

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**September 20, 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

Jason Allen
Donovan Gardner
Letha Jackson
Kenneth Cartier

ABSENT

Norma Trueblood

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

241-2017 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session - Not Adopted

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

PRESENTATION

Safety Presentation by Risk Management Consultant (Hardenbergh Insurance)

Mr. Gonzalez advised that the presentation was intended for the October 4th Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Arlene Tracey - Pemberton Township - 1. Commented on her concerns regarding the drug use and sales in the town. Stated that she understands it is a problem everywhere but questioned what was being done about it. Stated that it is so out in the open and she is not sure what she can do about it. Commented on a rumor she heard about the buildings being torn down by JC Market and the State Troopers coming in to help with the problem. Council President Cartier stated this was a rumor. Discussion continued on the drug epidemic in the community.

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.

Councilman Allen asked to pull the Meeting Minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2017. *Pulled and considered later in the meeting.*

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

242-2017 Authorizing the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Program for Brian Willits, Block 649, Lot 24, in the amount of \$19,993.00.

- 243-2017 Authorizing the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Program for Mattie Brown, Block 896, Lot 19, in the amount of \$19,166.00.
- 244-2017 Authorizing the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Program for Rhonda Donelson, Block 532, Lot 57, in the amount of \$19,956.00.
- 245-2017 Authorizes the purchase of a Trailer Mounted Vacuum/Jetter for \$89,557.00 from Vermeer North Atlantic through the National Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.
- 246-2017 Authorizes the purchase of a Regenerative Air Street Sweeper for \$143,957.00 from H.A. Dehart & Son through the Nation Joint Powers Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.
- 247-2017 Authorizes the ward of a contract to Atlantic Salt, Inc., for the purchase of Rock Salt in an amount not to exceed \$224,600.00.
- 248-2017 Authorizes a Corrective Action Plan for the 2016 Audit Report.
- 249-2017 Group Affidavit attesting Council's review of required Audit sections.
- 250-2017 Authorizes an Emergency Appropriation for legal expenses in the amount of \$30,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

***a.** Purchases over \$2,000

- *1. Public Works - purchase of six (6) Clean Communities Shows to be presented at the Township Schools from Illusion Make in the total amount of \$3,450.00.
- *2. Public Works - installation of new springs and hardware for Township trailer T-25 from Mercer Spring Corp. in the total amount of \$4,967.54.
- *3. Public Works - contract for Temporary Laborers for 2017 Leaf Collection with J&J Staffing in the total amount of \$15,840.00.

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

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2017. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Council President Cartier advised that the Minutes were pulled as Councilman Allen was not at the meeting on September 6th.

Motion by Jackson and Gardner to approve the September 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, abstain; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 24-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 110 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"

Mr. Gonzalez advised that the amendments that were provided to Council reflect the changes that were required by the NJDEP and FEMA with the specific provisions being shaded in green. Council had no discussion.

Motion by Jackson and Allen to introduce Ordinance 24-2017 with a Public Hearing to be held on October 4, 2017. (After the meeting it was noted that the public hearing would need to be held at the October 18, 2017 meeting to allow the DEP time to review the introduced ordinance) Jackson, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Purchases over \$2,000

- 4. Police - purchase of fifteen (15) Extra! Extreme Software Licenses from CDW-G in the total amount of \$2,840.85.

Motion by Jackson and Gardner to adopt the purchase of (15) Extreme Software Licenses. Jackson, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, abstain; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

b. Discussion of Sub Committee of Council for the creation of Community Watches.

Councilman Gardner explained that this was for groups of residents to come together with the Police Department to have block committees. Stated the people don't want to come outside because they are afraid, but feels if they come outside the bad situations will start to slow down and maybe stop. Commented that it starts with people coming together and walking the streets to prevent what is going on. Confirmed that he thought of this because of the issues with Sunbury but that it should be all over town. Councilwoman Jackson asked who would be on the committee beside Council Members. Councilman Gardner stated that it would be for residents because they know their areas and would be a main committee with several sub-committees for each area under the guidance of the Mayor and Police. Councilman Allen asked if he had any thoughts in writing to see what the plan was. Councilman Gardner stated he did not and was hoping to meet with Ms. Shakir and then bring something to the next meeting. Council President Cartier asked if any of Council wanted to be a part of this committee. Councilman Gardner and Councilwoman Jackson agreed to be on the committee. Council President Cartier advised that they could decide how they wanted to run it.

c. Council's review of responses to NJDCA 2017 Best Practices Questionnaire.

Mr. Gonzalez explained the questionnaire and noted that it changes from year to year and establishes a scorecard based on the answers to the questions. Stated that the score the community gets determines the amount of State Aid the community will get. Advised that this year's questionnaire had 25 questions of which 21 could be answered yes which will not deprive us of funds we would normally be entitled to from the State. Commented on the nature of the questions. Councilman Allen asked if of the 4 no's were there any that we are looking to change to yes in the future. Mr. Gonzalez advised he is in negotiations with the Unions so they will give it a shot. Stated that there is one that will definitely be a yes next year and explained.

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

1. Iva Klemick for First Baptist Church Block Party at 198-200 Kinsley Road, from 10 am - 5 pm on September 30, 2017.

Council President Cartier advised that this had been on the previous agenda and was approved, but that the event had not taken place and was being requested again. Noted that approval will be subsequent to the receipt of an amended Insurance certificate.

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

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a. Engineer's Report - 9/14/2017

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 lists dated 9/1/2017 and 9/15/2017.

Motion by Gardner and Jackson to approve the Bill Lists from both 9/1/2017 and 9/15/2017. Gardner, yes; Jackson, yes; Allen, yes with the exception of any and all bills pertaining to the NJ State Police or the Attorney General's office; Cartier, yes with the exception of any bill 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: Reported on the Sunbury Village concerns and noted he had met with JCP&L and they are looking at a lighting plan to upgrade the lighting there. Stated they will probably go to all LED and there may be some at no cost or a slight cost, but the increase in wattage will be substantial. Advised that DPW has installed 2 speed tables down on Norcross Lane between Anderson and Emmons to see how it would go putting them in ourselves. Stated they will be proceeding to put them in throughout the rest of the development. Advised that a speed table is a little wider than a speed hump and a speed hump is wider than a speed bump. Commented that speed bumps are not allowed in the State of New Jersey. Advised that the road crew has finished up on Simontown Road and are now out in Country Lakes starting on Split Rock then doing Wissahickon and Chippewa Trail. Stated that this will put us at just under the 5 mile mark. Stated he thinks they will try to get these roads done to get them over the 5 mile mark, weather permitting. Advised that the DPW building should be delivered tomorrow morning and then within the week it should be up on its foundation. Advised that JC's Market is down and the rubble master is in clearing the property and will be a grass field by fall. Stated they will begin negotiating again with Sun's Market. Advised that the Judge did sign an order for us to take the property at 16 Market Street. Advised that they will be coming to Council for some expenses such as asbestos testing to begin tearing that down also. Councilman Gardner asked if the Mayor had confirmed if a cleaner had been on that property. Mayor Patriarca advised that he had checked with approximately a dozen senior members of the community to which no one remembers a dry cleaner. Stated that all have referred to Little Pine Cleaners which was across the street and he remembered that as well. Addressed the drug problem and the police and noted that he is comfortable saying that our Police are working this every day and reminded that it is a national issue. Stated he believes that it will be if not already has been, labeled as a crisis by the Governor and the President. Stated he gets reports from the Chief of busts that they have made. Noted that recently there was one with a substantial amount of drugs from Marijuana to Heroin, having been seized. Commented on the Police shortage and the reports that are posted on the website for each department. Commented on bringing good officers into the department and noted they are not just going to bring in warm bodies to fill slots which he and the Chief both agree on. Commented on the 9 officers being brought in recently with 8 remaining in the academy and doing well and looking to the next round of hires. Stated that they have to look at a list of civil service applicants that are vetted by the Police Department and if there are no good individuals on the list, by the recommendation of the Police department they do not hire them. Stated that they don't want to just bring people on that could be problematic in the future but would rather start off on a good foot to have a better chance of success. Stated they will continue to work on the Police Department and the drug issues. Stated there has always been a drug problem in this town and stated 1 person using is too much. Commented he believes the officers are working on this daily, but noted that it is so overwhelming especially with the type of drugs that are out there today including Heroin and Fentanyl. Commented on the progression of drugs over the years. Council President Cartier asked who owned the property behind Dominos. Mayor Patriarca advised that some of the land is owned by the Township and that Public Works has cleared some of it out and they are planning to go in during the fall and clear more out.

Business Administrator, Dennis Gonzalez: Nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Allen - Asked if there were any plans for Catesville Road to be striped since it had been paved recently. Mayor Patriarca stated it is not on their list but they will look into it.

Councilwoman Jackson - Asked for an update on the appraisal for the old Acme. Mr. Gonzalez advised it is in process and it takes a while. Councilwoman Jackson asked for an update on the Presidential Lakes Firehouse. Mayor Patriarca advised that they have come to a consensus on the design between the Fire Chief, DPW, and the Recreation Director and are scheduling a meeting with the contractor to discuss further and see what amenities could be added within the budget. Councilwoman Jackson stated about lowering the speed limit in Sunbury. Mayor Patriarca stated that they could run this by the traffic safety division and have the Chief and the Engineer look into this. Stated it is 25 mph and noted that DOT has standards as to what you can set your speed levels at and we would have to conform to their standards. Councilwoman Jackson thanked all for their comments and coming out this evening.

Councilman Gardner - Asked the Mayor where the speed tables are specifically located. Mayor Patriarca advised that there is a DOT standard on the distance between the tables which he believes is approximately 410 feet. Noted they are at the first left off of Anderson and the end of the block. Councilman Gardner thanked everyone for coming out.

Council President Cartier - Thanked everyone for coming out and to have a safe trip home.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk