

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON  
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 16, 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, Business Administrator, Dennis Gonzalez; 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**

166-2017 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session - Not Adopted

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

**PRESENTATION**

a. Resolution 167-2017 Recognition for years of Service of Officer White.

Council President Cartier read the resolution into record.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to adopt Resolution 167-2016. Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

b. Safety Presentation by Risk Management Consultant (Hardenbergh Insurance)

No one from Hardenbergh was present to do the presentation.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bayer advised that due to the agenda and the crowd in the audience, Council would be limiting comments to 5 minutes per person.

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

**James Boland, Filbert Avenue - 1.** Commented on the zombie foreclosures and explained what the term meant and the law passed to control them. Stated he does not understand why Council has not responded to the correspondence he sent them and why nothing is being done. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the enabling statute was adopted by Council in December of 2014 which is used in the Code Enforcement process with respect to foreclosed properties. Mr. Boland stated that in his area there are several dilapidated homes that are owned by banks. Mr. Bayer stated there was a list of homes and advised on the process to register the homes. Mr. Bayer stated this was an additional ordinance adopted specifically to hold the companies that have foreclosed on properties accountable for the properties.

**Hazel Mathis Crosby, Sunbury Village -1.** Stated she has been a resident of Sunbury Village since 1956 and currently resides on Kinsley. Noted she was here specifically to address a flyer that was put on her door by Mr. Gober and went through the bullet points. Stated she believes that the landlords are sincere in what they are doing. Commented that Mr. Gober made a statement about giving second chances but that it stops being a second chance when given a half dozen times. Continued through the points listed on Mr. Gober's flyer. Asked what about all of the families that have lived there for years and have endured. Stated that some people want cameras but her vote is for speed bumps. Stated she wants the homeowners to be given a second chance. Asked Mr. Gober to find logging for the people

he rents to in his neighborhood or his children or grandchildren's neighborhood. Stated they are not changing the name and what she grew up with.

**Cora Lee Porter, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated she is one of the people that Mr. Gober gave a second chance to and was homeless 7 years ago with her son. Stated when she had no place to go he helped her. Commented that she thinks cameras are needed in Sunbury.

**Lorraine Sutton, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated that the problem is with the gang members. Commented that it is not the people that are from there that are causing the problems, the murders and the gunshots. Commented on the various issues they are having. Stated she wished something could be done.

**Dawn Haines, Sunbury Village - 1.** Commented that she has lived throughout Sunbury since she was a kid. Commented on the shootings, drug deals and other issues. Stated she doesn't want to be outside and only goes from her house to her car. Noted the lighting is bad out there as well. Commented on what it was like when she was younger. Noted the challenges she faced and Mr. Gober giving her a second chance. Stated she is not saying cameras will make a difference and she knows you can't catch everything but they may help. Agreed with the speed bumps being put in. Stated she is not putting down the police officers but when they are called out they see what is going on and do nothing. Stated she is afraid and doesn't want to be a target.

**Susan Sacco, Lemmon Avenue, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated she has been a Sunbury resident for 10 years and is in the process of purchasing her home and the one attached to her. Commented on the various issues they are dealing with including the gangs and the kids being out of control. Stated she researched cameras being used in Camden and the reduction in crime because of them. Stated she has nothing against the police department and has called them herself and they always come. Noted she is a Board member with the 'Won by One' organization. Noted some of the things they have done to try and help but stated they need the extra help. Stated she has a camera and is not afraid to chase the kids down because she refuses to put up with it. Commented that the speed humps are definitely needed. Noted grants are available from the USDA for low income home owners.

**Peter Sawyer, Kinsley Road, Sunbury Village - 1.** Commented on the stop signs not being obeyed right in front of his house. Commented on the Township getting a cloud service for the cameras that have all been purchased already by the residents. Stated he has no problem seeing something or saying something. Advised that he was also given a second chance by Mr. Gober and noted the challenges he faced with his wife's disability. Commented on an ordinance passed by Moorestown that requires residents with cameras to turn footage over to police if requested.

