

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP**  
**BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 9, 2024**  
**8:00 AM**

The Budget Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 8:00 a.m. Committee people Pelura, Bomba, Johnson and Brown were present. Mrs. Shaw was not present. Also present at this meeting were C. Ehret-CMFO, B. Kelly-Treasurer, T. Pine-Administrator and J. Proffitt-Township Clerk.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order, he read the **Opening Public Meeting Act**. Mayor Brown led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** and roll call was taken.

Ms. Ehret discussed with the Committee that the increase will be 4 cents. Mayor Brown spoke up to say we are supposed to receive \$75,000 from the Senior Housing for back PILOT money that was found in an audit. Mr. Pelura said PNC wants to sell the building but to do so they allowed for an audit. He said PNC is giving the Township \$200,000 and will make all the repairs needed. The Senior Housing new owners can negotiate for a new PILOT.

Ms. Ehret discussed with the Committee the State Aid. She mentioned the Energy tax and that she took \$1,000,000 plus \$135,000 from the surplus to balance the budget. She mentioned she passed the proposed budget on to our Auditor and we are under the CAP. She said our Auditor said it all looks good to go.

Mayor Brown asked about the full-time person for the Tax, Finance and Assessor's Office. Ms. Ehret said the cost is included in the budget. She asked about the Court personnel asked for a 5 ½ increase. The Committee said no, they will get the 3 ½ like everyone else. Ms. Ehret mentioned the extra day for the Plumbing Inspector. The Committee said they thought it was for the Housing/Zoning Inspector to add an extra day. Mr. Pelura brought up the "Ground Keeper" for the Recreation Complex. Ms. Ehret said they put \$30,000 in the budget for this position.

The Clerk mentioned the cost of certified copies for vital records. She reviewed ordinances from a few local townships and \$25.00 is not out of the ordinary. She suggested instead of 25 dollars for every copy to do like Pennsville and make every additional copy \$5.00. Most people usually get only one copy anyway. The Committee was fine with the change. The Clerk also mentioned the fee for trailer park licenses. She said the park we share with Pennsville is at \$100.00 and we are at \$150.00. After discussion this fee was not increased.

Mr. Pelura said he spoke to Mr. Santogrossi about the trash sticker fees. Mr. Pelura said he is fine with the increase but wanted to alter what residents are being charged for. Mr. Pelura said he forgot to bring the changes with him today. He will make sure the Clerk's Office get the list.

The Capital requests were reviewed. On the list for the Police Dept. was replacement windows, two patrol vehicles and a covered parking lot. Under Fire Business. is exterior building paint, AC/Heating replacement in the hall, updated camera system, key FOB replacement, Phymo Vent and exterior Building Sign. Public Works has flashing street signs. Ambulance is on for a Lucas Chest Compression system and Air lifting bags. The Fire Dept is requesting Water Rescue Boat trailer, electric blow smoke ejector, vent saws, replacement hose and hydraulic tool upgrade.

Administration has on the list a VCS time clock & scheduling system and HR Software through Edmunds. Mayor Brown said all was agreed upon that was spoke about at the last meeting. Mayor Brown made the comment the Fire Department has just received a grant for the Washer and Dryer.

Police Chief Dale VanNamee asked about new officers. He said he would have liked to have eight more but Mr. Bomba said maybe do two at a time. He also asked about money for the purchase of uniforms. The Committee discussed the two officers and he was told there is money in the budget for uniforms.

Ms. Ehret made a comment that the Committee and the Department heads all did a great job. She said we all put a good budget together with what we had to work with.

Mayor Brown moved on to Old/New Business. Mayor Brown mentioned that there was a meeting yesterday with the developers that are moving the fruit stand. He said they are not going to open back up. The lot will be there for development.

Ms. Ehret brought up that she is now a QPA. She said she would like to have our contract with the County cancelled and she would be our QPA. Mr. Pelura agreed and asked that a letter be written to end the agreement in June.

Mayor Brown said no payout for not having Township Insurance. Mr. Pelura said not this year. Mr. Pelura said the salary guide needs to be worked on for next year. The Mayor said it hard to compare salaries to Gloucester County due to there being so many more people. Mr. Bomba said he wants to be fair to our employees. Mr. Pelura said Carneys Point will be the economic engine for the County. He said we are different than the rest of the County.

Ms. Ehret said the budget will be introduced on March 20<sup>th</sup> and up for adoption on April 17<sup>th</sup>. With that said, Mayor Brown moved on to **Public Participation**: With no public questions or comments this portion was closed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Johnson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bomba. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

4-3-2024  
Approved:

  
June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk