

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 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 by Mayor Kneib who called for the roll call which was recorded as such:

PRESENT: Committeeman John Figueroa, Committeeman Killion, Committeewoman Betsy McBride, Deputy Mayor Rick Taylor and Mayor John Kneib

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were approved  
Closed Session of December 2, 2015  
Closed Session of December 16, 2015  
Meeting of January 20, 2016 and  
Meeting of January 27, 2016

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved the motion to approve the minutes on the agenda; which was seconded by Committeeman Figueroa

Motion carried with a 5/0 affirmative roll call vote – Minutes Approved

The following Resolutions were considered by consent agenda; with the opportunity for the public to comment.

**Resolution No. 2016:116**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE (Fathers Club of Camden Catholic High School)**

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: Fathers Club of Camden Catholic High School  
Address:300 Cuthbert Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
Where Event Is Being Held: 1585 Rt. 73 Pennsauken, NJ  
Date of Event: March 12, 2016  
Township License #: R16.04 (50/50)  
State Registration ID: 69-5-12-591  
Name: Fathers Club of Camden Catholic High School  
Address:300 Cuthbert Rd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  
Where Event Is Being Held: 1585 Rt. 73 Pennsauken, NJ  
Date of Event: March 12, 2016  
Township License #: R16.05 (baskets)  
State Registration ID: 69-5-12-591

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).

**Resolution No. 2016:117**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF PROGRAM YEAR 38 APPLICATION FOR THE CAMDEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and  
WHEREAS, the Governing Body has chosen to submit an application for Program Year 38 (2016-2017); and  
WHEREAS, the estimated grant allocation for YEAR 38 (2016-2017) for the Township of Pennsauken is \$ 90, 700.00 ; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has agreed to apply for funding for the following activity(s);  
Lend a Hand

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Pennsauken that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year 38 (2016-2017).

Administrator Grochowski explained this is \$90K used for Lend-A-Hand

**Resolution No. 2016:118**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE PENNSAUKEN ALLIANCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR GRANT YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances on Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, school, nonprofits organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden , State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and ,

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following;

1. The Pennsauken Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse Municipal Alliance grant for Grant year in the amount of;

DEDR	\$ 29,028
Cash Match	\$ 7,257
In-Kind	\$ 21,771

2. The Pennsauken Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions For administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Administrator Grochowski commented this resolution # 2016:118 is for the schools

**Resolution No. 2016:119**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN (Ryan Madden)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey, that the following be appointed a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Pennsauken as recommended by the Chief of the Pennsauken Police Department.

Ryan A. Madden  
7443 Rogers Avenue  
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Ron Crane-Chief Financial Officer, Chief John Coffey, Public Safety and Barbara Corbett, Human Resources.

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by committeeman Killion and seconded by Deputy Mayor Taylor

Motion carried with a 5/0 affirmative roll call vote – consent agenda approved

Mr. Terry Carr presented the following for Redevelopment Areas

**Shem Suddim Sahab** – 6938-r0 Westfield Ave. [Sherman Ave right next to the veterinarian's office] this transaction is for sale only all existing tenants will remain, new owner plans to rehab the corner.

**Twin Oaks Community Service** – 8021 North Crescent Blvd., [Just north of Bentley Senior Living] temporary 6 week time frame charitable sales event consisting of prom dresses.

Committee approved both to move forward.

Mr. Michael Saraceni and Craig Campbell, Superintendent/Senior Licensed Operator made the following MPWC Presentation:

### **MPWC – PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to address the Township Committee in this public forum;

#### ***Acknowledgment:***

Please know that I appreciate the ongoing support and patience that you have shown me throughout my nearly ten years' service to the Commission

It remains a pleasure and an honor to serve this Commission, Township Committee and the residents of Pennsauken.

2015 Annual Highlights - I thank you for your indulgence.

#### ***General:***

We are celebrating our 90th Anniversary this year – activities and events to be held

Best Tasting Water in New Jersey – NJAWWA Contest

Our water rates currently remain one of the lowest water rates in the State of New Jersey, maintaining our charge to deliver safe drinking water at the lowest reasonable cost. (Even with 8%)

#### ***2015 Highlights/Achievements:***

Under the leadership and oversight of our Commission, we have accomplished the following enhancements that support the Township of Pennsauken;

Bernie Kofoet retired 12/31/2014, George Piperno appointed January 2015

Regina Davis retired June 30th after 20 Years – Ron Johnson Appointed 7/1

Five employees earned higher State Licensing, bringing a total of 12 Field Employees licensed to NJ State technical/professional competencies.

Field Personnel - cross-trained – Succession Management Planning

Customer Service Personnel – cross-trained

Julissa Hernandez - hired/added to Customer Support Center staff

Field Supervisor & Logistics certified by Rutgers (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) – Traffic & Work Zone safety – Traffic Plans

5 employees were out on disability – different times – X-training plus!!

All Field Personnel CPR/First Aid certified – Most Office Staff as well

Automatic Electronic Defibrillators installed at Park, Westfield and Marion Ave.

Personnel participated in two American Red Cross Blood Drives

MPWC sponsored 9/11 5/k Run and raised \$500

MPWC participated in Township's annual toy drive

Sean Fitzgerald sits on the Public Information Committee for the New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association. (NJAWWA)

Rich Spafford sits on the Licensing and Examination Committee for the New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association. (NJAWWA)

***Projects:***

Meter Replacement program – Over 1,700 Replaced (9,000 Total, 65%)

Radio-read technology – efficiency, accuracy, data available

Increased and enhanced Flushing (directional)

GIS Project – mains, hydrants, valves, etc. – Service Cards Ongoing

Main Replacement Strategies:

Critical Priority Classification – failure rates/service disruption

1920s and even older

Cast to Ductile

Highly Corrosive Clay

Approximate \$450,000 per year

***Plants/Places***

NJSP Vulnerability Assessment – Illumination/Cameras (Browning & Marion)

Cherry Hill Tank – completely refinished exterior

Redeveloped three wells and rebuilt three hi service pumps

Completed Pilot Study – Water Quality – Woodbine Avenue

Installed security system at Marion Avenue main building

Marion Avenue shop received a total facelift and re-organization of storage

The new SCADA system has been installed (supervisory control and data acquisition) – Park Avenue

Repainted Park Avenue Filter Plant, preparing to complete the floor refinishing.

Marion Avenue GAC Filter Plant having the media bid and replaced

Replaced Marion Avenue hi-service building roof

Walnut Avenue – Main Extension

This year – repainting Clement Avenue 1 Million Gallon Elevated Tank

***Other Highlights:***

Shared Services Agreement with Pennsauken PW for fleet maintenance

Successful Fire Department, E-JIF and Risk Management/Loss Control Inspections

Water Quality Data Analysis, coupled with directional flushing initiatives produced a 42% decline in water quality complaints from 2014 to 2015.

Advanced GIS and digital mapping of all infrastructure moving us closer to field access of all data (mains, curb stops and now valves)

Initiated a valve exercising program (over 200 valves exercised)

We instituted a Face Book page to improve Customer/Constituency Relationships

Due to a non-work related injury, we got Joe Hutton back to work on transitional duty who assisted Sean with chronicling historical documents and photographs to be utilized to chronicle the history and growth of the MPWC

Eliminated 10 confined space entries through the installation with radio meters

Also present from the Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission were Commissioners Brennan, Piperno and Scavuzzo.

Committeewoman McBride questioned what do they (MPWC) see as their biggest challenge in 2016

Mr. Saraceni replied infrastructure and finding the funding sources so that the residents aren't "tapped" with the cost.

Commissioner Brennan commented that everyone is looking closely at water especially with the recent problems in Flint Michigan.

Mayor Kneib commented that they've done a phenomenal job and Committee is proud of what and how it was done.

Mayor Kneib asked for any public comment, there was no one from the public wishing to comment.

Mayor Kneib asked if Committee had any other comments

Committeewoman McBride commented she has heard a lot of backlash from Senior citizens about the senior bus and the change to include Associate Market (Westfield Avenue) as a stop.

Deputy Mayor Taylor replied that he reviewed the list of stops and did not know that the Cherry Hill Mall and Target were stops. The bus is servicing about 50 people. The driver is part of the Public Works crew considering the amount of pay he gets, the cost of the bus and benefits and the amount of time from his main position with PW. Sonny needs to be consulted and we'll rethink taking a driver from Public works.

Committeewoman McBride wanted to know if the bus service was advertised.

Administrator Grochowski commented no because it's for the Senior residents and named Senior Towers, Cooper River Plaza, Stone Gate, Lutheran Home and Sycamore Ridge for shopping within Pennsauken. It goes every other week to Shop Rite.

Mayor Kneib commented he was told Associate Market has out dated food.

Deputy Mayor Taylor replied he had experienced out dated orange juice.

Committeewoman McBride asked if the Library has been put on the schedule and if the new bus has arrived as of yet

Committeeman Killion commented that he has a meeting scheduled with the library, had gotten cancelled last week due to the snow

Mr. Grochowski commented the bus has not been delivered yet; he further commented that the bus originally was for put into existence for transportation to the pharmacy and market everything else is a luxury.

Deputy Mayor Taylor is to meet with the Senior Coordinator Mr. Sonny DiSabato

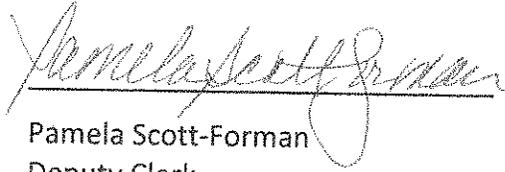
Mayor Kneib asked for any other comments, there were none. He then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Deputy Mayor Taylor moved a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Committeeman Killion.

An affirmative voice vote was recorded – Motion Approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Scott-Forman

Pamela Scott-Forman  
Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED: FEBRUARY 17, 2016**