

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2023**

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 Committee people Bomba, Brown, Dennis, Shaw and Pelura. Also, at the meeting was D. VanNamee Police Chief, J. Proffitt-Clerk, K. Snowden, Engineer and D. Avedissian- Solicitor. The meeting was also presented virtually.

Mayor Pelura 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.

Mr. Bomba started the **Departmental Reporting**. He mentioned that the Free Rabies Clinic was held last Saturday at the Fire House. Dr. Sierra administered the vaccines with an assistant. He said there was 61 dogs and 18 cats vaccinated with 51 licenses sold. Last year there was 59 vaccines administered and 48 licenses sold.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned the Recreation Commission meeting on February 8. She said the first event will be Easter in the park on April 8 at 10 am. Mrs. Shaw mentioned the Emergency Management Office has been working on "Code Blue" with the cold temperatures. She spoke on IT contracts that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. Dennis asked Mr. Santogrossi if he has anything for Public Works. He said no report this meeting. Mr. Dennis said he spoke to the Fire Chief about their concerns but they will be addressed at the Budget Meetings.

Mr. Brown said he had no updates for the Municipal Court. Mr. Brown said the JIF has separated insurance coverage into two sections. One is for regular insurance and one is for cyber security. He said the safety meetings here at the Township has been set.

Mayor Pelura said the dates for Budget meetings has been set at February 4th, 11th and 18th starting at 8 am. They are held here in the courtroom and everyone is welcome to attend. He mentioned he has been busy with Police rank and file negotiations and holding meet and greets with the Developers.

Chief VanNamee reported the second vehicle has been received from last year's order. He mentioned the no parking sign across from Roman Pantry. He said a person parked on that side of the road and while running to Roman Pantry they got hit. Mayor Pelura said that would be the States responsibility.

Mr. Snowden, Engineer said there was a meeting of transition with Sickels. Walker Ave Phase II has been awarded money from the State DOT. Ives Ave has had the plans prepared and will be put out for bid soon with the project being done in the Spring/Summer.

Mayor Pelura mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$2,177,087.85. Mr. Bomba made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on January 18, 2023**; seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor with Mr. Brown abstaining.

With no resolutions this meeting Mayor Pelura moved on to the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 1016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR A TAX ABATEMENT WITH EXETER 25 NORTH GOLDWOOD LAND, LLC

Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura made a **Mayoral Appointment** of Robert Dangelo to the Planning Board as Alternate #3 expiring on December 31, 2023.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura mentioned receiving a letter from Russell Dodge looking to purchase Township owned property at 8 School Lane, Block 83, Lot 3.01. Mayor Pelura said this was previously up for sale with no bidders. He suggested turning this property and any other Township owned property over to the Industrial Commission for them to market and sell. Mr. Brown motioned and Mr. Dennis seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Brown then asked if the Township Committee could sell this one to Mr. Dodge. Mr. Pelura said no it will be sent to the Industrial Commission.

Under **Old Business**: Mr. Pine spoke on the Township Server cost. He asked if this is to be put in Capital or budgeted. Mayor Pelura said discuss this at the budget meeting.

Under **New Business**: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from TRIAD requesting authorization to proceed with a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This is for the purchase of a Powerlift System for the Ambulance. Mr. Dennis explained, this helps with the lifting in and out of the ambulance. Mr. Brown motioned, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura asked for authorization to sign the JIF 2023 Safety Contract. Mr. Brown motioned to authorize the mayor to sign, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Lastly, Mayor Pelura mentioned a flyer that was dropped off from the Salem County Sheriff's Office about a clothing /donation box being placed on municipal property. Mayor Pelura said our parking lot is not very large and with court or other events here the lot is full. Also, those boxes tend not to be maintained. Mrs. Shaw said her concern is the same. She has seen other boxes with toys, shoes and furniture along side of them. This could be a problem. The Committee all agreed to not allow for the collection box on Township property.

Public Participations: Martin Cleary of Broad St. asked about paying taxes. Mayor Pelura said Carneys Point residents still pay taxes here. Penns Grove residents pay in Penns Grove. He said we signed contracts with Penns Grove to keep the Shared Services for Tax and Public Works here. Penns Grove broke the contracts. We still have a Shared Service for Court with Pennsville.

* John Dillon of East End Ave and Highland Ave, asked about a study on the traffic at this corner. His concerns are there is a yield but no stop sign. Mayor Pelura asked the Engineer to take a look at that corner.

Mr. Cleary asked when is the Township going to start cleaning up. He has photos of areas that look bad. Mr. Pelura said to let him see them and the Township will work on getting it cleaned up. Mr. Cleary said he has not seen the street sweeper in a very long time. Mr. Cleary said he feels the public works truck should stop for all branches on the roads and pick them up as they go through town. Lastly, Mr. Cleary spoke of the streets and roads being dark, there is a need for more street lighting.

Joe Wright of Grandview Court thanked Mr. Brown for his efforts on the Township Committee. He said people in town are not happy with all the warehouses and want a grocery store or retail stores. He also mentioned he came to pay his taxes and the office was closed. Mayor Pelura said the employee working there had a death in the family. Mayor Pelura mentioned that he is working with the Industrial Commission to bring in other retail businesses. He said in his Reorg speech that he too would like to shop local and have options for lunch or dinners.

With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTION 2022-43

Mr. Bomba made the motion to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Shaw. A unanimous vote was taken and the regular meeting ended at 6:32 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:20 pm with the following action taking place.

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for IT services with Barber for one year, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved: 2-15-2023


June Proffitt, Township Clerk