

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 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, 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 via teleconference.

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 he had no report for Animal Control. For the Tax Office he read he monthly and year to date totals collected by the Collector. He mentioned we had a 71% collection rate for this past quarter and it was at 74% last year. Mayor Pelura said the yearly percent collection rate is usually in the high 90's.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned the phone upgrade was done today. There were a few issues but they are being worked on. The website is complete and training will be done on November 6th. She mentioned two events in Dunns Park before the end of the year. One is Halloween on October 25th starting at 6 pm and the other is Christmas in the Park on December 2nd at 6 pm. Mr. Bomba spoke of the dog costume contest held at the new Dog Park. He said it was a lot of fun.

Mr. Dennis said Public Works bought and placed 20 new trash cans at the Recreation Complex. He said leaf collection will start next week and he thinks it goes until January. Collection is on the same day as the trash routes. Lastly, he mentioned the dangerous curve sign has been ordered for Layton's Lake Estates. It will take a few weeks to get them in and put up.

Mr. Pine mentioned the Township is holding a Document Shred Event on December 2nd from 9am to noon.

Mr. Brown mentioned the Municipal Court merger held a meeting with Ben Telsey on October 6th. The County is not part of the merger but wanted rent from everyone with goes there. Mr. Brown said we will not be going there. We have a Shared Service with Pennsville to do their court sessions. So, Pennsville will not be going to the merger along with Pittsgrove and Alloway.

Mayor Pelura spoke on the refurbishing of the fountain in Dunns Park by the D2 Organization. He said Mr. Santogrossi met with the plumber and electrician and their Project Manager to get things started.

Mr. Avedissian said Thursday, October 26th they will meet for the SADC Application. There is a resolution of support for this project along with accidents reports, the owner of the property signed a letter of support and the County sent a letter of support. This is the .053 acres of grass (preserved farm land) off Route 40. Mr. Avedissian thanked Mr. Bomba and Mr. Brown for attending the last meeting. Mr. Pelura said you should speak to County Commissioner Cordy Taylor and Fred Young Economic Development with the County for their support. They both attended Our Economic Development meeting and said they wanted to support us.

Chief VanNamee mentioned the base for the light bulbs came in. He also mentioned there is a softball tournament at the Rec. Complex this weekend.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion that all properly audited vouchers be paid in the amount of \$152,820.12. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mr. Bomba a motion to approve the Committee reports for the month of **September**, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the **Compensatory Time** report, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and all were in favor. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the **minutes** from the regular Committee meeting held on **September 20, 2023** and the meeting held on **August 4, 2023**. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor with Mr. Dennis abstaining from the October 4th meeting.

RESOLUTION 2023-157

CERTIFYING REVIEW OF ANNUAL AUDIT

Mayor Pelura said this is a review of everything financial at the Township by our Auditors. This is the 17 years in a row without any findings on our Audit. He said he is very proud of our Finance Office. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Annual Audit and authorize the Committee to sign the Findings and Determination. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-158

AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE JULY 22, 2023, REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR DELAWARE VIEW APARTMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Bomba to authorize the amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for Delaware View Apartments, seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura moved on to **Old Business**.

Mayor Pelura addressed residential chickens. He started with Ordinances are Township's Laws. He read through the ordinances from different municipalities that has a Pilot program that allows for keeping of chickens in residential properties. He said he has questions and addressed them to the Solicitor. Mr. Avedissian spoke of the various towns' ordinances. He said there is a lot to address with these ordinances. Some speak of a yearly fee, only allowing certain numbers of licenses, having a board to address any problems and such. He also mentioned the definition of structure, number an animals and yard size. He will have to do some research on this topic.

Mayor Pelura mentioned the overpass on Route 140 by the truck stops. He mentioned he has made weekly calls to the 3rd Legislature's Office. He asked everyone to also call. He said we need the public to get involved. They said it is going to be a complete rebuild, to start mid-summer next year.

There was no **New Business** to discuss at this meeting.

Public Participation.

Almeda Johnson. Spoke of leaves in the road by Finwick park. The leaves are blocking part of the road. Also, she mentioned a house on Del-A-Vue where the owner is sickly and needs help with clearing up the yard. She asked if the Township could do anything to help.

Suzette Dues of Regional Drive spoke of children in a neighbor's yard playing basketball for all hours of the night. She mentioned the ball coming in her yard and hitting her fence and car. She does not like the noise but don't want them on her property. Chief VanNamee said they can play until 10 pm but than has to stop. He said if they don't, then call the police. She could file a complaint in court but that is in Salem.

Eleanor Washington of Sandy Ridge Apts. Said she is concerned about the park. Lots of people go to the park and it needs upgrades and repairs. She said she wants Carneys Point to look nice.

Stacey of Carneys Point asked how do we watch the meeting if we cannot make it here. Mayor Pelura said the line for both call ins and video attendance are on the top of the agenda.

Committeeman Bomba said he had the phone numbers for Senator Durr and Congresswoman Bethann Patrick if anyone wants them.

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 2023-159
EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Shaw to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:42 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:06 pm.

Mayor Pelura said he hopes the Philadelphia Phillies go to the World Series. The Committee all agreed. With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Bomba to adjourn and seconded by Mrs. Shaw. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved: Nov. 1, 2023



June Proffitt, Township Clerk