

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2020**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held via ZOOM electronic participation on Thursday, August 6th, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Killion at 6:00pm. The number of COVID cases within the Township are at 823 with a total number of unfortunate deaths at 22. Mayor Killion expressed his thoughts, concerns and prayers for families affected by the virus and for the families who have lost loved ones. He stressed the need to continue to wear your mask and for social distancing. Mayor Killion called for the Salute to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

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

CONSIDERATION OF / AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON ANY REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING –

Special request for electronic participation in the Meeting due to current Covid-19 Pandemic.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved the motion to participate via ZOOM.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.
Motion passed.

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 Acting Administrator Palumbo, Acting Township Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Linda Galella, Esq. of Parker McCay.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING – NO PUBLIC COMMENT

2020:14 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Pennsauken Chapter 299 entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" (handicapped parking sign at 3743 King Avenue)

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 located at 3743 King Avenue beginning 309 feet South from the Southeast corner of Highland Avenue and King Avenue and continuing 20 feet South.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.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.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved the motion on First reading.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

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

2020:181

Resolution approving a refund of \$125 for Pennsauken Municipal Pool passes

WHEREAS, Gregory Clark, of 1737 W. River Drive, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 purchased pool passes for himself and daughter with the Pennsauken Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of \$125.00 for the 2020 pool season. Mr. Clark has requested a refund due to our stringent COVID-19 policy, and

WHEREAS, The Director of Parks & Recreation of is satisfied that the member only visited the pool one time and shall be entitled for a full refund of \$125.00; and

NOW THEREFOE BE IT REOSOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$125.00 is returned to Gregory Clark, 1737 W. River Drive, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Director of Parks & Recreation and Finance Department.

No public wished to comment.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved the motion to adopt resolution 2020:181
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.
Motion passed.

2020:182

A Resolution of The Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Executing Refunds through Liens 2020:

WHEREAS, Liens for property maintenance on specific properties were placed on properties not conforming to the Township maintenance code; and

WHEREAS, the properties located at 8523 Herbert Ave., 3438 Cove Rd., 5040 Westfield Ave., 600 Derosse Ave., 453 Howard Ave., 4542 Harding Rd., 1644 Derosse Ave., 4550 Harding Rd., 7529 Pleasant Ave., 2240 Gross Ave., 3400 Haddonfield Rd. and 3407 Palace Ct. were placed on the lien list in 2018 and/or 2019 inadvertently; and

WHEREAS, after much research it has been determined the aforementioned properties should not have been on the list; and

WHEREAS, Township Committee wishes to rescind the following addresses from the listed resolutions of 2018 and 2019:

8523 Herbert Ave.	Resolution 2018-202
3438 Cove Rd.	Resolution 2018-260
5040 Westfield Ave.	Resolution 2019-260
1600 Derosse Ave.	Resolution 2018-281
3453 Howard Ave.	Resolution 2018-267 and 2019-261
4542 Harding Rd.	Resolution 2018-194
1644 Derosse Ave.	Resolution 2018-281
4550 Harding Rd.	Resolution 2018-267
7529 Pleasant Ave.	Resolution 2018-202
2240 Gross Ave.	Resolution 2018-281
3400 Haddonfield Rd.	Resolution 2019-237
3407 Palace Ct.	Resolution 2018-294

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 \$250.00 per property representing the inappropriate 2018 and 2019 liens should be removed from the following properties

8523 Herbert Ave.
3438 Cove Rd.
5040 Westfield Ave.

1600 Derosse Ave.
3453 Howard Ave.
4542 Harding Rd.
1644 Derosse Ave.
4550 Harding Rd.
7529 Pleasant Ave.
2240 Gross Ave.
3400 Haddonfield Rd.
3407 Palace Ct.

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following Departments: Tax Collector, Construction Official, Administrative Asst. Building & Housing and Supervisor of the Building Department.

Acting Administrator Palumbo stated this list is of tax liens being resolved by the Tax Collector.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to adopt the resolution 2020:182.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.
Motion passed.

2020:183

Resolution for unpaid Municipal charges for example but not limited to Grass cutting, Clean-up & Board-up; establishing a final billing; impose Municipal Assessments' enforce through Tax Sale; and impose Municipal Lien.

WHEREAS, The Township of Pennsauken has incurred an expense in the year(s) 2020 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 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 that the municipal assessment will be enforced by the Tax Sale becoming a municipal lien in accordance with New Jersey State Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer.

Acting Administrator Palumbo stated the liens are for solid waste with affidavits for each property.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to adopt resolution 2020:183.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORT(s) –

Department reports were received from Police, Fire and EMS.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to accept the reports.

Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Motion passed.

CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

Larry Cardwell, of the Economic Development Office presented the following requests which are located in a current redevelopment area.

Celestine Lucas – 5900 Westfield Ave (***across Westfield Ave catty corner from Montegrillos***) the building at this location contains a number of units. The prospective tenant would like to use the space for a recording studio.

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

AJ Moore – 5921 Westfield Ave (***across Hilcrest from the 7-11 the old Menchel-McDonald building***) this location would be for a professional office combining commercial tax accounting and education.

****Committee approved to move forward**

Mr. Cardwell, also presented the following request received in their office:

Variety Store – 6300 Westfield Ave (*next to the Dance Studio*) the manager of the store would like to have a grand opening one weekend if the town is amenable. The store manager would like to have a small sample of items outside JUST for the grand opening.

**** Committee agreed and a representative or two will attend**

JDR Autos LLC – 8192 National Highway is not in a Redevelopment Zone. The applicants are looking for approval for a used car license at this location where they would operate 20 hours a week Tuesday through Saturday 10am – 2pm. There would be no work on cars and a total of 2 cars on the lot at any time. The mainstay of the business would be over the internet. The intention is to co-locate with the current owner-operated tenant which is Express Transfer & Trucking. JDR would have 14 x 16 office and two spaces for vehicles.

**** Committee agrees**

Global 1 Federal Credit Union - 7512 Maple Avenue (**3 doors north of CVS**) this property is not in a Redevelopment Zone. The CEO spoke with the Pennsauken Police Department in February regarding having a 15 minute parking sign located in front of the 7512 Maple Avenue. They have now directed me to contact you to further this request.

**** Committee disagrees stating it would open a pandora's box of requests**

AGENDA ITEMS -

1) RESOLUTIONS – MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION:

2020-2021 Liquor License Renewals (September 17th)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Killion opened the floor for public comment.

Michelle Gillis of Connecticut Avenue, questioned the Mayor if his COVID report could be broken down by age specifically school age children. She commented that she is a teacher.

Mayor Killion replied the report gives ages but no specific break down by age group.

Acting Administrator Palumbo replied the report he receives is not for public release.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista replied the county website camdencounty.com has a COVID “button” you can click on for a breakdown.

No other public wished to comment.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to close the floor to public comment.

Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the e motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Killion’s comments were in reference to:

- Wearing your mask, being smart and staying safe.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista’s comments were in reference to:

- Thanking those who participated in the call.
- Staying safe and wearing our mask.
- Prayers and concerns of the families affected by COVID.
- Cancellation of many Public Events – car show will now be a parade through the different parts of the Township.

Committeewoman Rafeh’s comments were in reference to:

- Thanking those who participated on the call.
- Prayers to the families affected with COVID.
- Library fundraiser and cultural awareness campaign “Lemonade for Change” and dates and locations were given. “No walk up and no bicycles – cash donations.”
- Prayers to the Pennsauken families of Lebanon descent.

Committeewoman McBride’s comments were in reference to:

- Staying safe and wearing your mask to get through this pandemic.
- Completing the Census and giving the date for the door to door enumeration to begin. All Census takers will have badges, bags and proper ID.

Committeeman Dyer’s comments were in reference to:

- Thanking the 29 residents on the call.
- Continued prayers for the families affected with the COVID virus.
- The decrease in the numbers for inside attendance from 100 to 25 and that he hopes our residents will follow the guidelines.
- Students returning to school will have to wear a mask / face coverings all day.

- Pennsylvania back to school to online through November - his belief is New Jersey may follow.
- Reminding the residents that New Jersey is still in phase 1.

Mayor Killion thanked all the Department Heads for their continued hard work and joining the call.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to adjourn.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Scott-Forman
Acting Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED: August 20, 2020