

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016 (5:30PM)**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 in the Caucus Room at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

The Meeting came to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Kneib who called for the roll call which was recorded as such:

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

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committeeman Figueroa moved a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2016 Deputy Mayor Taylor seconded the motion

*Minutes of February 3, 2016 were approved with an affirmative 5/0 voice vote.*

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING- (NO PUBLIC COMMENT)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016:01**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Grochowski explained that the Ordinance was for Class II Officers of which we currently have but did not have an Ordinance on record.

Attorney Joyce commented that the State Statue allows for the Township to make specific criteria.

Committeeman Killion questioned if they could be non-residents.

Mayor Kneib commented that if residency was stipulated it would hamper the Townships ability to hire Class II Officers.

Committeewoman McBride questioned why it would hamper our ability

Mayor Kneib further commented that the hiring of Class II officers is very competitive among other towns. Having Class II Officers allows our full time Officers to be on the street.

Mr. Grochowski replied that the State allows Police and Fire to move from the Municipality after 1 year of service if the Municipality has residency requirements.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016:120**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR SHELTERING AND CARING FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS IN PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP AND FIVE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,952.00

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "County") has previously provided its support to the Township of Pennsauken (the "Township") relative to the Township's commitment to sheltering animals for the Township and five surrounding county communities; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergent need to provide support for animal management at the animal shelter supported by the Township; said shelter is known as "Almost Home", (the "Shelter"); and

WHEREAS, County support is needed to ensure the humane treatment of the animals whose care is provided by the Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined, in the best interests of the County's residents and for the health, safety and welfare of the County's residents, to donate to the Township a sum not to exceed \$139,952.00 for the support of animal shelter operations; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree to execute a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the rights, duties and obligations of the parties with respect to the donation as described herein; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken that the Township Administrator is authorized to execute all documents necessary for a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Township of Pennsauken and the County of Camden relative to the donation of funds in an amount not to exceed \$139,952.00, for animal management to be used at the Almost Home shelter located in Pennsauken Township, for the benefit of the residents of Camden County, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of County Counsel shall approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

Mr. Grochowski explained this is last years funding which will offset the cost for 2015 for Almost Home Animal Shelter which will be open for about another 2 the 3 months.

Mayor Kneib commented this is a great deal in the long term.

Committeewoman McBride questioned the monthly cost

Mr. Grochowski replied there are a lot of numbers that go into the cost and that he would get the information to her, he did not have them at his finger tip.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016:121**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REFUND OF \$400.00 FOR STREET OPENING ESCROW TO ROTO-ROOTER SERVICES CO. FOR STREET OPENING AT 5360 HARDING ROAD**

WHEREAS, Roto-Rooter Services Co., 175 East Ninth Avenue, Unit C, Runnemede, New Jersey 08078 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$500.00 for repaving the street, permit #85300 dated January 7, 2016, located at 5360 Harding Road for repair of a sanitary sewer lateral; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 273-14 of the Code of the Township of Pennsauken, the Township Engineer has inspected the final repair of the street opening and is satisfied that the repair is in acceptable condition and the applicant is now entitled to a \$400.00 refund.

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 \$400.00 be returned to Roto-Rooter Services Co., 175 East Ninth Avenue, Unit C, Runnemede, New Jersey 08078 balance of \$100.00 to be retained as a maintenance guarantee for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Ron Crane-Municipal Finance Officer.

Mr. Grochowski explained this resolution is for return escrow

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016:122**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN APPOINTING A 9-1-1 COORDINATOR (MICHAEL PROBASCO)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the county of Camden and State of New Jersey, that Captain Mike Probasco of the Pennsauken Police Department of hereby appointed 9-1-1 Coordinator.

The said appointment shall be for a term of one (1) year.

A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to Chief John Coffey, Pennsauken Police Department and Captain Mike Probasco, Pennsauken Police Department.

Mr. Grochowski commented this is a State requirement. This individual will notify them when Street names change, Streets are added etc.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016:123**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2015 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 #FY15-EMPG-EMAA-0427 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of up to \$14,000.00, including up to \$7,000.00 Federal Award and up to \$7,000.00 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; 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 \$14,000.00 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 FFY14 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant in the amount of up to \$14,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; 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 2015 in the sum of up to \$14,000.00, which is now available from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management in the like amount of up to \$14,000.00 from the aforementioned grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the like sum of up to \$14,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption FFY14 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 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.

Mr. Grochowski explained this is a \$14,000 OEM grant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016:124**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2016**

*BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken that the following Used Car Licenses are authorized to be issued 2016

**SUBARU OF NORTH AMERICA**

7041 North Park Drive

1. The license is issued for the purpose of distributing vehicles to Subaru of America, Inc. and for the sale of vehicles to Subaru of America employees only.

2. There will be no sale of vehicles to the general public.

There will be no invitations to the general public to buy used cars from the site

There will be no advertising that used cars are sold at the site

There will be no signs that indicate that used cars are sold at the site

**Prince's Auto Service, LLC**

6591 S. Crescent Blvd.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Construction Official.

Mr. Padalino explained these are used car licenses for Subaru on North Park Drive and Princess Auto who is leasing a section with in US Auto Auction.

Committeewoman McBride questioned if US Auto Auction's taxes have been paid up

Mr. Padalino replied no and commented that Princess Auto is leasing a space within their property. US Auto Auction is the property owner his license has been held up.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Kneib asked if there were anyone from the public who wished to comment

Joanne Young of Park Avenue questioned the progress on the location at Rt. 130 & Haddonfield Road ... "the MART site"

Mayor Kneib replied there has been quite a bit of progress and they are currently working on coordinating some language and crossing the "t's" and dotting the "i's" and that he is "cautiously optimistic"

There is the possibility that the Developer may have complete control of the commercial end which we feel is a good thing.

Phase I - will be 200 rental units (1 & 2 bedrooms) and the Club House. Mayor Kneib feels this may take up to 2 years. Mr. Grochowski hopes it's a shorter process.

Phase II - is a kind of "wait and see" because the economy dictates the sales; it'll probably be some commercial and possibly some Townhouses he continued stating this Developer is willing to work with you to give you what you want.

Ms. Young then questioned if the County was still "throwing hitches"

Committee responded there will be no more verbal agreements.

Mr. Grochowski replied that a lot of questions have been answered and the agreement wording is okay.

Ms. Young then asked about the "old supermarket Thriftway" location and what is going on with it and there seems to be movement at the Radio Shack property

Committeewoman McBride commented that the National chain that was alluded to went away

Mr. Grochowski replied there is interest for both sides of that block and they are cleaning out the location of the old "radio shack."

Mayor Kneib asked if there were any others for public comment, no others commented.

Committeeman Killion moved a motion to close the floor to the public

Deputy Mayor Taylor seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

## **COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Taylor informed Committee that on March 4<sup>th</sup> the 3 individuals from Pennsauken who played in Superbowl's will be honored by the NFL by presenting the High school with 3 Gold Footballs commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Superbowl.

No other Committeepersons gave reports

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016:125**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTERS OF EMPLOYMENT (MUNICIPAL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT GRIEVANCE)

**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 17, 2016.
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- Municipal
  - b. Employment-Fire Department Grievance

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

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

Committee returned open session at 6:17 pm

Committeeman Killion moved to adjourn

Deputy Mayor Taylor seconded

An affirmative voice vote was recorded

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

Respectfully,

  
Pamela Scott-Forman  
Deputy Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED: FEBRUARY 24, 2016**