

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 17, 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

181-2019 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session – Personnel Matter

Motion by Burton and McCartney to approve Resolution 181-2019. Burton, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

Council went into Closed Session at approximately 6:03 p.m. and returned at approximately 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Bayer advised that there was no action pursuant to closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

James Boland, 226 Filbert St. – 1. Commented that the picnic tables at Reflections park are being enjoyed. **2.** Commented on Councilman Gardner's comments at the last meeting regarding the condemned houses in Mr. Boland's neighborhood. Advised that the banks are buying these properties through tax sale but are not paying fines for the properties and the conditions they are in. Stated that we have an ordinance that fines the banks and it not be used and should be. **3.** Commented that tonight is Mr. Gonzalez's last meeting and wants all to be aware that there is still more work that needs to be done. Stated that the appearance of our neighborhoods affects the quality of life. Noted that he believes that Code Enforcement has the resources but senses that they are being hindered. **4.** Commented that he hopes we are done bonding for commercial real estate as they are buying properties and leaving them sit for years. **5.** Stated that the overwhelming opposition for the dissolution of the MUA should have everyone thinking twice about it. Advised that the emergency sewer maintenance repair money should not be used for anything else as it should be left there for emergency repair. Stated he thinks that all should think about this. Asked all to stay cool and to really think about his comments.

Sherry Scull, Browns Mills – 1. Commented on the history of the BMIA and that they are celebrating 100 years and is one of the oldest, if not the oldest organization in the Township that is civic minded. Stated that they had a picnic celebration in June and in October they will be having a dinner celebration. Stated they are working on planning an event possibly called 'Sail on the Lake'. Provided a history of the properties around the lake and noted that they are going to try and recreate boating on the lake the second or third weekend in September. Stated that they will be inviting all to come out with their canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and pontoons. Stated she appreciates the township working with them to make this happen. **2.** Encouraged Council to really think and investigate the dissolution of the MUA. Stated that Evesham was going to do it and decided against it. Commented that Delran did it and their entire board was replaced in the next election. Stated she thinks that there

are a lot of good reasons not to do this. Noted that running an MUA board is much different than running public works. Advised that she sat on the MUA board for 12 years and it was and is efficiently ran. Stated that someone has to be in charge not just a supervisor but someone with the certifications and knows what they are doing. Asked that they vote for what is best for the community and not what someone tells you they think is best for the community. Encouraged Council to make sure they do all of their research and know what they are getting into. Stated that the money belongs to the people that have paid into it and should not be diverted.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. Noted that this November she will have been living here for 40 years. 2. Commented on the stop sign at the corner of Tennessee Trail and New York and that she has been complaining about it for more than 5 years. 3. Commented on the borrowing of money to fix the parks and brought attention to items throughout Presidential Lakes that need fixing including the basketball court at the beach and by the ballfield and the tennis courts. 4. Commented that the property located at 402 Virginia Drive used to be a library and then the lake store. Stated that whomever bought it cleaned it up inside but not outside and she believes it is being used as a warehouse but she does not know for sure. 5. Stated that there are not too many empty houses in Presidential Lakes as the houses are moving. 6. Asked when the Firehouse in Presidential Lakes will be open. 7. Advised that when she comes to town, she notices that the residents are paying for all the properties that are not being used like the old yellow bank. Stated we are a Township and not a real estate agency. 8. Asked that the islands along Spring Lake Road in Country Lakes needs to be cleaned up. Council President Trueblood provided an update on the Firehouse. Mayor Patriarca advised that the septic tank was approved and installed and is not holding up the project. Advised we have to get electric into the building and suspects this will be approved tonight and installed tomorrow. Noted that we are also waiting for PSE&G to install the gas line as well. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the bids for the concrete work have not been received and should be ready for the next council meeting and tonight on the agenda is the resolution to approve the purchase of the concrete. Mayor Patriarca added that there is a contractor scheduled to do the concrete pad in the front. Noted that the contract in the back was too large to award to anyone without going to public bid. Advised that he has instructed Public Works twice to cut the corner down at Tennessee and New York and it will be done by Friday. Asked that if it is not done by Friday, Ms. Phillips call him to let him know. 9. Asked Council why they do not put the dissolution of the MUA to a vote in November.

Robert Warren, Pemberton – 1. Commented on a business being run out of a home on his street at 1 Vincentown Road. Advised that they are bringing tow trucks all hours of the night and that power was run illegally to the garage at this business. Stated that there have been cars that were dropped off in his driveway by accident that should have been sent to this business as well as trucks and trailers blocking his property. Noted that he has been to Code Enforcement and has made several calls but does not know what else to do. Advised that the owner of the business was told in 2016 to cease and desist and since 2018 it is still going on. Councilman Allen noted that Administration was taking notes and asked what type of business this was. Mr. Warren stated it was a diesel performance business. Noted that he had put up a fence on his property and code enforcement keeps coming after him for a fence but no one is doing anything about the business. Mr. Bayer asked if anyone had communicated what the findings of their investigation was. Mr. Warren said he has been told nothing and this is his last hope. Noted that a person pacing up and down his street in the middle of the night was from the business. Mr. Bayer explained that Code Enforcement reports to the Mayor and Administrator and he can give his number to Ms. Cosnoski who will get back to him with information.

Mayor Patriarca apologized to Sharon for not calling her back as he just remembered there was a message on his desk to call her back.

Tom Fisher, 428 Pardee Blvd. – 1. Advised that he just moved back here and chose Browns Mills because he used to live here. 2. Stated he does not think that the MUA should be dissolved. 3. Stated he sees a lot of improvements in town with houses being bought and remodeled and people moving in. Commented that there are also a lot of people moving out. Advised that there is a house on Pardee down the street from him with a business running out of it since he left in 2011. Noted that there are cars and motorcycles on the roadway that people have to go around.

Lily Jackson, 239 Harvard Ave. – 1. Advised that there is a large hole in the alley behind her home and she has been told it is the homeowners' responsibility and not the Townships. Mayor Patriarca advised that technically that is correct and historically the Township has taken care of the alleys. Stated that they are trying to come up with a solution as part of the problem is trying to get all of the homeowners to agree. Added that the streets in Lake Valley are owned by the Township but the alleys are not owned by the Township. Stated they are working on trying to fix this problem but it is not going to be an easy thing to do. A discussion ensued on the issues of the alleyways. Councilman Allen stated this sounds like it could be a safety issue. Mayor Patriarca reiterated that it is private property and the only recourse we have in a safety issue on private property is to site the homeowner to fix the problem.

Mary Bullock, 452 Cornell Ave. – 1. Stated that she has lived here for 57 years and this is the first time she ever heard that the property owners were responsible for the back alleys. Advised that a few weeks ago there was a downpour and her street looked like a river and her neighbor lost her car. Stated she thought that the Township was supposed to clean out the drains but her son did it and that was the only thing keeping the water from coming into her home. Advised that she is a widow and that most of her neighbors are elderly and ex-military that are on a fixed budget. Stated that she has to budget from one day to the next and thinks to do this would be wrong. Commented that she thinks this is why they lose homeowners. Councilman Gardner asked what the possibility of the residents to be able to look at their deeds to see what area they own and do not own. Mayor Patriarca advised that the deeds are kept at the County. Stated you are looking at a lot of properties to include rental units and this will be a challenging process. Discussion ensued on how the homeowners would know what their property is. Mr. Gonzalez advised that they were looking to send out a form letter to see if the residents of Lake Valley would be willing to do this but ultimately if one property owner says no then you cannot move forward. Councilwoman McCartney asked where the drain was located and was advised it was in the street. Mr. Gonzalez advised that drains are cleaned regularly but when you have a big rain the water tends to move other things to block the drain. Ms. Jackson state that when she moved into this area, she was not made aware that the back alley was her property and if it was explained to her then she would not be here today. A discussion continued on issues throughout Lake Valley. Mayor Patriarca noted that they are addressing the Harvard issue but that the alley way will be a much harder project and noted that he believes that the township should not have approved this the way they did many years ago. Advised that they are looking into this because they know it is an issue and it will not be an easy fix but they are not ignoring it.

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.

Council President Trueblood advised that there was an additional Purchase over \$3,000 to be added to the Consent Agenda for UCC Software, Comcate. Mr. Gonzalez advised on the purchase and what this was for.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to add the purchase of UCC Software to the Consent Agenda under New Business. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Burton, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Allen asked to pull Resolution 183-2019 and 188-2019. Ms. Cosnoski advised that Resolution 191-2019 would need to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Gardner asked to pull the meeting minutes and Resolution 187-2019.

***CONSENT AGENDA**

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

182-2019 Appoints Daniel Hornickel as Burlco JIF Fund Commissioner.

- 183-2019 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 184-2019 Authorizes the refund of a water overpayment to Sahaj Donuts, LLC in the amount of \$855.61.
- 185-2019 Authorizes the purchase of mixed concrete from Mershon Concrete, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 under Burlington County Cooperative Contract No. 4-BUCCP-17005.
- 186-2019 Authorizes various routine refunds in the amount of \$1,022.15.
- 187-2019 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 188-2019 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 189-2019 Authorizes renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption and Club Licenses for the sale of alcohol for the term 2019-2020.
- 190-2019 Authorizes a contract to conduct an online tax sale for 2019.
- 191-2019*
REMOVED Authorizes a three-year contract to provide software for UCC Permitting and Code Enforcement to include data conversion service. *Removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 192-2019 Authorizes the Mayor to execute a license agreement with the First Baptist Church of Pemberton for access and use of approximately two (2) acres on the northerly section of their property; Block 799, Lot 2.01.

NEW BUSINESS

- *a. Purchases over \$3,000
 1. Public Works - Purchase of repair services for Sterling Vac truck from W.E. Timmerman Equipment Co., Inc. in the total amount of \$4,581.30.
 2. Fire Department - Purchase of Annual Hose & Ground Ladder Testing from Fireflow in the total amount of \$4,173.60.
 3. Police Department - Purchase of COPS More Program Annual Software from County of Burlington in the amount of \$14,802.61.
 4. Community Development – Purchase of UCC Software from Comcate in the total amount of \$6,478.70. *Added at the meeting.*
- *b. 2019 Used Automobile Licenses**
 1. Pine View Terrace
 2. Lakeshore Mobile Village/Garden Homes Mgmt.
 3. Hilltop Mobile Village
 ** Contingent on payment of all municipal fees.
- c. 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 18, 2019.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- 183-2019 Authorizes professional services contract with Marathon Engineering & Environmental for Wetlands Delineation as to certain properties adjacent to Noteboom Avenue and the development of a Pinelands Memorandum of Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$15,400.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked what portion of the property this was. Mayor Patriarca Explained that this was the area behind Dominos and the purpose was that there is roughly 285 feet of wetlands and they believe they can reduce that buffer and open that area up more. Stated that all of that area back there is Township property and is part of the redevelopment plan.

Motion by Allen and Burton to approve Resolution 183-2019. Allen, yes; Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

- 187-2019 Accepts a contribution from Aspen Hills in the amount of \$500 for the 2019 Pemberton Township Water Carnival. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner stated he had pulled this to thank Aspen Hills for the donation to the Water Carnival.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve Resolution 187-2019. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Burton, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

188-2019 Authorizes the purchase of one PCMS 320 RGB Rainbow Technology Sign Board from Ver-MAC, Inc., under State Contract #85523 in the total amount of \$21,992.30. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked what kind of sign this was and what it was for. Mayor Patriarca explained that this is a towable sign to give residents information about Upcoming events. Advised that it will be stored at the Department of Public Works. Noted that where it gets placed will be dependent on the activity. Councilman Gardner urged everyone to participate in the Clean Community Cleanup.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve Resolution 188-2019. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Burton, yes; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Motion by Allen and Burton to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019. Allen, yes; Burton, yes; Gardner, abstain; McCartney, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2019

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR STORMWATER PIPE REHABILITATION AND/OR OTHER DRAINAGE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP"); APPROPRIATING \$210,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BOND OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

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

James Boland, 226 Filbert St. – 1. Stated he understands this is for improving drainage and hope that this includes Bishop Street and noted he has video of it. Commented on the damage that happened to his car.

Mr. Gonzalez advised on the roads this was intended for. Councilman Gardner asked the Mayor about Scammel Drive and the timeframe. Mayor Patriarca advised the contractor is scheduled to be out there tomorrow and he hopes it goes smoothly but that they will not know until the contractor opens it up.

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

Motion by Allen and McCartney to adopt ordinance 26-2019. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Burton, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 286, LOT 4 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO LARRY BOZARTH.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Burton and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 27-2019. Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 286, LOT 32 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO LARRY BOZARTH.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by McCartney and Burton to adopt Ordinance 28*2019. McCartney, yes; Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 561, LOT 37 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO RAYMOND VEITENHEIMER.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Burton and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 29-2019. Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 823.01, LOT 11 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO MICHAEL DITARANTO.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for public comment. Seeing no one wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Burton and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 30-2019. Burton, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2. 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 18, 2019.

