

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2015 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 in the Meeting Room of the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, located at 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

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

Committeeman John Kneib
Committeewoman McBride
Committeeman John Figueroa
Mayor Rick Taylor

The absence of Committeeman Killion was noted in the record as due to the death of his mother-in-law.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence was observed.

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

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Meeting – September 16, 2015

Meeting – September 23, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes on the agenda was moved by Committeeman Kneib and seconded by Committeewoman McBride
Motion prevailed with a 3/0/1 voice vote on September 16th minutes as Committeeman Figueroa abstained
Motion prevailed with a 4/0 voice vote on the September 23rd minutes

ORDINANCES –Second Reading (Public Hearing / Public May Comment)

ORDINANCE NO. 2015:13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF HEALTH

Be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken in the County of Camden and the State of New Jersey as follows:

§ 25-1. Establishment.

There is hereby established within the Township of Pennsauken a local Board of Health which shall have all of the powers, rights, duties and entitlements conferred upon it by N.J.S.A. 26:3-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 26:3-10 et seq., as amended.

§ 25-2. Rules and regulations

(A). The Board of Health may adopt rules, regulations or ordinances for its government and that of its officers and employees not inconsistent with law or the state sanitary code. (B). The Board of Health shall elect a President from among its own members and a Secretary of the Board, who need not be a member thereof.

§ 25-3. Membership.

The local Board of Health shall consist of the five members of the Township Committee, the Township Assessor and one physician or one nurse to be appointed by the Township

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Committee. Additionally, there shall be two alternate members designated as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2."

§ 25-4. Terms of office.

(A). The members of the Board of Health who are also members of the Township Committee shall serve on the Board of Health in terms coextensive with their terms on the Township Committee.

(B). The physician or nurse to be appointed by the Township Committee shall serve for a term of three years from the time of his or her appointment until his or her successor is appointed.

(C). The terms of the alternate members shall be for two years, except that of the first two alternate members appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year so that the term of not more than one alternate member shall expire in any one year. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Township Committee for the unexpired term only.

(i) An alternate member shall not be permitted to act on any matter in which he has either directly or indirectly any personal or financial interest. An alternate member may, after public hearing if he requests one, be removed by the governing body for cause.

(ii) An alternate member may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member is to vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote first.

§ 25-5. Organization.

The Board of Health shall appoint, on the date of its organization, a place, day, and hour for the regular meeting of the Board for the conduct of its regular business and shall cause to be published in a newspaper circulating in the Township notice of said list of meetings. At least one regular meeting shall be held in each quarter of the calendar year, but special meetings may be called at any time by the President to conduct necessary business.

§ 25-6. Limits of Debt.

The Board of Health shall not contract any debt or debts of any kind beyond the amount or amounts of the appropriation or appropriations made for its use by Township Committee.

§ 26-7. Uncompensated service.

The members of the Board of Health shall receive no salary or compensation for their services.

§ 26-8. Enactment provisions.

(A). Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

(B). Severability. If any section of this ordinance is held illegal or unconstitutional by a court of the State of New Jersey or of the United States, such a determination shall not affect the legality of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Mr. Padalino explained this was a directive from the State.

Mayor Taylor asked if anyone from the public wished to comment, there was no one.

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to approve Ordinance 2015:13 which was seconded by Committeeman Kneib

Motion prevailed with a 5/0 roll call vote.

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

2015:276

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR WHO ARE 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

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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:

BLOCK / LOT	PROPERTY LOCATION	YEAR	AMOUNT TO CANCEL
3703 31	3498 NEW JERSEY AVENUE	2015	3,417.61

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, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION;

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.

2015:277

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANING (MOU) BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken Board of Education desires a law enforcement presence and services from the Township of Pennsauken through the Township of Pennsauken Police Department and whereas the Township and the Township of Pennsauken Police Department desire to provide said law enforcement and services ; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the mutual interests can be furthered through the use of Police Officers assigned to a school and;

WHEREAS, the proper and respective Township and Board of Education officials are authorized to execute the attached MOU pursuant to resolutions of their respective governing bodies which are to be attached to this resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken hereby authorizes the acceptance of the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Pennsauken and the Township of Pennsauken Board of Education; and

Mr. Lonnie Monaco of Homestead Ave. questioned resolution # 277.

It was explained that resolution 2015:277 deals with police in schools.

There were no other comments or questions form the public.

Committeeman Figueroa moved the motion to approve the resolutions under consent agenda;

Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion;

Motion prevailed 4/0 by roll call vote.

CONFERENCE /ITEMS OF DISCUSSION-

Mr. Carr and Mr. Cardwell presented:

C.A.R.E. for Me – the proposed location of 5921 Westfield Ave. to expand the child care center by adding additional classrooms for before and after school care, summer camp for ages 6-13, along with caring for infants, toddlers and full day preschoolers. This will increase the number of employees as more teachers will be needed.

Committeeman Figueroa questioned if the State regulates the number of children? The answer is yes.

Committee approved for this to move forward.

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Frank Paulsworth – 7533 South Crescent Blvd. (Village Thrift) this is a request to sell Christmas trees in the parking lot. The lot has been repaved.

Committee approved for this to move forward.

Committee was reminded that the Associated Super Markets – 6100 Westfield Ave (formerly Costas) will be having its **Grand Opening** on Friday morning.

Administrator Grochowski informed Committee that NFI (River Road) was under time constraints for the lease of their warehouse for Walmart to store Christmas items.

Committeeman Kneib commented that they never have a problem renting and that it would be empty after the holidays.

Comments were made to have Mr. Frank Sinatra reiterate where to drop off TV's, computers and let the residents know how easy it is to drop them off and where.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-

Township Clerk Padalino gave the following figures for the payment of the bills:

Budgeted Items (September)-\$ 10,258,167.36

Statutory Expenditures (September)-\$ 4,625,606.98

Section 8 Bill List (September)-\$ 48,387.70

Committeeman Kneib moved the motion for the payment of the bills;
Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion
Motion prevailed with a 4/0 voice vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT(s) to Date-

Township Clerk Padalino commented he received the Library's report

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to accept the report

Committeeman Figueroa seconded the motion

Motion prevailed with a 4/0 voice vote

Administrator Grochowski commented that he had received a letter from the Country Club in reference to the refund of membership fees and keeping them the same.

Committeeman Kneib commented that they need to be capped and gave an explanation as to why. Committee decided to place it on the agenda for first reading at the October 21st meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Taylor opened the floor to the public for comment.

JoAnn Young of Park Ave asked for an update on the "Mart Site"

Committeeman Kneib responded that they had met with the developer, who had originally helped the County to get the previous developer. He had 75 days to complete his due diligence, and requested an extension. The pro-forma's have generated enough interest to be a viable project. The "stumbling block" with the County is that they placed more constraints.

He asked the Township to reach out to the MPWC and the Sewer to have the connection fees lowered; we said no.

He the developer was asked if the deal could be signed within 45 days he said he thought that was reasonable. The developer is someone the Township would want to do business with.

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There will be a redesign but the quality will be maintained and the facilities will be built during the process; 260 units in the 1st phase.

There were no other comments or concerns from anyone in the public.

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

Committeeman Figueroa seconded the motion

Motion prevailed 4/0 by voice vote

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

2015: 278

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

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 October 7, 2015.

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

a. Contracts-Redevelopment

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion to adopt resolution 2015:278

Committeeman Figueroa seconded the motion

Motion prevailed 4/0 by roll call vote

Committee moved into closed session at 5:45 pm

Committee returned to open session at 6:14 pm

Committeeman Figueroa moved to adjourn

Committeewoman McBride seconded

4/0 vote was recorded in the affirmative

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted


Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Clerk

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