

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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, Shaw and Pelura. Also, at the meeting was D. VanNamee Police Chief, T. Pine Administrator, J. Santogrossi Public Works Manager, J. Proffitt-Clerk, K. Snowden, Engineer 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.

Mr. Bomba started the **Departmental Reporting** with dog licenses will be ending on March 31<sup>st</sup>. After that their will be a late fee assessed to the license.

Mrs. Shaw mentioned Emergency Management Training at the County Emergency Service building. This is to up date the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Shaw mentioned updating the phone system also. She spoke of the first Recreation event as being Easter in the Park. This is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> in Dunns Park promptly at 10 am. She then asked for a wavier of fees for the two Community Yard Sale dates. They will be April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and in the fall on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. motioned to waive the fees, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura said their will be no Budget meeting this Saturday, but there is one on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 am in the courtroom. All are welcome to attend.

Mr. Dennis said rescue truck 11/8 has been sent out for lettering. This is needed for the licensing and insurance. Mr. Santogrossi commented that the Mosquito Commission was out to remove the dirt pile at the pump station.

Mr. Brown said he attended the South Jersey Cannabis Workshop meeting. He said they suggested obtaining an attorney who deals with Host Benefit Agreements for the cannabis. He mentioned an interactive zoning map so vendors can see where they could put a shop or grow here. He mentioned Newark, NJ has this type of site. He went on to discuss the Regional Municipal Court system. He asked the Chief about CAD's and how many do we file for each call. Chief VanNamee said usually only one per case, but said Pennsville will get numerous CAD's per case. Mr. Brown said due to our large numbers and Pennsville's we would have to pay about 45% of the County Court Service. Currently, we and Pennsville are staying here.

Chief VanNamee said he gave his recommendation for the Dog Park. He mentioned speaking to Comcast about cable and a TV in the OEM Office. This would cost about \$39.99 a month for this service.

Mr. Avedissian said he is very comfortable with the Host Benefit Agreements for Cannabis and would be happy to work on then for us. He said he saw the Planning Board approved our first

Cannabis Company at their last meeting. Mr. Brown asked if he has any available so the Committee could look them over.

Mr. Snowden, Engineer said his Company submitted a proposal for engineering services for Walker Ave Phase II Roadway Improvements. He said Sickels put the project out and the Township received \$114,750. Mayor Pelura asked that this be put on the next agenda for approval. Mr. Snowden said Ives Ave is waiting for State approval. They would like to award this no later than October 21<sup>st</sup>. A gas main has to be replaced with this project. Mr. Snowden mentioned the Storm Sewer outfall map. Carneys Point has only 4 outfalls but there needs to be addressed and located on a map for the State. He said eventually all storm sewer inlets, detention and retention ponds will all have to be mapped. This will have to be completed by December of 2025. He mentioned four road opening permits. Also, speed limit reduction on Route 48. Mayor Pelura said from Exit 4 down from 50 MPH. Mr. Bomba asked about the new poles put in by Atlantic Electric and cutting into the walk space on sidewalks. Are the walkways ADA compliant. Mr. Snowden said he will look into that for him.

Mayor Pelura mentioned that all properly audited vouchers are being paid in the amount of \$1,606,995.92. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bill list, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Bomba motioned to approve the **minutes from the Regular Committee meeting held on February 15, 2023, and Budget meeting held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Seconded by Mr. Brown and all were in favor with Mrs. Shaw abstaining from the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-52**

##### **AUTHORIZE A REFUND FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN BK 110, LOT 12**

Motioned on by Mr. Brown to approve the refund of \$952.24 to Block 110, Lot 12 due to Total Disabled Veteran status, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-53**

##### **AUTHORIZE A REFUND FOR A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN BK 233.01, LOT 6**

Motioned on by Mr. Brown to approve the refund of \$2,260.42 to Block 233.01, Lot 6 due to Total Disabled Veteran status, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-54**

##### **AUTHORIZE A REFUND AND CANCELLATION OF 2023 PROPERTY TAXES ON BK 101, LOT 7 FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

Mr. Brown motioned to approve the refund in the amount of \$860.62 and cancellation of property taxes for \$2,090.07 for Block 101, Lot 7 due to 100% Total Disabled Veteran Exemption. Seconded by Mrs. Shaw and a unanimous vote was taken.

There being no **Correspondence or Old Business** Mayor Pelura moved on to **New Business**. Mr. Pine explained our UCC Office received a request to have fees waived for a community yard sale event within Fenwick Park. This is not in connection with the Recreation Community Yard Sale Day. Mayor Pelura said there are two weekends a year when the Recreation Commission

holds their Community Yard Sale Day. One in the spring and one in the fall. Both the fees are waived and the Recreation Commission advertised, prints all addresses where yard sales are being held and puts them at the Township offices for pick up. This would be a problem if we waived the fees. Then other areas would want the same. Mrs. Shaw agreed with the Mayor. The Committee all agreed to not allow the waiver of fees. If they want to, they can join in with the Townships Community Yard Sale Day.

Also, Under **New Business**: Mr. Pine mentioned needing authorization to proceed for TRIAD Assoc. for a grant for the Fire Department. Mr. Dennis then explained the grant as being through FEMA for Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response. This would allow for the hire of four people (two on each 8-hour shift) at \$15.00 per hour. This grant is for three years. Mayor Pelura said the grant application is due by March 17<sup>th</sup> and they would like to get it back as soon as possible. Mr. Brown motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

Mayor Pelura spoke on the Dog Park. He said it is moving along. Half the fencing is up and should be done by next week.

**Public Participations:** Mayor Pelura opened the meeting up for questions or comments from the Public. With none this portion was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**RESOLUTION 2022-43**

Mr. Brown made the motion to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis. A unanimous vote was taken and the regular meeting ended at 6:30 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 6:53 pm with the following action taking place.

Motion was made by Mr. Dennis to dismiss the Public Works Employee that was discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

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 6:55 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

3/15/2023

  
June Proffitt, Township Clerk