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

James Boland, 226 Filbert Ave. – 1. Wanted to wish them good luck and hopes they bring awareness. Councilman Allen added that this would be the 15th Annual Candlelight Vigil. Mayor Patriarca advised that they do advertise noted that parking there is very limited.

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

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Engineer's Report – 7/10/2019 – Council had no discussion.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 7/12/2019.

Motion by McCartney and Garner 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; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Nothing to report. Wished Mr. Gonzalez the best on his retirement. Thanked him for being the consummate professional and for working with him over the last several years and for serving the residents, Mayor and Council.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Commented on the drainage issues that were brought up tonight. Noted that all of the towns are dealing with these issues. Advised that this does not mean that the Township does not have a responsibility to address these issues, but advised that it is not an easy task and they will stay on top of it. Complimented the Recreation Department and other departments that were involved with the Water Carnival. Stated that it was not without its problems this year. Noted that one of the vendors got stuck on the beach and a tree fell on one of the access roads. Added that the fireworks got delayed due to an issue with the barges. Stated that there were challenges and everyone was a bit depressed but all overcame and the event happened. Noted that there were four floats and thanked them for a job well done. Commented on the heat and that it is only going to get worse. Stated to not be afraid to check on your neighbors, especially the elderly. Advised on the walk path behind the library and that the bridge has been set. Stated that the pathway is just about complete and will be finished shortly. Commented that this is Mr. Gonzalez's last meeting. Stated that he does have a little more time with us before he leaves and has been working right up to the last minute to get issues resolved. Noted that he has seen people get into retirement mode and backing down off of items that need to be done, but Mr. Gonzalez is not that person and is working diligently to have things in order for when the next Administrator who will be coming in. Stated that he has been dedicated to this town for 7 years and he can say that he has found no one that he respects more with the knowledge he has with local government. Praised his commitment to doing things right and making sure that we do things properly keeping us from getting into jams and avoiding lawsuits. Told Mr. Gonzalez he could not thank him enough for all he has done to help him throughout his time here and he really hopes the next guy that comes in takes a snapshot of what he has done to help him along. State he set the bar high and he wishes him and his family well in his retirement.

Dennis Gonzalez reported: Stated that it has been a privilege to assist the Mayor and Council that he has worked with in the present and the past as well as serving the residents of Pemberton Township. Stated that all have not always agreed but he hopes that for the most part people appreciate that even when we disagree that our interests have always been the well being of the Township government and establishing a firmer foundation for the future of the Township. Thanked the residents, Council and employees. Stated that the employees for the most part are outstanding employees even though they may get mad at us for pushing them to do a little bit more that is the job. Stated that Ms. Cosnoski has been great and it has been great to work with Andy. Stated there are good professionals here who provide good service to the town. Commented that finally, the Mayor took a chance on him mostly because of the fake news from other towns. Noted he was fired in Edison but not from Trenton. Stated this has been a wonderful experience and he has good experience before but that this was a nice end as he leaves the State in a few weeks. Thanked all for the well wishes and he will be keeping an eye on Pemberton.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gardner – Thanked all for coming out. Noted that Council does not always just vote yes and that they do know what they are voting for and doing their research. Stated it has been mentioned a few times since he has been on Council that they are just following their marching orders and that it not true. Stated that they all have individual minds and make their own decisions. Commented on the firehouse and noted it will be finished. Commented on the roads in Mr. Boland and Mr. Petronis' area. Asked Ms. Jackson and Ms. Bullock to be careful with the alleyways. Asked the Mayor about the public works yard being opened later and if there was any information on the usage. Mr. Gonzalez advised that it has been open for four Thursdays and a total of 50 residents have utilized it so it looks like it is working pretty well. Councilman Gardner asked for a status update on the LED lights in Sunbury. Mayor Patriarca advised that the installation was completed in cooperation with JCP&L. Stated if you drive through there now at night it is an impressive change. Stated they are still working on methods to change the culture in that particular neighborhood. Noted that they want to start looking at other areas of town as well to start changing to the LED lights and advised that there was no cost for the change out. Councilman Gardner advised that he was retired military and that there is an acronym in the Air Force called ROAD, Retired on Active Duty. Stated that Mr. Gonzalez is not a ROAD and has always helped Council with their questions. Stated he appreciates all the

time they have spent and for making sure he knew what he was asking. Wished him well in his retirement.

Councilwoman Burton – Thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns. Noted that everyone up there has minds of their own and works well both together and separately. Stated they are truly blessed to have the relationship they do with Administration who allows them to come in and answer the questions that they have. Commented that she will truly miss Mr. Gonzalez and all that she has learned from him as well as the Mayor with their open-door policy making her job easier. Noted she feels content in her decisions. Stated that she had missed the Water Carnival as her mother had fallen ill. Commented that she is looking forward to the other events that are coming up. Thanked all again for coming out and hopes to see all at the next meeting.

Councilman Allen – Asked for Council to get a list of all the Recreation Department activities for when people say there is nothing for kids to do in this town. Commented on things that were planned, activities that were cancelled due to low participation such as the farmers market. Reminded that the Burlington County Farm Fair is up and running. Commented on the mural done on the concession stand and that it is phenomenal. Asked for a financial report on the concession stand and how much it brings in every year. Mayor Patriarca advised they would provide that to Council and thanked him for bringing up the artist for the concession stand. Stated that was done by the Pemberton Township art students. Noted they stated they want to come out next year and do another project. Councilman Allen suggested putting a flashing light in the pedestrian walkway where they hold movies on the beach at Mirror Lake. Stated there is a lot of traffic in that area during that event and this may be of some use. Complimented the Township on the Water Carnival. Stated he knows a lot of work went into and saw several members of Public Works out there working. Commended Mr. Gonzalez on his hard work, knowledge and dedication. Stated there have been plenty of times that he and the rest of Council has gone to him with questions and he is always ready with insight and answers. Noted that the answers made their job a lot easier and assisted in making Pemberton Township a much better place. Wished him nothing but success and happiness and to enjoy the next chapter of his life. Thanked all for coming out and to have a good night and drive safe.

Councilwoman McCartney – Thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their concerns and noted that they do take them seriously. Thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his support and dedication to the community and the help he has given. Stated he has always been ready with an answer plus some and is always objective in the answers he has provided. Wished him luck in the next chapter of his life. Commented on the Water Carnival and stated you would not have known there were issues because they were handled. Thanked all of the employees and noted that emergency services were on point. Thanked Councilman Gardner for taking the photos with his drone. Thanked Recreation for adding illumination to the water. Commented on the BMIA and all the work they have done. Noted that Sherry Scull is the Director and Nadir Shakir is the President. Commented on the triangle and the flowers and wanted to recognize Susan Bishop who was in the audience with her husband and has been the keeper of the flowers making sure they are watered. Advised that Mrs. Bishop had also fixed the second bench that was put there and did not match the original bench. Stated that the next step for the triangle is a sign and in October they will make a meeting with Administration to decide what to do as it is Township property. Commented on Clean Communities and advised what a great thing it is. Noted the grant money your organization can receive. Lastly, regarding the MUA, she has received a lot of emails from residents that do not approve of the dissolution and she is saying publicly that her decision will be based on facts and not anything else. Noted she has asked several questions of Administration who has answered them. Stated she was going to ask for a little research for information from Evesham that did not do it and Delran that did. Stated they have asked the MUA to come and give us information. Stated they did come and have voiced their view, but she does not have anything from them to give her information with the other facts she has and she would really like that. Noted the presentation the MUA was supposed to put on in June but did not and that she is still hoping that will occur. Stated she hears the residents that they do not want that but she is not seeing any facts and would like that information.

Councilman Gardner noted that Mr. Boland comes to every meeting and does not just come with the hard questions. Advised that he had won an award for the BMIA yard contest and congratulated him.

Council President Trueblood – Thanked everyone for coming out. Commented on the brick signing for the new school for Denbo and Crichton. Noted the ceremony was beautiful even though it was hot and a proud moment for all. Stated it is good to see new faces out at

the meeting tonight. Commented on how beautiful the triangle is and all the comments people make about it. Noted that at the last meeting we had there was a horrible storm and it was unreal and flooded. Advised there were challenges but they pressed on. Thanked Mr. Gonzalez for always answering her questions and being patient with them and teaching them and showing them that the most important thing as representatives of the town is how they represent the public and that they do their jobs. Asked everyone to be safe and will see all at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk