

**MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN**  
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 16, 2020**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held in the meeting room at the Pennsauken Municipal Building: 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08109 on Thursday, January 16, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tim Killion at 6:00 pm. who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence. Mr. Killion commented that the day was a solemn one for the Township due to the passing of long time Committee member and former Mayor Rick Taylor. He stated many of them had just come from the viewing and acknowledged the large numbers of people who came to show their respect.

Mayor Killion announced the meeting was in compliance of the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act".

There had been no special request for electronic participation in the meeting.

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Acting Clerk.

**PRESENT:** Committeeman Dyer, Committeewoman McBride, Committeewoman Rafeh, Deputy Mayor DiBattista and Mayor Killion

Also present were Township Administrator Joseph Palumbo, Acting Municipal Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos and Linda Galella, Esq.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Meeting: December 16, 2019  
Closed: December 5, 2019  
Closed December 16, 2019

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to approve on the agenda  
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

**PROCLAMATIONS / AWARDS**

Safety Director Bill Orth gave the following Oaths of office

**Pennsauken Police**

Michael P. Killion – Police Sergeant  
Zachary Pacana – Police Officer

**Pennsauken Fire**

Norman F. Figueroa, III – Fire Lieutenant  
John N. Clark – Fire Lieutenant

Mayor Killion presented the following proclamations

Fire Lieutenant Jonathan Hutton  
Firefighter Nicholas Johnson  
Firefighter Justin Squibb  
Firefighter Robert Chester

Pennsauken resident - John Walker

IN RECOGNITION OF  
FIREFIGHTER JUSTIN SQUIBB  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE  
PENNSAUKEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*WHEREAS, the firemen who responded on December 2, 2019 to 1913 46<sup>th</sup> Street demonstrated valor and experience which saved the life of a resident. Engine Company 1132 arrived on the scene and assessed the situation, receiving confirmation from the Pennsauken Police that a civilian was trapped on the third floor, in the rear of the property. Once it was established that the fire originated in the basement, the firefighters quickly devised a plan and dispersed into two groups. Firefighter Justin Squibb and Firefighter Robert Chester proceeded to perform a 300 foot handline stretch and hydrant connection to control the fire that was extending to the main floor. Lieutenant Jonathan Hutton and Firefighter Nicholas Johnson advanced to the rear of the property and effected a ladder rescue for the individual trapped on the third floor; and*

*WHEREAS, these four individuals remained calm in the face of a significantly dangerous and life-threatening situation. Their training, professionalism and courage led to the best possible outcome. Our community is truly fortunate to have a renowned public safety program to serve Pennsauken. The Fire Department continues to be an integral part of the foundation of these services.*

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# FIREFIGHTER ROBERT CHESTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE PENNSAUKEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mayor Killion spoke in reference to the Citizen Proclamation given to Mr. Walker and his heroism.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista also spoke in reference to Mr. Walker, he commented that he was walking with his daughter saw smoke and ran as fast as he could; and Mr. Walker had jumped into action to help a neighbor out of the house and tried to put the fire out with a garden hose.

## IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN WALKER

*WHEREAS, it is not every day that someone decides to take action in a dangerous situation that they were not prepared for. John Walker is an exceptional individual who recognized a potentially catastrophic set of circumstances, and intervened to help a neighbor. We honor his outstanding character and heroic actions; and*

*WHEREAS, Friday, December 6, 2019 was an ordinary day for most. The community was preparing for the holidays and most people were wrapped in*

*the magic of the season, sometimes virtually oblivious to their surroundings. Pennsauken resident John Walker, while walking his dog on Hadley Drive, happened upon a significant fire at his neighbor's home that began on the chimney and had accelerated to the house. Without hesitation or concern for his own safety, Mr. Walker quickly attempted to gain entry into the home to alert anyone inside. After Mr. Walker called 9-1-1, an infirmed individual residing in the home was finally able to answer the door. Mr. Walker then attempted to douse the fire with a garden hose in order to help keep it contained as the Pennsauken Fire Department arrived. Ultimately, the actual homeowner arrived at the property and was shocked to see the scene of Fire Department personnel and relieved that his home had not been lost; and*

*WHEREAS, Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer." Heroes walk among all of us. John Walker is one those people. His measures contributed not only to the safety of the individual that lived in the home, but also managed to insure that the fire didn't consume the property. We thank you for your actions and appreciate the impact you had on a potentially devastating situation.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken, along with the members of Township Committee hereby honor John Walker for his bravery. His actions helped prevent tragedy and we are grateful he was at the right place at the right time. Thank you for being a conscientious citizen.*

## **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Killion appointed the following members of the Shade Tree Commission

Richard Headley - Full member

Karina Istvan - Full member

Beverly Burris – Alternate #2

## **ORDINANCES: SECOND READING – (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT)**

### **ORDINANCE 2020:01**

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE III., ABATEMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, IN CHAPTER 277, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Article III., Abatements for Improvement Projects, in Chapter 277, Taxation, in the Code of the Township of Pennsauken is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE I.                      ARTICLE III.                      SECTION 277-10                      Authority to enter agreements.**

The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with property owners and developers for tax abatement on dwellings, multiple-dwelling, commercial and industrial improvements or projects, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 et seq., providing for the exemption from real property taxation and the abatement of real property taxation.

**ARTICLE II.                      ARTICLE III.                      SECTION 277-11                      Procedures.**

The following procedures shall govern agreements for tax abatements and exemptions entered into by the Township Committee of Pennsauken Township and property owners and developers:

A. Application process.

(1) All improvements, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:21-3n, shall be exempt from local real property taxes, if approved by the Tax Assessor as to the completeness, and then approved by Township Committee. Application shall be upon the form approved by the Township Committee and the Township Tax Assessor.

(2) Applicants shall be encouraged to apply for tax exemption on improvements prior to the commencement of construction of the improvement, provided that the applicant must file a proper application with the Tax Assessor within 30 days of the completion of the improvement in order to be eligible for tax exemption thereon.

(3) Every properly completed application for exemption on a single family residential property, having of one or more improvements, which is filed within 30 days of the completion of the improvement shall be approved and allowed or disapproved by the Assessor within 60 days of its filing.

B. Applications. Applicants for tax abatement and/or exemption on projects shall be provided to the Township Committee through the Township Assessor, setting forth:

(1) A general description of the project for which abatement is sought.

(2) A legal description of all real estate necessary for the project.

(3) Plans, drawings and other documents as may be required by the Township Committee to demonstrate the structure and design of the project.

(4) A description of the number, classes and types of employees to be employed at the project site within two years of completion of the project.

(5) A statement of the reasons for seeking tax abatement and/or exemption on the project and a description of the benefits to be realized by the applicant if tax abatement is granted.

(6) Estimates of the cost of completing such project.

(7) A statement showing:

(a) The real property taxes currently being assessed at the project site.

(b) The estimated tax payments that would be made annually by the applicant on the project during the period of the agreement.

(c) The estimated tax payments that would be made by the applicant on the project during the first full year following the termination of the tax agreement.

(8) If the project is a commercial or industrial building, a description of any lease agreements between the applicant and proposed users of the project and a history and description of the user's business.

(9) If the project is a multiple dwelling, a description of the number and types of dwelling units to be provided, a description of the common elements or general common elements, and a statement of the proposed initial rentals or sales prices of the dwelling units according to type and of any rental or resale restrictions to apply to the dwelling units respecting low- or moderate-income housing.

(10) Such other pertinent information as the Township Committee may require.

C. Exemptions and abatements on residential dwellings.

(1) Exemptions. With regard to the exemption from taxation of improvements to dwellings, in determining the value of real property, the Township shall regard the first \$25,000 in assessor's full and true value of improvements for each dwelling unit primarily and directly affected by the improvement in any dwelling more than 20 years old, as not increasing the value of the property for a period of five years, notwithstanding that the value of the property to which the improvements are made is increased thereby. During the exemption period, the assessment on the property shall not be less than the assessment thereon existing immediately prior to the improvements, unless an abatement is granted pursuant to Subsection C(2) of this section, or there is damage to the dwelling through action of the elements sufficient to warrant a reduction.

(2) Abatements for improvements. The Township Committee may abate some portion of the assessed value of property receiving the abatement as it existed immediately prior to the improvement. An abatement for a dwelling may be granted with respect to that property for a total of up to five years, but the annual amount of the abatement granted to any single property shall not exceed 30% of the annual amount of the abatement granted under this article. The abatement period and the annual percentage of the abatement to be granted shall be set forth in the specific ordinance which may include a schedule providing for a different percentage of abatement up to 30% for each year of the abatement period.

(3) Abatement for new construction and/or conversions. The Township Committee may abate some portion of the assessed valuation of construction of new dwellings or of conversions of other buildings and structures, including unutilized public buildings, to dwelling use, or both. In determining the value of real property, the municipality shall regard a percentage, not to exceed 30% of the Assessor's full and true value of the dwelling constructed, or conversion alterations made, as not increasing the value of the property for a total up to five years, notwithstanding that the value of the property upon which the construction or conversion occurs is increased thereby. The abatement period and the annual percentage of the abatement to be granted shall be set forth in the specific ordinance which may include a schedule providing for a different percentage of abatement, up to 30%, for each year of the abatement period.

(4) Joint abatement and exemption. A project-specific ordinance providing for exemption may also provide for the abatement of some portion of the assessed value of property receiving the 30% abatement as it existed immediately prior to the improvement or conversion alteration. The annual amount of the abatement shall not exceed 30% of the total cost of the improvement or conversion alteration, and the total amount of abatement and exemption granted to any single property shall not exceed the total cost of the improvement or conversion alteration. The abatement period and the annual percentage of the abatement to be granted shall be set forth in the specific ordinance which may include a schedule providing for a different percentage or abatement up to 30%, for each year of the abatement period.

D. Exemptions and abatements on commercial and industrial structures.

(1) With regard to the exemption from taxation of improvements to commercial or industrial structures in determining the value of real property, the municipality shall regard up to the Assessor's full and true value of the improvements as not increasing the value of the property for a period of five years, notwithstanding that the value of the property to which the improvements are made is increased thereby. During the exemption period, the assessment on the property shall not be less than the assessment thereon existing immediately prior to the improvements, unless there is damage to the structure through action of the elements sufficient to warrant a reduction.

(2) With regard to exemptions and or abatements for any improvements other than single-family residential property, the Township shall authorize exemption for improvements on an individual basis after review, evaluation and approval of each application by the Township Committee.

**ARTICLE III. ARTICLE III.  
improvements,**

**SECTION 277-12**

**Additional**

**conversion or  
construction;  
eligibility for  
exemption and  
abatement.**

An additional improvement, conversion or construction, completed on a property granted a previous exemption or abatement pursuant to this article during the period in which such previous exemption or abatement is in effect shall be qualified for an exemption, or exemption and abatement, just as if such property had not received a previous exemption or abatement. In such a case, the additional improvement, conversion or construction shall be considered as separate for the purposes of calculating exemptions and abatements pursuant to this article, except that the assessed value of any previous improvement, conversion or construction shall be added to the assessed valuation as it was prior to that improvement, conversion

alteration or construction for the purpose of determining the assessed valuation of the property from which any additional abatement is to be subtracted.

**ARTICLE IV. ARTICLE III. SECTION 277-13 Long-term tax exemption.**

Upon approval of a specific ordinance authorizing an agreement for tax exemption for a particular project, the Township Committee shall enter into a written agreement with the applicant for the exemption of full real property taxes. The agreement shall provide for the applicant to pay to the Township of Pennsauken, in lieu of full property tax payments, an amount annually in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 et seq.

**ARTICLE V. ARTICLE III. SECTION 277-14 Ineligibility of property for which property taxes or penalties are due.**

No exemption or abatement shall be granted, or tax agreement entered into, pursuant to this article with respect to any property for which property taxes are delinquent or remain unpaid or for which penalties for nonpayment of taxes are due.

**ARTICLE VI.**

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

**ARTICLE VII.**

This Ordinance shall take on effect upon passage and publication according to law.

Administrator Palumbo commented this is a 10 year renewal for both residential and commercial

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion  
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded (motion passed)

**ORDINANCE 2020-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ARTICLE II DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN

**§52-11. Location of Office.**

Current: The Director of Public Safety shall maintain his or her office at the police headquarters building or at other such location as is approved by the Township Committee.

Revision: The Director of Public Safety shall maintain his or her office at the municipal building or at other such location as is approved by the Township Committee.

**§52-12. Powers and Duties.**

The Director of Public Safety shall, to the extent not prohibited by law:

- A. Assists and consults with the Public Safety Department Heads (Fire, Police, EMS) in organizing, developing, directing, supervising, and performing work involved in the management of the Department of Public Safety.
- B. Provides consultation and initial approvals of department budgets.
- C. Provides consultation and approval(s) of progressive discipline issued to employees.
- D. Provides consultation on the development of operational policy, work programs, and budgetary policies.

- E. Evaluates the effectiveness of work programs, and procedures of all divisions and units within the Public Safety Departments.
- F. Develops effective work methods for subordinates.
- G. Undertakes special studies pertaining to public safety functions.
- H. Establishes and maintains helpful and cooperative relations with civic and business organizations, schools, and court offices and other groups, police, fire and EMS departments in other jurisdictions, and others interested in the maintenance of public safety.
- I. Issues assignments to Public Safety Department Heads.
- J. Prepares reports as directed.
- K. Directs the establishment and maintenance of records and files.

**§52-13. Position to be appointed by Township Committee.**

The position of Director of Public Safety shall be an annual appointment completed by Township Committee.

All Sections contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

Administrator Palumbo stated this ordinance updates the responsibilities for the Public Safety Director

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion  
 Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
 An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded (motion passed)

**RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC HEARING/PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually**

**2020:82 RESOLUTION APPROVING REDUCTIONS OF ADDED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION AND N.J.S.A.54:4-69.2**

**WHEREAS**, PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE INSTITUTED APPEALS ON THE ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION HAS GRANTED A REDUCTION IN THEIR ASSESSMENTS BASED ON THEIR APPEALS FOR THE YEAR OF **2019**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES BE GRANTED REDUCTIONS IN TAXES IN THE AMOUNT DESIGNATED;

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4505/1	2201 38 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	110.36
5305/16	4817 LEXINGTON AVENUE	945.14

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>		√	√			
<i>McBride</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

Killion			√			
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**2020:83 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR WHO IS ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION DUE TO THE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION OF 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED**

**WHEREAS**, THE OWNER AND RESIDENT OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY HAS MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION AS PERSCRIBED BY NEW JERSEY STATUTE 54:4-3.30 FOR EXEMPT STATUS UNTIL SOLD; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE OWNER AND RESIDENT OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY HAS APPLIED TO THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN RECOMMENDS THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR THE PROPERTY AS DISCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>BLOCK / LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO CANCEL</u>
2914 14	7426 HARVEY AVE	2019	504.53

**BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE TAXES ON THE AFORMENTIONED LIST BE CANCELLED AND THAT THE TAX ASSESSOR AND THE TAX COLLECTOR ARE HEREWITH AUTHORIZED AND INSTRUCTED TO ADJUST THEIR RECORDS ACCORDINGLY;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED EXEMPTION IS GRANTED.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>	√		√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**2020:84 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF REAL ESTATE TAXES TO OTHER TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.1. SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN THE TAX COLLECTOR'S LIST OF REAL ESTATE TAXES OR OTHER TAXES BELIEVED NOT COLLECTIBLE ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER 2019; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, MAY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-91.2., WITHIN SIXTY DAYS

AFTER THE FILING OF ANY SUCH DELINQUENT LIST ON BEING SATISFIED THAT ANY OF THE REAL ESTATE TAXES OR OTHER TAXES SO LISTED ARE NOT COLLECTIBLE RELEASE THE COLLECTOR FROM COLLECTION THEREOF AND ORDER THE SAME CANCELED:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES ON THE ATTACHED LIST BE CANCELLED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION IS FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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<i>McBride</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>		√	√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**2020:85 RESOLUTION APPROVING REDUCTION OF TAXES FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, AND 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY AND N.J.S.A.54:4-69.2**

**WHEREAS**, A PROPERTY OWNER HAS INSTITUTED AN APPEAL ON THEIR ASSESSMENT OF A PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY HAS GRANTED A REDUCTION IN THEIR ASSESSMENT BASED ON THEIR APPEAL FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018, AND 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY BE GRANTED A REDUCTION IN TAXES IN THE AMOUNT SO DESIGNATED:

<u>BLOCK / LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2001 / 4	720 HYLTON RD	2017	\$ 24,362.44
2001 / 4	720 HYLTON RD	2018	\$ 24,336.75
2001 / 4	720 HYLTON RD	2019	\$ 24,233.98

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR, THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER, AND THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>		√	√			
<i>McBride</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			

<i>DiBattista</i>			√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**2020:86 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO APPLY FOR AN ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Pennsauken, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded an Emergency Management Agency Assistance Sub Award (EMAA), Award # FY19 EMPG-EMAA-0427 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Sub Grant, consisting of a total amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds, is for the purpose of enhancing the Township of Pennsauken’s ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sub Grant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Sub Grant Award that has been required by the said “New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management for the Sub Award period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken accepts and authorizes the Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management to accept the award of the FY19 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Sub Grant in the amount of up to \$10,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management for purposes described in the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is requested to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of up to \$10,000.00, which is now available from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management from the aforementioned grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of up to \$10,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption FY20 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Chief Financial Officer and the Township Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate Sub grant award documents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, The Township Administrator, the Township Chief Financial Officer, the County Division of Emergency Management and the Office of the Treasury.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			

Killion			√			
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**2020:87 RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE # 0427-44-026-008 FROM SHAI SHIPRA, LLC To KY LIQUORS, LLC (Modern Liquors)**

**WHEREAS**, KY Liquors, LLC (the “Applicant”) has applied for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License 0427-44-026-008 now held by Shai Shipra, LLC located at 3937 Federal Street; and

**WHEREAS**, consent to transfer has been received from the current owner together with the proper application fees and an Affidavit of Qualification For Ownership has been completed by the transferee and a background checks have been completed by the Pennsauken Police Department for the principal of the transferee, KY Liquors LLC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that Plenary Retail Distribution License, License # 0427-44-026-008 be transferred to KY Liquors LLC effective January 17, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to KY Liquors LLC, Chief John Nettleton, of the Pennsauken Police Department and to the Attorney General’s office Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Dyer			√			
McBride			√			
Rafeh		√	√			
DiBattista	√		√			
Killion			√			

**2020:88 RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE # 0427-44-019-010 FROM JIANG SUN LIQUORS INC To WORLDWIDE LIQUORLAND LLC (KNAST Liquors)**

**WHEREAS**, Worldwide Liquorland, LLC (the “Applicant”) has applied for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License 0427-44-019-010 now held by Jiang Sun Liquors, Inc. located at 7613 Maple Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, consent to transfer has been received from the current owner together with the proper application fees and an Affidavit of Qualification For Ownership has been completed by the transferee and a background checks have been completed by the Pennsauken Police Department for the principal of the transferee, Worldwide Liquorland, LLC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that Plenary Retail Distribution License, License # 0427-44-019-010 be transferred to Worldwide Liquorland effective January 22, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, certified copy of this Resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to, Chief John Nettleton, of the Pennsauken Police Department and to the Attorney General’s office Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Dyer			√			
McBride			√			
Rafeh		√	√			
DiBattista	√		√			
Killion			√			

**RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda**

**2020:89 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A FIVE YEAR TAX ABATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 AND CHAPTER 144 P.L. 1991 (Strategic Cooper River)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has received a Tax Abatement Application from Strategic Cooper River who owns property at 6991 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken, New Jersey, as shown on Block 6402 Lot 6 on the official tax map of the Township of Pennsauken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has reviewed the application and is recommending to the Township Committee, through the Administrator, Joseph Palumbo, that the application is complete and that a five year abatement is in the best interest of the economic development of the Township of Pennsauken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has established that the full and true value of the improvement on the above reference lot at \$1,807,100.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee, in the Township of Pennsauken, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-01 and Chapter 144 P.L. 1991, that the Township Administrator, Joseph Palumbo, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Township of Pennsauken and Strategic Cooper River. providing for the following:

1. Beginning January 1, 2020 the taxes on the true value of the improvement established above should be: Twenty percent (20%)
2. For the Year 2021 Forty percent (40%)
3. For the Year 2022 Sixty percent (60%)
4. For the Year 2023 Eighty percent (80%)
5. For the Year 2024 Full taxes on the true value of the improvements established above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the agreement shall provide for any and all conditions relative to this abatement, covered under Chapter 144 P. L. 1991.

**BE IT FURHTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution will be filed by the Township Clerk with Ordinance No. 2020-01, and certified copies of this Resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to John A. Dymond, Strategic Cooper River

**2020:90 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A FIVE YEAR TAX ABATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 AND CHAPTER 144 P.L. 1991 (Urgent Care)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has received a Tax Abatement Application from Urgent Care Re LLC who owns property at 6630 S. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, New Jersey, as shown on Block 5836 Lot 9 on the official tax map of the Township of Pennsauken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has reviewed the application and is recommending to the Township Committee, through the Administrator, Joseph Palumbo, that the application is complete and that a five year abatement is in the best interest of the economic development of the Township of Pennsauken; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Assessor, John A. Dymond, has established that the full and true value of the improvement on the above reference lot at \$234,500.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee, in the Township of Pennsauken, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-01 and Chapter 144 P.L. 1991, that the

Township Administrator, Joseph Palumbo, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Township of Pennsauken and Urgent Care Re LLC providing for the following:

1. Beginning January 1, 2020 the taxes on the true value of the improvement established above should be: Twenty percent (20%)
2. For the Year 2021 Forty percent (40%)
3. For the Year 2022 Sixty percent (60%)
4. For the Year 2023 Eighty percent (80%)
5. For the Year 2024 Full taxes on the true value of the improvements established above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the agreement shall provide for any and all conditions relative to this abatement, covered under Chapter 144 P. L. 1991.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution will be filed by the Township Clerk with Ordinance No. 97-02, and certified copies of this Resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to John A. Dymond, Urgent Care Re LLC

**2020:91 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$17.60 FOR A UCC PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4414 HOMESTEAD AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109**

WHEREAS, P.U.L.S.E Plumbing and Heating Services, 406 Bloomfield Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091, paid for a UCC Permit for 4414 Homestead Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 in the amount of \$22.00; and

WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the fee for the UCC Permit for the property known as 4414 Homestead Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 was paid, the owner has cancelled their order for a shower liner, and therefore deems the applicant is entitled to a refund of \$17.60.

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 \$17.60 is returned to P.U.L.S.E Plumbing and Heating Services, 406 Bloomfield Drive, West Berlin, NJ 08091.

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

**2020:92 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CROSSING GUARD(s) (Arthur Walter)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey that Arthur Walter has resigned from her position of Crossing Guard. There was a deposit collected therefore a refund is due.

Arthur Walter  
513 – 47<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer, Chief of Police and Human Resources.

**2020:93 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTOR (Paul M. Colsey)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey, accepts the resignation of Paul M. Colsey; who provided consulting services to the Tax Collector's office through a Professional Service contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Tax Collector.

**2020:94 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF A RAFFLE LICENSE (Mary Queen of All Saints - Basket)**

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:

**\*\* Name:** Mary Queen of All Saints

**Address:** 4851 Camden Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08110

**Where Event Is Being Held:** 4851 Camden Avenue Pennsauken, NJ 08110

**Date of Event:** February 29, 2020

**Township License #:** R20.01 (Basket)

**State Registration ID:** # 384-1-38498

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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).

**2020:95 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF A RAFFLE LICENSE (Paw It 4ward Foundation – 50/50 )**

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:

**\*\* Name:** Paw It 4ward Foundation

**Address:** 1024 Owl Lane Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

**Where Event Is Being Held:** Double Nickel Brewing Co., 1585 Rt. #73 Pennsauken, NJ

**Date of Event:** February 12, 2020

**Township License #:** R20.02 (50/50)

**State Registration ID:** # 99-4-41549

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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).

**2020:96 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCES OF A RAFFLE LICENSE (Paw It 4ward Foundation - Basket)**

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:

- \*\* **Name:** Paw It 4ward Foundation
- Address:** 1024 Owl Lane Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
- Where Event Is Being Held:** Double Nickel Brewing Co., 1585 Rt. #73 Pennsauken, NJ
- Date of Event:** February 12, 2020
- Township License #:** R20.03 (BASKET)
- State Registration ID:** # 99-4-41549

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 Palumbo stated Resolution 2020-89 Strategic Cooper River is a multi-story renovation of the entire building.

He also commented the Resolution 2020-90 was on the corner of Royal Avenue and Rt. #130.

Mr. Palumbo commented that Mr. Paul Colsey had been a public servant for many, many years and wished in luck.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**PAYMENT OF BILLS-**

Budgeted	\$	16,434,771.35
Statutory Expenditures	\$	44,671.02
Section 8	\$	87,389.24

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved the motion to pay the bills  
 Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion  
 An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded - (motion passed)

**DEPARTMENT REPORT(s)**

- 1. Tax Collector

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to accept the submitted reports  
 Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
 An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded - (motion passed)

**CONFERENCE /ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

Mayor Killion relinquished the floor to Mr. Cardwell to discuss Business' in Redevelopment Areas

**Shell Gas Station** – 7431 North Crescent Blvd (*next to the Penn Queen Diner*) the owner of the gas station is seeking permission to have a food truck at the Northwest corner of the property which would be on the Westfield Ave side of the point.(see photo attachments)

**\*\*Committee DID NOT approve**

**Giambrone's** – 7533 South Crescent Blvd *at the airport circle (The Village Thrift Parking lot)* The food truck owner has negotiated with the property owner and would like to locate her food truck at the circle from 10am – 7pm Sunday – Monday.(see attachment)

**\*\*Committee DID NOT approve**

**Closeout City Liquidation** – 6300 Westfield Ave (*Formerly Lee Auto*) the owner of the property would like to open a satellite store offering overstock and discontinued items that he acquires from large department stores.(see attachment)

**\*\*Committee approved to move forward with their promise of no outside storage**

**VV2301 LLC** – 2301-49 Haddonfield Road (*directly across from Haddon Pointe* ). The sale is a change of ownership only from the Bloom Organization to VV2301 LLC. The tenant (Maple Direct) will not change.

**\*\*Committee approved to move forward**

**New Albany Road Assoc.** – 1505 Route 73 (*The Route 73 Wawa*).This is a land lease sale of the Wawa property that is currently owned by the Bloom Organization.

**\*\*Committee approved to move forward**

**Nash Jamoom** – 4915 North Crescent Blvd *the gas station a Browning Rd & Rte 130. (just prior to the Burger King)* the perspective tenant would like to open a mini mart/store similar to those that exist at some other gas stations.

**\*\*Committee requested more information and the owner/tenant present**

**Moustafa Aldouri** – 6311 Westfield Ave (*4 doors prior to Cove Road*) This is for a change of ownership. The tenant Prince Burnett's Karate Dojo will remain the same.

**\*\*Committee approved to move forward**

Committeewoman McBride spoke about the 2020 Decennial Census and introduced Mr. Ken Diaz.

Mr. Diaz spoke in reference to the Census and its importance to the community. He also commented on the different events they have planned to engage the "hard to count" population. The catch phrase is..."IT'S EASY, IT'S SAFE, IT'S IMPORTANT!"

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Killion opened the floor to the public for comment

Mr. Thomas Napieralski of Kirkwood asked for permission to advertise in the All Around Pennsauken his open comments to things on the Township Committee meeting agendas.

Mayor Killion referred him to Mr. Frank Sinatra the editor of All Around Pennsauken

No other public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to close the floor to public comment

Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded - (motion passed)

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## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Committeeman Dyer congratulated Mayor Killion on his first meeting as Mayor, stating the meeting went well. He commented it was a great representation of town.

Committeewoman McBride stated she was honored to spend time at Falco funeral home and how moved she was by the love shown to Former Committeeman/Mayor Rick Taylor. She thanked Administrator Palumbo for the bunting on the building. She commented the most valuable thing Rick told her was to be humble.

Committeewoman Rafeh welcomed Committeeman Dyer to the team and commented she is looking forward to working with him. She also congratulated Deputy Mayor Marco DiBattista and Mayor Tim Killion and thanked Tim for a great speech at the reorganization meeting and welcomed the new Administrator Joe Palumbo. She also commented that the most important thing Mr. Taylor told her was to “stay humble”, she also commented she was in awe of the tributes to Rick. She thanked Mr. Diaz for his hard work and promised to help wherever she could with the Census.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista also welcomed Mr. Dyer to Committee and Mr. Palumbo as Administrator. He commented “tonight’s meeting is only a snap shot of what Pennsauken is all about”, he spoke in reference to the Police, Fire, and residents like Mr. Walker. He commented he witnessed a young boy riding his bicycle, stop and thank the Firemen for what they do.

Mayor Killion thanked the Fire Department and EMS for the Honor and Farewell given to former Mayor Rick Taylor. He commented he meeting times have been moved to 6pm so that more residents can attend. He also stated that the Police, Fire, EMS and Code Enforcement will be in attendance of the meetings for quicker responses.

**RESOLUTION (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The following Resolution will be considered individually**

**2020:97 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF (Personnel / Contracts / Attorney-Client Privilege)**

**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 16, 2020.
2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of pending/anticipated litigation and contract negotiation, Attorney Client Privilege N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)
3. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of personnel, employment, appointment, termination, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8)

**ADOPTED** at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on January 16, 2020.

The statement was made Committee would not be returning to the public for any action.

Mayor and Committee entered into closed session at 7:15 pm

Mayor Killion left closed session at 9:10 pm

Committee returned to open to adjourn at 9:39 pm

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved to adjourn  
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion  
An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted



Pamela Scott-Forman  
Acting Municipal Clerk

APPROVED: February 6, 2020