

**MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN**  
**PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 16, 2021**

Pennsauken Township Public Committee Meeting was held at the Municipal Building located at 5605 N. Crescent Blvd Pennsauken, NJ 08110 on Thursday September 16, 2021.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor DiBattista at 6:00 pm, who also called for the Salute to the Flag, to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mayor DiBattista announced the meeting complies with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Acting Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Committeeman Olivo, Committeeman Martinez, Committeewoman Roberts, Deputy Mayor Rafeh, and Mayor DiBattista

Also, present were Township Administrator Tim Killion, Acting Municipal Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos and Solicitor Linda Galella, Esq.

There was no special request for electronic participation in the meeting.

**NOTE:** Meeting was streamed live on YouTube.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting minutes    September 2, 2021

Committeeman Olivo moved the motion to approve meeting minutes.

Committeewoman Roberts seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

**RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually**

**2021:248**

RESOLUTION GRANTING RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$11,226.00) TO ROSENBERGER NORTH AMERICA PENNSAUKEN, INC LOCATED AT 6955 CENTRAL HIGHWAY, BLOCK 6403, LOT 10

**WHEREAS**, Rosenberger North America Pennsauken, Inc. has requested the release of a Performance Bond being held by the Township of Pennsauken for site improvement costs at the premises located at 6955 Central Highway known as Block 6403, Lot 10: and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board Engineer has inspected the site and has found the work performed satisfactory and in substantial conformance with the approved plan, and has recommended the release of the performance bond; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey agrees to release the Performance Bond in the amount of Eleven Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$11,226.00) to Rosenberger North American Pennsauken, Inc. The Release of the Performance Bond is contingent on the receipt of a maintenance bond in the amount of \$ 1,403.25.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the municipal clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Planning & Zoning Office and to Rosenberger North America, Inc. 6955 Central Hwy, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Pennsauken Township Committee.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>		√	√			
<i>Martinez</i>	√		√			
<i>Roberts</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

**2021:249**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR WHO IS ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION DUE TO THE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION OF 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED

**WHEREAS,** The owner and resident of the attached properties has met all the requirements for a Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption as prescribed by New Jersey Statute 54:4-3,30 for exempt status until the applicant passes or the home is sold; and

**WHEREAS,** The owner and resident of the attached list of properties designated by applicant name, block/lot, and property location, has applied to the Tax Assessor of The Township of Pennsauken for Tax Exempt Status and have been approved by the Tax Assessor of The Township of Pennsauken for Tax Exempt Status; AND

**WHEREAS,** The Tax Collector of The Township of Pennsauken recommends the cancellation of taxes for taxes for the year 2021 and preliminary 2022, for the properties attached; AND

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the taxes on the aforementioned list be cancelled and that the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector are herewith authorized and instruction to adjust their records; accordingly, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer; AND

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** By the Township Committee of The Township of Pennsauken and State of New Jersey, that the exemptions are granted.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>			√			
<i>Martinez</i>		√	√			
<i>Roberts</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

**2021:250**

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDS A WINDOW CONTRACT TO H.A. DeHART & SON FOR PURCHASE OF BRINE SYSTEM WITH PUMPS AND TANKS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Whereas**, the Township of Pennsauken has determined that there is a need for the Purchase of a Brine System with Pumps and Tanks for the Public Works Department in the Township of Pennsauken; and

**Whereas**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 states that a contract, the cost of which will not exceed \$44,000 in a fiscal year, shall be awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, but N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 provides that prior to the award of said contract, the municipality shall solicit quotations whenever practicable for a contract, the estimated cost of which is fifteen percent or more of the bid threshold, and award the contract to the entity who submitted the most advantageous quotation price and other factors considered; and

**Whereas**, the Director of Public Works has obtained a quote for the Purchase of a Brine System with Pumps and Tanks from H.A. DeHart & Son, 311 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086 in the amount of \$43,965; and

**Whereas**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Pennsauken, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity, to encumber funds against budget account C-21-005-874.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that H.A. DeHart & Son, 311 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086, submitted a quotation and hereby awards a contract to said entity for the aforesaid services in an amount not to exceed \$43,965.
2. H.A. DeHart & Son has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that H.A. DeHart & Son has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Pennsauken in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit H.A. DeHart & Son from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.
3. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township Administrator and the Township Clerk to execute any contract documents which are necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution, subject to review, revision, and approval by the Township Solicitor.

4. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value to be placed on file with this resolution.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>	√		√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

**2021:251**

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDS OF SOURCEWELL CONTRACT TO HUNTER TRUCK SALES AND SERVICE FOR BRINE APPLICATION SET-UPS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Whereas**, the Township of Pennsauken has determined that there is a need for the Purchase of Brine Application Set-Ups for the Public Works Department in the Township of Pennsauken; and

**Whereas**, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 authorizes contracting units to purchase goods or to contract for services through the use of a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement for its administration; and

**Whereas**, Township of Pennsauken Public Works Department wishes to establish a contract to purchase three brine application set-ups with Hunter Truck Sales and Service by use of Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**Whereas**, Hunter Truck Sales and Service has been awarded Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program contract # 060920-NVS, maturity date August 1, 2024; and

**Whereas**, the Director of Public Works recommends the utilization of this contract as it represents the best price available per the Cooperative Pricing Agreements bidding procedures; and

**Whereas**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Pennsauken, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity, to encumber funds against Capital Account C-21-005-875 not to exceed \$57,193.50.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee declares that Hunter Truck Sales and Service 2320 High Hill Road Swedesboro, NJ 08085 is hereby awarded a contract to purchase three brine application set-ups in an amount not to exceed \$57,193.50.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>					√	
<i>Martinez</i>	√		√			
<i>Roberts</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

**RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda**

**2021:252**

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR GRASSCUTTING (2021); AND ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS.

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Pennsauken has incurred an expense in the year(s) 2021 against various properties within the Township for failure of the property owner to comply with Municipal Ordinances concerning the condition of their property, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Township is empowered under N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), to impose a Lien for the recovery of those monies expended by the Municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the attached list of properties designated by Block and Lot number, the owner of record and mailing address of record. The amount listed constitutes a demand by the Township for payment by the property owner for the cost incurred by the Municipality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if payment for the Municipal assessment is not received in full to the Township of Pennsauken, C/O Danielle Lippincott, Tax Collector, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 that the Municipal Assessment will be enforced by Tax Sale, becoming a Municipal Lien in accordance with New Jersey State Statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer by the Township Clerk

**2021:253**

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR GRASSCUTTING; AND ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS.

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Pennsauken has incurred an expense in the year(s) 2021 against various properties within the Township for failure of the property owner to comply with Municipal Ordinances concerning the condition of their property, and;

**WHEREAS**, The Township is empowered under N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), to impose a Lien for the recovery of those monies expended by the Municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the attached list of properties designated by Block and Lot number, the owner of record and mailing address of record. The amount listed constitutes a demand by the Township for payment by the property owner for the cost incurred by the Municipality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if payment for the Municipal assessment is not received in full to the Township of Pennsauken, C/O Danielle Lippincott, Tax Collector, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 that the Municipal Assessment will be enforced by Tax Sale, becoming a Municipal Lien in accordance with New Jersey State Statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer by the Township Clerk

**2021:254**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CROSSING GUARD

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey that James Marren has resigned from his position of Crossing Guard. No refund is due.

James Marren  
7422 Walnut Avenue  
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Police and Human Resources.

**2021:255**

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Pennsauken Board of Education desires a law enforcement presence and services from the Township of Pennsauken through the Township of Pennsauken Police Department and whereas the Township and the Township of Pennsauken Police Department desires to provide said law enforcement and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties recognize the mutual interests can be furthered through the use of Police Officers assigned to a school; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper and respective Township and Board of Education officials are authorized to execute the attached MOU pursuant to resolutions of their respective governing bodies which are to be attached to this resolution; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken hereby authorizes the acceptance of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Pennsauken and the Township of Pennsauken Board of Education.

**2021:256**

RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND OF \$1000.00 FOR STREET OPENING ESCROW TO MICHAEL J. NEWMAN FOR STREET OPENING AT 2238 39th STREET



**WHEREAS**, Michael J. Newman, 1920 Frontage Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$1000.00 for excavation and repaving the street, permit #3391 dated January 5, 2021 located at 2238 39<sup>th</sup> Street, and

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2021 the contractor, Mr. Michael J. Newman stated that work was complete at the site without the need for pavement excavation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer inspected the site to confirm no excavation occurred requiring pavement restoration and thus the return of the full escrow amount of \$1000.00 is in order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$1000.00 be returned to Michael J. Newman, 1920 Frontage Rd, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Ron Crane-Municipal Finance Officer.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>					√	
<i>Martinez</i>		√	√			
<i>Roberts</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>	√		√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

## **CONFERENCE ITEMS / ITEM OF DISCUSSION**

### **Economic Development - Larry Cardwell**

#### **Conference Items**

**6223-6225 Westfield Ave Block 608 Lots 13, 14 zoned C-1.** – This is currently the Macaro’s Deli. The size of the proposed property to be purchased is 1,340 square feet (20 x 67) for 6223 Westfield and for 6225 it is 1,139 square feet (17 x 67) for a total of just under 2500 square feet. This in the Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Zone next to a Municipal parking lot. This application is for an owner-occupied Restaurant with a liquor license which the perspective owner us already in the process of purchasing.

- Item was removed from agenda for another meeting date.

### Items for Discussion

Cheesesteak Champs Food truck at airport circle

- Committee agreed to not move forward with proposed location.

### PAYMENT OF BILLS

#### August 2021

Budgeted	\$ 8,475,763.04
Statutory Expenditures	\$ 71,365.65
Section 8	\$ 48,337.07

Deputy mayor Rafeh moved the motion for payment of bills.

Committeewoman Roberts seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Kate Crespo from (River Rd)** voiced her concerns about School bus stop on River Rd pertaining to the unfortunate accident that occurred involving a parent and Pennsauken Students. Her child was on that bus, and she is against the bus stop being on a such dangerous road for kids to cross alone. Kate also mentioned there is no crossing guard at this location and kids must fend for themselves. She and other parent would like to see a speed hump, stop sign or a traffic light be placed there. Committee shared their empathy and apologized for the unfortunate accident also sent prayers to the victims, but informed Kate that she should go against the School Board to express her concerns since they are a different Committee but reiterated that both committees work together for residents and the best interest for the children. Chief Olivo informed the parent that there will be a police officer on that specific bus stop to ensure cars stop and respect the bus signals. There is an open investigation on this case, and we will do our best to keep students and parents safe. Also, there will be a study on all bus stops to ensure safety.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

### **Mayor DiBattista**

- Thoughts and prayers for the victims of the accident on River Rd. We are working together to do a study on all our School bus stops to make sure safety is first.
- Covid is still among us please get vaccinated if you wish to do so, wear a mask when you need one, wash your hands and social distance.
- Thank you to everyone who came out for the 911 flag ceremony and the 911 ceremony on Friday night and Saturday morning. Thank you everyone who worked together to make this possible. Thank you to our Chief of Police, Chief of Fire and Oscar Phillips Benjamin who spoke about his testimony of that day.
- Car Show will be September 19 on Maple Ave. Come out and support.

### **Deputy Mayor**

- Ms. Crespo thank you for coming and sharing your concerns. We are working together with other departments to ensure safety.
- Please continue to stay safe this virus is still out here, and we must do our part.
- 911 flag placement and ceremony were beautiful. Thank you for all the support and for coming out to show your respect.
- Beginning January 2022 cats will have to be registered through the Township. This Can be done at the Clerk's office.

### **Committeewoman Roberts**

- Create your own art at the library Tuesdays from 9/14 - 10/19.
- Lemonade for Change is still accepting donations. Raffle tickets available 10/15.
- There is a clothing drive at Penn Queen lot on 9/21.
- Please continue to stay safe.

### **Committeeman Martinez**

- Thoughts and prayers for the family who were unfortunately injured in the accident on River Rd.
- Hispanic Heritage is from September 15 (Roberto Clemente Day) – October 15.
- I am who I am because I followed in his footsteps. He is the "Trail Blazer" in the Latin community.

### **Committeeman Olivo**

- Thank you to everyone coming to the 911 Flag Placement/Ceremony.
- Thoughts and prayers to the family that involved in the car accident on River rd.
- Very happy that Public Works will receive the Brine machine and be ready for this winter.
- Historical Society has a couple of events please visit website for more information.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Committeewoman Roberts moved the motion to Adjourn.

Committeeman Olivo seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

**TIME:** 6:31 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Deputy Clerk, Ana Matos