

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 2, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President Burton led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and followed by roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Norma Trueblood (Teleconference)  
Donovan Gardner  
Elisabeth McCartney  
Jason Allen  
Gaye Burton

**ABSENT**

Also, present: Business Administrator Daniel Hornickel, Solicitor Andrew Bayer (Teleconference) and Township Clerk, Amy P. Cosnoski.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Burton called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

197-2020 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session – Not Adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Council President Burton opened this portion of the meeting for public comments.

Mrs. Cosnoski advised that the meeting was open to the public but that there were no callers were on the line.

Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed to public comment.

**Consent Agenda: All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine by the Township Council and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.**

Councilman Allen asked to pull Resolution 203-2020 and New Business item A1. Councilman Gardner asked to pull Resolutions 201-2020 and 205-2020.

**\*CONSENT AGENDA**

**\* MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2020.

**\*CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

198-2020	Authorizes liens on certain private property in violation of the Pemberton Township Property Maintenance Ordinance.
199-2020	Authorizes Change Order #1 to the contract with Earle Asphalt Co. in the amount of \$74,462.63. for additional repaving of South Lakeshore Drive.
200-2020	Authorizes the Mayor to execute a Discharge of Mortgage and Note for the premises known as 56 Clematis Street, Block 392, Lot 68.
201-2020	<i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i>
202-2020	Authorizes a contract with ARH Associates for Construction Management and Materials Testing Services for the South Lakeshore Drive Roadway Project in an amount not to exceed \$47,500.00.
203-2020	<i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i>
204 -2020	Authorizes the Planning Board to undertake a Preliminary Investigation to determine whether the Bobolink Blvd. area meets the criteria to become an Area in Need of Redevelopment and/or an Area in Need of Rehabilitation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-14(a).
205-2020	<i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i>

- 206-2020 Authorizes an application to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the FY2020 Municipal Alliance Grant.
- 207-2020 Authorizes an application to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the FY2021 Municipal Alliance Grant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*a. Purchases over \$6,000

- 1. Public Works – Purchase of a Wastecorp Plunger Pump for the Sewer Plant from Wastecorp Pump in the total amount of \$28,750.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

201-2020 Authorizes purchase of Grit Washer Assembly from Walker Process Equipment in the amount of \$43,900.00 for the Public Works Department, Sewer Division. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner asked for an explanation for the need to replace this. Mr. Hornickel advised on a video that had been done at the Sewer Treatment Plant. Explained on the machine that was being replaced as it was beyond its useful life and was not working to its maximum capacity.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve Resolution 201-2020. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

203-2020 Authorizes a contract with ARH Associates for Engineering Design, Land Surveying and Permitting Services for the Rottau Village Water Main Extension Project in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked for details on the project. Mr. Hornickel noted that ARH would begin planning and designing a roughly 1.5-mile water main extension project for all of the streets in Rottau Village. Noted that at some time in the future, there would be a need to amend the ordinance for the hook up to this line. Advised that there were several different approaches and explained what the options were. Mayor Patriarca advised that we are currently putting in all new lines down Scrapetown Road and as part of that project they are stubbing the properties now in preparation to bring water into that development. Stated we would have to go to the DEP to get special permitting. Councilman Allen asked when we could expect this project to begin. Mr. Hornickel advised it would be the Summer of 2021.

Motion by Allen and Trueblood to approve Resolution 203-2020. Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

205-2020 Authorizes various routine refunds. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner noted that people would get all of their money refunded to them with the exception of the fee charged by the credit card company, if they paid with a credit card.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve Resolution 205-2020. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR FINAL ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE 18-2020**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF BLOCK 538, LOT 13.

Council President Burton opened this portion of the meeting for the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cosnoski advised that there were no callers. Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion by McCartney and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 18-2020. McCartney, yes;

Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13

Council President Burton opened this portion of the meeting for the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cosnoski advised that there were no callers.

Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Councilwoman Trueblood's call dropped during this vote.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to adopt Ordinance 19-2020. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 20-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AND PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. FOR USE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LAKES FIRE HOUSE AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Council President Burton opened this portion of the meeting for the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cosnoski advised that there were no callers.

Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Patriarca commented that this was just an amendment to allow the Fire Company to have a cell tower put at that site. Noted that this would bring revenue into the fire company which means less money we have to pay to fund that service.

Motion by Gardner and Trueblood to adopt Ordinance 20-2020. Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

\*a. Purchases over \$6,000

1. Public Works – Purchase of a Wastecorp Plunger Pump for the Sewer Plant from Wastecorp Pump in the total amount of \$28,750.00.

Councilman Allen asked why we were choosing the higher bidder over the lesser. Mr. Hornickel advised that the lower bid would have ended up costing us more as it was not the same type of pump, would require modifications and did not operate at the capacity of what we currently had.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve New Business item A1. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

**b. Parade Permit Application (PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED)**

1. Ellen S. Catalano for Candlelight Vigil for Soroptimist International at Soroptimist Peace Garden on South Lakeshore Drive from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm on October 2, 2020.

Council President Burton opened this portion of the meeting for the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Cosnoski advised that there were no callers.

Seeing no residents wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

Councilman Gardner recommended that people come and join them to hear the stories.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve New Business item B1. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Engineer's Report – 8/27/2020 – No comments.

## **BILL LIST**

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on Bill List dated 8/28/2020.

Council President Burton asked if the fire alarm testing was done by an outside company. It was noted that it was.

Motion by McCartney and Gardner to approve the Bill List as amended. McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes with the exception of any and all grants and bills pertaining to the NJ State Police or the Attorney General's office; Trueblood, yes; Burton, yes. Motion carried.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Bayer reported:** No comments.

## **MAYOR'S AND/OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor David Patriarca:** Thanked Council for their continued support on the infrastructure projects. Stated he is a firm believer that these are priority items to save the town money in the future.

**Daniel Hornickel reported:** Advised that the Township is now the owner of the New Lisbon Water System. Advised we will be meeting with ARH to begin plans to rehab that system with grants and loans we are expecting to obtain. Noted that the Oak Pines Boulevard drainage repairs are underway and will hopefully be done next week. Commented that they will be meeting with engineers to discuss repairs to the stream bank at West End Park. Advised they will have goats out there to eat all of the poison ivy. Commented on the work that Buildings and Grounds has been doing including installing the old security window from the MUA building into the Finance Department. Stated that the Sewer and Water Divisions are doing great work on a day to day basis. Mentioned that in August alone, DPW had picked up 841 piles of brush which is 40% of what was collected all year. Mayor Patriarca advised that what was done with the Finance wall and window is what is going to be done in the other areas of the building. Stated we are just waiting on the counters to be delivered and installed and then we will open up with plastic over the windows until the glass is delivered. Mentioned that he had heard about the goats in a news program and knows how it works over the course of two-weeks. Stated that he is encouraged to see this happen and knows the residents will be thrilled.

## **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilwoman McCartney** – Thanked the School District including Terry Maldonado, Paul and the director of media services to get the census out so people know about it. Asked how the census workers made out if we know and if we would be updated. Mr. Hornickel advised that as of Monday, we were up to 55.7% response rate. Discussion ensued on the Census and the benefits to the town. Commented on the Township website and if there was a way to see how many people utilize it. Asked if we could have multiple pictures on the website. Councilman Gardner suggested that residents provide photos for the website. Discussion ensued.

**Councilman Allen** – Stated that hearing Councilwoman McCartney talk made him appreciate Pemberton Township even more, because there are not a lot of towns out there that have everything that we do including beaches, lakes, parks, building rentals and more. Stated we are very fortunate for the many resources we have. Commented that often people point out how slow government moves so he wants to point out when it moves quickly. Advised that at the last meeting he noted an issue with the fence at the Mirror Lake Beach and a few days later it was in the process of being repaired. Stated he is not saying it was because of his comments but noted that it was already being fixed. Noted that Councilwoman McCartney had asked for the census info to be put on the marquees throughout the Township and that was done right away also. Stated he has received several positive responses on the brush pick up after the storm and he wanted to give kudos to Public Works for that.

**Councilman Gardner** – Questioned if anything had been done with the house in horrible condition on Hanover Boulevard. Mr. Hornickel advised on what had been going on with this house and that he has not heard anything since April. Stated he has to presume that it is better as the two ladies that were here to speak about it have not called to report anything further.

Noted that he had seen photos back in April and there was a significant difference then. Commented that this Saturday in Sunbury Village at 1:00 pm, Jasmine Poole will be holding a free back to school event, at 181 Norcross Lane. Stated that Mr. Softee would be there and he encouraged everyone to support her. Thanked all for coming out and to have a good night.

**Councilwoman Trueblood** – Thanked all for allowing her to be there through the teleconference. Asked for everyone to keep the schools, teachers and staff members in prayer. Asked all to have a good night and will see all at the next meeting.

**Council President Burton** – Thanked everyone here and complimented Council Members for all the different things that they do. Agreed with Councilman Allen that we are very fortunate to leave here. Asked for everyone to be safe. Noted that numbers are going down but some are still getting sick so we need to be mindful.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk