

**MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN**  
**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 24, 2021**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township was held via electronic participation on Monday, May 24, 2021.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor DiBattista at 6:00 pm, who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

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

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

Committeeman Killion moved the motion to approve the use of electronic participation.  
Committeeman Martinez seconded the motion.  
An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

**PRESENT:** Committeeman Martinez, Committeeman Killion, Committeewoman Roberts, and Mayor DiBattista.

**NOTE:** Deputy Mayor Rafeh joined the meeting at 6:18 pm and did not vote for the first two items.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes	May 6, 2021
Closed Session Minutes	May 6, 2021

Committeeman Killion moved the motion for approval of minutes.  
Committeewoman Roberts seconded the motion.  
An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded.

**BIDS OPENED - NONE**

**PRESENTATION**

Pennsauken Free Public Library Strategic Plan –  
Robert Fisher-Hughes, President Board of Trustees

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) - NONE**

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING (NO PUBLIC COMMENT)**

**2021:13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
CHAPTER 299 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" (4709 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, 4618  
HIGHLAND AVENUE, 3747 FROSTHOFFER AND 1630 49TH STREET)

**BE IT ORDAINED** BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER 299-57 "RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES IN FRONT OF RESIDENCES: IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING:

1. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS (KEVIN DAVIS) LOCATED AT 4709 LAFAYETTE AVENUE BEGINNING 25 FEET SOUTH FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LAFAYETTE AVENUE AND SHERWOOD TERRACE AND CONTINUING 22 FEET SOUTH.
2. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS (SHERRY HICKS) LOCATED AT 4618 HIGHLAND AVENUE BEGINNING 184 FEET NORTH FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TERRACE AVENUE AND HIGHLAND AVENUE AND CONTINUING 22 FEET NORTH.
3. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS (MARGARET MCNEIL) LOCATED AT 3747 FROSTHOFFER AVENUE BEGINNING 172 FEET WEST FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TERRACE AVENUE AND ROOSEVELT AVENUE AND CONTINUING 22 FEET WEST.
4. HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGNS (KALINA GOVENS) LOCATED AT 1630 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET BEGINNING 223 FEET NORTH FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 49<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND PLEASANT AVENUE AND CONTINUING 22 FEET NORTH.

ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON DUE PUBLICATION AND FINAL ENACTMENT AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Motion To Adopt On First Reading:

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

No Public Wished To Comment

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

**2021:155**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2021

**WHEREAS**, AN EMERGENT CONDITION HAS ARISEN WITH RESPECT TO THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED IN THE TEMPORARY BUDGET AND NO ADEQUATE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE IN THE 2021 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE, AND N.J.S. 40A:4-20 PROVIDES FOR THE CREATION OF AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE ABOVE MENTIONED; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE TOTAL EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN THE YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) INCLUDING THIS RESOLUTION TOTAL \$20,074,353.59.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING) THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021, AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY MADE FOR THE 2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,074,353.59.
2. THAT SAID EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2021 BUDGET UNDER THE TITLE OF:

THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

3. THAT ONE CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FILED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

Motion To Adopt:

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

No Public Wished To Comment

**2021:156**

RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE 0427-33-032-006 / DJ BEVERAGE. LLC (POCKET LICENSE) IN THE YEAR 2020-2021 AFTER RECEIVING THE APPROPRIATE 12.39 RELIEF APPROVALS FROM THE STATE

**WHEREAS**, APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE NOW IN POCKET IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN: AND

**WHEREAS**, PROPER PAPERWORK HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION PURSUANT TO THE N.J.S.A 33:1-12.39 RELIEF for the 2020-2021 LICENSING YEAR: AND

**WHEREAS**, THE APPROPRIATE RENEWAL FEES HAVE BEEN PAID AND NO OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE LICENSE BE RENEWED WITH THE CONTINUANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN PRIOR YEARS. THE TOWNSHIP CLERK IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PREPARE AND ISSUE THE LICENSE WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION, AND TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.

Motion To Adopt:

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

No Public Wished To Comment

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

**2021:157**

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR EXAMPLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, CLEAN-UP, AND BOARD-UP; ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS.

**WHEREAS**, THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN HAS INCURRED AN EXPENSE IN THE YEAR(S) 2019 AGAINST VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR FAILURE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTY, AND;

**WHEREAS**, THE TOWNSHIP IS EMPOWERED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), TO IMPOSE A LIEN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THOSE MONIES EXPENDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED BY BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER, THE OWNER OF RECORD AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RECORD. THE AMOUNT LISTED CONSTITUTES A DEMAND BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR PAYMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE COST INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, IF PAYMENT IS NOT MADE IN FULL BY CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS MADE TO THE ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION, THE TAX COLLECTOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE A MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, IF PAYMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN FULL BY CASH OR CERTIFIED FUNDS MADE TO THE ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ENFORCED BY TAX SALE BECOMING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

**2021:158**

RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND OF \$341.60 FOR UCC PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6343 GRANT AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110

**WHEREAS**, SUNRUN INSTALLATION SERVICES AT 202 COMMERCE DRIVE STE. 7 MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057, PAID FOR A UCC PERMIT FOR 6343 GRANT AVE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$427.00 MINUS THE 20% PLAN REVIEW FEE OF \$85.40 AND;

**WHEREAS**, THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN IS SATISFIED THAT THE FEE FOR THE UCC PERMIT BE REFUNDED FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 6343 GRANT AVE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109 THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOT BE INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS, AND THEREFORE DEEMS THE APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO A \$427.00 REFUND MINUS THE 20% PLAN REVIEW FEE OF \$85.40

**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 \$341.60 IS RETURNED TO SUNRUN INSTALLATION SERVICES 202 COMMERCE DRIVE STE.7 MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057.

**CERTIFIED COPY** OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO THE APPLICANT, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL AND THE SUPERVISOR OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

**2021:159**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$175.00 FOR DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF HOUSING RESALE MONEY HELD FOR THE PURCHASE OF 6551 CHESTNUT AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

**WHEREAS**, KEITH FISHER, JR. OF 381 EGG HARBOR RD., SUITE #2, SEWELL, NJ 08080 MADE A DEPOSIT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.00 FOR THE HOUSING RESALE / TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP LOCATED AT 6551 CHESTNUT AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109.

**WHEREAS**, THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN IS SATISFIED THAT THIS WAS A DUPLICATE. PAYMENT AND A REFUND SHOULD BE ISSUED.

**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 \$175.00 IS RETURNED TO KEITH FISHER, JR. OF 381 EGG HARBOR RD., SUITE #2, SEWELL, NJ 08080.

**A CERTIFIED COPY** OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO THE APPLICANT, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

**2021:160**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2021 (DCB Auto, Inc. 6901 E. Chestnut Avenue)

**BE IT RESOLVED**, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN THAT THE FOLLOWING USED CAR LICENSES ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED 2021.

**DCB AUTO, INC**

6901 E. CHESTNUT AVENUE  
PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110

Motion To Adopt:

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

No Public Wished To Comment

**CONFERENCE ITEMS / ITEM OF DISCUSSION**

**Agenda Items**

- 5921 Westfield Ave** – The leased property is 2,400 square feet located in the Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Zone is across the street from 7-Eleven. This application is for a Cigar Lounge. This would be for retail sales of cigars and related apparel. The site would also be used as a cigar lounge similar to the cigar shop / lounge on Center Street in Merchantville. The cigar store/lounge would be open 7 days a week, the hours are 10am – 10pm Monday – Thursday / 10am – 12pm Friday & Saturday / 10am – 8pm Sunday. There is no off-street parking other than an agreement with 5900 Westfield Ave across the street in the evenings. It is anticipated that the hours when the cigar lounge will be utilized the most will be in the evenings after the surrounding businesses are closed or closing.
  - Committee agreed on tabling matter for more information.
- 6845 Westfield Ave** – The leased property is 14,000 square feet located in the Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Zone. There is an attachment describing the property along with photos and a recommendation for the path forward.
  - Committee agreed for an immediate cease and desist order.

**Items for Discussion – NONE**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - NONE**

**DEPARTMENT REPORT(s) – NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Diane Piccari (June Rd)** Commended the Committee on all the great changes going on and mentioned she was very happy to see good things happen in Pennsauken. Ms. Piccari also commented on Westfield Ave lack of presentation. She went to say that codes and or ordinances should be updated to be able to enforce tighter codes or higher fines. Ms. Piccari also commented that residents should be made more aware of businesses coming into town. Mayor DiBattista thanked Ms. Piccari for joining the meeting and for voicing her concerns and assured her that Committee is aware of all her concerns and are working diligently with administration and code enforcement. Committeeman Killion also reassured her that Committee and code are doing their best to bring Westfield Ave back to its best.

Committeeman Killion moved the motion to close Public comment.  
Deputy Mayor Rafeh seconded the motion.  
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

### **MAYOR DiBATTISTA:**

- Deputy Mayor Rafeh and I gave out awards for the best essay for “Best Mom and Dad in Pennsauken” and they were amazing.
- Thank you to the Mother’s Day contest winners Rose Pasqua and her mother Adrienne Ligouri, Will Snyder and his mother Antoinette Snyder.
- Thank you to our Father’s Day contest winner, Maggie and her father Alan Bibelheimer, and Avery and her father Elwood Martz. Thank you for participating and for appreciating your parents.
- Thank you everyone please stay safe and enjoy your Holiday weekend.

### **DEPUTY MAYOR RAFEH:**

- Thank you for joining us tonight. My thoughts and prayers for everyone during these times.
- It was an honor for me to hand out the best “Mom and Dad in Pennsauken” award. I appreciate my mother more now than ever after becoming a mother to my beautiful daughter.
- Ms. Diane, thank you for voicing your concerns and please know that you are being heard and we as a committee are working hard for our town and to bring business back to Westfield Ave.
- We do not shut any business down from coming to Pennsauken, but we must make sure that, that specific business is good for our town.
- We are doing our best and we are working hard for you.

### **COMMITTEEMAN KILLION:**

- We have a couple of events coming up. Our Memorial Day ceremony is this Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. Please come out and join us.
- On June 12<sup>th</sup> will be our Firework Spectacular and we will have more information later.
- Please take in consideration that paving has started for Haddonfield Rd.
- We as a Committee want to apologize for delays on garbage/recyclables pick up. We are doing everything we can on our part to help the situation.
- Our Public Works deserves a round of applause for the hard work and extra days they are putting in. Our guys are not equipped with the machinery nor the manpower for this job, but we are committed to our town and we get things done.
- A big thank you to Joe Scavuzzo for such an amazing job and everyone involved. At the end of the year South Jersey contract is over.
- Please continue to stay safe and enjoy your Holiday weekend.

### **COMMITTEEWOMAN ROBERTS:**

- Thank you everyone for joining us today.
- Congratulations to the Library on their well-executed strategic plan.
- Please support the Library’s fund raiser drive through events.
- Stay safe and enjoy your Holiday weekend.

### **COMITTEEMAN MARTINEZ:**

- Pennsauken Creek is having a clean up day on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- June 12<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day with our paper shredding and the Firework Spectacular.
- A lot of sports are still going on in Pennsauken for our kids.
- MPLL will hopefully be able to host a couple of district games here in town.
- Please continue to stay safe and enjoy your Holiday weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Committeeman Killion moved the motion to Adjourn.  
Committeeman Martinez Second the Motion.  
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

**TIME:** 8:42 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Ana Matos

Deputy Clerk

**ADOPTED: JUNE 3, 2021**