

# **CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP**

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

**January 3, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

The 2024 REORGANIZATION meeting of the Carneys Point Township Committee was held in person and telephonically on the above date at 6:00 p.m. Municipal Clerk June Proffitt called the meeting to order, where she read the Open Public Meeting Act.

Clerk Proffitt introduced Reverand Wanda Hill, Pastor of Mt. Olivet U.A.M.E. Church in Penns Grove to give an Invocation. When she was done, Clerk Proffitt led the meeting into the Pledge to the Flag.

Clerk Proffitt, certified the election results from the County then introduced Kenneth H. Brown and Reverand Doctor Almeda Johnson as the new Committee members. Committeeman Brown was sworn in by Senator John Burzichelli and Committeewoman Johnson was sworn in by Judge Jason Witcher.

Clerk Proffitt took nominations for the position of Mayor.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-RO-01**

#### **APPOINT MAYOR**

Mr. Bomba nominated Mr. Kenneth H. Brown for the position as Mayor, seconded by Dr. Johnson. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was taken. **The Mayor for 2024 is Mr. Kenneth H. Brown. Oath of Office** was then administered by Senator John Burzichelli.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-RO-02**

#### **APPOINT DEPUTY MAYOR**

Dr. Johnson nominated Mr. Patrick Bomba for the position of Deputy Mayor. Mr. Pelura seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. A roll call vote was taken. **Deputy Mayor for 2024 is Mr. Patrick Bomba. Oath of Office** for Deputy Mayor Bomba was administered by Senator John Burzichelli.

Mayor Brown took a moment to introduce the 2023 Carneys Point Township Committee members. From his left to right he mentioned Mrs. Shaw, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Bomba who sits on his right and Mr. Pelura.

Mayor Brown gave a Mayoral Address. He thanked the Republican party for the year of rest. He thanked his running mate Dr. Johnson, he said he never saw a candidate work as hard as she did to get us elected. He thanked the residents who took the time to vote. Mayor Brown reminisced the past. He mentioned the passing of Police Chief Ed Spinelli right before he got elected the first time. In 2008 the housing bubble bust. He mentioned hundreds of abandoned homes, Police, Public Works, Fire and Computer equipment needing upgrading or replacing. The Township needed sprucing up. With hard work and necessary reductions, we worked to make things happen. He mentioned DuPont switched to Chemours, we lost Prax Air and the Co-Gen plant. Then COVID hit. He mentioned a few of our long-term employees retired. He said to himself when will this crisis mode end. Mayor Brown said a developer asked if they could possibly build a warehouse and the rest is history. We are moving forward and bringing in tax ratables. We are working to bring Smart Growth to our Township, which will help the residents

while keeping our rural identity. He said they will do their best to keep our local purpose tax at a reasonable rate. He finished with the Committee has been and will continue to work together to make Carneys Point a place where we all want to continue to live and work. With help and support from all of our residents we will achieve these goals.

Mayor Brown moved on to resolutions. He asked for approval of #3 to #8 together.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-03**

**APPOINTING VARIOUS EMPLOYEES TO VARIOUS POSITIONS**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to adopt the resolution appointing various employees to various positions. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-04**

**APPOINT PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE GUIDE**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to adopt Roberts Rules of Order as the parliamentary procedure guide for the year 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-05**

**ADOPT TAX INTEREST RATE DELINQUENCIES**

Motion made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to adopt the resolution setting the interest rate to be charged for delinquent tax payments. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-06**

**DESIGNATE MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY**

Motioned by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura adopting the resolution designating a municipal depository for interest bearing accounts for municipal deposits. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-07**

**APPOINT MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT**

Dr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Pelura to approve the appointment of Fred Caltabiano of Bowman & Company LLP as the Township Registered Municipal Accountant. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-08**

**ADOPT ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR AND DESIGNATE OFFICIAL**

**NEWSPAPERS FOR LEGAL NOTICES**

Dr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Pelura to adopt resolution setting the meeting dates and designating the official newspapers for legal notices. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**Mayor Brown requested approval of #9 through #13.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-09**

**APPOINT A MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR**

Motion made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to appoint Adam Telsey, Esquire, LLC as the Township Solicitor for the year 2024, a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-10**

**APPOINT A CONFLICT MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR**

Motion made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to appoint David Avedessian, Esquire as the Conflict Municipal Solicitor for the year 2024, a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-11**

**APPOINT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR**

Motion made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dennis to appoint Matthew Weng, Esquire as the Municipal Prosecutor for 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-12**  
**APPOINT MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Gabrielle DeSorte, Esquire as the Public Defender for 2024, seconded by Mr. Dowe. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-13**  
**APPOINT BOND COUNSEL**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to appoint Philip Norcross with Parker McCay as Bond Counsel for the year 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**The next grouping was #14 to 18.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-14**  
**APPOINT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Mrs. Shaw motioned to appoint Stephen Cosaboon with Sickels & Associates, Inc. as the Township Engineer, seconded by Mr. Pelura for the 2024 year. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-15**  
**APPOINT HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER**

Mrs. Shaw motioned to appointment of Scott Davenport with Conner Strong & Buckelew for Health Insurance Broker Services. Seconded by Mr. Pelura. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-16**  
**APPOINT A FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Motion was made by Mrs. Shaw to appoint Phoenix Advisors, LLC as our Financial Advisors for 2022, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-17**  
**APPOINT TOWNSHIP PLANNER**

Motion was made by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Pelura to approve a contract with Candace Kanaplie with Bach Associate, PC as Township Planner for 2024. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-18**  
**APPOINT A GRANT CONSULTANT**

Mrs. Shaw motioned to appoint Carolyn Zumpino with Triad Associates for Grant Consulting Services in 2024, seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**Next, Mayor Brown asked for the approval of resolutions #19 to #23.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-19**  
**APPOINT SPECIAL COAH COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Dr. Johnson to appoint Michael Napuda, Esq of Masten & Ray, Counsellors at law, as Special COAH Counsel for the year 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-20**  
**APPOINT A REDEVELOPER ATTORNEY**

Mr. Bomba made a motion to appoint Lou Cappelli with Florio Pererucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor, LLC, as the Township Redeveloper Attorney, seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-21**  
**APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS**

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Dr. Johnson to appoint David Avedissian, Esquire as special counsel for tax appeals for 2024. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-22**  
**APPOINT RISK MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Christopher J. Powell with Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Risk Management Consultant for 2024, seconded by Dr. Johnson. A unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-23  
APPOINT BROKER OF RECORD**

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to approve the appointment of Hardenbergh Insurance Group as Broker of Record, seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous vote was taken.

**Mayor Brown asked for approval for resolutions #24 to #28.**

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-24**

**APPOINT MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES FOR TAX APPEALS**

Dr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Martin Appraisal Associates, Inc. for one year as the Real Estate Appraisal Service. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-25**

**APPOINT ALAIMO GROUP FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS IN 2024**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson to appointment Alaimo Group Engineers to work on certain projects as listed. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-26**

**APPOINT LFB LAND PLANNING FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS**

Dr. Johnson motioned, seconded by Mr. Pelura to appoint LFB Land Planning to finish certain projects as listed on the resolution. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-27**

**ACCEPT TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2024**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson to accept the temporary budget appropriations for the year 2024 in the amount of \$3,577,752.25. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-28**

**ADOPT A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pelura to accept the cash management plan for the Township for 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-29**

**CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve a contract with Wesley Barber of Barber Consulting Services, LLC., seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-30**

**APPOINT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

Mr. Bomba motioned, seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve a contract with Edmund (Ned) Shimp for Animal Control services for the year of 2024. A unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-31**

**APPOINT CLASS III MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Dr. Johnson to appoint Patrick Bomba as the Class III member to the Planning Board, for one year and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-32**

**APPOINTMENT TO SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to appoint Kenneth H. Brown to a five-year term ending January 31, 2029 on the Carneys Point Sewerage Authority, seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2021-RO-33**

**APPOINT LARRY BRYANT TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Bomba motioned to appoint Larry Bryant to the Industrial Commission for a five-year term ending December 31, 2028. Seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-34**  
**APPROVE CONTRACT FOR SHELTERING STRAY ANIMALS**

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve a contract for one year with South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter, seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous vote was taken.

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-35**

**CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENT OR DELINQUENTS LESS THAN \$10.00**

Motioned by Mr. Bomba to authorize the Tax Collector to cancel overpayments or delinquent amounts of less than \$10.00, seconded by Dr. Johnson and a unanimous vote was taken

**RESOLUTION 2024-RO-36**

**APPOINT A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EPL**

Dr. Johnson made the motion to authorize Tim Pine, Administrator to be appointed as the contact person for the Employee Practices Liability Helpline of our JIF. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

In accordance with the New Jersey Revised Statutes, the Mayor and/or designee in the absence of the Mayor becomes the member Class I of the Township Planning Board for one (1) year concurrent with his/her term of office as Mayor for the year 2024. As authorized by the New Jersey Revised Statutes, Mayor Brown hereby made the following appointments:

**TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD**

Class I	David Raymond	Appointment for 1 year	2024
Class II	Larry Basile	Appointment for 1 year	2024
Class IV	David Wright	Appointment for 4 years	2024-2027
Alternate #3	Charlyn Martin	Appointment for 2 years	2024-2025
Alternate #4	Jerry Holland	Appointment for 2 years	2024-2025

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Township Liaison	Michelle Shaw	Appointment for 1 year	2024
Member	Elaine Voyles	Appointment for 5 years	2024-2028
Alternate #2	Eleanor Washington	Appoint for 2 years	2014-2025

**INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION**

Secretary	June Proffitt	Appointment for 1-year	2024
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Motion to accept the **2024 Committee Assignments** was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bomba. The motion passed with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Brown opened the meeting for **Public Questions or Comments**. With none he asked if the Committee wanted to say anything.

Dr. Johnson thanked God, she thanked her partner Mayor Brown and Judge Witcher. She recognized the Paster of Mt., Olivet Church, the Second Baptist Church in Pedricktown and Joy Tabernacle Church. She thanked Greg Wolf and the Committee for being patient with her. She thanked Elaine Voyles. She said she wants to do the very best for the people of Carneys Point. Have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. Bomba wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. He mentioned the rabies clinic for January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Firehouse from 9 to 11.

Mrs. Shall had no comment.

Mr. Pelura thanked and Congratulated Mr. Brown and Dr. Johnson. He said they all worked well together and hope to still. He thanked Mayor Brown for the appointment of some of the Professionals made tonight. He said this is good to start where they left off and have the same companies continue. He thanked everyone for attending.

Mayor Brown wanted to recognize some of the people in the audience. He mentioned Senator Burzichelli, Assembly Members Dave Bailey and Heather Simmons. Steve Catabiano, Democratic Head and Joe Hiles of Woodstown Boro. Nelson Carneys with the NAACP and countless Professionals. He said they worked their butts off and is looking forward to getting started.

Dr. Johnson asked for all Ministers, Pastors or Church leaders to stand and she thanked them for coming out tonight. She thanked the people who live in the Apartments with her and everyone else who come out to the meeting tonight.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve all properly audited vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$137,305.86. Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

With no more business to conduct a motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Dr. Johnson to adjourn the 2024 Reorganization meeting. The meeting ended at 6:32 p.m. All Committee Members were in favor.

ADOPTED:

1/17/2024

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk