

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 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 Police Chief D. VanNamee, J. Santogrossi Public Works Manager, J. Proffitt-Township Clerk, T. Pine Administrator 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.

Departmental Reporting Mr. Bomba said there was no report for Animals and the Tax Collection is running smooth.

Mrs. Shaw said there is no Recreation Commission report for this meeting. Inventory on all computers was done and will be discussed at the Saturday, Budget meeting.

Mr. Dennis said he had nothing for Public Works. The Rescue truck had a problem with the pump. It was sent to the shop and they found a lot more problems. A new vehicle was ordered last year but it is not in yet. Mr. Dennis mentioned the garage doors are having problems at the fire house.

Mr. Brown; Health and Safety nothing to report. On Municipal Courts, the Judge is going to be out until March 1st. Mr. Brown mentioned that there are 5,335 cases pending. He said some are in person and most are virtual. The Courts are looking to do more in person cases as the year moves on.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the Finance Budget meetings are being held in the Court room on Saturday starting at 8 am. This is our final meeting; we have had two already. He mentioned the Industrial Commission meetings are on the second Monday of each month in the courtroom at 6:30. He mentioned the dog park had the land skimmed so mulch and chippings can be laid down. Posts are being put in and fencing will be next. The Mayor said it is moving along. Chief VanNamee and Mr. Santogrossi both said they had no report for this meeting.

Mayor Pelura asked for a mention that all properly audited vouchers that are being paid in the amount of \$188,995.31. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to approve the Committee Reports for January 2023, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on February 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-44

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE (BARNYARD)

Mr. Bomba authorized the transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License #1713-33-005-010 to Raj Pasricha, Sahib Spirits LLC, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-45

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE (FRIENDLYS)

Mr. Bomba authorized the transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License #1713-33-010-008 to Raj Pasricha, Sahib Spirits LLC, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-46

APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE BOND FOR LAYTON'S LAKE SUBDIVISION

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Bomba to approve the maintenance bond for Layton Lake Subdivision for two years. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-47

AUTHORIZE AN APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFER WITHIN THE BUDGET

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the appropriation reserve transfer within the budget in the amount of \$19,350.00. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-48

SHOWING SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE & THE COUNTY OF SALEM NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN AN EASEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE N.J.S.A ROUTE 40/48 & POINTERS-AUBURN ROAD INTERSECTION.

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-49

APPOINT A TOWNSHIP PLANNER

Mr. Dennis made a motion to authorize the appointment of Taylor, Design Group as the Township Planner, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-50

APPOINT ANDREA RHEA, ESQ, TO CONTINUE ON TAX APPRALS

Motioned by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bomba to authorize a Professional Service Agreement for the handling of tax appeals from 2022. A unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 1014

AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2009 CARNEYS POINT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PART OF SUB AREA 3 TO INCLUDE AMENDED USE AND BULK STANDARDS.

Mayor Pelura opened the Ordinance up for Public questions and comments. With none a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adopt, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 1015

AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2009 CARNEYS POINT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BLOCK 193, LOT 9 (PART OF SUB AREA 2) TO INCLUDE AMENDED USE AND BULK STANDARDS. Mayor Pelura opened the Ordinance up for Public questions and comments. With none a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adopt, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 1016

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

Mayor Pelura opened the Ordinance up for Public questions and comments. Martin Cleary of Broad St. said the gas station on Virginia Ave asked for the same thing and the Committee said no. He does not understand, they could have opened up and had a business there. Mayor Pelura said it is not the same thing, they wanted us to forgive the taxes.

With no more Public questions or comments; a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura made a **Mayoral Appointment** for new members on the MAPSA. Adam Pszwaro, Christine Nelson, Jennifer Koeturius and Erin Maurer are all appointed for one year.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from the Salem County Mosquito Control Department on assisting the Township with removal of accumulated silt from the Plant Road storm water structure. The letter states the cost will not be over \$1,000. Mr. Brown motioned to accept, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Old Business: There was an invoice for final payment for 112 Lupin Lane in the amount of \$20,025.00. Mr. Brown made the motion to authorize the payment, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

New Business: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from Sickels & Associates for no parking signs to be requested by the County Engineer's Office for the East side of South Golfwood Ave. Motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown asked if this should extend to North Golfwood Ave. Mayor Pelura said that will be coming. All were in favor.

Mr. Pine said he sat in on a meeting with the NJ Turnpike for an expansion project. This will take the Turnpike from 2 lanes to 3, from Exit 4 to the base of the Delaware Bridge. He said there will be some overpass work done and should start around 2035.

Public Participations:

Martin Cleary of Broad St. said Penns Grove said they did not have a Shared Service for Public Works. Mayor Pelura said it was a Contracted Service and the DCA looked upon this as a Shared Service.

John Riveria of Courses Landing Rd. mentioned he received a letter stating 7 wells were going to be put in by his house on Courses Landing Rd. Mayor Pelura said test wells, they test for different water tests. Mr. Riveria asked about development. Mayor Pelura said nothing has come before the Planning Board yet.

Eleanor Washington Sandy Ridge Apts. Spoke of the dog park looking like it is coming along. She said it looks good and can't wait to see it done.\

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

RESOLUTION 2023-51
EXECUTIVE SESSION

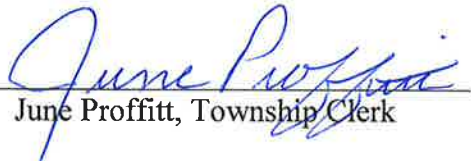
A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bomba to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:35 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mrs. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:03 pm with the following action taking place.

Mr. Avedissian said he received an email from Glen Grant, Chief Administrator from the Courts about a short presentation from Judge Witcher. There was no discrimination against Hispanics in the Courts. There will be State wide reform for the court system.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adjourn and seconded by Mrs. Shaw. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved: 3-1-2023


June Proffitt, Township Clerk