

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Present were Committeemen, Dennis, Pelura, Bomba and Mayor Brown. Mr. Dowe, was attending virtually. Also, present were K. Mitchell CMFO, J. Proffitt-Clerk, S. Cosaboon, Engineer, J. Santogrossi Public Works, D. VanNamee Police Chief and A. Telsey Solicitor.

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. Dennis said he had no report for the Industrial Commission. He mentioned EMO Arnold DiTeodoro sent an email that the FEMA Funding for Covid 19 response is continuing until April 1, 2022.

Mr. Bomba mentioned the Fire/Rescue have been corresponding with Caroline Zampino of TRIAD to see if there are any grants for vehicles. Mr. Bomba said there is one with a 10 % down payment which would be around \$11,000. He said the grant application amount is \$3,850. Mr. Santogrossi stated that Dunns Park is decorated for Christmas in the Park on Saturday. Also, leaf collector continues until January 2022. Mr. Bomba finished with he had no report for the Construction Code Office.

Mayor Brown mentioned he attended the League of Municipalities and brought back paperwork on some of the new rules for cannabis. He said December 15 will be more updates. Micro licenses will be handed out first to minorities, veterans, disable persons and women.

Mr. Dowe said he heard there were concerns with the Christmas in the Park and having a local Winery provide tasting. He said the Permit has been applied for and received. He mentioned this is a family event but trying to add something to enhance. Mr. Dowe mentioned the bid opening for playground equipment being on December 2nd at 11 am. And lastly, the park received the second installment of a grant from Green Acres for \$600,000.

Mr. Pelura mentioned the 2022 free Rabies Clinic will be on January 22nd at the Fire House. Times are 9 to 10:30 for dogs and 10:30 to 11:00 for cats. Licenses can be purchased at the clinic. The Finance Office has sent out paperwork for each departments budget for 2022. They are due so the Finance Office can put budget binders together.

Chief VanNamee mentioned an application for a Block Party for the Old YMCA on G Street. He said it is being denied due to them having plenty of space on the property. Also, Carneys Point no longer has a Code Blue. There is something called 211 but that only allows for the person to be put up for one night. A family was denied due to being put up prior. Mayor Brown said this cannot happen and something needs to be done. He will make calls if he has to in order to get action. Chief VanNamee asked if the Township could petition the County to put in a flashing stop sign on Hollywood Ave and Route 551. Mayor Brown said we should be able to do this on our own. The Chief said it is a County Road and State Road. Mr. Telsey said a letter can be sent

requesting to put it up on our own. Mr. Bomba motioned and Mr. Dennis seconded to authorize the letter to be sent to the County. All was in favor.

Mr. Cosaboon mentioned the bid opening for tomorrow at 11 am for the playground equipment. He said Bruce Benchoff with the Grant program will be contacted with the proposal. The work should be scheduled for spring. Mr. Cosaboon mentioned the 2021 NJDOT Road Improvement project will be advertised this month with the work being scheduled for next spring.

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

Mayor Brown mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$64,086.20 Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor. Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on November 15, 2021**, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2021-250

CANCEL LAND MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR BK147, LOT 1

Mr. Bomba motioned to cancel the land maintenance charges of \$1,450.64 on Block 147, Lot 1 due to inability to verify proper notification. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2021-251

RELEASE SURETY TITLE ESCROW FOR BK 147, LOT 1

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to release \$2,000 escrow from the Surety Title for Block 147, Lot 1. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2021-252

REAPPOINT JUNE PROFFITT AS REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the reappointment of June Proffitt as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for three years ending October 28, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken with Mayor Brown abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2021-253

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000

Mr. Pelura motioned to approve the transfer of funds within the 2021 Budget in the amount of \$17,000, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2021-254

AUTHORIZE A SERVICE-MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH RFP SOLUTIONS

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to authorize a Service Maintenance Contract with RFP Solutions for Telecommunication System. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2021-255

REAPPOINT JENNIFER KOETURIUS AS TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the reappointment of Jennifer Koeturius as the Tax Collector where tenure will be obtained. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken with

RESOLUTION 2021-256

EXECUTE A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE-SHIELDS

Mr. Bomba made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage for 16 Donna Drive, Pedricktown due to the Small Cities Grant was paid off. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Introduction of Ordinance 990

ORDINANCE 990

AN ORDINANCE REVISING ZONING MAP. A motion to introduce was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence:** Mayor Brown mentioned a letter of resignation from Jack Dunn from the Public Works Dept effective November 19th. Mr. Dunn is also asking to be paid for his unused vacation time. Mr. Pelura made a motion to accept the resignation and pay him his unused vacation time, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown said former Administrator requested to be paid for her unused vacation time. Mr. Bomba made a motion to authorize the payment, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown said the Township received a thank you letter from the Salem County Humane Society on George Clevenger and Public Works clearing the lane to the Shelter.

Mayor Brown spoke on the NJ DEP letter approving Carneys Point for the second installment of the Green Acres load of \$600,000 for the Recreation Complex.

Mayor Brown said there is a response letter from Mr. Voyles in the packet for review.

Under **Old Business:** Chief VanNamee said he stopped to speak to a lineman and was told the Township has to send a letter to the State requesting Audible traffic lights for ADA compliance. Mr. Dennis asked if this would be all? The Chief said all including Penns Grove. Mr. Bomba said the letter should be sent on install the audible traffic lights, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

New Business: Ms. Mitchell discussed the renewal of Health Insurance. She said she met with Scott Davenport on the Township's Health Insurance. Currently the increase for next year is less than 1%. The State plan is 7 to 8% higher. Ms. Mitchell discussed joining the HIF (Health Insurance Fund) that provides better accountability and decreases overhead expenses.

Ms. Mitchell spoke on a member of the Township took a class and it costs \$100. The employee left Carneys Point. The policy states if before two years then the employee has to repay for the class. Mayor Brown said if that is the policy then we have to follow it. Mr. Bomba made a motion to send a letter requesting the payback for the class, seconded by Mr. Dennis. All were in favor.

Mayor Brown spoke on the JIF 2021 Dividend Release in the amount of \$46,982. He commented the Township usually takes this as a credit towards our next years payments. Mr. Pelura made a motion to use as credit towards assessment, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mr. Bomba made a motion to authorize the Grant Writer to try for the Fire Truck/Rescue vehicle grant. Mr. Pelura seconded the motion. Mr. Pelura asked if the Township has the money to do this. Ms. Mitchell said she could transfer money into the line. Mayor Brown feels TRIAD would cover us until the money is obtained. All were in favor.

Mayor Brown moved on to **Public Participations:** Teresa Walker of Harding Highway spoke of Christmas in the Park and the wine tasting. Chief VanNamee asked if any permits have been obtained. She said yea. Mr. Pelura said he does not think this is an appropriate event for a family function. He then said he feels this should have come before the Township Committee before it was advertised. He did give credit for trying to do something different and for their hard work. Matthew Cassidy said this is a family business, Salem Oak Winery. He is also involved with Deeb's Breads and the new bakery. Advance notice would have been appreciated. He wants to be a good community partner and will consider not serving wine at the event.

Martin Cleary of Broad St. mentioned he went to the Annex for paperwork for installing a garage and was told he could not get anything. Mayor Brown said there are new people working there and probably did not know. He will speak to them.

Don Crumb of Johnson Ave. discussed being able to go down Howard Street to access the back of his property. He said Mr. Fogg gave him permission to do so and also told Lisa and Tony he gave them permission. He said he has been doing this for 41 years. He purchased a 75-foot by 30-foot piece of land from Mr. Kerswill. Mr. Pelura asked when the road is blocked by the trailer and vehicle does it also block Mr. Fogg. Yes, it does. Mr. Crumb mentioned he does not go down this road very often but Mr. Light harasses him. He would also harass Mr. Kerswill before he passed. Mr. Crumb mentioned the Township does plow this road. The Chief said it's Township property but someone else paved it.

Ms. Lisa G. of 95 Johnson Ave. said she has 7 grandchildren and does not want one to get hit with him driving behind their house. Per the Township ordinances it is not allowed to park on lawn or in yards. She said the Township should enforce its own ordinances. Mr. Crumb has plenty of driveway.

Mr. Crumb said he purchased the strip of land from Mr. Kerswill. He does have a car of his late brother parked in the yard. He said he did put a fence up on the strip of land where he purchased to show the property line.

Ray Light of Johnson Ave. did thank the Chief for the auditable traffic lights. He mentioned that our Code Enforcement building is not in compliance for ADA. He said the neighbor threatened him. He had it recorded. Mr. Telsey said that needs to go to the Police or to Court. Mr. Telsey said the road is owned by the Township and regulations need to be addressed.

Tony Valtri of 95 Johnson Ave. mentioned he went to the Code Office about putting up a fence. Mayor Brown said we are trying to do what we can. Chief VanNamee said your wife said the fence was too expensive and was not going to put in up. Mayor Brown said we need to go out there all sit down and come up with a plan we can all work with.

Eleanor Washington of Sandy Ridge Apts. asked if the Dog Park is still in the works. Mr. Pelura said yes, it is.

David McFadden of Borden Drive spoke on the flooding of Delaware Ave. Mayor Brown said he went there to see for himself. He mentioned a berm to stop the water. Mayor Brown said that would be a short-term fix only. Mr. Cosaboon said a berm or repair of the bulkhead would require a DEP permit and approval. Mayor Brown also commented the pump on the Penns Grove side was not working. Our Public Works received estimates to fix this pump but nothing has been done. Mr. Cosaboon said the pilings are very expensive.

With no more questions or comments from the Public this portion was closed. Mayor Brown mentioned Executive Session for tonight meeting.

RESOLUTION 2021-256

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Bamba to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 7:22 pm.


Mr. Bomba motioned to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm. with the following action taking place.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize Mr. Telsey to put 401 and 411 up for sale to be sold as a package for one million dollars. Mr. Dennis seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Discussed contract of sale for the old Babe Ruth field property. Mayor Brown said they can use the ball field with all insurances in place and to return the property to its precondition.

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 8:27 p.m.

Approved: 12-15-2021


June Proffitt, Township Clerk