

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 17, 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
Kenneth Cartier

ABSENT

Letha Jackson

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

117-2017 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes - 1. Asked for an update on the building in Presidential Lakes. Mayor noted that they received a total from the developer and are working with them to reduce the cost. **2.** Stated she has not had a chance to call the County but notices every day when she is walking around the park that it is used for the children to play baseball and there are no bathrooms. Stated she thinks that the Township should make this a priority. Council President Cartier noted that the Council cannot override the Administration and that she needs to speak with Administration directly regarding this. **3.** Commented on the issues at Upper Mill Road and the signage issues with a recent road block and issues with people trying to find their way out of the development. **4.** Commented on the continued issues with the stop sign at Route 70 and Route 530. Council President Cartier advised Ms. Phillips that she had been advised many times that this is a County Roadway and the Township has nothing to do with this.

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.

Council President Cartier noted that he wanted to pull Res. 126-2017.

RESOLUTIONS

126-2017 Recognizes and commends Pemberton Township Bus Driver, Nicole Krieg.

Council President Cartier read the Resolution into record. Ms. Krieg explained that she had students that were at the corner of Pine and Clubhouse and the students started to come across the street when a car started coming around the corner and the kids did not see it. Ms. Krieg laid on the horn and the kids immediately stopped and were saved from what could have been a tragedy. Advised on the various training she has done and that she was very proud that the students knew to listen to the horn. Council President Cartier advised that he only recently found out about the training the kids that ride the buses are given.

Noted that in a time of hearing several bad things he felt it was important to highlight this event and commend Ms. Krieg for her actions.

Councilman Gardner stated that he had known Nicole for many years when she drove his children. Commented that he always had a confidence in her as she knows what she is doing and is very friendly. Councilman Allen stated that she may be proud of her students but Council is very proud of her.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve Resolution 126-2017. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Cartier presented the certificate to Ms. Krieg.

Councilman Allen asked to pull Resolution 120-2017 and 121-2017.

CONSENT AGENDA

***MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2017.

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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| 118-2017 | Authorizes the refund of a tax overpayment to Marianne and Isaac Torres for Block 907, Lot 2.01 in the total amount of \$1,042.13. |
| 119-2017 | Authorizes an agreement with the County of Burlington for participation in the Home Investment Partnership Program. |
| 120-2017 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i> |
| 121-2017 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i> |
| 122-2017 | Authorizes the purchase of new modems for Police vehicles to enhance communication capability with the County network under State contract #89980 in the amount of \$15,470.00. |
| 123-2017 | Authorizes the Township Chief Financial Officer to deposit premium lien funds to the Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated account in the amount of \$100.00. |
| 124-2017 | Authorizes the Township Chief Financial Officer to deposit premium lien funds to the Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated account in the amount of \$900.00. |
| 125-2017 | Authorizes the Municipal Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bill in accordance with P.L. 1994, c. 72. |
| 126-2017 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and presented earlier in the meeting.</i> |

NEW BUSINESS

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

1. Public Works - Rental of Rubblemaster and Hammer Attachment for demolition of 42 Juliustown Road from Groff Tractor in the total amount of \$9,750.00.
2. Police - Purchase of National Night Out Giveaways from Formost Promotions in the total amount of \$2,113.00.
3. Police - Purchase of Benell Shotguns from Lawmen Supply for the total amount of \$4,362.00.
4. Recreation & Senior Services - Referee services, trophies and other expenses for 2017 Basketball League through Westampton Recreation in the total amount of \$5,868.01.

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

RESOLUTIONS

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| 120-2017 | Authorizes the Pemberton Township Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation into whether a designated study area is a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area and/or an Area in Need of Rehabilitation. <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda.</i> |
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Councilman Allen asked where this was located and how much it was going to cost. Mayor Patriarca advised that this was at the intersection of South Pemberton Road and Birmingham Road and that he would be meeting with the developer tomorrow. Mr. Gonzalez added that the Council had previously authorized the professional to do the study

and it was CME for \$3,000.00. Noted that this was the official mechanism to ask the Planning Board to consider the area and then make a recommendation back to Council. Councilman Allen commented that the map seems to show vacant land. Mayor Patriarca advised it has an old farmhouse on it but has been vacant since he was still on patrol which was almost 30 years ago.

Motion by Allen and Trueblood to approve Resolution 120-2017. Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

121-2017 Authorizes the purchase of a modular building for the Department of Public Works from Modular Genius, Inc. under Keystone Purchasing Network contract #KPN-201203-04 in the amount of \$184,293.96. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen asked what the options are for this purchase. Mr. Gonzalez explained what the options were. Noted they will build it, install it, make all of the connections and we just need to provide the space at the front of the yard. Mayor Patriarca stated that one of the options they went with was a pitched roof instead of a flat roof as it is more practical and will cause less issues. Councilman Allen asked if the total purchase amount will not exceed the amount listed in the Resolution. Mr. Gonzalez stated that was correct and that the amount listed is the full quote for the basic structure and all of the options and costs associated with this. Advised that the funding for this will come from the Ordinance that is up for Public Hearing at tonight's meeting and will not increase debt as it is already funded in the current budget. Councilman Gardner asked if the cost included the foundation. Mayor Patriarca advised it was included.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve Resolution 121-2017. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2017

CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$320,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE AQUISITION OF A MODULAR BUILDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY IN THE BROWNS MILLS REDEVELOPMENT AREA, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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

Motion by Trueblood and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 14-2017. Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 86 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, ENTITLED "UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES," IN ORDER TO AMEND CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES.

Mr. Gonzalez explained that this is a long awaited update to the fees that are charged to applicants before the Zoning and Planning Boards. Stated he believes that it has been over 10 years since the fees have been updated. Stated that ideally that there should be enough fees generated to cove the costs of all the professional services and there has been a trend in the last few years where there has been escrow deposited by the applicants and then applicants are asked for additional escrow to complete the professional reviews which means the amounts are too low. Commented that these fees have been suggested by the Director of Community Development, Zoning Officer and the members of the boards. Councilman Allen questioned why some of the fees had decreased on pages 4 & 5 as opposed to others that had increased on the other pages. Mr. Gonzalez noted that they are aware that a couple of the fees would be lower.

Motion by Trueblood and Gardner to introduce Ordinance 16-2017 with a Public Hearing to be held on June 7, 2017. Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Cosnoski advised that at the last meeting it was noted that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 15-2017 would be at the June 21st meeting; however it was determined it will be at the June 7th meeting because the Planning Board meets before that and was advertised for June 7th.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a. Engineer's Report - 5/12/2017

Council President Cartier asked Council if they had any comments. There were none.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 5/12/2017.

Motion by Allen and Trueblood to approve the Bill List as amended. Allen, yes with the exception of any grant funds pertaining to the Police Department; Trueblood, yes; Gardner, yes; Cartier, yes with the exception of any Fire Department bills to which he abstains. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Nothing to report.

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

Mayor Patriarca reported: Noted that it would be wise to inform the public that Council President Cartier abstained on the Fire bills and Councilman Allen abstained on the Police grant bills only because they have conflicts or potential conflicts as Council President Cartier is a volunteer Fireman and Councilman Allen works for the State Police involved in the grants and it is not that they are necessarily against these. Mayor Patriarca advised that they are currently going through the hiring process with the Police Department and did bring in a substantial amount of applicants, over the course of 2 nights. Added that they are currently doing background checks and will hopefully doing interviews soon. Reminded that there were 9-10 officers put into the budget and hope to meet that goal by the end of the year.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilwoman Trueblood - Thanked all for coming out and asked if there would be a Memorial Day service. It was noted there would be one on Memorial Day.

Councilman Allen - No comments. Thanked all for coming out.

Councilman Gardner - No comments. Thanked all for coming out.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk