

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 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 and Pelura. Mrs. Shaw was not in attendance. 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 had no reports for Dogs or for the Tax Office.

Mrs. Shaw's report was given by the Mayor. He mentioned the Recreation Halloween Trunk or Treat in Dunns Park went well. There were over 100 children in attendance. Next, on December 2nd will be Christmas in Dunns Park at 6 PM. He mentioned the website training will be on November 6th and the new phone system is complete.

Mr. Dennis said he had no reports for Public Works or Fire and Rescue tonight. He did mention leaf collection will begin soon.

Mr. Pine mentioned the Document Shred Event being held on December 2nd from 9 am to noon. He said there is no limit on amount you can drop off it's until the truck is full.

Mr. Brown mentioned a meeting for the County Court system. He said he will not be able to attend but the Court Administrator will go in his place. Mr. Brown said he has nothing for JIF.

Mayor Pelura mentioned Mr. Dennis and the Fire Chief will be going to a meeting with Woolwich Fire Company on the application of the grant they received for man power. He said they have the same type of grant and we are trying to get ideas of how they administer theirs.

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve all property audited vouchers in the amount of \$1,299,129.93. Seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on October 18, 2023. Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2023-160

INTENT TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN

Mayor Pelura explained this resolution. He said this is just acknowledgment of the Sewerage Authority's plan for expansion. This is not taking all the land but a portion for a sewerage pipe to be run through part of the property. Mr. Avedissian the line is through the front yard by the street. He said the yard will be dug up and put back to normal. He said there was efforts to negotiate a deal with both parties to no avail. Mr. Dennis made a motion to acknowledge the Sewerage Authority's use of eminent domain, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-161

SUBMISSION OF A JOINT APPLICATION FOR MAPSA

Motioned by Mr. Brown to authorize the submission of a joint application for Municipal Alliance, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-162

TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,550.00

Mr. Dennis motioned to authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$171,550.00 within the 2023 Budget, seconded by Mr. Brown and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2023-163

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PURSUANT TO A
FY2022 SMALL CITIES AWARD TO THE TOWNSHIP-DUNNS PARK**

Mr. Brown motioned to authorize requests for proposals (RFP) under State Competitive contracting Guidelines for professional engineering Services for Dunns Park Improvements. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Final reading and adoption.

ORDINANCE 1033

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COURSES LANDING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, APPLICABLE TO LOTS 3 AND 11 IN BLOCK 250 AND LOTS 4 & 5 IN BLOCK 240, TO PERMIT ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE.

Mayor Pelura said the warehouses have solar companies and this is us just getting around to approving the wording on the redevelopment plans. He commented that Community Solar projects benefit Carneys Point residents by participating in the transition to renewable energy without putting solar panels directly on their roofs.

Under **Correspondence**: Mayor Pelura mentioned a letter of resignation from Michelle Allen as the Township Tax Collector. He said she is retiring effective November 30th. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura then mentioned resignations from MAPSA. He said Kim Brown, Elliot Hernandez, Charlyn Martin, PTLM John McElroy, Deborah Harris and Christine Nelson. The Mayor said they were all notified for lack of attendance and some sent resignations others were never heard from. Mr. Bomba made a motion to accept the resignations, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor. Mr. Brown asked if anyone has been replaced yet. Answer was no.

Old Business, Authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement for Bk 254, Lots 2,3 4,4.01,4.02,4.03,5,6&7; Bk 255 Lots 5,5.01, &5.02, at Route 40 and Forest Lane. Mr. Dennis made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken. Mr. Avedission said this will allow for upfront payments to be given earlier to the Township.

Mr. Avedissian spoke of the State hearing for Pointers Auburn Road and Route 40. He said this is a very small piece of land .053 which is about five feet. He said Mr. Brown attended the hearing. The Chief of Police provided over 100 records of accidents in that area over a ten-year period. The vote was unanimous to proceed. This will help with the road expansion and public

safety. Mr. Brown commented the farmers in that area are also happy due to improved drainage. Mr. Avedissian said the farmer who owns the property also sent a letter of support.

Under **New Business**; Mayor Pelura mentioned the Pilot program for keeping of home chickens. He said the Township Committee did not want to amend the current ordinances. He said this program would have to be done next year due to timing. He said residents who have violations will have them extended until next year. Mr. Avedissian said there is a lot to consider from amount of land to number of chickens. Is there going to be a Board, permits ect. At the end of the discussion Mayor Pelura asked Mr. Dennis and Mr. Bomba to be the subcommittee to discuss this with Mr. Avedissian.

Mayor Pelura asked if the Township Committee had time to review the Best Practices Inventory for 2023. Mr. Pine said this has been approved and sent to the State for their review. He said CFO Christie Ehret said it had to be done before the first. Mayor Pelura said he did have questions and phoned Ms. Ehret to get the answers.

Mayor Pelura asked for the Clerk to advertise for RFP's for Professional Services for the 2024 year. Mr. Brown made the motion to allow, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Public Participation.

Amy Tighe of Harding Highway asked if there will be openings on the MAPSA Committee. Mayor Pelura said yes get your name and information in to the Clerk.

With no questions or comments from the public this portion was closed. Mayor Pelura asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION 2023-164
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Dennis to convene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mayor Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Pelura asked Mr. Pine to get the advertisement ready for a Tax Collector but not send until they are ready. Mr. Bomba motioned to authorize the advertisement to be sent in the appropriate time, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Brown to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bomba. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Approved: 11-13-2023


June Proffitt, Township Clerk