

**MINUTES  
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held via electronic participation on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Killion at 6:02 pm who also called for the Salute to the Flag to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

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

There was special request for electronic participation in the meeting due to current Covid-19 Pandemic.

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 Joe Palumbo, Acting Township Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos and Linda Galella, Esq.

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

A roll call vote was taken to conduct the meeting via Zoom video conferencing

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion to approve  
Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion  
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Regular Meeting	May 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020
Regular Meeting	June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2020

Committeewoman McBride moved the motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.  
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

**BID OPENED:** JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 @ 10AM FOR 2019-2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (BID PACKET 20-01)

**ORDINANCE: FIRST READING**

**2020:13 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALERIES TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Administrator Palumbo: Explains that this is an annual ordinance that establishes salaries for all municipal employees for union, non-union, full and part-time.

No public wished to comment.

Committeeman Dyer moved the motion on first reading to adopt Ordinance 2020:13.  
Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion.  
Ordinance 2020:13 was approved by a 4/0/1 vote.

**NOTE:** Mayor Killion recused himself from this vote

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

**2020:166**

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING, REJECTING AND AWARDING BID FOR THE 2019/2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BID PACKET NO. 20-01 (GWP ENTERPRISES, INC FOR THE TOTAL BID PRICE OF \$420,117.13.)

WHEREAS, bids were originally received and opened for the 2019 / 2020 Road Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and opened for the bid of Bid Packet No. 20-01 on June 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Township consulting engineer has reviewed the bids submitted and has recommended that GWP Enterprises, Inc. 4344 Tuckahoe Road, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094 is the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer recommends to the Township Committee that a contract be awarded to GWP Enterprises, Inc. for the total bid price of **\$420,117.13**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Township hereby awards the contract for the 2019 / 2020 Road Improvement Program to GWP Enterprises, Inc. 4344 Tuckahoe Road, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094 in the amount of **\$420,117.13**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

Administrator Palumbo: Explained that this is the first road improvement project for 2020 that will include Union Ct, Schleicher Ave, Alleyway off of Schleicher Ave, St Martins Rd, Finlaw Ave, Royal Ave, Drexel Ave, Garfield Ave, Toms Ave. Also Guide rail improvements on 43<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut Ave and speed bumps to be installed on Wyndham Rd.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>		√	√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

Committeewoman McBride: Commented that she was not aware of the speed bumps in this location and asked if there was a reason for them.

Administrator Palumbo: Explained that there was most likely a traffic study performed in conjunction with the police department, but he can verify this information.

Committeewoman McBride: Commented that in the past we have stayed away from speed bumps due to how people speed after the bump, but she was just curious on this matter and thanked Administrator Palumbo for his response.

Administrator Palumbo: Stated that he just received a message from the director of public works stating that this was in last year's project but was set back to this year.

**2020:167**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$175.00 FOR HOUSING RESALE MONEY HELD FOR THE SALE OF 6308 WYNDHAM RD, PENNSAUEKEN NJ 08109**

**WHEREAS**, Michaela L. Hartery, 214 Cambridge Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$175.00 for the Housing Resale /Transfer of Ownership located at 6308 Wyndham Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109; and

**WHEREAS** the Construction Official of the Township of Pennsauken is satisfied that the sale of the property was cancelled and has approved same and that Michaela L. Hartery is entitled to a refund of \$175.00; and

**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 Michaela L. Hartery, 214 Cambridge Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

**BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** a certified copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Township Treasurer, Financial Officer, Construction Official and the Applicant by the Township Clerk.

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>		√	√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**PAYMENT OF BILLS-**

**MAY**

Budgeted	\$6,586,799.52
Statutory Expenditures	\$ 21,878.22
Section 8	\$ 44,372.00

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>			√			
<i>McBride</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>		√	√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**Department Report(s)-**

Police; EMS; Fire were submitted for the month.

Mayor Killion: Asked everyone from committee if they received their reports and every one replied yes.

Committeewoman McBride: Asked that if the Police, Ems and Fire were on call because she would like to ask a question.

Mayor Killion: Stated that chief Coyle is present and Chief Nettleton is usually on but was not seen on call.

Administrator Palumbo: Stated that Chief Nettleton would have someone on this call but they might be busy.

Committeewoman McBride: Stated that she just wanted to commend him for the way they handled a situation in Riverfront apartments concerning Ms. Leepond. She asked Chief Coyle to share what was done to reduce the amount of calls to her location.

Chief Coyle: Stated that they were able to reach out to her physical therapist and they were able to give her more strengthening exercises. Also her daily care was able to alter her hours. Chief mentioned that Ms. Leepond also made an effort to make things better for herself as well. We still receive calls because she still needs assistance from time to time but nowhere near like before.

Committeewoman McBride: Stated that this was a very proactive approach to lowering calls where they can be handled by others. McBride thanked Chief Coyle for sharing. Committeewoman also mentioned that she will reserve her question for Chief Nettleton for when he's on call.

**Public Comment- NONE**

No public wished to comment

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Dyer</i>		√	√			
<i>McBride</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			
<i>Killion</i>			√			

**Committee Comments-**

Mayor Killion: Started off by stating that we have 642 cases due to Covid-19 but holding steady and unfortunately 16 deaths. He pleaded everyone to wear their masks even more now that things are opening up. He proudly mentioned that last Wednesday night we had a great vigil in our Township which he is very proud to be part of BLM (Black Lives Matter). He thanked everyone from the township that was involved. He also thanked the residents, volunteers, speakers and the singers who took part in this positive event. He went on to remind residents that as of this Wednesday the Municipal Building has been re-opened to the public and that we have new safety procedures in place for our visitors and as well as for our employees. Mayor Killion also thanked the Administrator and public works for the great job with assisting in all the changes we have made in the Municipal Building for the safety of our residents and employees. He thanked Mr. Scavuzzo for all his effort in this matter. Mayor Killion went on to congratulate Shakir Ali and Elwood (Duke) Martz for their promotion to Director. He went on to say that he looks forward to continue to work with them and that he is certain they will do an excellent job. Mayor Killion ended by wishing all the fathers a very Happy Father's day.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista: Thanked everyone for joining us tonight. He also gave his condolences to all families that have lost a loved one during this pandemic. He mentioned that we are proud of all the efforts that goes on here in town to stop the spread of this terrible virus. Last Wednesday we had a historic moment in this town. This event was put together by our young people who were able to come together on such an important matter. It was awesome to see and I could not be more proud of this town where I grew up. He also mentioned that he spoke to Jasmin Bello who helped put this together. Deputy Mayor said she mentioned that the biggest thing for her was to get the message out there and that Pennsauken will not and does not stand for that kind of ignorance. Deputy Mayor also mentions that he sees everyone wearing masks and says that is great to see. Also went on to remind our residents that our municipal building is open with new safety procedures. He also mentioned that the Sewage Authority is also open and they have been open during the entire pandemic but on a shortened schedule. Deputy Mayor also stated that sewage authorities drive thru is open and servicing our residents. He ended by reminding everyone to keep safe and wear your masks.

Committeewoman Rafeh: Thanked everyone for joining us tonight. She also mentioned how beautiful the weather has been and that she hopes everyone is enjoying themselves safely by keeping their social distance and wearing their masks. Also gave her condolences to those who have lost a loved one during this pandemic. Committeewoman reflected on BLM (Black Lives Matter) event that we had last Wednesday, she was very happy that it was a success and was truly sad she could not make it due to Doctors recommendation during pregnancy. Rafeh went on to thank everyone who took part in this very important event and that she is proud of Pennsauken. Committeewoman Rafeh congratulated Shakir Ali and Elwood (Duke) Martz for their promotion and wishes them great success. Committeewomen ended by wishing all fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Committeewoman McBride: Commented that Westfield Ave looks good. This has been a long sought after project to benefit our residents and businesses. Committeewoman went on to thank our public works for the construction and informing our residents of closures. During the vigil I handed out Census goodies to promote census taking and how and how important it is. She said she did this hoping our numbers would increase specially these times where we do not want to be muted. We need to all be counted and we all need to be represented in government and we have to show that the demographics are shifting. Committeewoman urged everyone not to think of the vigil to be one and done she mentioned that she was really impressed that our youth took part in this event. Committeewomen went on to say that Injustice isn't just by race it's also by being prejudice and promoting hate. It's very important for Pennsauken to continue this talk and I welcome this conversation. She reflected on last week where she watched an Oprah Winfrey panel and Winfrey mentioned that she has been talking about race for 33 years. And to me that is sad that today we are still having a George Floyd situation. 8 minutes and 46 seconds is a long time. I've been talking here for 2 min and it seems a long time. We can do better as a Country and here in Pennsauken as well.

Committeeman Dyer: Thanked everyone on this conference call. Committeeman Dyer stated that as the only black man on committee he felt great to see the town on Wednesday evening come together in solidarity for BLM (Black Lives Matter). We had a lot of people in the crowd and I want to thank Keturah Jones, Angela Nguyen, Ciara Carver, Jenny and Jasmin Bello, Aigner Settles. These young ladies wanted to express their first Amendment right and we sat with them and had that conversation. It was a peaceful event and I hope we empowered more young people. I wanted to thank my nephew Thomas Dyer for such a great speech he gave that night and mentioned he could not be any more proud of his nephew who is currently attending Temple University. Also committeeman thanked Chief Nettleton for his words that were very direct and overall a great speech. Committeeman mentioned that we should keep having this conversation and that it cannot be an uncomfortable conversation anymore. Also committeeman wished a happy Father's Day to all fathers out there. Dyer also congratulated Shakir Ali and Elwood (Duke) Martz for becoming Directors and wished them great success.

Mayor Killion: Thanked Mr. Dyer and the committee for their words.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista: Commented that he also wanted to congratulate Shaker as he calls Shakir Ali and Duke as he calls Elwood Martz on there well deserved promotion. I can't wait to continue working with you guys.

Mayor Killion: Stated that by next time we have our next meeting our Municipal pool will be open to the public. He reminded residents if they are interested in purchasing a membership to please speak to Duke Martz from Parks and Recreation department. Mayor thanked the committee and finalized the meeting.

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to adjourn  
Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion  
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

Meeting adjourned at 6:33PM

Respectfully submitted

*Ana Matos*

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Ana Matos  
Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED: July 23, 2020