

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 in the Meeting Room of the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, located at 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Taylor at 5:30 PM, roll call was as follows:

Members of Committee who were present at the time of roll call

Committeeman Jack Killion
Committeeman John Kneib
Deputy Mayor John Figueroa
Mayor Rick Taylor

The following employees of the Township were also present: Township Administrator Edward Grochowski, Township Clerk, Gene Padalino and Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman

Township Attorney Michael Joyce, Esq., Frank Sinatra, Public Relations and Ryan Wachter, Media Consultant where also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was observed.

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

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Meeting - July 8th, 2015 – Closed Session

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A motion to approve the minutes on the agenda was made by Committeeman Kneib and seconded by Committeeman Killion

Motion prevailed with a 4/0 voice vote

***** *Committeewoman McBride arrived to the meeting (5:34 pm)*

Committeeman Kneib, Director of Safety acknowledged the members of the Pennsauken Fire Department and boast about the accolades and letters of praise the Committee has received on their behalf. He also commented that he, the Mayor and Committee alike are very proud of the Fire Department.

Committeeman Kneib then called on Mr. Daniel L. Kerr, Jr. and administered the oath of office to him promoting him to the rank of Captain with the Pennsauken Fire Department. The bible was held by Captain Kerr's son.

Chief Palumbo was asked to speak who praised Captain Kerr's work ethics and dedication to the Fire department and the Fire education program with the school district.

Mayor and Committee thanked and congratulated Captain Kerr.

ORDINANCE –First Reading – No Public Comment

ORDINANCE NO. 2015:14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO ELIMINATE THE NO PARKING ZONE ON MARLTON AVENUE

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Administrator Grochowski explained the ordinance.

A motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Kneib and seconded by Committeeman Figueroa Motion prevailed with a 5/0 roll call vote

RESOLUTION(S) – Public may comment – The following Resolution(s) will be considered individually

RESOLUTION NO.2015:272

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AWARDDING A MUNICIPAL TOWING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS WITH TWO (2) ONE (1) YEAR OPTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is required to enter a contract with a responsible towing contractor for the purpose of providing towing services throughout the Township of Pennsauken; and

WHEREAS, the Township has publicly advertised specifications for a towing services contract in accordance with specifications which shall be annexed to and made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Pennsauken received and publicly opened bids for the aforementioned contract in accordance with the Local Public Contacts Law on September 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Township Committee has received the bids submitted together with reports from the Purchasing Department with respect to the background qualifications and compliance with all bid specifications as to each bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

1. That a contract in accordance with the specifications is award to Flanagans Auto & Truck Service of NJ Inc.- 9035 Collins Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
2. That the Mayor and or Administrator and the Township Clerk of the Township of Pennsauken are hereby authorized to execute and enter a contract in conformance with the specifications aforementioned.
3. The notice of this award shall be transmitted forthwith to Flanagans Auto & Truck Service of NJ Inc., Purchasing Department; and John Coffey; Chief of Police.
4. That the terms of the aforementioned contract shall be for a period of three (3) years following the date of its execution with two (2) one (1) year options.

A Motion to Adopt was made by Committeeman Kneib and seconded by Committeewoman McBride.
Motion prevailed with a 5/0 roll call vote

RESOLUTION(S) – Public may comment – The following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2015:273

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that it hereby appoints Dennis Cowgill as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township of Pennsauken for a three (3) year term.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the appointment will be effective October 1, 2015 and expire September 30, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Director of Public Safety, Dennis Cowgill, the Camden County Office of Emergency Management and CFO Ronald Crane.

RESOLUTION NO: 2015:274

RESOLUTION GRANTING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND NUMBER (019041436) IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND, SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS (\$48,069.60) TO BLACKMAN & COMPANY FOR GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, LOCATED AT 5505 ROUTE 70, BLOCK 6109, LOT 33

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WHEREAS, Blackman & Company has requested the release of a Performance Surety Bond being held by the Township of Pennsauken for site improvement costs at the premises located at 5505 Route 70, known as Goodwill Industries Block 6109, Lot 33.

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 recommends the release of the performance bond, and has filed a written report with the Township Committee dated September 9, 2015 which is attached hereto and made part of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 Forty Eight Thousand, Sixty Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$48,069.60) to Blackman & Company, 2 W. Evesham Road, Cherry Hill, NJ. 08003.

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 to Blackman & Company, 2 W. Evesham Road Cherry Hill, NJ. 08003.

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

No one from the public wished to comment.

A motion to adopt was made by Committeewoman McBride and seconded by Committeeman Killion

Motion prevailed with a 5/0 roll call vote

CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

A discussion was had on the Best Practices Worksheet of which each Committee member received and all stated they reviewed. There were no questions and Administrator Grochowski commented that it would be signed by himself and the Chief Financial Officer and certified by the Clerk and sent to the state.

There were no bills submitted for payment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Township Clerk Padalino stated the Tax Collector submitted a report

Committeeman Kneib moved a motion to accept the report as submitted which was seconded by Committeeman Figueroa

Motion prevailed with a 5/0 voice vote

Mayor Taylor opened the floor for public comment

Ellyn McMullen of Palace Court asked about the abandoned home initiative and the number of homes on the list and the dollar figure collected thus far.

Administrator Grochowski replied it's still between 300-350 homes on the list and there has been \$65,000 (+/-) collected. He also commented that there will be about 4-5 homes demolished.

No others from the public wished to comment.

Mayor Taylor made the following appointment to the Planning Board.

Dennis Cowgill as Alternate #2 to the Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Al Dyer thru December 31, 2015.

Mayor Taylor commented that Mr. Cowgill has done an excellent job as the Emergency Management Coordinator and truly believes he will be an asset to the board. Committee all agreed.

Mayor Taylor asked for comments from Committee:

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Committee Killion commented that the Pope will be close and that if possible residents may want to lay low or travel to the shore if they aren't going to Philadelphia. Treat it as if it's a storm and get supplies to keep the road clear and with fingers crossed all will go well.

Committeewoman McBride commented that the Environmental Commission had a successful clean-up project at Tippins Pond over the weekend and had about 40 individuals at the project. The Bike Share actually had a sign up at the Car Show over the weekend. There will be a Boat Ramp clean-up on October 17th, 2015. The Shade Tree Commission will be reviewing trees on the list for "take down" and updating and prioritizing the list.

Committeeman Kneib had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Figueroa commented his understanding was that the open house for the Historical Society had a decent turn out.

Mayor Taylor commented the Historical Society does a great job. Kudos to the Fire Department! Car Show was successful and the Duke Martz does a great job with it and it turned out to be a beautiful day with a great turn out; "put us on the map once again." He was glad to see an award given in Jeff Browns name.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION /public may comment – the following resolution will be considered individually

RESOLUTION NO. 2015: 275

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS CONTRACTS ("MART SITE")

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 September 23, 2015.
2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7) ;

a. Contracts-Mart Site

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Motion to adopt was made by Committeeman Killion and seconded by Committeeman Kneib

Motion prevailed with a 5/0 roll call vote.

Committee moved into closed session at 5:45 pm

Committee returned to open session at 5:56 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Committeewoman McBride and seconded by Committeeman Killion

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm

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Respectfully submitted


Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED: OCTOBER 7, 2015