

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2015**

The Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the Caucus 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 Jack Killion
Committeeman John Kneib
Committeewoman McBride
Deputy Mayor John Figueroa
Mayor Rick Taylor

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., and Mr. Frank Sinatra, Public Relations was 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".

ORDINANCE NO 2015:15 (FIRST READING – NO COMMENT)

An Ordinance Establishing Golf Membership Greens Fees and Golf Cart Rentals for The Pennsauken Country Club A Municipal Utility For The 2016 Season

Motion was moved by Committeeman Killion and seconded by Committeewoman McBride

Motion passed with a 5/0 roll call vote

The following Resolutions were considered by consent agenda:

RESOLUTIONS 2015:279

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO REFUND GOLF MEMBERSHIP FEE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to refund a portion of the 2015 golf membership fees in the amount of \$890.00 to the family of Kevin Kneib, 8378 Harrowgate Drive, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08109, in accordance with the procedures and policy previously established where it has been determined that there exists adequate reasons that would warrant consideration of a refund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to Ron Crane, Chief Financial Officer; and Quentin Griffith, Pennsauken Country Club.

** Committeeman Kneib abstained from this resolution at the time of voting

RESOLUTION NO.2015:280

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$80.00 FOR A HOUSING CODE INSPECTION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7435 IRVING AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

WHEREAS, Michael Wermuth, 128 A Cherry Park, Cherry Hill,

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NJ 08034 paid for a Housing Code Inspection for the property located at 7435 Irving Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 in the amount of \$100.00; and
WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the fee for the Housing Code Inspection was paid for the property known as 7435 Irving Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109, and was not completed at the request of the buyers, and therefore deems the applicant is entitled to an \$80.00 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 \$80.00 is returned to Michael Wermuth, 128 A Cherry Park, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.
CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

Mr. Grochowski, Twp. Administrator made note that this fee is being returned due to the owner cancelling

RESOLUTION NO.2015:281

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$80.00 FOR A HOUSING CODE INSPECTION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7560 FORREST AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

WHEREAS, Fred Williams, 7560 Forrest Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 paid for a Housing Code Inspection for the property located at 7560 Forrest Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 in the amount of \$100.00; and
WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the fee for the Housing Code Inspection was paid for the property known as 7560 Forrest Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109, and was not completed at the request of the owners, and therefore deems the applicant is entitled to an \$80.00 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 \$80.00 is returned to Fred Williams, 7560 Forrest Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.
CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

Mr. Grochowski, Twp. Administrator made note that this fee is being returned due to the owner cancelling

RESOLUTION NO.2015.282

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$308.80 FOR A UCC PERMIT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3448 ELM AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

WHEREAS, Vivint Solar Developer, LLC, attention: Anna Nelson 20-B Roland Avenue, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 paid for a UCC Permit for the property located at 2448 Elm Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 in the amount of \$386.00; and
WHEREAS, THE Construction Official of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is satisfied that the fee for the UCC Permit for the property known as 3448 Elm Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08109 was paid, the contractor mistakenly applied for the permit a second time, and therefore deems the applicant is entitled to a \$308.80 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 \$308.80 is returned to Vivint Solar Developer, LLC, attention: Anna Nelson, 20-B Roland Avenue, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official and the Supervisor of Building Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015:283

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN CONTINUING THE USE OF A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

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WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken requires the services of various professional service providers; and

WHEREAS, professional services are exempt from the requirement of public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken continues to find it advisable to select professionals primarily on the basis of qualification including qualifications uniquely suited to the needs of the Township of Pennsauken; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken determined in 2005 that it is appropriate to implement a fair and open process for the awarding of professional service contracts and has utilized such a process ever since; and

WHEREAS, to receive statements of qualification in a manner that fosters a fair and open process it is necessary and advisable to establish advance general criteria and specific minimum requirements for so many of those appointments as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken has determined that a fair and open process requires public advertisement of professional appointments in a manner and with sufficient time to provide notice in advance of the contemplation of the appointment and the criteria to be considered in making the appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken has determined that a fair and open process requires that all responses be publicly opened and announced and thereafter that all appointments be made at a public meeting of the governing body and then published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and

WHEREAS, criteria for most positions have been continuously posted on the Township's website for more than twelve consecutive months; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator, Assistant Administrator and others most familiar with the needs of the Township have requested the opportunity to make changes to the Criteria and positions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. All professional service appointments currently contained on the Township's website and such other positions as the Administrator shall deem advisable, shall be subject to a fair and open process as set forth below.

2. The Municipal Clerk shall cause a legal notice to be published in a newspaper authorized to publish legal notices for the Township, stating that a full listing of all professional service appointments subject to a fair and open process together with the criteria established for the consideration of qualifications will be posted on the Township's internet website beginning no later than October 30, 2015. This newspaper notice shall be published no later than October 27, 2015.

3. The criteria for each position contained on the website listing shall follow immediately subsequent to the listing of that position.

4. The website posting shall inform potential applicants that all submissions must be made to the Office of Township Administrator and received not later than 12:00 p.m. December 1, 2015.

5. Commencing at 12:01 p.m. on December 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as may be possible, the Township Administrator or his designee shall publicly open and announce all submissions in the Township's public meeting room.

6. The Township Committee shall thereafter review all submissions.

7. Appointments shall thereafter be made at a public meeting of the Township Committee no sooner than its annual reorganization meeting.

8. Subsequent to appointments, appropriate notices shall be published in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that positions will be included on the website listing for all those positions the Township reasonably believes will be subject to appointment for the year 2016. However, all such appointments are subject to the availability of funds and the continuing needs of the Township. Accordingly, inclusion of a position on the website list is not a representation or warranty that such position will be filled, but that if filled it will be subject to the process contained herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee has determined that the terms of this Resolution constitute a fair and open process as to all positions listed for submission of qualifications as set forth above.

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Mr. Grochowski explained the fee had been paid twice; therefore requiring a refund of one (1) of the payments.

RESOLUTION NO: 2015:284

RESOLUTION GRANTING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE YEAR 2015-2016

WHEREAS, APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES NOW IN EFFECT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN: AND WHEREAS, PROPER 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 LICENSES ON THE ATTACHED LISTS 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 2013-2014 FOR THE TYPE OF LICENSE SO INDICATED ON THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.

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.

2015-2016 LIQUOR LICENSE - PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE IN POCKET
0427-33-013-008 WHITEHALL INVESTMENTS LLC

RESOLUTION NO.2015:285

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RESURFACING OF PENNSAUKEN HIGHWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program: and

WHEREAS, submittal of Municipal Aid applications through the online SAGE process requires a Resolution of the governing body be signed and sealed by the Clerk and Township Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic application identified as MA-2016-Resurfacing of Pennsauken Highway - 00650 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Pennsauken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Pennsauken and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on this 21st day of October 2015.

Mr. Grochowski (on resolution 2015:285) commented that we apply for every year and that the money is used to pave the industrial parks. We usually receive about \$200K

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to approve the resolutions on consent agenda; seconded by Committeeman Figueroa.

Motion passed 5/0 by roll call vote with one exception to resolution 2015:279 (4/0/1 vote recorded) which Committeeman Kneib abstained.

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Discussion of Business in Redevelopment Areas presented by Terry Carr and Larry Cardwell

Mr. Cardwell proposed a Daycare at 5824 Westfield Avenue – part of the yard would be fenced in for outdoor recreation. The applicant received preliminary approval from the State, of which the Twp. has not yet received a copy.

Committee had concerns as to where the children would be dropped off and picked up and the number of children allowed at the Daycare – the reply was the children would be dropped off and picked up on Hillcrest and that the number of children would depend on the State.

Committee approved it to move forward, due to most of the restrictions are at the State level; however asked for copies of the States documentation.

Mr. Carr proposed a “party” facility for little girls and small baby showers to be located at 2345 Bethel Avenue. Ms. McCleary would lease the building and host themed parties for little girls and boys. The business would be called “My little sweet tea party”

Committee approved the business to move forward and wished her much success; they also asked Mr. Sinatra to include a blurb about the business in All Around Pennsauken

Mr. Carr introduced Bob Powell (Vineland Construction) Gregory Ricciard and Erin (Parker McCay) who spoke on behalf of Vineland Construction and their desire to place a Solar Farm on the property. The first stated the property was a “Brownfield” and expressed their desire to build the Solar Farm. They would begin by demolishing the vacant building but only to the slab as not to disturb any of the “earth”. They explained the Solar Farm would comprise about 30 acres of the property and the power would be sold back to PSE&G. He commented that facility has been out of commission since the 1970’s.

Committeewoman McBride questioned what the contamination was; to which Mr. Powell replied he did not know

Mr. Grochowski commented that a lot of the land is wetlands

Committeeman Kneib questioned if they had consulted with the Fire Department and asked them to please do so. He also asked if the facility would be fenced and monitored 24/7?

Committeeman Killion questioned the scrap value

Committeewoman McBride questioned if there was anything more to be done with the remaining property - Bob Powell replied there would be a phase II

Mayor Taylor questioned how long for the project – Mr. Powell replied by December next year.

Committeeman Figueroa again questioned the security of the facility and Mr. Grochowski commented that previously there had been air conditioners removed which were on the top of the building. Committee strongly urged them to include 24/7 security.

Committee thanked him and good luck

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Mr. Cardwell reminded Committee that the Double Nickle Brewery would be having their grand opening on Saturday the 24th.

Mr. Carr commented that a National Chain is looking at the Thriftway on N. Crescent Blvd. and commented that it would not be a grocery store.

Mayor and Committee thanked Mr. Carr and Mr. Cardwell for their hard work.

Mr. Padalino, Twp. Clerk gave a suggestion date of January 5, 2016 for the Reorganization meeting date. Committee commented either Tuesday or Thursday would be fine.

Mr. Padalino also brought up a request from a Township resident for a proclamation for the founder of his Buddhist group. Mr. Joyce, Township Attorney advised Committee that it could give the perception of sponsoring a specific religion. He advised them to refrain from giving any proclamation or resolution.

Mayor and Committee stated they would follow the advice of the Township Attorney.

Committeeman Kneib moved a motion to file the department reports; which was seconded by Committeeman Killion and approved with a 5/0 voice vote.

Mayor Taylor opened the floor to the public for comment.

Mr. Elmer Vandergift of Laurel Avenue complained about a very loud car radio that continues to drive around late at night. He commented that he has called 911 several times and it's still going on.

Committee commented that if he can get the license plate number the police will be able to do something.

No one else from the public wished to comment.

Committeeman Killion moved a motion to close the floor to the public; Committeeman Kneib seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0 voice vote

Comments from Committee

Committeeman Killion – thanked everyone for their kindness and condolences on the passing of his mother-in-law and also the passing of his Aunt.

Committeewoman McBride – stated they closed the file on this year's Harvest Festival and that all the bills have been paid. She commented there are still a couple T-shirts owed. The Fire Department had 270 people do Chili tasting #5 (Bloomfield Engine #3) was the winner. She also tipped her hat to Frank Sinatra and his wife for face painting.

Committeeman Kneib – commented that we will begin renovations on all 3 Fire stations and that the preliminary plans have been completed. Should take between 3-6 years and that they would not all be done at one time. Each station will cost around \$2.2M. The Township may go for a Bond we have a good rating but we'll see if we can get a better rating first and phase in the cost.

Deputy Mayor Figueroa – asked about the "MART" site. Committeeman Kneib said it was whispered in the Mayor's ear it was a done deal, but to be cautious that has been said before.

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Mayor Taylor – commented that he is very proud of the Harvest Festival, Job Fair, Beautification, Public Safety and Pennsauken all around. Hope to begin to get more traction under housing. He commented on the article in the Courier Post from Asbury Press and the excellent job they did in explaining how foreclosures work and that it sometimes take anywhere from 3-5 years.

Resolution 2015:286

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF EMPLOYMENT (POLICE DEPARTMENT)

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 21, 2015.
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- Police Department

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Committeeman Killion moved the motion to adopt; which was seconded by Committeeman Kneib and carried on a 5/0 roll call vote.

Mayor and Committee went into closed session at 6:13 pm.

Mayor and Committee returned to open session at 6:33 pm.

Committeeman Kneib moved to adjourn seconded by Committeeman Killion carried on 5/0 voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

Respectfully submitted


Pamela Scott-Forman
Deputy Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED: NOVEMBER 4, 2015