

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2017 (5:30PM)**

A Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 in the caucus room at the Township of Pennsauken Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

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

ABSENT: Committeeman Taylor

Also present were Township Administrator John Kneib, Township Clerk, Gene Padalino, Deputy Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Township Attorney Michael Joyce, Terry Carr & Larry Cardwell of Economic Development.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Meeting – February 1, 2017

Committeeman Figueroa moved the motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2017. Deputy Mayor Killion seconded the motion. An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded

BIDS OPENED –

Opened January 27, 2017 @ 10:30am-BP # 17.04- On Site Building Sub-code Official

Opened February 8, 2017 @ 10:30 am-BP # 17.06 -Agricultural Supplies for the Pennsauken Country Club

Deputy Mayor Killion moved a motion to acknowledge the Bid Openings
Committeeman Figueroa seconded the motion
An affirmative 4/0 voice vote was recorded

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

2017:105 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, REJECTING, AND AWARDING BIDS FOR BUILDING SUBCODE OFFICIAL BID PACKET 17-04

WHEREAS, The Township of Pennsauken is in need of third party building inspection and plan review services; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2017 the Township of Pennsauken advertised for the bid of this item; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened on Friday, January 27, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the bids have been evaluated by the Code Enforcement Official and the recommendation is made as hereinafter provided to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. Seq. and in accordance with the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be for a three (3) year term. The vendor shall provide services at a rate of 58% of the State of New Jersey's fees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, that the contract be awarded to as follows:

BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS

302 E. Pennsylvania Blvd.

Feasterville, PA 19053

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to:

Purchasing	Adrian Casey
Construction	Gary Burgin
Vendor	Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc.

Administrator Kneib commented that this contract is a state contract and it's the same as last year.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Figueroa</i>		√	√			
<i>Orth</i>			√			
<i>Taylor</i>						√
<i>Killion</i>	√		√			
<i>McBride</i>			√			

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

2017:106 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016 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 State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant CFDA #97.042, Award #FY16-EMPG-EMAA-0427 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of up to \$ 18, 800.00, including up to \$ 9,400.00 Federal Award and up to \$ 9,400.00 Local Matching 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 for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Subgrant 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 Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Application for Subgrant Award calls for a match in the amount of up to \$ 9,400.00 which the Pennsauken Township Office of Emergency Management adequately satisfies through the Township of Pennsauken approved budget for Division salaries and wages and fringe benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken accepts the award of the FFY16 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant in the amount of up to \$ 9,400.00 Federal Funds form the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; and

BE IT FURHTER 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 2016 in the sum of up to \$ 9,400.00, which is now available from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management in the like amount of up to \$ 9,400.00 from the aforementioned grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Chief Financial Officer and the Township Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate Subgrant 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.

Administrator Kneib commented this is a grant that the Township matches and that it's used by Dennis Cowgill for OEM

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Figueroa</i>			√			
<i>Orth</i>	√		√			
<i>Taylor</i>						√
<i>Killion</i>		√	√			
<i>McBride</i>			√			

CONFERENCE /ITEMS OF DISCUSSION-

Restaurant – 5010 Westfield (next to PNC ATM/Drive Thru) Former Nicaraguan restaurant has since closed and is up for sale. The new owners will open and operate a restaurant specializing in Spanish food.

Will (prospective owner) commented that he went all in to purchase the building so that he could make the enhancements he wanted to the building. "Appearance is Everything" It'll be a complete make over. He commented that he would be interested in the land next to it also for parking.

Mayor McBride questioned the amount of experience he has in the business and asked if he is striving for a better appearance of the exterior.

Will replied that he has almost 10 years in the business; he lives in Pennsauken and believes you should be able to go out to eat and shop in Pennsauken.

Deputy Mayor Killion asked if the location would look like the drawing he presented and commented to make sure he has a structural engineer.

Committeeman Orth commented to be careful what you show.

** Committee approved the Restaurant

Aceto Auto Repair – 6302 S. Crescent Blvd, The applicant Nicholas Aceto would like to rent U Haul vehicles from this location in addition to the repair of autos.

Nick (owner) commented that he had begun stripping the signs, will be redoing the parking lot and adding flower pots and change the color scheme.

Deputy Mayor Killion commented to have the Pennsauken Police Department do a review of the parking and questioned if he owned the property.

Nick commented that he did not own the property and has not gotten a response back from the police department.

Committeeman Orth questioned if he would be doing auto repairs and the number of automobiles he would have on the property. He commented that he would have to follow regulations and commented that with 6 bays he could only have 12 cars.

Deputy Mayor Killion stated that he needs to bring up the building repairs and that in the past 13 years he just let it go .

Mayor McBride asked what the maximum number of U-Haul trucks he expects to have and commented that in a C-2 zone his maximum number of signs is 4. He would need to abide by the number of cars and signs allowed

Committeeman Orth stated that he is okay with 3 U-Haul trucks and that "You have to do what you say you're going to do"

**Committee approved the U-Hauls

All Star Auto Spa – 7300 N. Crescent Blvd Unit 18. The proposed use is for auto detailing, repair and accessory installation. No outside storage.

Mr. Cardwell commented that this is a vacant building.

Deputy Mayor Killion commented that he thought the owners of the building should be present. He also stated that Mr. Carr & Mr. Cardwell do a great job bringing in a ton of jobs; but they need to be told they might want to begin "sprucing up" the location prior to coming in.

AGENDA ITEMS

1) UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:03

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,885,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,517,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING (**For Second Reading and Public Hearing-February 22, 2017**)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McBride opened the floor for public comment.

Lou Priestly of Chandler Ave. commented that he works at 7300 Building and has identified 11 dented or untagged cars on the property and questioned why they are there and when they would be removed.

Mr. Terry Carr asked Committee if he could address the question, to which they agreed.

Mr. Carr commented that he had just received an agreement from the owner that the cars would be removed or taken inside

Mr. Kneib asked Mr. Priestly to allow a little time, the agreement was received today just before the close of business.

Ty Graddy of 41st Street stated there is A LOT of trash along Chestnut and that he recently moved back from Miami and is a strong believer in Economic Development and improvement. Chestnut is a eyesore and that his wife is to embarrassed to invite friends over because it looks so bad. HE also commented that he's a property investor and that Real Estate Agents are reluctant to show homes here in Pennsauken; which is a shame because of its proximity to Philadelphia.

Administrator Kneib replied that people use it as a dumping ground and what we do we do as a courtesy because we don't own the property.

Mayor McBride commented that she spoke with public works and that we aren't cleaning it up as often as we use to. NJ Transit owns the property up to 10 feet on both sides of the railroad. They also stated that if it's not dangerous they won't clean it up.

Deputy Mayor Killion commented that the railroad tracks behind his house they own 25 feet on both sides from the center; and that it should be clarified what exactly is theirs and what is ours.

Mr. Cardwell asked if he could comment, he was given the opportunity to speak. He stated that at one time when he was the Mayor's aid he had to make calls to the Congressman's office because they wouldn't do anything.

Administrator Kneib commented the problem is it's not our problem; we're actually trespassing if we go. We'll make every effort.

Committeeman Orth commented that there should be no excuses; a call should be placed to Public Works tomorrow and go have 20 trucks over there to clean it up tomorrow. They have the time, there's no snow, no leaves go get it done.

Carol Gonzalez of Pleasant Avenue commented that she now belongs to the town watch organization for about a year. She stated that there have been a lot of break-ins, people cross the 36th street stairs and break in to sheds. She has concerns for the community and asked if they would put out fliers. Property owners need to put up lights, and security cameras around their homes. She has no complaints about the police department but wanted Committee to be aware of what's going on.

Mr. Kneib commented that they are very much aware of what's going on in town

Deputy Mayor Killion stated that when suspicious people come to Admiral Park section the neighbors call right away. Talk to your neighbors, tell them to call police if they see anything suspicious. Citizens need to help out.

Mayor McBride commented that they should use the library to have the police come do safety tips, she also suggested All Around Pennsauken

Mayor McBride asked if any others from the public wished to comment, there were none.

Committeeman Orth moved a motion to close the public portion

Deputy Mayor Killion seconded the motion

An affirmative voice vote of 4/0 was recorded

CLOSED SESSION- RESOLUTION(s)- (Public May Comment) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually-None

2017:107 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT (COUNTRY CLUB/MUNICIPAL)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

WHEREAS, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded, on February 15, 2017.
2. The general nature of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of employment - N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) ;
 - a. Employment- Country Club
 - b. Employment-Municipal

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, February 15, 2017.

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Figueroa			√			
Orth	√		√			
Taylor						√
Killion		√	√			
McBride			√			

Mayor and Committee returned to open at 6:43 pm

Committeeman Figueroa immediately moved a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Committeeman Orth.

A 4/0 affirmative voice vote was recorded

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

Respectfully submitted


Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED: FEBRUARY 22, 2017