

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017 (5:30PM)**

A Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the caucus room at the Township of Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

The Meeting came to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor McBride who called for roll call which was recorded as such:

PRESENT: Mayor Betsy McBride, Deputy Mayor Killion, Committeeman Taylor, Committeeman Figueroa and Committeeman Orth

Also present were Township Administrator John Kneib, Township Clerk, Gene Padalino, Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Township Attorney Michael Joyce who arrived late.

Roll call was followed by the Pledge to the Flag with a moment of silence.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-
Meeting-December 19, 2016

Deputy Mayor Killion moved a motion to approve the minutes on the agenda; which was seconded by Committeeman Figueroa. An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

SECOND READING-PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT)

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:01

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 244 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN ENTITLED "PROPERTY, ABANDONED AND VACANT"

Administrator John Kneib commented that it would be a shared agreement. The Township can't find the property owners of between 200-218 houses. This company will find about 85% at \$100 per find cost. He explained that St. Joe's Carpenter is interested in about 35 properties, and there are rehabs and developers working with the code department.

Committeeman Taylor questioned if the Township has any type of recourse if they don't get any hits.

Mayor McBride opened the floor to the public for comment on Ordinance 2017:01

Lonnie Monaco – Homestead Avenue questioned the number of vacant homes and commented the number of vacant homes seems to be way down. He questioned how many are still remaining?

Mr. Kneib replied the number is constantly changing, but the initial number was 543 vacant properties; with 247 foreclosures. Two hundred and Twenty-six have been sold. He reiterated that the number is constantly changing.

Mr. Monaco congratulated Mayor McBride on her appointment to Mayor and Mr. Kneib as Administrator.

Committeeman Figueroa moved the motion to adopt ordinance 2017:01
Committeeman Taylor seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 vote was recorded

FIRST READING-NONE

RESOLUTION(s)- Public May Comment -The Following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda

2017: 86

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$500.00 FOR ESCROW MONEY HELD FOR THE SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES LOCATED AT 7533 S. CRESCENT BLVD., PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110

WHEREAS, Frank Paulsworth, 1906 Juniper Lane, Bensalem, PA 19020 made a deposit with the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN in the amount of \$500.00 for the maintenance inspection for the sale of Christmas trees at the location known as 7533 S. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the property has been maintained and has approved same and that Frank Paulsworth is entitled to a refund of \$500.00.

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 \$500.00 is returned to Frank Paulsworth, 1906 Juniper Lane, Bensalem, PA 19020.

CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

2017:87

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$500.00 FOR ESCROW MONEY HELD FOR THE SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES LOCATED AT 2426 COVE ROAD, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

WHEREAS, Robert Clements, 1020 Prospect Ridge Blvd., Haddon Heights, NJ 08035 made a deposit with the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN in the amount of \$500.00 for the maintenance inspection for the sale of Christmas Trees at the location known as 2426 Cove Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the property has been maintained and has approved same and that Robert Clements is entitled to a refund of \$500.00.

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 \$500.00 is returned to Robert Clements, 1020 Prospect Ridge Blvd., Haddon Heights, NJ 08035.

CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

2017:88

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RECIPIENTS FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CAMDEN COUNTY IMPROVEMENT 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 County of Camden 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 determined eligible for assistance under the Camden County Improvement Authority Home Improvement Program:

1. FILE 31-D-544
2. That the Camden County Improvement Authority HIP is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowners' 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 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.

2017:89

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

1. FILE 31-D-547
2. That the Camden County Improvement Authority HIP is hereby authorized to process the aforementioned homeowners' 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 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.

2017:90

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSES (Paw It 4Ward Foundation)

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: Paw It 4ward Foundation

Address:1024 Owl Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Where Event Is Being Held: Double Nickel 1585 Rt. 73. Pennsauken, NJ

Date of Event: January 26, 2017

Township License #: R16.01 (50/50)

State Registration ID 99-4-41549

Name: Paw It 4ward Foundation

Address:1024 Owl Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Where Event Is Being Held: Double Nickel 1585 Rt. 73. Pennsauken, NJ

Date of Event: January 26, 2017

Township License #: R16.01 (baskets)

State Registration ID 99-4-41549

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).

Administrator Kneib commented the resolutions 88 & 89 look very similar but are different with two different recipients.

Deputy Mayor Killion moved the motion to approve the Resolutions 86, 87, 88, 89 & 90 on consent agenda.

Committeeman Orth seconded the motion

A 5/0 affirmative roll call vote was recorded

CONFERENCE /ITEMS OF DISCUSSION-

Mr. Terry Carr was present to report on the following.

Fu Xing – 5000 North Crescent Blvd (*old Thriftway site*) 1,000 square foot Chinese restaurant is changing ownership.

**** Committee gave its approval to move forward**

Marcus Valentine – 5000 North Crescent Blvd (*old Thriftway site*) 1,000 square foot suite formerly occupied by Primo Hoagies would be the location of a smoothie retail store.

**** Committee gave its approval to move forward**

Day Care Center – 4810 North Crescent Blvd 4,500 square feet. (Next to TD Bank Parking lot) applicant is awaiting state approval to operate a day care center at this location.

**** COMMITTEE DOES NOT APPROVE OF THIS. THEY HAVE MANY CONCERNS WITH THE LOCATION BEING TO CLOSE TO THE HIGHWAY AND NO PARKING OR ROOM FOR ANY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.**

El Sazon de la CiBena – 6940 Westfield Ave, (next to animal hospital) the perspective tenant would like to operate a restaurant at this site which is currently a restaurant.

**** Committee gave its approval to move forward**

Everite Machine Products – 1555 Route 73, 18,100 square feet building (next to Double Nickle Brewery) this tenant is downsizing from their building in the Airport Highway Industrial Park and bringing to this site their office, warehouse and machine shop.

**** Committee gave its approval to move forward**

Mayor & Committee thanked Mr. Carr for his time.

Discussion of Green Acres Grant for Delaware Gardens Park was presented by Administrator Kneib, who stated the grant was now available to pursue. The location would be for the park behind the Fire Station with a bike path.

Mayor and Committee gave their blessings to move forward and pursue the grant.

AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Padalino commented that the following would be on the next agenda.

1) UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO.: 2017:02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "DON'T BLOCK THE BOX" (Second Reading/Public Hearing-January 25)

2) RESOLUTIONS – MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION:

Person to Person Liquor License Transfer- Blue Parakeet LLC to DJ Beverage-Pocket

PAYMENT OF BILLS-None

No bills were submitted for payment.

DEPARTMENT REPORT(s) and/ or Country Club Revenues to Date-

Mr. Padalino stated reports were submitted from both the Country Club and Tax Collector

Committeeman Orth moved the motion to accept the reports as submitted

Committeeman Taylor seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

Mayor McBride opened the floor for comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellyn McMullen of Palace Court commented that because of a meeting she had to leave the reorganization meeting early and stated she never had the opportunity to work with Mr. Orth.

Joanne Young of Park Avenue questioned if item C on the agenda was new?

Administrator Kneib replied yes and that it allows the Committee to skype a member in if they need to.

Township Attorney Michael Joyce commented that the Open Meetings act anticipates for it, which is different than the School Board.

Lonnie Monaco of Homestead Avenue asked committee if they could have Mr. Ron Crane attend their Republican meeting.

Mr. Joyce interrupted and stated that he couldn't ask that question at this meeting, he would need to make that request during business hours of Mr. Crane.

Mayor McBride asked if there were any others wishing to comment, there were none.

Deputy Mayor Killion moved a motion to close the floor to public comment.

Committeeman Figueroa seconded the motion

A 5/0 affirmative voice vote was recorded

CLOSED SESSION- RESOLUTION(s)- (Public May Comment) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually-

Township Clerk Padalino stated Committee was reserving the right to come back into open session to take action.

Township Attorney Joyce explained Committee would be discussing a statute concerning the police.

2017:91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTERS OF LITIGATION (POLICE DEPARTMENT) AND EMPLOYMENT (MUNICIPAL)

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 January 18, 2017.

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

a. Litigation—Police Department- reimbursement hiring costs

3. 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- Municipal

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Committeeman Taylor moved a motion to approve Resolution 2017:91
Committeeman Orth seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

Mayor and Committee went into closed session.

Mayor and Committee returned to open session at 6:08 pm the public was noticed, no public returned. Resolution 2017:92 was introduced

2017:92

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OR PENNSAUKEN TO REMIBURSE THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIRING OF A COUNTY TRAINED POLICE OFFICER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-178(a)

WHEREAS, the County of Camden ("County") is a body politic and corporation existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with its principal place of business at 520 Market Street, City Hall, Camden, New Jersey 08102; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is a municipal corporation existing under the law of the State of New Jersey, with its principal place of business at 5605 N. Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110; and

WHEREAS, the County commenced an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey under docket number CAM-L-4466-16, to recover the sums expended in the examining, hiring and training of a police officer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-178(a), who was subsequently hired by the Township of Pennsauken Police Department within 120 days of his resignation from the Camden County Police Department ("CCPD") but before said officer's appointment with CCPD would become permanent; and

WHEREAS, the County has submitted reimbursable certified costs for the examination, hiring and training of this officer in the sum total of \$14,015.90; and

WHEREAS, the County counsel through negotiations with the Township counsel has agreed to accept the sum of \$7,007.95 as a fair and equitable compromise for the amounts claimed due and owing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken that the Township Committee believes that said settlement is a fair and reasonable resolution to the pending litigation, and accordingly, the proposed settlement should be approved as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby directs and authorizes proper officials execute any and all documents necessary or required and take such other appropriate actions as are necessary to further the intent of the settlement of this Resolution.

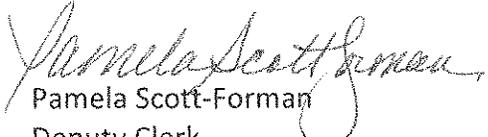
Committeeman Figueroa moved the motion to approve Resolution 2017:92
Committeeman Orth seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

Committeeman Taylor moved a motion to adjourn

Deputy Mayor Killion seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted


Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED: JANUARY 25, 2017