

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2015 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in the Caucus 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:

Committeeman Killion
Committeeman John Kneib
Committeewoman McBride
Deputy Mayor John Figueroa
Mayor Rick Taylor

The following employees of the Township were also present: Township Administrator Edward Grochowski, Township Clerk, Gene Padalino, Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Township Attorney Michael Joyce, Esq. along with Economic Development team Terry Carr and Larry Cardwell.

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".

Committeeman Killion moved a motion to approve the following minutes:

Closed Session-August 26, 2015
Closed Session-September 2, 2015
Closed Session-September 16, 2015
Closed Session-September 23, 2015
Closed Session-October 7, 2015
Closed Session-October 21, 2015
Meeting-November 4, 2015
Meeting-November 16, 2015

Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion
Motion unanimously approved 5/0 roll call vote

The following resolutions were approved by consent agenda; Committeewoman McBride moved the motion for approval, which was seconded by Committeeman Killion

2015: 298

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR MARY QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

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: Mary Queen of All Saints

Address: 4824 Camden Ave. Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Where Event Is Being Held: 4824 Camden Ave. Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Date of Event: January 31, 2016

Township License #: R15.11 (raffle)

State Registration ID: 384-1-38498

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).

Clerk Padalino commented this is for a raffle for Mary Queen of All Saints

2015:299

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT DETERMINED TO BE OF NO VALUE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is the owner of certain property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator is desirous of disposing of a couch from the Pennsauken Municipal Court; NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Township Committee in the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden,

Clerk Padalino explained this is a “broken down” couch in the municipal court.

2015: 300

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2015: 284 RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 2015-2016- WHITEHALL INVESTMENTS LLC-(IN POCKET) DONE IN ERROR

WHEREAS, the Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2015:284 at the Meeting of October 21, 2015 and; WHEREAS, this license is in pocket and periodically requires a 12.39 special ruling from ABC; and WHEREAS, this license is still awaiting said 12.39 ruling and the renewal of this license is not permitted with this ruling;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County hereby rescinds Resolution No. 2015:284 pending the granting of the 12.39 ruling from ABC.

Clerk Padalino explained the fee’s had been paid but the that the license still needed a 12:39 ruling from the Director of ABC

Motion moved and approved with a 5/0 unanimous roll call vote.

CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Mr. Cardwell presented the following:

Z Furniture Mattress – would like to lease 2 units totaling 5000 square feet at 5921 Westfield Ave (The old Menchel-McDonalds). The perspective tenant will sell new furniture at this location. We visited two of his stores in Philadelphia. No outdoor displays will be permitted.

Mr. Joyce reminded them it would fall under Redevelopment restrictions.

Committeewoman McBride stressed no outdoor display would be allowed and that they adhere to the signage restrictions.

Mayor and Committee agreed to allow it to move forward.

Simple Tax Enterprise – 550 square feet at 2115-17 Browning Road (behind the PNC Bank) This office would be used for income tax preparation replacing the previous tax preparation office.

Mayor and Committee approved to move forward

Personal Fitness – at the corner of Engard and River Road. The applicant would like to lease the site in order to have personal fitness training by appointment as well as host personal fitness classes/sessions for up to 8 clients.

This was previously a Barber Shop and will only be for personal fitness and training classes for up to 8 people at a time/

Mayor and Committee approved to move forward

Both Mr. Carr and Mr. Cardwell were thanked for their continued efforts.

Administrator Grochowski introduced Mr. Andrew Leveccia, Director of Planning overseeing the Reexamination of the Townships Master Plan.

Mr. Leveccia explained the reexamination should be done every 6 to 10 years and answers 5 questions. He also commented that he is currently in the middle of interviewing Municipal Managers and professional opinions.

Mayor Taylor questioned what happens when a Township such as ours is "built out" and space is an issue for us. What factors are you looking for?

To which Mr. Leveccia replied there are still a couple areas still available naming the Waterfront and "Crossroads"; possible zoning changes from Professional to Commercial and mixed use. He also commented that single family hose are a stretch.

Mr. Leveccia commented that he is looking into possibly grouping all abandoned homes as one (1) redevelopment zone, which would allow a redeveloper to rehab or rebuild. "Pennsauken is diverse homogenies"

Committee spoke of the "World Harvest" property which could be a lot of opportunity. All of Westfield Avenue would need to be mixed use.

Committeeman Kneib questioned the time frame of completion of the reexamination. Mr. Leveccia's reply was hopefully May 2016.

Mr. Leveccia thanked Mayor and Committee for their time and stated he could be called anytime with questions.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS TO DATE – COUNTRY CLUB REVENUES

Clerk Padalino commented reports were submitted by the Tax office also.

Committeeman Kneib commented the Country Club is up \$13K from last year due to the warm weather.

Committeeman Kneib moved the motion to accept the reports, which was seconded by Committeeman Killion. A 5/0 unanimous voice vote was recorded.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor to the public for comment

Estelle Sey – Buckingham Lane spoke about "Pickle ball." She explained the actual game how and when it came about and requested the Township paint lines on an existing tennis court specifically for "pickle ball." She commented that they currently play at Carusi & Kilmer schools in Cherry Hill and at the Kroc Center.

Ms. Sey was directed to Mr. Sonny DiSabato, Senior Coordinator for interest amongst the senior population; which could be done through the public access channel and All Around Pennsauken.

Mayor Taylor questioned how many tennis courts were in town and commented it may be possible that one could be marked for it; once the interest from Pennsauken residents was determined.

Committeeman Killion commented that it should be marked with field chalk before making it permanent. He also commented to possibly contact United Methodist Church on Union Avenue who may be interested.

Lonnie Monaco – Homestead Ave. commented that he found a few good ideas in reference to the reexamination and hopes they come to fruition. He commented that the level of education

needs to be raised in Pennsauken and that the Committee needs to work with the School Board.

Mr. Joyce reminded him that his comments should be directed to the Board of Education, this was not the correct forum.

Committeeman Kneib commented that his statement was “no revelation to this Committee, the Town can’t grow without uplifting the education... you hit it dead on”

Mr. Monaco questioned if there was any way to bridge it?

Mayor Taylor replied that he hopes the school board leadership moves forward. They’re currently on a search for a Superintendent and the new reign to move forward.

Committeeman Killion commented that for the last 10 years of so the Township and Board of Education have been doing some so-operative work. Education is not our background and we need to broach it carefully.

Mayor Taylor again commented that education needs to be a priority in the household which is key. The Board of Education could have the highest ranking teachers and administration but without support from home it doesn’t work.

Committeeman Kneib commented it’s the demise or resurrection of the municipality.

Diane Johnson – 45th street questioned if the Township every considered purchasing St. Stephen’s school for its community center.

Mayor Taylor commented it was “batted around” and that the school has been purchased by the Asian Market on Rt. #38

Joanne young – Park Ave. commented that “you can’t combine entities” speaking of the Board of education and Township Committee.

Attorney Joyce commented that theoretically you can. But that this Township is not structured that way.

Ellyn McMullen - Palace Ct. asked if the Reorganization date and time has been set.

Clerk Padalino replied Tuesday, January 5th at 6pm at the Pennsauken Country Club

Elizabeth Vine – 49th St. commented that she and her husband recently purchased a property on the corner of Maple Avenue and Route #130 with 2 store fronts. She commented that they cleaned the corner at the Walkway Bridge over Rt. #130; installed cameras and lighting trying to make it “Pennsauken worthy.” She asked if it could be placed on a continued clean up list. She also commented that she is a certified teacher and has served as a long term substitute teacher in Pennsauken. “I’m a very, very, very good teacher and can’t seem to get hired permanently here.

Mayor Taylor commented that he encourages Dr. Chapman to interview Pennsauken residents for positions. “Buy Pennsauken, Hire Pennsauken”

Mayor Taylor asked for any other person’s form the public wishing to comment? There were none.

Committeeman Killion moved to close the floor to the public, which was seconded by Committeewoman McBride and approved with a unanimous 5/0 voice vote

COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Killion – hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving, heard the Parade was a big success and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Committeewoman McBride – The Shade Tree’s responsibility on tree removal will be to remove unsafe trees as its priority.

Committeeman Kneib – litigations are quiet on the front. EMS money is much better this year; Fire volunteers are desperately needed, we only have 49 volunteers responding of the hundred we have on file, which is a major concern. We may possibly have to hire more part timers. Police are doing well, no disciplinary actions in a while.

Deputy Mayor Figueroa – commented the parade was fantastic this year and the weather cooperated which is a really big plus to Pennsauken. The Historic society is considering making it one (Borough Dover and Griffith Morgan), they are both very active.

Mayor Taylor – Commented that Cooper River West / Kaighn Avenue has been cleaned up and re-dammed

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION

2015:301

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS)

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 December 2, 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 / Reorganization Appointments

b. Employment – Professional Appointments for Reorganization

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Committeeman Kneib moved a motion to approve which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Figueroa and approved with a unanimous 5/0 roll call vote.

Committee returned to open session at 6:55 pm

Deputy Mayor Figueroa moved to adjourn, Committeeman Kneib seconded approved with a unanimous 5/0 voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Twp. Clerk

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 16, 2015