

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 1, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Cartier 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
Jason Allen
Donovan Gardner
Letha Jackson
Kenneth Cartier

ABSENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Cartier called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

49-2017 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session - **Not Acted Upon**

Council President Cartier advised that there would be no Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Anne Quinn, Country Lakes - 1. Questioned Resolution 50-2017. Mr. Gonzalez explained that the Director of Community Development and the Mayor have been working with Deborah and the County to determine whether the area around Deborah is a suitable area in need of redevelopment in order to enhance the uses for medical purposes and promote additional development related to medical uses in the area. Stated that the process under the Municipal Land Use Law is that the Council essentially makes a request, by resolution, of the Planning Board that the area be studied to determine if it is an area of redevelopment. Noted that in this case the study will be conducted by a company engaged by the County Bridge Commission and is at no cost to us or Deborah. Advised further on what they will be looking for and how a recommendation will be made. Commented that if all goes through there will be a redevelopment plan created which will go to the Planning Board and Council for approval. Ms. Quinn asked if this was Township property or Deborah property. Mr. Gonzalez advised that most of the property is owned by Deborah but there is additional property in the area and is not taking anyone's property. Noted this is to designate the area for a specific use for certain development in and around Deborah. Councilman Cartier asked if a plan was already in place to develop that property. Mayor Patriarca advised that there is a plan in place but they want to designate the area as an area in need of redevelopment to assist the developer as it will open up more opportunities to benefit the Township including making property taxable. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the project in question is already underway. **2.** Ms. Quinn asked for more information on Resolution 52-2017. Mr. Gonzalez noted a portion of Sepulga will be done and it is only the street. Advised that this is a contract for ARH to design a portion of the road for that project. Councilman Allen asked for an explanation on how Resolutions 51-2017 and 52-2017 go together. Mr. Gonzalez advised that they are both regarding Sepulga but are different parts of Sepulga. Added that 52-2017 is last years award which has been accepted and they want to start design and construction and 51-2017 is the application for additional funds for an additional portion of Sepulga for 2017 money from the State. Noted we did not receive enough money last year to complete all of the road so they divided it up into **2. 3.** Questioned Resolution 57-2017. Amy advised that this is a person top person transfer of a liquor license and is just for the license as the building is separate and owned by the bank. **4.** Questioned the ordinances and if these were the properties that were sold. Mr. Bayer advised that these ordinances confirm the Townships ability to convey the properties to the successful bidders.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - 1. Asked about the status of the Firehouse building in Presidential Lakes. Mayor Patriarca advised that they are meeting with the developer tomorrow to go over options on that property. **2.** Commented on the public always speaking at the end of the meeting and it changed recently and said she did not vote for this change. Feels that Council should speak at the same time. Councilman Allen advised that last year when he was Council President he had it listed as an agenda item to rearrange the sequence of the meeting and it was voted on and changed by majority vote. Ms. Phillips stated that there are people that cannot make it to the meeting on time to make their comments. Council President Cartier stated that there were also people that did not want to stay late to have to make their comments. A discussion ensued on public comments and the changes and bylaws. **3.** Ms. Phillips commented that a light is needed on Oregon Trail and Upper Mill Road because it is very dark. Council President Cartier asked Administration to look into putting a light there. **4.** Ms. Phillips commented on the deaths at the intersection of Routes 70 and 530 and the need for a blinking light. Council President Cartier noted the County and the State would have to be the ones to put a light there and that the Township has expressed their concerns to them as well.

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

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 Resolutions 53-2017 and 56-2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- 50-2017 Authorizes the Pemberton Township Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation into whether a Designated Study Area in Browns Mills is a Non- Condemnation Redevelopment Area.
- 51-2017 Authorizes the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2017 State Aid in order to fund reconstruction of a portion of Sepulga Drive.
- 52-2017 Authorizes a contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for project design services related to the reconstruction of a portion of Sepulga Drive in an amount not to exceed \$30,600.00.
- 53-2017 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 54-2017 Authorizes the sale in CY2017 of Scrap Metal not needed for public purposes.
- 55-2017 Awards a contract to EIC Agency Corp. for the provision of Third Party Plumbing Sub-code Inspection Services.
- 56-2017 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
- 57-2017 Authorizes a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License from Anapas Country House to Joe Ngov.
- 58-2017 Authorizes renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for Joe Ngov.

Motion by Trueblood and Jackson to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Gardener, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- 53-2017 Commemorates and congratulates the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund on 25 years of successful operations. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked if there was a way to track the amount of money we have saved each year by being members of the JIF. Mr. Gonzalez commented that he did not know how they would be able to determine how much they've saved because the assessments stay with the JIF for a period of 6 years and are not able to be eligible for money back until after 6 years. Noted that reports have been provided to Council to show the expenses to date. Stated he believes we have been doing pretty well and is hopeful that after the 6 years we will benefit and get a rebate from the first year.

Noted that we just completed our 4th year and 2017 will be our second 3 year contract with them.

Motion by Allen and Jackson to approve resolution 53-2017. Allen, yes; Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

56-2017 Authorizes an application to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the FY 2018 Municipal Alliance Grant. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked if we are responsible for the in-kind services. Mr. Gonzalez believes we are and we generally report the time and costs of our employees and managing the program along with the board as well.

Motion by Allen and Trueblood to approve Resolution 56-2017. Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 338, LOTS 5 & 6 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Councilman Allen asked what the \$750.00 in costs were. Mr. Gonzalez advised that this was an amount that he had anticipated based on time and services that would be needed regarding the processing of these deeds..

Motion by Trueblood and Allen to introduce Ordinance 2-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 153, LOT 33 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 3-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 244, LOT 32 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 4-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 452, LOT 15 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Motion by Trueblood and Allen to introduce Ordinance 5-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 121, LOT 42 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Motion by Jackson and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 6-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON.

Council President Cartier noted that last years salaries are close to the maximum. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the ordinance is base salary and does not include any longevity, etc. Stated that the numbers before Council include the proposed raises from 2016 for base salaries. Mayor Patriarca added that the numbers included in the Ordinance only reflects the base salaries so any additional compensation will be reflected in the budget. Council President Cartier stated that the Chief Municipal Office for 2016 was \$1900.00 from the maximum and this year will be close to or possibly go over that maximum amount. Mr. Gonzalez advised that he would review this but did personally go through and review it again.

Motion by Trueblood and Allen to introduce Ordinance 7-2017 with a public hearing to be held on February 15, 2017. Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a. Engineer's Report

Mr. Gonzalez advised he forgot to forward to Ms. Cosnoski but will email to her and she can provide it to Council.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 1/26/2017.

Councilwoman Trueblood questioned the legal services on page 2 for Danitom. Mayor Patriarca advised that this is the developer that proposed development off of Pemberton Boulevard and Trenton Road. Noted that he is in agreement to purchase property from us for the last 10 years and has yet to pay us so we are taking him to court. Mr. Bayer advised that this is being handled by Special Counsel not by the Solicitor due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve the Bill List. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Commented that we are still paving and are doing the drainage work on Washington coming into Presidential Lakes from Route 70 to Connecticut. Stated they are hoping to mill this week. Noted the plant is still open so they will keep going as long as they can. Mr. Gonzalez noted that we still have approximately \$90,000.0 in the old contract for the purchase of asphalt so we are still using last years money so it is working out well.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gardner - Nothing.

Councilwoman Jackson - Noted that the Pemberton Township High School play, "The Music Man" is February 3rd and 4th at 7:00 p.m. and February 5th at 2:00 p.m. and is \$10.00, but is well worth it. Commented that it is all students and that they do an awesome job. Commented that Pemberton Township Recreation Department is having a Sweethearts Dance on February 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is open to all. Thanked all for coming out and to be safe and to have a good evening.

Councilwoman Trueblood - Thanked everyone for coming out and to stay warm. Commented that this past Sunday the BMIA had a presentation where the Mayor gave updates on all of the projects going on in the town. Stated that she heard from many of the residents and they were very pleased with all of the information given and how it was explained. Thanked the Mayor for doing this and stated that it was very well attended.

Councilman Allen - Thanked everyone for coming out and to have a good night.

Council President Cartier - Asked Council to come to the next meeting with dates available for the Budget meetings. Thanked everyone for coming out and to be safe.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk