexpired term	2021-2024
Class IV	Dave Wright	fill an unexpired term	2020-2023
Alternate #1	Wayne Gerhard	Appointment for 2 years	2023-2024
Alternate #2	Doug Sparks	Appointment for 2 years	2023-2024

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Township Liaison	Michelle Shaw	Appointment for 1 year	2023
Member	Gail Bibeau	Appointment for 5 years	2023-2027
Member	Elieen Gerhard	fill an unexpired term	2010-2024
Member	Nancy Wills	Fill an unexpired term	2021-2025
Alternate #1	Rebecca Monagan	Appointment two years	2023-2024

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Secretary	June Proffitt	Appointment for 1-year	2023
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Mayor Pelura thanked everyone for coming out to attend the 2023 Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Pelura said he would like to thank his family for their continued support. He thanked Ken Brown for his service to the Township over the years and thanked the Township Committee for electing him as Mayor. He thanked the voters of Carneys Point for their confidence for electing him to another term. He congratulated Michelle Shaw on being elected and being the first elected female on the Township Committee.

Mayor Pelura introduced a few people in the audience such as Assemblywoman Bethann McCarthy-Patrick, Salem County Commissioner Cordy Taylor, Former Committeeman & Carneys Point retired Policeman Anthony Wright and Former CMFO for the Township Marie Stout.

Mayor Pelura went on to introduce Township Employees in the attendance at tonight's meeting. He thanked each department at the Township for doing a great job. He said elected officials are guests for three years at a time. The people in the offices are here day after day. The Township Committee makes sure they have everything they need to be successful. Mayor Pelura mentioned the volunteers and thanked them for their time to the residents and Community. He mentioned the Professionals who work for the Township. He said we want Carneys Point to keep moving forward without delay. We are looking forward to growth in Carneys Point... "Smart Growth". He said he would love to be able to shop for home goods or groceries in town. Would love to go out to dinner or lunch and have choices. He said they are looking at bring Pride back to Carneys Point. Everything that will be done, will be done with transparency and inclusion.

Lastly, he thanked everyone for not only coming tonight but for continued support over the years. He wished everyone a safe and healthy New Year.


Motion to accept the **2023 Committee Assignments** was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis. The motion passed with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Pelura opened the meeting for Public Comments for reorganization only. Patty Bomba of N. Broad St. said she will be looking to Michelle Shaw as a representative of the first woman on the Committee. She also asked that she be addressed at Committeewoman.

With no more questions or comments from the public this portion was closed. Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to pay all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,169,897.59. Motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

With no more business to conduct a motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis to adjourn the 2023 Reorganization meeting. The meeting ended at 6:36 p.m. All Committee Members were in favor.

ADOPTED: 1-18-2023


June Proffitt, Township Clerk