

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2015 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the Caucus Room at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

The Meeting came to order at 5:30 PM.

On roll call were;

Committeeman Jack Killion  
Committeeman John Kneib  
Committeewoman Betsy McBride  
Deputy Mayor John Figueroa

Mayor Rick Taylor was absent.

Also present were Township Administrator Edward Grochowski, Municipal Attorney Michael Joyce, Township Clerk, Gene Padalino and Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman.

There was the Pledge To The Flag And Moment Of Silence.

Deputy Mayor Figueroa announced that the Meeting was being held in compliance with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Meeting-March 18, 2015  
Meeting-March 25, 2015  
Meeting-April 1, 2015

MOTION :McBride SECOND: Killion All Aye in Voice Vote, None Opposed

**MOTION CARRIED: MINUTES APPROVED**

**PROCLAMATIONS- None**

**BIDS AWARDED:** Opened April 15, 2015 @ 10:00 am Resurfacing of John Tipton Blvd.  
BP# 15-02

Motion: Kneib      Second:Killon    All Aye in Voice Vote, None Opposed

**ORDINANCES –**

**SECOND READING- (PUBLIC HEARING-PUBLIC MAY COMMENT)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015.05**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH AN "ABANDONED PROPERTY DESIGNATION PROGRAM" AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE REQUIRMENTS FOR VACANT PROPERTIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

Motion To Adopt:McBride Second:Killion

Administrator Grochowski that this is to get handle on abandoned properties.

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Lonnie Monaco- asked why the Township is not taking care of abandoned properties. Mr. Grochowski said that this ordinance allows us to take the abandoned properties.- Committeeman Kneib reiterated this and this gives us more teeth.

The Township is working with St. Joseph's Carpenter Society and other avenues and other funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor: Absent

**MOTION CARRIED: ORDINANCE ADOPTED AFTER SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**RESOLUTION(s)- (No Public comment) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually.**

**2015:150**

RESOLUTION GRANTING RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR MILLION- TWO HUNDRED AND FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$4,204,554.00) TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY (PSE&G) LOCATED AT 7201 N. CRESCENT BLVD, BLOCK 2315, LOT 1. (PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND NUMBER 327012732)

*WHEREAS*, Mr. Thomas Patterson, Senior Permitting Specialist, of PSE&G, 4000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ. 07080 has requested the release of a Performance Surety Bond being held by the Township of Pennsauken for site improvements.

*WHEREAS*, the Planning Board engineer has inspected the site and has found the work performed satisfactory and in substantial conformance with the approved plan, recommends the release of the performance bond, and has filed a written report with the Township Committee dated February 25, 2015 which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey agrees to approve the release of a Performance Surety Bond in the amount of Four Million, Two Hundred and Four Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Four Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,204,554.00) to Public Service Electric and Gas Company, (PSE&G) 4000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ. 07080.

*NOW, BE IT RESOLVED*, that the municipal clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of the Planning Board engineer's report to the Planning & Zoning Office and Mr. Thomas Patterson, Senior Permitting Specialist, of PSE&G, 4000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ. 07080.

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

Motion To Adopt:Killion Second:McBride

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor:Absent

**MOTION CARRIED: RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

**2015:151**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, REJECTING AND AWARDED BIDS FOR THE MEADOWBROOK PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT, PHASE 1 BID PACKET NO. 15-05

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened for Phase 1 of the Meadowbrook Park Revitalization Project, Bid Packet No. 15-05 on March 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Township Consulting Engineer, T & M Associates, reviewed the bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Thor Construction Group, LLC failed to submit mandatory documents with their bid; and

WHEREAS, failure to submit said documents constitutes a defect that cannot be remedied by the Township and is a mandatory cause for bid rejection; and

WHEREAS, Thor Construction Group, LLC was notified by certified letter of the bid rejection; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Consulting Engineer has reviewed the bid submitted by the second low bidder, Command Co., Inc. including contacting references and have determined that Command Co., Inc. has submitted a complete and responsible bid and have performed satisfactory similar work; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by Command Co., Inc. in the amount of \$274,985.00 is within the available funds budgeted for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the contract for the Meadowbrook Park Revitalization Project, Phase 1 is hereby awarded to Command Co., Inc. in the amount of \$274,985.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

Mr. Grochowski stated that the Township had pre-purchased the playground w\equipment. However we have hurdles with the DEP.

Motion To Adopt:McBride Second:Killion

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor:Absent

**MOTION CARRIED: RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION(s)- (public may comment) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered under consent agenda.**

**2015:152**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR CHERRY HILL YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township Clerk is authorized to issue a Raffle License to the following:

Name: **Cherry Hill Athletic Association**

Address: **150 Deland Ave. Cherry Hill, NJ 08034**

Where Event Is Being Held: **1444 Route 73 Pennsauken, NJ 08110**

Date of Event: **April 25, 2015**

Township License #: **R15.06 (50/50)**

State Registration ID: **99-5-28017**

Name: **Cherry Hill Athletic Association**

Address: **150 Deland Ave. Cherry Hill, NJ 08034**

Where Event Is Being Held: **1444 Route 73 Pennsauken, NJ 08110**

Date of Event: **April 25, 2015**

Township License #: **R15.07 (Raffle)**

State Registration ID: **99-5-28017**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a background check on the Member in Charge has been completed with favorable result and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license upon the approval of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC).

**2015:153**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMNT AUTHORITY AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Housing Rehabilitation Agency hereinafter referred to as "Agency" has received and reviewed applications by certain homeowners specified herein for rehabilitation of their dwellings under the Camden County improvement Authority Block grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said Agency has determined that said homeowners are eligible under the guidelines of said program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden Improvement Authority has been authorized by Cooperation Agreements between the Improvement Authority and the various participating municipalities to administer the Housing Rehabilitation Program from funds received under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that the following homeowners are hereby

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determined eligible for assistance under the Camden County Improvement Authority Home Improvement Program:

1. **FILE 31-D-538**
2. That the Camden County Improvement Authority HIP is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowner's application for rehabilitation of their dwellings as specified herein.
3. That the Camden County Improvement Authority HIP is further authorized to do the following:
  - a.) Execute any and all documents and perform all administrative functions which may be required or desired in order to carry out the terms and conditions of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
  - b.) Make payments to the homeowners and contractors in amounts determined by the community Development for services performed in rehabilitating the dwellings specified herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Camden County Improvement Authority, 2220 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043, to the Attention of Robert Klaus, Program Coordinator

Motion To Adopt:Killion Second:Kneib

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor:Absent

**MOTION CARRIED: RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

**CONFERENCE /ITEMS OF DISCUSSION-**

1. Discussion of Businesses in Redevelopment Areas (Terry Carr/Larry Cardwell)

The Township Committee sitting as the Redevelopment Authority heard the following presented by Mr. Carr of the Economic Development Department.

Gebhart LLC-they are currently leasing in Cherry Hill. They will be renting about 2000 sq ft. This would be on old Haddonfield Rd. near Fontanos. This business does motorcycle repair. **This May Move Forward.**

Thrift Shop-9382 N. Crescent Blvd. This would be right before Fontanos Auto. The Township Committee was opposed to this business.

Mr. Carr stated that businesses will be getting together at Boomarang. They have a planning meeting coming up. This informational in nature.

Mr. Carr also said that there will be another job fair in Setember.

2. Job Fair-Camden County-April 22, 2015 (9am-2pm) A Collingswood Grand Ballroom.

Mr. Grochowski mentioned the above. He said that it will be announced on Channel 19 and in All Around Pennsauken.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1) UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2015:06**

CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)- This May Move Forward for Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 22.

2) **NEW BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:** None

3) **RESOLUTIONS – MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION:**

**2015:131**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2015 GARBAGE DISTRICT BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY-ADOPTION (April 22, 2015) This May Move Forward for Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 22.

A RESOLUTION TO READ THE 2015 PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY (April 22, 2015) This May Move Forward

**2015:132**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY TITLE (April 22, 2015) This May Move Forward for Second Reading and Public Hearing on April 22.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS –**

Township Clerk Padalino announced the following;

Budgeted Items (March)-\$ 5,025,639.55  
Non Budgeted Items (March)-\$ 7,604,450.41  
Section 8 Bill List (March)-\$48,542.97  
Rehab (March) – \$ 10,168.54

Motion :Killion Second:McBride

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor: Absent

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT REPORT(s)-None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ellyn McMullin- asked about businesses coming into town and what plan does the Township have for improving the parking situation on Westfield Avenue.

Committeeman Kneib- said that there is no plan and does she have any suggestions.

Committeeman Killion-said that Mr. Cardwell and Mr. Carr let businesses know there is limited parking on Westfield Avenue

Diane Johnson- asked about improving Westfield Avenue and if there are any committees to improve Westfield Avenue.

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Committeeman Kneib-said that you are limited as there are very select businesses that can fit there.

Administrator Grochowski said we have sunk a lot of money into Westfield Avenue over the years, but the problem is where it is located. As it goes nowhere.

Deacon Wilbur Barber- said that he just retired. He said that when snowing it was bad on Velde Avenue. He said that he spoke with a Public Works employee who said he lives on other side of tracks and he lived in a dark area. He was not sure what this meant.

Mr. Grochowski said we can talk to department head at Public Works.

Dennis Ripka- said he is experiencing a feral cat problem. He asked if anything being done to expand animal control.

Mr. Grochowski said that the state has rules for dealing with cats by spaying and neutering.

Mr. Ripka said that his address is 7520 Rudderow Avenue.

Mr. Grochowski took his address to get a cage.

Mr. Ripka asked if the Township would be going to the large trash cans like other towns for picking up trash with the trucks.

Mr. Grochowski said it is a major proposition and not good for all residents, because the trucks can't get down all streets.

Mr. Barber- stated that there is a deaf lady on his street. All signs for the deaf pointing one way and not another on Velde Avenue.

This would be addressed to the Police Traffic Division.

Lonnie Monaco- said that he is sorry to hear that money spent on Westfield Avenue

Mr. Grochowski said that financing work on the Avenue shows that you are in a different town and not taking any stuff.

Committeeman Kneib said the master plan is going to be updated.

Mr. Monaco said we are going in the right direction.

He also asked if there is a pie chart for budget.

Committeeman Kneib said you can do it with the information in the budget that is available.

Brian Mount and Jerrell Hamilton were present.

They belong to a local/international Buddhist organization and have a request if can make the president of their organization an honorary citizens of Pennsauken.

It was stated that this would be looked into.

Mr. Monaco- asked about the Mart site.

Committeeman Kneib stated that they did have a meeting and he did not walk away with the feeling that that there is a done deal. He will reserve comment.

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Motion to Close: McBride      Second: Killion All Aye on Voice Vote, None Opposed

**MOTION CARRIED: PUBLIC PORTION CLOSED**

**COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committeewoman McBride said that instead of the Green Fair there will be an e-recycling and shredding event at the Municipal Building on May 16. She also said that the Shade Tree Commission met yesterday and they have closed the tree program for spring. Also they are moving along with harvest fest.

Committeeman Killion-said that the Township had received a letter from Senator Beach and we are getting money for Remington Avenue repaving. The Township is to receive \$ 233,000.00 for this. He also mentioned Comcast day at Food Bank.

**CLOSED SESSION-**

**RESOLUTION(s)- (No Public comment) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually.**

**2015:154**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT (BOARDS/COMMISSIONS-MPWC, SHADE TREE AND SUMMER EMPLOYMENT)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

**WHEREAS**, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on April 15, 2015.
2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of employment - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) ;
  - a. Employment- Boards/Commissions- MPWC
  - b. Employment- Boards/Commissions- Shade Tree Commission
  - c. Employment-Summer Employment

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

Motion To Adopt:Kneib Second:Killion

Roll Call Vote:

Killion:Aye Kneib:Aye McBride:Aye Figueroa:Aye Taylor:Absent

The Township Committee went into Closed Session at 6:15 pm.

The Township Committee came back into open session at 6:36 pm.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Committeeman Kneib made a motion to adjourn and this was seconded by Committeewoman McBride.

All Aye on Voice Vote to adjourn, None Opposed.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Padalino', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eugene Padalino  
Township Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED: MAY 6, 2015**