

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 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, and Pelura. Mrs. Shaw was on-line. Also at the meeting was Police Chief D. VanNamee, J. Proffitt-Township Clerk, T. Pine Administrator. 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 he had no report for the dog licensing. Mr. Bomba spoke of \$340,600 in Tax Collection for last month.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned the Community Yard Sale will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. She said they are looking for an aerobics instructor and people to perform music from single to bands, to play in the park. Mrs. Shaw said she will be receiving a free tree from Atlantic Electric for Arbor Day. Mrs. Shaw mentioned having someone look at the fountain in Dunns Park for repair. She mentioned there is progress in the new Township website. And she received quotes from x-tel for Cloud storage. This will save the Township about \$20,000 a year.

Mr. Dennis said he spoke to Mr. Santogrossi and Public Works is going well. The Fire/Rescue has a few vehicles that are out for maintenance, but they too are doing well.

Mr. Brown said he attended the Mayor's and former Mayor's Conference in Atlantic City. He said they spoke about the energy tax rebate that Municipalities use to receive directly. He said it now goes to the State and Municipalities get a very small percentage of the money. He said they are trying to get more money back to the Municipalities. Mr. Brown said they also addressed the liquor license distribution based on population. He mentioned storm water regulations that are mandatory but are unfunded. He said the Township JIF Safety Committee held a meeting on Tuesday. So far there has been no claims in Carneys Point. Mr. Brown mentioned Judge Witcher returned to work but said he will be retiring on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Township will be looking for a new Judge.

Mayor Pelura mentioned that at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the 2023 Municipal Budget will be up for adoption. This is when there will be a public hearing at this time. The Mayor mentioned the Industrial Commission meetings that are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:30. They are working on retail and other businesses. They are also looking into the vacant properties to either fix up, sell or develop. All are welcome at the meetings.

Chief VanNamee mentioned the "No Truck" signs over by the College. He mentioned they changed to White with Black due to renting the first set of signs and now we own them. He said the speed signs are down for repairs. He mentioned a black man around town in camo cloth with a bull horn speaking about the end of the world. We are aware of him.

Mr. Avedissian said at the last meeting RG Carneys Point Urban Renewal LLC asked for a vacation of Forest Lane. The Committee approved this action and the Engineer asked if there

would be any maintenance on this road. With all questions answered an ordinance will be done for the Vacation.

### **ORDINANCE 1019**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, COUNTY OF SALEM, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING, RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS TO FOREST LANE, AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY LAW. Motion to introduce will be made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura asked for a mention that all properly audited vouchers that are being paid in the amount of \$3,626,303.48. Mr. Bomba made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Dennis. All were in favor with Mr. Brown abstaining from two invoices.

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

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve **the minutes** from the regular Committee meeting held on **April 5, 2023**, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to approve the Compensatory Time report, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from the PG-CP School District looking for a couple of vehicles that are reliable. Mr. Brown explained that if we sold ours at auction, we would get about \$1,000, but by giving them to the school it saves both. Mayor Pelura said he will check with Public Works and the Police Chief.

At the last meeting it was discussed about "No Truck parking" on North and South Golfwood Ave. A letter was received from the County to send a letter to the County Engineering Office to have them install them. A letter was received from the Engineer's Office with truck traffic and speed restrictions on the forementioned roads. Mayor Pelura said we are just asking for a No Parking Sign. Mr. Avedissian said he does not think they understood our letter and said he will call them. Mr. Brown suggested asking the warehouse people to do this.

Mr. Pelura mentioned a resident at 273 Justice Drive requesting to purchase the property behind their home. Mr. Pelura said the property is land locked but should be offered to all adjoining land owners. This will be looked at for future.

**Old Business**, Mr. Snowden with Alaimo Group discussed the Highland Ave and East End Avenue request for a stop sign. Mr. Snowden gave the Committee a few options for that corner. In the end the Committee decided on a stop sign on both corners. This will have to be done by ordinance.

Taylor Design Group has prepared a cost estimate for the Reexamination Report-Master Plan for Carneys Point. The estimate is \$7,750.00. Mr. Brown motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mayor Pelura said this was discussed at our Budget meetings. The Master Plan is supposed to be reviewed and redone every ten years. It was done in 2006 and reviewed and amended in 2013. By having our Master Plan up to date will help protect the Township from Builders Remedy Lawsuits. This is being done through the Planning Board.

With no **New Business**; Mayor Pelura moved on to **Public Participation**.

Adel Hill of Lotus Lane mentioned a sink hole at the corner of Wintergreen and Lotus Lane. Mayor Pelura said this was looked at over the winter and found that the pipe was claspings. He said he believes Public Works has this on their list to repair once the weather breaks. She mentioned she would like to have it fixed right not just covered. Mayor Pelura said it was covered due to winter.

Eleanor Washington of Sandy Ridge Apartments said she attended the Boro of Penns Grove Council meeting and they were talking trash about Carneys Point. Their Attorney tried to make Carneys Point the reason for the trash problems. Mayor Pelura explained about the Shared Service Contracted Service with Penns Grove. It was put in place in 2010 and had been renewed several times through the years. This agreement was approved by the State DCA. The new Administration wants to be self-sufficient and that's good. Mayor Pelura went through the contract negotiations and how they did not come to an agreement but in January we still picked up their trash for two weeks when they sent an email to say they were ending the agreement. Mr. Brown agreed with the Mayor. He added that we bought a Jetter to clean the drain pipes here and in Penns Grove. He said he hopes they keep this going. It does help both towns. He also mentioned the rental property clean outs as being a problem. They had to adopt our ordinances when we made the agreement.

Martin Cleary of Broadway St. said he feels that our Public Works Department does not clean the drains out right. Also, he said we did not have a "true" Shared Service. Mayor Pelura said there are many different kinds of Shared Service and the State said ours was one of them.

Almeda Johnson DuPont Road asked if anyone has heard anything from the State on Bianca Ave. The Chief and the Mayor said they had not heard anything out of the State.

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 2023-65**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Bomba to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Brown and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:29 pm.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-66**

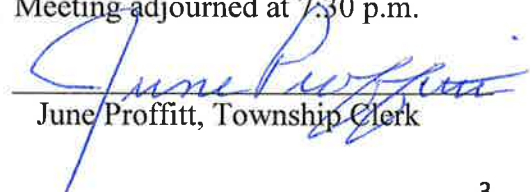
#### **APPOINTMENT OF BONNIE KELLY AS TREASURER IN THE FINANCE OFFICE**

Motion was made by Mr. Brown to appoint Bonnie Kelly as the Treasurer effective April 1, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to advertise for a part-time worker for the Finance Office, 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 7:30 p.m.

Approved: May 5, 2023

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk