

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 18, 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 Dennis, Shaw and Pelura. Mr. Brown was not in attendance. Also at the meeting was Police Chief D. VanNamee, J. Santogrossi Public Works Manager, Clerk J. Proffitt, 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 the 2023 Free Rabies Clinic is being held this Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Dogs will be 9 to 10:30 and cats from 10:30 to 11 am. Licenses can be obtained for Carneys Point residents only.

Mr. Bomba read a statement from Mr. Brown; On Municipal Courts, there is nothing new. The new Court Offices at the County is scheduled to open around March. There is still no cost per Municipality to join the County run Municipal Court. The new Public Defender and Prosecutor are doing well. Court is still virtual with some in-person cases. He read the courts are moving towards less virtual and more in-person court days.

Mrs. Shaw said the Recreation Commission held their Reorganization meeting with Vince Gioia being named Chairperson and Rowland Warfle is Vice Chairperson. The Commission discussed events being held in Dunns Park. She said many great things are being worked on.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned having a meeting with XTel the phone system at the Township. The lines need to be cleaned up. She mentioned a web servicing option. They are going to review the current web site design. EMO there was no activity except getting the new Deputy up to speed.

Mr. Dennis, he had no reports for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Santogrossi mentioned leaf collection is completed for the year. They are working on Fenton Drive retention pond cutting trees along the pond.

Mr. Pelura mentioned the dog park is coming. It will be by Hover & G. Street Behind the old YMCA. He said Sarah's Heart Dog Park has held fund raisers to purchase amenities to go in our park. Mayor Pelura said there will be two parks, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. He said within a few months this project will be completed.

Mayor Pelura asked for a mention that all properly audited vouchers that are being paid in the amount of \$758,744.77. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to approve the Committee Reports for December 2022, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on December 21, 2022 and the Reorganization Meeting minutes from January 3, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw. All were in favor with Mrs. Shaw abstaining from the December minutes.

#### **ORDINANCE 1014**

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

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to introduce. Mr. Dennis made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous roll call 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 asked for a motion to introduce. Mr. Bomba made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**Old Business:** Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter from Jon Server with the County Engineer's Office is looking for one representative from Carneys Point to serve on a Local Road Safety Plan 2-year study being funded by SJTPO. Mayor Pelura asked Chief VanNamee if he was going to attend the meeting on this. The Chief said he wanted to attend to see what is expected first.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the final payment for TRIAD Associates for work done on 229 Wintergreen Lane in the amount of \$14,525.00. Mr. Dennis made a motion to pay the final bill, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

Mr. Avedissian said there have been a few questions from the Reorganization meeting on the Professionals. It was stated some of our Professionals did not get their proposals in on time. If a proposal was received by the due date, it would be under the "Fair and Open" procedure. A few came after the date and this is called "Non-Fair and Open". Mr. Avedissian said they are required to sign a certification that they did not contribute to either political party in the past year. He said he will arrange for the certifications to be signed.

**New Business:** Mayor Pelura mentioned an application for a five-year Tax Abatement for 25 North Golfwood Ave. Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the Abatement, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Pine discussed the server for the Township. He said the server is from 2017 and is outdated. He was told the warranty is about to expire. He received a quote from Dell Technologies for an updated server. He also received a quote from Wes Barber. Mrs. Shaw will review the quotes.

Mr. Pine then discussed storage problems at the Township. He received quotes from Doc-U-Vault and Iron Mountain. Doc-U-Vault is close by here, they have pickup and delivery service. He said they will scan the information and put it on a disk or thumb drive for our use. Mayor Pelura said bring this to the Budget meeting so we can discuss it further.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the Shared Service with Penns Grove for Public Works and Tax Collection. He said Penns Grove has decided to take back both services. Back in June a letter was received to end the Public Works Shared Service. They did a resolution for us to continue the service and then a letter was sent by the Mayor to end the service as of January 15, 2023. Taxes for Penns Grove are now being collected at the Boro Hall in Penns Grove. If there are any

questions for Public Works it needs to be addressed to the Penns Grove Mayor or Business Administrator in Penns Grove.

**Public Participations:**

Eleanor Washington Sandy Ridge Apts. She thanked Mr. Santogrossi for putting up with her while working on the Christmas decorations in Dunns Park. She said she just wants it to look nice. Ms. Washington thanked the Mayor for addressing the Public on what is going on with Carneys Point and Penns Grove.

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 2023-42  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba and seconded by Mrs. Shaw to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:25 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:32 pm with the following action taking place.

Mr. Dennis made a motion to authorize Mr. Albert Telsey, Esq. to extend an offer as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor.

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

Approved: 2-1-2023

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk