

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 20, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Trueblood 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

Elisabeth McCartney
Jason Allen
Donovan Gardner
Gaye Burton
Norma Trueblood

ABSENT

Also, present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Andrew Bayer and Township Clerk, Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

85-2019 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session – Not adopted

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Trueblood opened the meeting up to general public comments.

James Boland, 226 Filbert St. – 1. Commented on his area of town and that he has been complaining about it since 2008. Noted that on Thursday he saw a house that had 2 full trash cans with 7 trash bags around it. **2.** Commented on the MUA and stated that he had taken Councilwoman Burton's advice and gotten a copy of the Engineers Report. Advised on what he had read in the report and provided his comments. Commented on the bond ordinance on tonight's agenda for \$1.4 billion dollars. Stated that there is no guarantee that the \$6 million dollars will stay in the cash reserve for the MUA. Commented on the anticipated upgrades that are needed by the MUA in the report and that he was advised by the MUA that none of the Engineers had come out to tour the plant. Stated he is not sure who chose the Engineers that did the financial report and stated that they are not a financial firm and we should think about who picked them and why they were picked. Mr. Bayer explained how the Engineer was chosen. Mr. Boland stated that the report has a major mistake in it saying that the MUA has no cash reserve and people were given the wrong information.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. Asked for an update on the Firehouse in Presidential Lakes. Council President Trueblood advised on a video that was put out by the Mayor giving an update. Mayor Patriarca stated that the project is on schedule and that the concrete base was poured today for the fire company side. Stated he went in and toured the recreation side last week and was impressed with what he saw so far. Advised that the bay walls should be brought in next week. Noted that completion was scheduled for the first week of May. Ms. Phillips asked about the septic and well. Mayor Patriarca advised it was being worked on. **2.** Commented on the pool at the College closing on August 15th and asked if the Township has done anything to prevent this. Mayor Patriarca stated that the ship on the college sailed many years ago and the last function there is the pool and the gym. Stated this was a decision made by the College Board of Trustees and not something the Township had a say on. Ms. Phillips asked if the Township was notified of what is going on there. Mayor Patriarca advised that the Towns has not been officially notified of anything that has gone on with the college. Council President Trueblood advised that there was a meeting that they went to and they were told by the College that they were not closing but they did anyway. Mayor Patriarca explained that they were not advised and that there was another meeting after the meeting Council President Trueblood noted and they were basically told that the Township had no say in the future of that site. Ms. Phillips asked if there were any plans for the new owner. Mayor Patriarca stated there is no new owner and it is still owned by the College.

Discussion ensued on the County property. **3.** Ms. Phillips commented on their not being enough transportation for the people in the community. Discussion ensued on transportation. Ms. Phillips asked if the Town could help with getting transportation out to Presidential Lakes including the BurLink.

Sandra Glauson, Browns Mills – 1. Asked when the Spring cleanup is going to be. Mayor Patriarca noted that the Township picks up leaves in the Fall. Discussion ensued on a Spring cleanup. **2.** Ms. Glauson asked about the MUA and if the charges were going to go up and asked Council to reconsider this before taking any action. Councilman Allen asked if the school reaches out and gets any of the graduated student success stories. Ms. Glauson stated that would be a question for Mr. Trongone.

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

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.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

***MEETING MINUTES**

Special Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019 and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2019.

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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| 86-2019 | Authorizes the execution of Federal Aid Agreement No. 2019-DT-DLA-511 (Contract ID 19 70971) with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Phase I - Busansky/Emmons Schools Multimodal Improvements and Walking Routes Improvements Project. |
| 87-2019 | Authorizes a contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for preparation of an Asset Management Plan as to the Township's Water Production and Distribution Systems for Compliance with requirements of the New Jersey Water Quality Accountability Act (WQAA) in an amount not to exceed \$44,300.00. |
| 88-2019 | Authorizes various routine refunds in the total amount of \$1,055.00. |
| 89-2019 | Authorizes a contract with Craig's Auto, Inc., for provision of Towing Services in the Township. |
| 90-2019 | Authorizes a contract with Ridge Auto Body & Repairs for provision of Towing Services in the Township. |
| 91-2019 | Authorizes a contract with Andy's Pro Auto Repairs, Inc., for provision of Towing Services in the Township. |
| 92-2019 | Authorizing Marathon Engineering & Environmental Services to prepare a grant application for Environmental Remedial Activities needed and a Scope of Work Development at the Browns Mills Shopping Center in an amount not to exceed \$6,500.00. |

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2019

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,450,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,377,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for public hearing.

James Boland, 226 Filbert St. – 1. Council President Trueblood explained what this bond ordinance was for. Mr. Boland stated that he could not comment on these things as he did not know what condition these things are in and how much they cost. Expressed that he does not agree with taking out municipal bonds.

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

Motion by McCartney and Burton to adopt Ordinance 8-2019. McCartney, yes; Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 9-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED 'WATER'.

Motion by Burton and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 9-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2019. Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-2019 WHICH ESTABLISHED CY2019 SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON.

Councilman Allen asked what the change was as he thought Council had already approved this. Mayor Patriarca advised that the change reflected one individual who was being underpaid.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to introduce Ordinance 10-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3rd, 2019. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Burton, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON REPEALING CHAPTER 75 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS.

Motion by Allen and Burton to introduce Ordinance 11-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3rd, 2019. Allen, yes; Burton yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS ROWAN COLLEGE AT BURLINGTON COUNTY, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 843, LOT 1 AND LOT 10 AND BLOCK 834.01 LOT 1.01 WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY WAY OF ORDINANCE 23-2018 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2018.

Mr. Bayer explained the ordinance and the Pinelands required procedure and was true for the next Ordinance as well.

Motion by Burton and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 12-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2019. Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER BURLINGTON COUNTY MINIMUM SECURITY CORRECTIONS AND WORK RELEASE CENTER, ALSO KNOWN AS PART OF BLOCK 812, PART OF LOT 9.01, AND LOT 9.03 WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY WAY OF ORDINANCE 24-2018 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2018.

Motion by Gardner and Burton to introduce Ordinance 13-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3, 2019. Gardner, yes; Burton, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 41-14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'POLICE DEPARTMENT'.

Motion by McCartney and Burton to introduce Ordinance 14-2019 with a public hearing to be held on April 3rd, 2019. McCartney, yes; Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval by Council of PTMUA's Professionals appointments (as to fees only) for 2019.

Mr. Bayer asked if the procedural issues were worked out. Mr. Gonzalez advised that they were not. Mr. Bayer suggested that this be carried over to the next meeting. It was a consensus of Council to table this until the April 3, 2019 meeting.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Engineer's Report – 3/14/2019 – No comments.
- b. Zoning Board Annual Report – No comments.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 3/15/2019.

Motion by McCartney and Gardner to approve the Bill List. McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Burton, 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. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Advised on the County's litigation regarding the Township declaring the areas in need of redevelopment. Stated that they are currently finalizing a settlement agreement. Noted that the County has withdrawn their challenges to the Townships redevelopment plan and he hopes to have a Resolution at the next meeting for the settlement agreement.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Complimented the Interact Program from the School District on a program they held at the Senior Center last night that was spearheaded by Mike Pinto. Stated that they held a St. Patrick's Day dinner and that over 100 people were in attendance. Advised that it was decorated really nicely and done really well. Stated that no one else does this with their Seniors. Commented that it has always been the intention of this Administration to reinvest any assets of the MUA back into the infrastructure of the MUA. Commented on the firehouse going up in Presidential Lakes and that it is on schedule and he is very impressed and excited about it as are the firefighters. Stated that people are saying we are just giving the people a trailer park, but that is not true, it is a modular building and with the modern technology and the building that goes on with these types of units. Advised that the well on the north side of town is progressing positively and they were able to get down between 240 and 270 feet. Advised there was an issue where they got stuck around 150 feet and came back to Council for additional funding for drilling and they were successful getting to Englishtown. Advised on where we are in the process. Stated that they had heard from the contractor on the Ong's Run project and the walkway near the library and it is moving along. Commented that the Engineer had resubmitted the final plans for the West End Park project as well. Advised on paving projects for this year. Explained the paving report that Council was given this evening. Noted that he would get Council this year's paving schedule.

Dennis Gonzalez, Business Administrator reported: Provide Council with an update on the 2019 Budget and the schedule. Stated they are hoping they can introduce at the April 3rd meeting.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gardner – Noted that April 3rd was the Senior Prom at the High School and is a very nice function. Commented on the BurLink bus and asked if we could talk to the County. Mayor Patriarca advised that they have had a discussion with the County and will try again. Advised that they had to fight to keep it in Country Lakes due to the lack of

participation. Councilman Gardner stated he would talk to the Mayor about a Spring cleanup. Commented on the videos Administration has been putting up giving out information.

Councilwoman Burton – Stated that the Pemberton Township Education Center Minority Involvement and Recruitment Committee is holding a Fun Plex Fundraiser with all monies raised going towards scholarships for Pemberton’s graduating Seniors and is for all of the Township Schools. Advised that you can contact Sherry Wilkins or Letha Jackson for more information. Thanked all for coming out.

Councilman Allen – Thanked Administration for getting them the paving and West End reports. Noted that last week he was at Mirror Lake basketball and he noticed that the court could use some resurfacing and was not sure if that was something in the plans for this year. Commented on adding reflectors to the rocks at the triangle area on Clubhouse Road. Noted that Tom Besselman was a member of the Whites Bog preservation and had done a nature walk last year and does full moon hikes. Encouraged all to go out and try it and stated he does a great job. Thanked all for coming out.

Councilwoman McCartney – Commented on the Spring cleanup and knows that this is not in the budget but since they have heard several comments what would the next step be. Mayor Patriarca advised that he would have the Director prepare a report breaking down the costs and noting the steps to show what is involved and how much it costs. Councilwoman McCartney stated that Birmingham Road issue was on the Zoning Board agenda and then it disappeared. Mr. Bayer explained the situation and that the attorney representing 2 Birmingham residents had submitted a letter to the Zoning Board, objecting to the application by the Township. Stated that due to this he withdrew the application. Further explained what the application was. Councilwoman McCartney advised that she had taken some of her students to the firehouse in Browns Mills to learn about the training they would need to become EMT’s. Advised that this Friday March 22nd, the BMIA would be hosting a family game night. Added that the BMIA would also be hosting the ‘Necessity of the Family Will’ by Judge O’Brien and Superintendent Tony Trongone would be there to talk about the budget. Stated that she saw the video on the Township website and felt it was well done and straight to the point. Stated she likes to see what we are doing and thinks the resident will really see the work that is going into these projects.

Council President Trueblood – Thanked everyone for coming out. Commented to Mr. Boland that they are aware of the issues he is facing on his street and reassured him that they are concerned as well and both the Mayor and Code Enforcement are aware. Thanked him for bringing these issues and keeping them on their toes. Commented that Council will be attending a JIF meeting and that they will also be seeing a presentation at the BMIA building for the Police Department body cameras. Thanked all and will see next week.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk