

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 11, 2018  
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  
Norma Trueblood

**ABSENT**

Letha Jackson

Also, present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Joseph Colao and Deputy Township Clerk, Sunshine Dashiell.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Trueblood called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

149-2018 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session – Not Adopted

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**Concetta Santos, 127 Morris St. – 1.** Ms. Santos advised that she lives next to a group home with a female resident who is often screaming and naked all hours of the day and night. Advised that she sometimes stands naked in the windows of the house and is extremely disruptive. Stated she has contacted the Police several times and nothing has been done. Commented that she had contacted Trenton to see if this resident could be removed but doesn't understand why nothing has been done and why this place is by her home. Noted that the kids that live in the area are afraid of her and run in their homes if she comes out. Added that her friend has videotaped some of these incidents. Commented that she is afraid she may be being abused as well. Stated that she is understanding of people with special needs because her son has special needs and is also in a group home. Advised that when he comes to visit her, this resident often upsets him and triggers him into having twitches. Ms. Santos asked if anything could be done to remove her as most of the time group homes are not for residents with these types of involved issues. Stated she is here tonight to be sure that everyone is aware of what is going on as many of the neighbors have complained. Stated it never ends and begged for any help that can be given. Councilman Allen asked what the group home requirements were. Mayor Patriarca advised that this has come to us recently because of the amount of group homes coming into the community. Stated that there is very little, if anything, we can do, and rightfully so. Noted they could look into seeing if this individual can be moved to a facility more suitable to her needs. Advised that we have no authority to zone them out of or for specific areas. Ms. Santos advised that she is not sure the workers know what they are doing and are out partying and smoking until late at night. Councilman Gardner asked how long this has been going on. Ms. Santos stated it started around Thanksgiving. Discussion ensued on various issues that have occurred with this resident. Ms. Santos advised that she has spoken with the Director for the group home, Friends of Cyrus, Kurt Jensen. Noted he has asked her not to call the Police but him instead which she is uncomfortable doing. Discussion ensued on interactions with the Police Department and if there was anything we could get together for the Police. Councilman Allen asked if this can be passed along to Chief Jantas. Councilwoman McCartney asked for a summary of the Police Department reports. Mayor Patriarca stated he would talk to the Chief and follow through with a letter to the company. Stated he is familiar with this company. Reiterated that we are very limited in what we can do as far as group homes are concerned. Councilwoman McCartney stated that she understands that but is sure there are standards that should be checked out. Councilman Gardner advised on the HIPAA laws. Councilwoman McCartney stated that the resident does have rights but the people in the neighborhood have rights as well. Mr. Colao noted that there should be a

licensing or State agency that can be contacted, including the DCA. Added that part of the problem the Police may be having is that there is no actual crime that is being committed. Discussion ensued on who to talk to. Ms. Santos asked if the group home can have a party and what the hours would be as they have parties that run late. Mayor Patriarca advised that there is a noise ordinance, but that it is hard to enforce.

**Fran LeCompte, 41 Red Oak Rd. – 1.** Stated she is a friend of Ms. Santos and wanted to add that they are afraid this woman is being abused. Commented that we are taught if we see something to say something. Added that Ms. Santos is very sympathetic.

**Tom Gallagher, 104 Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd. – 1.** Asked what we are doing with the strip mall, the roads and why the taxes are going up. Ms. Trueblood advised on the road program. Mayor Patriarca advised on the litigation with the Browns Mills Shopping Center. **2.** Mr. Gallagher asked why the cops are riding past his house at 65 miles an hour when it's a 35 mile per hour zone. Councilman Gardner asked if this is all of the time. Councilwoman Trueblood advised that they may be heading to a call. **3.** Mr. Gallagher advised that he has an issue with looking at the trailers from his property all of the time. Mayor Patriarca advised that the property in question is Lakeshore Mobile Village. Mr. Gallagher stated there is a brand new mobile home right behind his house. Councilman Gardner stated he believes this is private property. Mr. Gallagher stated they should have to put a gate up to divide the property. Councilman Gardner asked if he had ever spoken to the property manager. Mr. Gallagher advised he has never spoken to anyone but lives next door to the manager. Councilwoman McCartney asked if this was something Code Enforcement should look into. Mayor Patriarca advised that there is an approved site plan to add mobile trailers to that property. Mr. Gallagher stated that if he has to look at them in his back yard there is going to be a problem. Mayor Patriarca stated it is a permitted use and by law there is nothing we can do.

**America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1.** Commented that she heard the resident about the group home and that she used to work for the State. Asked if when a business wants to come into town if they require a permit. Stated that if there is a problem then it needs to be brought to the main office and it sounds like this person is not fit to be living in a group home setting. Advised that group homes are usually for more high functioning clients. Ms. Phillips encouraged council to look into what kind of employees they are bringing in. Advised that the State pays roughly \$1500.00 a month for each person. Noted that group homes require 4 to 8 workers, but that they come and go often. Councilman Gardner advised that this is the first time they are hearing about this and are going to look into this. Mayor Patriarca advised that the law does not allow us to require them to get a permit and the law allows for them to put these homes in communities without any community restrictions. Advised that he is trying to get them to have to register information for contact purposes for emergencies, but they cannot charge them as being a business even though they are as they are protected under the Disabilities Act. Added that he will speak to the Chief to see if there is anything he can do or see if there is a way to see if this person has been misplaced and if recommendations could be made to see if she can be moved. Reiterated that we are very limited in what can be done in these situations. **2.** Announced that the stop sign on Oregon Trail was finally replaced and thanked Council and Administration. **3.** Asked when the Firehouse in Presidential Lakes will begin construction. Councilman Gardner advised that the Mayor had announced at the previous meeting it would hopefully begin by the fall. Mayor Patriarca reiterated that this was the goal and that if this was approved at tonight's meeting, there would be activity very soon and throughout the remainder of the year. **4.** Asked for an update on the sign at the entrance to Presidential Lakes. Mayor Patriarca stated that nothing had been done yet and that it was possible that they would put something out there. Noted that when he went out there it looked like the sign was back together. Advised that he will look into it and that he is not saying they should not have a sign, but he is not sure where the sign came from because it is not Township property. Ms. Phillips noted that she had also called the County about the sign. Councilwoman McCartney suggested the civic association take this on as a project. Ms. Phillips state she hoped everyone had a good time at the Water Carnival this weekend.

**James Boland, 226 Filbert St. – 1.** Thanked everyone for receiving and accepting the pictures he had sent. Councilman Gardner stated they made the point. Mr. Boland stated he has taken pictures and then taken new pictures to compare them and they are worse with the same trash from the first picture with new trash on top. Advised on the various items of trash he sees in the picture he sent and the properties looking like junk yards. Noted that when walking down Press Avenue it stinks and he is embarrassed. Stated that he has done OPRA requests and they show that no violations have been issued. Noted the many people he has spoken to in Code Enforcement over the years. Added that he had sat down with

Mr. Benedetti to discuss the issues and was advised by him that there were no ordinances regarding these issues. Mr. Boland told him where to find the ordinances. Commented that Mr. Warrick only had one court case on the calendar. Stated he spoke to Mr. Warrick who advised him to speak to Mr. Gonzalez. Advised that Mr. Gonzalez has thrown him out on two occasions. Stated he sees the ordinances on tonight's agenda, and that they could pass a bunch of them, but if nothing is enforced then what good are they. Stated he sees violations of existing ordinances. Commented that we are beyond the point of looking into this and that something needs to be done. Councilwoman McCartney thanked Mr. Boland for the pictures and she would like to know what the updated status of these properties is. Mayor Patriarca advised that he will follow up on these issues and believes that some violations have been issued. Added that he has also expressed his concerns affirming Mr. Boland's concerns with these properties. Stated that something has to be done and he will find out tomorrow what has been done already and what the intent is going forward. Advised Mr. Boland that he could call him personally and he will take his call. Asked that Mr. Boland give him a few days to find out what is going on. Councilman Allen stated that the complaint starts the process. Mayor Patriarca noted the steps of the process and that he agrees with Mr. Boland and especially the one property is totally uncalled for. Councilman Gardner stated he took a second look. Council President Trueblood stated it is appalling.

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

Council President Trueblood advised that there was an additional Resolution that needed to be added to the Consent agenda. Council President Trueblood read the title of Resolution 158-2018 into record.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to add Resolution 158-2018. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

**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 151-2018, 154-2018 and New Business item A2.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, June 20, 2018.

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

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| 150-2018 | Authorizes the purchase of a modular building for a firehouse and community center in Presidential Lakes from Modular Genius, Inc., under Keystone Purchasing Network Contract #KPN-201203-04 in the amount of \$1,738,023.00. |
| 151-2018 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i>   |
| 152-2018 | Authorizes the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Eagle Point Gun Shop under State Contract #81296 in the amount of \$7,017.52.   |
| 153-2018 | Authorizes liens on certain private properties in violation of the Pemberton Township Property Maintenance Ordinance in the total amount of \$3,700.38.  |
| 154-2018 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i>   |
| 155-2018 | Authorizes Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses and Club Licenses.   |
| 156-2018 | Requests the Pemberton Township Planning Board to review the Redevelopment Plan for the Rowan College at Burlington County property.   |
| 157-2018 | Requests the Pemberton Township Planning Board to review the Redevelopment Plan for the Burlington County Minimum Security property.   |
| 158-2018 | Authorizing the use of Regional Contribution Agreement funds Cinnaminson Township for the Emergency Housing Repair Program. <i>Added at Meeting.</i>   |

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

1. Recreation & Senior Services Dept. - Insinger Undercounter Dishwasher for Senior Center from Don J. Urie Associates, Inc. in the total amount of \$3,825.00.
2. Fire Dept. - Annual Hose & Ground Ladder testing services from Fireflow in the total amount of \$4,068.60.
3. Public Works - Removal and Replacement of 140 LF of concrete curb and 350 SF of concrete sidewalk on Scrapetown Road from Pioneer General Contracting Co., Inc. in the total amount of \$7,700.00.

- \*b. Approval of NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Application for James W. Whitton with the Pemberton Township Volunteer Fire Co.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- 151-2018 Authorizes the purchase of a 6'x12' enclosed trailer from FDR Hitches under State Contract #82779 in the total amount of \$4,849.80. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen stated he thought this was a great thing and asked what this was used for. Mayor Patriarca advised that the trailers would be used to store equipment and noted the various equipment.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to approve Resolution 151-2018. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

- 154-2018 Authorizes various routine refunds in the total amount of \$1,008.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Allen noted an error in the math for the refund and that the correct total should be \$1,103.00. The total was recounted and Councilman Allen was correct.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to approve Resolution 154-2018 with the corrected amount of \$1,103.00. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

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

### **ORDINANCE 10-2018**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'YARD WASTE'

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

**James Boland, 226 Filbert Street – 1.** Noted that one of the things he has seen on Press Avenue that he did not mention before was a house with bagged leaves that keep being re-bagged but have been there for a year and a half.

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

Councilwoman McCartney questioned the section changes for Article III and asked for clarification. Councilman Allen advised that this portion of the Ordinance was being added to Article II and would become a part of the ordinance as a whole. Mr. Colao advised that this is a readjustment of the code to be reorganized in this section and that nothing was changed just moved. Councilwoman McCartney asked how she would find these ordinances and was advised it is in the Clerk's office.

Motion by McCartney and Allen to adopt Ordinance 10-2018. McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 13-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BROWNS MILLS TOWN CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

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

**Tom Sandicadis, Department of Community Affairs** – Introduced himself and advised that they were the ones that drafted the Redevelopment Plan and was here to answer any potential questions. Noted this was a no cost planning service that Pemberton Township applied for and was awarded. Provided a background on the services they provide. Advised that they had started working with both the Mayor and Dave Benedetti back in 2011. Advised that they met to get a better understanding of the towns needs. Added that they had also met with Pinelands, the Joint Base, Deborah Hospital and potential developers. Commented that once they did this they reviewed demographics, potential customers and various other things to see what would work and where. Decided to amend the 2011 plan and this plan will replace that one. Stated it is not a complete overhaul but an amendment with taking the best parts of the 2011 plan and incorporating them into the 2018 plan. Stated that there were 6 sub districts and they changed that to 4 and explained. Noted that they wanted to encourage public services and mixed uses. Noted the various things they looked at including the Browns Mills Shopping Plaza, the water front properties including the old Sun Bank. Also looked at a location for a hotel for the Base and Deborah Hospital. Stated they need more rooftops to allow for new businesses to survive. Looked at preserving the land by the Rancocas Creek and increasing the density of development there. Commented on the transportation changes due to the Base closures. Stated that they looked at ways to improve the perception of Browns Mills. Commented that they talked to people that live here who eave here to shop and looked to see what they Looked at a wider variety of permitted uses. Noted that in summary the 2018 plan allows for more flexibility to encourage development and to present a clear purpose, modify the zoning regulations and provide community pride. Stated they spent a lot of time working with the Mayor and Mr. Benedetti on this and feels that with the input from the Pinelands Commission they will be able to approve this as it fits in with their site plan.

Councilwoman McCartney thanked him and advised she read the plan and it was very comprehensive. Stated that everything they had in the report showed what was really happening in the town. Asked what the next step would be. Mayor Patriarca stated this gives us guidelines and that we are constantly looking for developers. Complimented Tom and his team on this project. Stated they worked together with the plan going back and forth. Stated they never gave up on him and worked with him from start to finish. Stated that it is not uncommon for the plan to change after things have gone unchanged for some time. Noted you have to go back and see why things are not changing and what is holding up our vision. Councilwoman McCartney asked if there was anything happening now. Mayor Patriarca advised that there was one potential developer for this plan and are working on some other opportunities now. Mayor Patriarca advised that they had met with the owners of the Sun Bank recently. Councilwoman McCartney stated that the lake is an asset to our community. Mr. Sandicadis added the eco-tourism opportunities in the middle of Browns Mills, including the cranberry bogs, State parks and hiking opportunities make this a great place to stop and get a bite to eat after hiking. Councilwoman McCartney stated that this was how the town started.

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

Motion by McCartney and Gardner to adopt Ordinance 13-2018. McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

ORDINANCE 11-2018 *TABLED AT JUNE 20, 2018 MEETING*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 147 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'RECYCLING'

ORDINANCE 12-2018 *TABLED AT JUNE 20, 2018 MEETING*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AMENDING CHAPTER 152 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON, ENTITLED 'SOLID WASTE'

Councilman Gardner advised that in Ordinance 11-2018 section E and Ordinance 12-2018 section C, conflict with each other. Council agreed this should be the same thing. Councilman Allen stated it should read as the beginning of the collection day as it fits better if someone has to leave early for work. Councilman Gardner asked for the verbiage to be changed from 6am to the beginning. All of Council was in agreement. Councilman Allen stated that they asked for changes at the previous meeting and received the same ordinances for this meeting with no changes. Commented that he feels they should have the changes before they are introduced. Noted he still has concerns with the 25' feet in section 2. Councilwoman McCartney stated that she agreed that several of the houses do not have that footage and would automatically have to put it on the side of the house or in the backyard. Discussion ensued on the placement of the cans and the 25' feet. Councilman Allen advised that this will lead to another concern regarding the properties that have a housing unit for their cans. Stated that if we change this, think about all of the homes that will have those casings in front of their homes. Councilwoman McCartney stated she felt that this is why this is stated this way. Councilman Gardner asked how we are to estimate the 25' feet from the roadside. Councilwoman McCartney stated that if there was a complaint, Code Enforcement would have to go out and measure. Councilman Gardner stated that is why they should take out the 25' feet and just say to the side or the back of the house. Mayor Patriarca stated that he thinks Council needs to look at what they are trying to accomplish with these 2 ordinances and if we are trying to establish a community where trash is stored in the front of the house. Stated that the 25' feet does not solve the problem. Felt that to correct this problem they should change the verbiage to prohibit the trash receptacles from being in the front yard. Noted that there are some residents that live 400' feet off of the road and is it unreasonable to allow them to leave their receptacles at the road. Stated that the majority of the cases that we see are the densely populated areas. Suggested breaking it down by zone, like an R1 zone where it is densely populated and prohibiting it there. Noted that the farms often have their trash out by the roads. Stated it is something that Council will need to determine and where they want to draw the line for that standard and quality of life. Think you need to define where you want the receptacles. Councilwoman McCartney stated she lives off of Clubhouse Road and has 30' feet of frontage but thinks they should be on the side of the house. Councilman Gardner stated that it should be the side yard. Stated he also felt that even the people with the 400' feet will still need to walk trash to their trash can and should have to put it in the side yard also. Council was in agreement. Councilman Allen stated he thinks they still need to make some changes. Asked Council what they think about the casings for the trash receptacles. Noted the elderly people that have hard time getting their trash and back and forth. Stated if we do not want trash cans stored in the front, then those would also go away. Advised there will be a lot of residents that have to be contacted to remove them as well. Noted this is something else that Council must consider. Councilwoman McCartney stated that the houses are not huge so if an elderly person to go to the side of their yard it probably would not be too much more then for them to go to the front. Councilman Gardner stated he understands the plight, but the containers cannot go in the containers anyway because the trucks can not pick them up. Councilman Allen reiterated this is something Council should consider. Councilwoman McCartney agreed that as a Council what do we want to see when we ride down the road and what do our residents want to see. Councilman Gardner asked what the minimum height for a front yard fence. Mayor Patriarca stated the maximum height was 4' feet. Advised one thing to consider is the quality of the facility as some are not as attractive as others. Stated he feels it is just easier to say no trash cans in the front yard. Stated maybe Council will want to look and see what other towns have for their trash ordinances. Councilwoman McCartney stated this may help with wording. Councilman Allen stated he wants to get it right the first time for the residents. Mr. Colao advised that the ordinance should be tabled and not introduced until changes can be made.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to table Ordinance 11-2018 until the 8/1/2018 meeting. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to table Ordinance 12-2018 until the 8/1/2018 meeting. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE 14-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF 22 CHIPPEWA TRAIL, BLOCK 605, LOT 13 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to introduce Ordinance 14-2018 with a public hearing to be held at the 8/1/2018 meeting. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 15-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RANCOCAS LANE.

Motion by Allen and McCartney to introduce Ordinance 15-2018 with a public hearing to be held at the 8/1/2018 meeting. Allen, yes; McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

\*a. Purchases over \$2,000

2. Fire Dept. - Annual Hose & Ground Ladder testing services from Fireflow in the total amount of \$4, 337.80.

Councilman Allen asked for clarification of this purchase due to the price not matching the correct company. Clarification was provided that the correct amount was \$4,068.60 for Fireflow.

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve New Business item A2. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a. Engineer's Report – 7/5/2018

Council had no discussion.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 7/5/2018.

Motion by McCartney and Gardner to approve the Bill List as amended. McCartney, yes; Gardner, yes; Allen, yes with the exception of any and all grants and bills pertaining to the NJ State Police or the Attorney General's office; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

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

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

**Mayor Patriarca reported:** Thanked Council for their continued support on the Presidential Lakes Firehouse project. Reminded that Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> there would be the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Carnival and he would love to see everyone out there. Stated they are hoping for a really good turn out and for a lot if floats. Noted there would be a new company doing the Fireworks this year. Encouraged all to come out. Advised that parking is always a problem and this year we are doing a ride share from the Trenton Road schools to the event and back to their cars. Advised that there would be a band this year called the Chiclettes. Stated he knows that all of the departments involved have been working hard to bring this event together. Advised that he had attended a Mayors meeting over at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Base earlier today. Noted that it was put together by the Commander for local Mayor's adjoining the Base. Stated they got a tour of the base and met the command staff. Commented that it was a good meeting on how they can work with us to keep a good relationship. Councilman Gardner asked if there was also something going on at Reflections Park for the Water Carnival. Mayor Patriarca advised that we had purchased the adjoining property to Reflections Park and have been working to improve that area of the park for this event. Councilman Gardner asked if there would be a viewing area from there to see the fireworks. Mayor Patriarca advised that there would be parking for handicapped there and that the closer to the dam you get the better your view will be. Councilman Allen added that Administration did a great job advertising for the shuttle this year and if this was on the website. Mayor Patriarca stated they have been trying to get it out there the best they could and will look to see if it is on the website and if a Nixle has gone out. Noted that they have had some inquiries about it and hopes we get a lot more. Councilman Allen suggested a talent show for next years Water Carnival. Mayor Patriarca stated that they are open to new ideas but knows that a lot goes into this and sometimes to add things can become difficult and challenging when you have a limited window and space to get it done. Stated it doesn't mean that is not something that could be done at the BMIA building. Stated that this event originated around the beach and the lakes and that is what they like to keep it as.

Councilman Gardner advised that the shuttle schedule is not on the main webpage. Mayor Patriarca stated he will make sure it gets on there.

**COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Councilman Gardner** – Asked all of the Facebook fans to spread the word because after the Water Carnival we will hear people saying they missed it or did not know it happened. Advised on all of the places it has been advertised for the last few weeks including lawn signs. Noted he would have his drone out there.

**Councilman Allen** – Advised he had no comments. Thanked all for coming out and to drive safe and have a good night.

**Councilwoman McCartney** – Stated that the Water Carnival is a huge effort by several groups in the community and she will be thinking of the Public Works Department, the Fire and Police Departments as we will have more traffic in and out, and she knows they are all going to work really hard that day. Stated that she also wanted to thank the Fire Department for doing a slow burn where the fireworks are going to go off as a safety precaution. Mayor Patriarca advised it was not for safety but rather a lightning strike that caused a fire. Mayor Patriarca advised that this year a barge was built to launch the fireworks from the water. Stated that now we have a clearer view of the fireworks display. Noted that some of the residents were concerned about the traffic on the dam and stated it would be nice if the floats could come further down so they could see. Mayor Patriarca advised there are 2 viewing areas and some of the crafts do not have enough battery power to go that far down the lake, and often have to get towed back. Mayor Patriarca thanked all of the residents that do build floats because he knows it is a lot of work. Noted he has done it in the past and it is a challenge. Encouraged the Council members to be in attendance. Councilman Gardner advised it would be on Channel 19 after the event.

**Council President Trueblood** – Thanked all for coming out. Stated she was thrilled to hear about the shuttle this year to help with the flow of traffic. Noted she has attended every year and it is always exciting but with this being the 50<sup>th</sup> it is more special. Thanked all for coming out and to have a good night.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Sunshine Dashiell*

Sunshine Dashiell, Deputy Township Clerk