

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 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, T. Pine Administrator, J. Proffitt-Township Clerk 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.

Mayor Pelura started the meeting with an Honor and Recognition of a local business that has been in Carneys Point for many years. He said he was going to read the resolution

RESOLUTION 2023-71

HONORS THE MASSARI FAMILY BUSINESSES

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken. Mayor Pelura presented the framed resolution to Greg Massari and a second copy to Mano Massari, Sr. Mayor Pelura asked for a five-minute break so photos could be taken.

Departmental Reporting Mr. Bomba said he had no report for the dog licensing. Mr. Bomba spoke of \$2,964,918 in Tax Collection for last month. He also mentioned the Tax Collectors Annual report of Delinquent taxes. It states she found no delinquencies that are not collectible.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned the design for the new website. It should be about 6 to 8 weeks. The Recreation had the Women's flower show in Dunns Park this past weekend. There were no issues. She said the women spent time clearing and cleaning the flower beds and making the park look good. Emergency Management Office is currently working on updating the Emergency Operation Plan for recertification. This has to be done every four years.

Mr. Dennis said there was one slight problem at the Flower Show, the flag was stuck in the trees. He said he had Mr. Santogrossi Public Works Manager go out and trim the branches. Mr. Dennis said in Public Works the Chipper and Chipper truck have been repaired and are back on the streets. Also, there was a purchase of new brooms for the street sweeper and it is back in action. Mr. Dennis mentioned there is a need for men and women to volunteer at the Carneys Point Fire and Rescue Department. Currently they are in classes training for vehicle extrication.

Mr. Brown mentioned attending the Regional Court meeting last week. It's still in the discussion stage. The Court Administrator is on the working panel even thou we are not a member. Judge Witcher is out this week and the Court Administrator is looking for a replacement. Mr. Brown said he has been sending out JIF Risk information.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the concrete for the Dog Park is in and has been donated by JD Concrete. The mulch has been spread and the water is on, Saturday, May 27th will be the Grand Opening. There will be more information as it comes available.

Chief VanNamee said the speed sign has been located on East End Ave. The Chief mentioned two fatal accidents in the last few weeks. He mentioned a problem with towing of this type of accident. Due to evidence the vehicles use to be towed by the Towing Companies to the Prosecutors yard. Not knowing the Prosecutor's office has not been paying them so they are refusing to tow. This is going to be another bill the Township will have to cover. Chief VanNamee mentioned a growing homeless encampment in the woods behind the Sonoco. Mr. Brown offered help if they should need.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion that all properly audited vouchers be paid in the amount of \$1,285,333.28. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Bomba. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to approve the Committee Reports for April 2023, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the **Compensatory Time** report, 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 **May 3, 2023**, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-72

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$2,000

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$2,000 under the caption of "JIF EPL & Cyber Program", seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-73

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$1,000

Motioned on by Mr. Brown to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$1,000 under the caption of "JIF Wellness Incentive", seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-74

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$2,500

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$2,500 under the caption of "JIF Optional Safety program", seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-75

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$4,200

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$4,200 under the caption of "JIF Safety Incentive Program", seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-76

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$114,750

Motioned by Mr. Brown to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$114,750 under the caption of "NJDOT Walker Ave. Phase II Program", seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-77

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$2,537.50

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$2,537.50 under the caption of "Bullet Proof Vest Grant", seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-78

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$15,000

Mr. Brown made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$15,000 under the caption of "Stormwater Assistance Grant", seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-79

INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE INTO THE BUDGET \$41,000

Mr. Dennis made a motion to allow an insertion of an item of revenue into the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$41,000 under the caption of "American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant", seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-80

CANCEL GRANT RECEIVABLE AND RESERVE APPROPRIATION BALANCES

Motioned by Mrs. Shaw to approve the cancelation of grant receivable & reserve appropriation balances for various projects, seconded by Mr. Bomba. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Pelura said this is what is left from the grants once finished with the projects, the remaining has to be cancelled.

RESOLUTION 2023-81

CERTIFICATION OF LOSAP

Motion made by Mr. Bomba to authorize the LOSAP payment to all volunteer members who met the criteria during the year. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-82

SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION WITH NJDOT-BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the Grant Application with NJDOT for Local Transportation projects, Bus Shelter Improvements and storm Sewer Improvements project. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-83

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM - \$600,000

Motioned by Mr. Brown to authorize the Phase II of the NJ DEP Green Acres program loan program, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-84

APPOINT MARK FORSMAN AS PART-TIME SEASONAL LABORER

Mr. Brown authorized the hiring of Mark Forsman in the Public Works Department as a part-time seasonal laborer. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-85

APPROVE PERFORMANCE/SURETY BONDS FOR EXIT 4 HARDING HWY.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Performance/Surety Bonds for Exit 4 Harding Highway Urban Renewal, LLC, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-86

EXECUTE OF ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE AND NOTICE OF SECURITY FOR EXIT 4 HARDING HIGHWAY URBAN RENEWAL, LLC.

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the execution of Estoppel Certificates and Notice of Security Arrangement for Exit 4 Harding Highway Urban Renewal, LLC, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

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. Mayor Pelura said this is a portion of Forest Lane that is not being used. This ordinance was open up for public questions and comments. With none this portion was closed and Mr. Brown motioned to adopt, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura explained a letter from the State of NJ Department of Community Affairs stating Carneys Point has received a Small Cities Grant in the amount of \$380,000 to provide ADA-improvements in Dunns Park.

Old Business, Mr. Avedissian said he is speaking on behalf of several developers for the Route 40 expansion and vacation of the small section of farmland. At our next meeting he will have a resolution for consideration. Mr. Clint Allen commented he will get it ready by the June meeting.

Under **New Business**; Mr. Pine mentioned the Atlantic City Stainable Community Grant program. He said he will get more information for this program.

As a reminder, Mayor Pelura mentioned that there will only be one meeting each month for June, July and August. It is the third Wednesday of each month.

Public Participation.

Patty Bomba of N. Broad St. mentioned the letter from the State for the grant for Dunns Park. Mayor Pelura said this is for ADA-Improvements such as wider walkways and access to the Gazebo. Mayor Pelura mentioned from the last meeting Mrs. Bomba provided a list of all the sidewalks that are in question for ADA compliance. The Electric Company put up the new poles and blocked part of the sidewalks. He said the Solicitor will write a letter to the Electric Company.

Martin Cleary of Broadway St. said he feels that we don't have to take preserved farmland for tractors to turn. He asked two truck drivers and they said to move the line back from the stop light. Mr. Cleary mentioned a dirt pile on S. Golfwood Road. He asked if that will be moved. Mayor Prlura said water will be kept on their property.

Mayor Pelura mentioned three areas that are being looked at for cleaning up. He said Scotts, Sunoco Gas Station on Virginia Ave., and Pompone's Garage. Mr. Pelura mentioned the three Clemente's warehouses on Shell Road are being cleaned up.

Dave Wright of S. Golfwood Ave. asked for an explanation for Resolution 85 and 86. Mr. Pelura explained the Bonds are required by the Planning Board to be put in place. The Township approved their form. The other resolution is approving their security arrangements while the building is going up.

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 Mrs. Shaw to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:49 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dennis to authorize Mr. Avedissian to seek civil action and file an injunction on Fertl Soil if needed and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mrs. Shaw. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved: June 21, 2023


June Proffitt, Township Clerk