**Ondrietta Johnson, Sunbury Village - 1.** States she is in favor of changing the name and recently moved here to take care of her sister. Stated it shouldn't matter who is getting a second chance or not and that public safety should be number one. Noted the various things she has worked on previously while residing in California. Noted various issues she has encountered and asked why these things are allowed to occur including renting to criminals. Asked about looking into community policing and foot patrols. Commented on the many things available in California. Stated we can't just ask for cameras to change things and suggested parenting classes and meeting people where they are.

**Bob Pelletier, North Pemberton Road - 1.** Commented on the problems in Sunbury and a State task force that was put in place some years ago to patrol the streets each night in Camden. Commented on reaching out to see if they could get State troopers there. Stated he would like to see the township make an attempt to reach out for resources that may be available. Suggested special administrative districts that would allow for extra police patrols, trash pick up and other services that would be provided. Added that with this there would be additional taxes charged based on the area. Stated he understands people don't want to pay more taxes but there is a problem and this is a way to address it.

**Caroline Marsh, Norcross Lane, Sunbury Village - 1.** Commented on the things going on that shouldn't be going on. Stated that her son was killed on May 9th in Williamstown. Commented on the cars racing up and down the street and asked that the children be protected out there.

**America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - 1.** Commented that the people in Sunbury deserve a better life and asked for help for them. Asked if the residents of the town have been notified of the pedophiles in the area. Stated that the Mayor will be leaving Administration in 2018

and if the drainage on Tennessee Trail that she has been asking for since 2014 will be done before he leaves office. Commented on the damaged fence at the Presidential Lakes Beach and the grass on Spring Lake Boulevard that the man is cutting. Asked for an update on the firehouse in Presidential Lakes. Mayor Patriarca advised he is working on it.

**Richard Gober, Ventnor - 1.** Commented on the flyer that he had printed out and delivered to all the residents of Sunbury. Commented on the name change and explained the reason for suggesting a name change. Stated he is not here to fight but instead wants to work with Council and Administration. Commented on the recent shooting in Sunbury and is just asking to try and reach out for help. Noted there were several he asked to come out but they were afraid of retaliation for speaking out. Commented on the many reasons people are afraid. Commented on crimes being solved with the use of camera surveillance. Noted that his residents are there because they can't find something else in better locations for the rent he charges. Asked to have a Council meeting at the Nesbit Center once a year. Encouraged the residents to get up and speak up.

**Claudia Storicks, Kinsley Road, Sunbury Village - 1.** Noted she has butted heads with Mr. Gober many times. Stated that her daughter and grandson live with her and this is one of the scariest times she has seen in Sunbury in the 45 years she has lived there. Commented on the state of the economy and how bad it is. Advised that her daughter and grandchild's father have been laid off. Stated that she has not seen a real police presence in the last couple months. Commented on a bullet flying through her and her neighbor's yards. Stated that she feels that cameras put in will be shot out by the people with guns. Commented on changing the name of the development and stated that it is not an entity that is owned by someone so the name cannot really be changed. Stated it has always been Sunbury Village and will be that until the whole thing is demolished which will hopefully not be for another 100 years. Agreed with the speed bumps and suggested lowering the speed limit to 15 miles per hour.

**Yolanda Wright, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated that she was a new resident and was unaware of Sunbury's reputation and that she thought Trenton was bad. Noted some incidents that have occurred since she moved in. Stated that something needs to be done to clean up the area. Advised on her and her children's background in education and employment and advised that not all in Sunbury are drug dealers. Stated that cameras are a deterrent but admits she does not know the costs associated with that. Agreed that there needs to be more of a police presence and feels lowering the speed limit or putting in speed humps will help.

**Hilda Brown, - 1.** Commented on planning a family reunion in Lake Valley Acres and advised that she was met with some challenges. Advised that she had submitted her application on March 2nd for approval and received an email on August 14th, 5 days before the event. Stated this is usually done by the Lake Valley Association and since they did not do it she was doing it as a private citizen. Advised that she had run into a wall and asked what it is a private citizen has to do to make a difference in their community. Commented that she never got a call from the Mayor or Administrator but they talked to everyone around her and asked why they did not reach out to her. Stated she was trying to do what she was raised to do and love her community and feels like she always runs into a wall.

**Jerry Sutton, Lemmon Avenue, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated he enjoys where he lives and gets along with his neighbors. Commented on the 2 recent shootings and stated that the truth is that the people doing the killing don't live in the neighborhood but are bringing the trouble to the neighborhood. Stated that this is where we all need to come together both Council and the people that live in Sunbury to help get it together there. Commented on enforcing the curfew. Stated that at 2:00 a.m. he has seen 9 and 10 year old kids walking around. Commented that speeding is an issue in Sunbury and agrees with the needs for speed bumps before someone gets seriously hurt. Agreed with changing the name if it would work. Stated that cameras may help cut the crime down a little. Noted the people are stealing things and selling them to the drug dealers. Stated he knows all have a lot to do and feels the Mayor is doing a great job, but they need help in Sunbury. Asked for all to come out and see what is going on out there. Noted problems he is having with people coming out and leaving trash instead of picking up the trash. Stated he knows the trash company gets upset because people aren't using trash bags, but why turn the can upside down on the street with trash still in it. Stated that both the government and the people that live in Sunbury need to come together. Stated they need help with the enforcement of the laws, making sure the lawns are cut and cars aren't on the lawn. Asked for all to work together.

**Michelle Yalla, - 1.** Stated she was here along with Hilda Brown regarding Family Day in the Park. Stated that this had started as a yearly event held by Carolyn Lyons and does not

remember there being issues like they have had now. Commented that if the Civic Association wants to be a part of this and knows that they do this why aren't they coming together with them to hold this event and instead is getting shut down for whatever reason while they continue to do their own thing. Commented on their community staying united and they are trying to continue Ms. Lyons legacy. Stated that if we continue working to keep the community together and holding these positive events maybe these kids will see what is being done and start walking in the right direction. Commented that shutting things down like this makes them feel like they are getting pushed back and that is why the kids are going the wrong way. Stated it takes a village to raise these children and stand for something or nothing at all. Stated they deserve this and are not asking the Township for any money. Asked the Civic Association to join them on Saturday and stated that united we stand divided we fall. Commented that if they don't do things as a community they will not be done.

**Derrick Davis, Lake Valley - 1.** Stated he has lived in Lake Valley since 1972. Commented on the concerns he has with the park being chained and bolt locked 24 hours a day 7 days a week and he does not understand why. Commented that people don't want to take their kids there because of this. Noted he has seen the Mayor at events in the park and as soon as the event ends it is locked back up. Asked what is so bad about Lake Valley that it has to be locked up all of the time and asked who he can get answers from. Stated there is crime everywhere and Lake Valley does not have an abundance of crime. Stated that the residents try to look out for each other.

**Kyle Chapman, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated he recently moved back to Sunbury after living there many years ago. Noted that Mr. Gober is giving him a second chance. Stated he has seen the Police are doing their job and has seen them going by his house every 15 minutes some times trying to keep the kids off the street. Stated it is the residents and adults who need to get with their children to stop this. Stated that they do need speed bumps because it will stop the speeders. Noted he is raising his 2 grandchildren the best he can and is afraid for them to go outside and will not even allow them to go to the sidewalk. Stated he has been here a year and his house has been broken into twice. Stated he has cameras at his house and he will put them up for other people for free if they ask.

**Sharon Chiovaru, - 1.** Stated she was here a month ago and talked about her son being jumped. Advised that now she is having problems with kids who are knocking down everyone' mailboxes. Noted she caught 2 kids playing with flares in front of her house. Stated that as soon as someone yells "Cops coming" everyone runs. Advised that there were kids hiding in her back yard because the cops were coming and they were laughing like it was a joke. Stated that the code says 4 people to a home and there is a house with 15-20 people living in it. Stated she agrees the police are doing their job and commends them but it goes further than that. Asked why nothing else could be done. Agreed with getting speed bumps and cameras would help. Asked if a grant has been applied for and noted various other grants received by the Township. Asked if any murders have been solved.

**Yvette Smith, Kinsley Road, Sunbury Village - 1.** Asked how many more lives have to be taken before something is done. Stated she would welcome anyone to come stay in her home for 48 hours. Asked for all to come through Sunbury and make their presence known and see how they live day in and day out. Noted it does start at home and asked that the curfew be enforced and the parents be held accountable. Commented that making it harder on the parents will keep the kids off the streets.

**Pamela Rabb, Lake Valley - 1.** Stated she has lived in Lake Valley since 1972 and is proud of her community coming together. Stated that Hilda has taken the initiative to bring the community together. Stated she would love to see this continue on a regular basis and to see all come together unified as one. Commented that this event was to have fun and show love to one another. Stated they should not be at each others throats but stand for each other and be there for each other. Stated that Family Day is not just for Lake Valley but for the whole community. Note that they look forward to this event as many haven't seen each other in years.

**Kathy Sheridan, Lake Valley - 1.** Noted that she is one of the old school charter members of the Lake Valley Civic Association. Stated she was at the meeting to support Hilda Brown who called her today very upset. Noted she did not know all that had taken place but that she will say the Township has always supported the Association. Commented that she was upset because she felt it was inappropriate that Ms. brown was only given 7 days notice that the event had to be cancelled because of certain things not being in place. Commented that she hopes the Township would continue to work the people from Lake Valley. Stated Ms.

Brown was very talented in terms of working with the community and she intends to work with Ms. Brown to make sure this generation of children growing up in Lake Valley will have a good legacy with Lake Valley regarding fun, getting together, being together and enjoying the community.

**Pauline Smith, Sunbury Village - 1.** Commented on her home being set on fire twice because of flares and fireworks. Gave details on what had happened and that she was questioned more than the people across the street who were setting them off. Noted the damage that had been done to her house from a police chase and things still not being fixed. Commented on the issues with flares and asked if it is against the law for them to be shooting off fireworks. Mayor Patriarca stated it was. Ms. Smith asked what happens because sometimes it is children but it is also adults. Mayor Patriarca advised her to call the police because they are the only ones that can enforce it as he and Council cannot. Commented on the revolving door of neighbors and the gangs coming in. Advised that she had told the cop that if she had to call him to her house again he could bring handcuffs for her because she had just gotten a new car and the kids were bouncing a ball on her car. Stated that when she went out to talk to them they gave her trouble. Advised on what happened. Commented on the parents not doing what they are supposed to do and she has had it.

**Deborah Ferrara, Pemberton - 1.** Advised the Council to get on board. Stated that they have been voted in to do a job and need to do it. Asked for them to listen to the people because there are major issues.

**Rich Thorough, Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated that he was the one that was pistol whipped. Stated that something needs to be done about the unsolved murders and feels the cameras would help identify the people doing this.

-----, **Sunbury Village - 1.** Stated she has lived her for over 30 years and agrees with installing surveillance cameras. Advised that when she was in high school she lived in University Park Apartments and how bad it was out there at one time and how installing cameras changed that. Commented on the kids have nothing to do and thinks that is why the kids are acting out so much. Commented on not being able to go to Wawa at night because people are begging. Stated she came out the store and there was a drug addict sitting on her car asking for money. Commented that she lives in Browns Mills now and her house has been broken into. Stated there was a shooting at her house by Bounty Hunters and nothing was ever done with that either.

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

Councilwoman Jackson stated that she wanted to respond about the Family Reunion and noted that Council had received a copy of Ms. Browns application. Noted that the type of event she requested was a family reunion for 70 people and did not indicate that she wanted use of the park. Stated she is a little confused and would have liked to ask Ms. Brown a few questions about this but she has left. Commented that she did not believe that Administration or Council would ever want to not have or support a family day function. Stated that the event was not blocked and that the event can still be held. Commented on the speed bumps and Council having discussed them previously and can possibly look into again. Confirmed that 2 new Code Enforcement officers have been hired and 1 more coming, to help in this area. Asked if the fence at Lake Valley Park has always been chained. Mayor Patriarca advised that no one is being prevented from going into the park. Advised that the area that is chained off is the access area for Public Works to maintain the park. Stated that the park is accessible and that there is a walk bridge across the park currently and they are in the process of battling Pinelands now to put a larger walkway into the park across the infamous ditch. Stated they are trying to make the back part of the park more accessible. Stated that there has been history of problems when people get back in the park and can't be seen but it has never been closed off and has been accessible. Stated that they do have fenced areas in other parts of the community with gates that are chained off such as in Presidential Lakes. Stated the parks are only open from dawn to dusk as required by ordinance. Councilwoman Jackson asked if residents are notified of pedophiles in the area. Mayor Patriarca stated there is a standard for certain levels of child molesters or individuals who have committed crimes of a sexual nature. Advised that certain tiers have to be reached to notify the public and not all individuals are required to be made notice of. Stated the law does not allow the town to notice every resident it is certain residents within a certain radius of that individual's home and the police do take care of that. Councilwoman Jackson stated that as far as the Lake Valley Civic Association she is one of

the officers on the committee that had done the Family Day with the last being 4 to 5 years ago. Stated that the Association had to file the same paperwork that was requested of Ms. Brown to file. Stated that the Association had a few members come out here and there and usually only when something personally affects them. Stated she thinks Community Day in Lake Valley is awesome but that is not what was applied for. Stated that a 70 person family reunion is night and day compared to what was actually happening. Commented that she is not opposed to it however proper paperwork was not presented. States that she had spoke to Mr. Gonzalez who advised her the event had not been cancelled so she is not sure why she assumed it was. Mr. Gonzalez advised that he thought some were confused about the event as the reason a question was raised a few days ago was because it came to his attention that there was a large event with hundreds of people being planned for the park and the application submitted was for the rental of the Dominique Johnson Center building and only the building. Stated the application was for 50 adults and 20 children to have a family reunion so when it was discovered that this event had sent an invitation to 700 people to come to the park that is what became a problem. Noted that public safety became an issue as well as facilities, comfort facilities and a variety of other things. Stated that for this event a different application would have been required to use the park which would have to go before Council such as a parade permit does along with a Public Hearing. Stated that they were not in a position to advise Ms. Brown earlier than they did because she did not tell them what she really wanted to do. Councilman Allen asked if the form was submitted in March why were they not notified until now that it was the wrong form. Mr. Gonzalez stated that they did not know it was the wrong form because they didn't find out until a few days ago that what was actually being planned was different from the applicant's request presented to the Township. Mayor Patriarca stated that if a form is submitted for a permitted use they would have no reason to question what they are doing, but when it turned out to be something totally different than what was requested, it needed to be addressed. Councilwoman Jackson stated that all could agree we cannot go by Facebook, but even if 150 people instead of 700 it is still presented a problem because she only requested the building and not the park. Asked if Ms. Brown or anyone else had come to talk to administration to try and work something out. Mr. Gonzalez stated it was not a matter of working something out because there is no application for the use of the park. Noted that Ms. Brown had admitted that more than 180 people would be in attendance and he received calls from people in other states questioning what was going on that this community event was being cancelled. Reiterated that they did not know there was an event going on as Ms. Brown applied and paid for a personal family reunion in one of the Township buildings. Stated that Administration had no reason to question a community event because Ms. Brown never told Administration there was going to be a community event. Stated that a community event in a park is considered an assembly under Chapter 136 of the Township code requiring a permit like a parade would and would have to be sure it was reviewed by Police, Fire and EMS to be sure public safety concerns were addressed. Advised that had they known they would have been able to discuss with her the various things they could have helped her with. Stated he feels it is a great idea but only if they know about it but they did not. Mayor Patriarca commented on the town's willingness to hold these types of events and advised on helping the Civic Association to plan these events for years. Noted that this particular situation brought concerns for the protection of the Township because if something is not planned or put in place you run the risk of being sued. Mr. Gonzalez stated that Administration would be happy to work with whomever in Lake Valley to plan something for an appropriate time under the appropriate conditions. Council President Cartier clarified that a parade permit was not something that could be added to the agenda last minute like other items as it needs to be advertised so the public can have an opportunity to voice any concerns. Mayor Patriarca commented on rules that needed to be followed by all and are necessary. Councilwoman Jackson commented that anything that can bring family and community together was a great thing and doesn't want anyone to think that Council would not want that to happen.

Councilman Gardner commented that cameras are great and can help solve crime and help catch a crime that is being monitored right on the spot. Noted that he has cameras at his house and if a crime occurs the footage is for the police. Stated that if he owned properties like Mr. Gober he would want cameras on his properties to protect his investment. Commented that if they put cameras in Sunbury, who would pay for it and he is sure if they have to raise the taxes and Mr. Gober has to pay more in taxes to pay for them, then he is sure their rent will go up to cover that. Commented that people who own private homes in Sunbury should put their own cameras up as a deterrent. Noted University Park Apartments putting cameras up and did so as a private property to help solve a problem. Advised that as a Township they could not go and put cameras up on a private property. Commented that putting cameras up is not the answer it may help but there is more to it. Commented on the kids in Sunbury and asked where the parents are. Stated that if his kids

are out past curfew it shouldn't be the police telling the kids to go inside it should be the parents telling them to get inside. Stated that if kids are bringing home cell phones or packages of meat that they did not buy, why aren't the parents asking where it came from. Stated that the behavior is being condoned by the parents and as he said before Council and Administration can not legislate parent responsibility in the home. Commented that the landlords should be responsible for checking to see who is staying in the house and should not just let anyone in to fill up a house. Commented to the residents from Sunbury and noted that the ones here tonight are the responsible ones because they are willing to come out and speak up. Commented that he feels the speed bumps are a good idea. Mayor Patriarca stated that they would be bringing that to Public Works to see if we can do that ourselves in Sunbury. Councilman Allen asked Administration to also look into increasing the lighting in Sunbury as well as the trash company. Stated he had reviewed Ms. Johnson's video and it seems there are several code enforcement issues and asked Administration to look into this as well. Mayor Patriarca stated that you can not enforce your way out of these problems whether with Police or Code Enforcement. Commented that Ms. Johnson said it best that the whole community needs to come together. Noted that we will have 3.5 new employees in Code Enforcement and they are addressing 2 vacant houses in Sunbury. Councilman Allen stated that often times people come to the meeting when things are going on and point the finger at Administration and Council but noted that they all hear what is being said and are working to help. Noted the person willing to step up and do a community watch. Referenced the vacant house ordinance put in place. Noted the variances in the reports on Police presence among the residents of Sunbury with some saying they see them working and others saying their not out there. Noted the hiring of additional officers. Addressed Mr. Gober and that he hears his compassion but asked what he is doing to clean up Sunbury and make it better. Councilman Gardner stated the trash workers do a great job but it is easier for them to slide the can upside down. Mayor Patriarca stated he would personally suggest using bags for trash and not just putting trash in the can to help.

**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 Gardner asked to pull New Business items A1 and 2. Councilman Allen asked to pull Resolution 171-2017. Councilwoman Jackson asked to pull Resolution 182-2017.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **\*MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2017.

### **\*CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

- 168-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Barnes on Block 845, Lot 3.
- 169-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Barry on Block 67, Lot 45.
- 170-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Bidgood on Block 628, Lot 4.
- 171-2017 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda to be considered later in the meeting.*
- 172-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Diliberti on Block 604, Lot 11.
- 173-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for English on Block 236, Lot 1.
- 174-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Haines on Block 794, Lot 8.01.
- 175-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Hart on Block 894, Lot 69.04.
- 176-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Hernandez on Block 797, Lot 2.02.
- 177-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans

Property Tax Exemption for Wolfe on Block 671, Lot 28.01.

- 178-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Rayner on Block 8, Lot 13.
- 179-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Holloway on Block 725, Lot 17.
- 180-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Kent on Block 843, Lot 22.
- 181-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Peterson on Block 23, Lot 59.
- 182-2017 *Pulled from the Consent Agenda to be considered later in the meeting.*
- 183-2017 Authorizes release of maintenance bond for Autozone, Block 779, Lot 1.
- 184-2017 Authorizes refund of tax overpayment to Tindall in the total amount of \$445.87.
- 185-2017 Authorizes Professional Services Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers and Affiliates for preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for the former Burlington County Minimum Security Correction and Work Release Center Property in Pemberton Township previously designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- 186-2017 Authorizes Professional Services Contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers and Affiliates for preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for the Rowan College at Burlington County Property in Pemberton Township previously designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment.
- 187-2017 Authorizes various routine refunds in the total amount of \$95.00.
- 188-2017 Amends Resolution 159-2016 which authorized a contract with Adams, Rehmann & Heggan for Project Design, Public Bidding, Construction Management, and other Professional Engineering Services related to the Safe Streets to Transit Development Project in an amount not to exceed \$98,300.00.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*a. Purchases over \$2,000

1. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*
2. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.*

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

- 171-2017 Authorizes cancellation of property taxes on a property qualifying for Veterans Property Tax Exemption for Cathers on Block 519, Lot 2.01.

Motion by Trueblood and Gardner to adopt Resolution 171-2017. Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, abstain, Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

- 182-2017 Awards contract to Preferred Tank & Tower Maintenance Division, Inc., for repairs to two water tanks in an amount not to exceed \$21,250.00.

Councilwoman Jackson asked what is being repaired. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the ladders and attachments to the tanks as well as some areas needing reinforcement and other connections and valves that cannot be done in house. Noted all of the work is required by NJDEP regulations. Stated another contract was authorized previously for the cleaning and both projects will be done later on in the fall and will put Well #8 and Well #11 in good shape for a number of years.

Motion by Jackson and Gardner to adopt Resolution 182-2017. Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE 21-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON REQUIRING BUSINESS LICENSES FOR MOTELS AND OTHER TRANSIENT RESIDENTIAL BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Council President Cartier read the ordinance and opened the meeting for public comments. Seeing no one wishing to be heard the meeting was closed to the public.

Councilman Gardner asked how the Township will enforce the length of the stay. Mr. Gonzalez explained how the ordinance will allow the Township to obtain information from the hotels. Admitted it will not be an easy thing to do. Councilman Gardner asked if the Township would be notified if a new occupant moves in. Mr. Gonzalez said no and explained how the process would work. Councilman Gardner asked if there are any State Laws that allow the occupants to stay longer than 30 days. Mr. Gonzalez said no and advised that if there was something in State Law that allowed that would keep this ordinance from being adopted as it would be contrary to State Law. Councilman Gardner asked if after the 30 days the occupant could initiate another 30 days by moving to another unit. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he believes they would take the position that moving from one unit to another is a continuous occupancy and a summons would be issued to the owner of the property. Councilman Gardner asked if the 30 days would apply to someone suffering an emergency such as a fire. Mr. Gonzalez stated that emergent situations would allow for consideration of movement.

Motion by Gardner and Allen to adopt Ordinance 21-2017. Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 22-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 190-45g (1) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'SITE PLAN REVIEW'

Council President Cartier read the ordinance and opened the meeting for public comments. Seeing no one wishing to be heard the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion by Trueblood and Allen to adopt Ordinance 22-2017. Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. motion carried.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 23-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT PROGRAM' TO INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AS ELIGIBLE PROERTIES FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS.'

Council President Cartier read the ordinance and asked for some background on it. Mr. Gonzalez noted that the State of New Jersey has an enabling statute that authorizes municipalities to adopt a program of tax abatement for improvements to property. Explained that Councilman Gardner had asked about this previously and thought we had it but after checking he was only partially correct. Advised on the existing ordinance and it only including commercial and industrial properties and not residential properties which this ordinance will add. Commented on the application process and how the ordinance will work.

Motion by Gardner and Allen to introduce Ordinance 23-2017 with a public hearing to be held on September 6th, 2017. Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

\*a. Purchases over \$2,000

1. Public Works - Purchase of water meters, meter boxes and solid covers for Methodist Church at 2 Pemberton-Browns Mills Road from Atlantic Plumbing Supply Corp., in the total amount of \$3,622.13. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner asked if since the church never had a water meter if it was standard practice for the Township to purchase the water meter. Mr. Gonzalez advised that all of the water meters were owned by the Township. It was noted that we would install the meter ourselves. Councilman Gardner asked if the other churches would need meters as well. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the churches that did not have meters should now all have meters as well as the schools. Noted the reasons to have the meters to be in place including being able to charge appropriately. Advised on one of the issues they have with the DEP and too much water being unaccounted for.

Motion by Gardner and Trueblood to approve the purchase of water meter, boxes and solid covers for Methodist Church. Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Jackson, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

2. Buildings and Grounds - Purchase of acoustic sound panels for Country Lakes Recreation Building from Gramco Business Communication in the total amount of \$5,945.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner asked what the issues are with this building. It was noted that there is a bad echo in the building and more than one person cannot talk at a time. Councilman Allen asked if the panels selected would compliment the building. Mayor Patriarca noted that was a problem as most are the same and advised on the look.

Motion by Gardner and Jackson to approve the purchase of acoustic sound panels for the Country Lakes Recreation Building. Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

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

1. Ellen Catalano for Soroptimist Candlelight Vigil on South Lakeshore Drive, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM on September 29, 2017.

Council President Cartier opened this portion of the meeting to the public. Seeing no one wishing to be heard this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by Trueblood and Jackson to approve the Parade Permit Application. Trueblood, yes; Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Engineer's Report - 8/10/2017

Council President Cartier asked if Council had any questions and Council had none.

**BILL LIST**

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 8/11/2017.

Motion by Jackson and Trueblood to approve the Bill List. Jackson, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes with the exception of all items related to the NJ State Police and the Attorney General's office; Gardner, yes; Cartier, yes with the exception of any bills related to the Fire Department. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Bayer reported:** Nothing to report.

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

**Mayor Patriarca reported:** Stated he assures the public that both he and the Police Chief have been diligently working to bring officers onto the department for several years now and noted the challenging process. Commented that they don't want to just hire bodies and have to wait on the lists.

**Business Administrator, Dennis Gonzalez:** Commented that last year when they had the previous Civil Service list the Chief and his staff reviewed 400 applications and found no suitable applicants. Councilman Allen advised that the vinyl fencing at Mirror Lake Park had been knocked down from the storm. Asked if there was a timeframe for business with signage issues but noticed that McDonald's sign is still missing. Mayor Patriarca stated he

would have Code Enforcement notice them and knows that sometimes they have to order the signs special which takes a while.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilman Gardner** - Thanked everyone for coming out. Stated he is disappointed that the people who came in with questions left without waiting for answers. Stated if people have concerns come and ask your questions and wait for Council to respond instead of going home getting on Facebook and getting other peoples version of what happened.

**Councilwoman Jackson** - Thanked everyone for coming out and for their comments. Stated that Council does care and is listening and trying to move forward. Stated they are concerned about not just one portion of town but the entire town as a whole. Explained to the public that during public comments it is not that they do not want to respond to them but it is a time for the public to make their comments and let Council take notes.

**Councilwoman Trueblood** - Thanked everyone for coming out. Stated she totally agrees with Councilman Gardner about the public sticking around for Council to answer them. Stated they do care about this town and believes thoroughly that they are doing their job as elected officials including both Administration and Council.

**Councilman Allen** - Thanked everyone for coming out.

**Council President Cartier** - Thanked everyone for coming out and to have a safe trip home. Reminded that the carnival is here and to enjoy the funnel cake.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk