

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 3, 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

Donovan Gardner
Elisabeth McCartney
Jason Allen
Norma Trueblood

ABSENT

Letha Jackson

Also, present: Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Andrew Bayer and Township Clerk, Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CLOSED SESSION

244-2018 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.

James Boland, 226 Filbert Ave. – 1. Shared observations from his perspective on the downward direction the Township is going. Expressed his concerns on the lack of enforcement based on his complaints and believes the employees have been direct not to respond to him. Commented on businesses closing and the lack of businesses coming into town. Councilman Gardner explained the issues with development in the town because of the rules imposed on us by the Pinelands Commission. Discussion ensued on the economic development in the town and what has been done and what the town has control over. Councilwoman McCartney stated that the issues with small business is a nationwide problem because people are ordering from places like Amazon. Mr. Boland noted the issues with the potholes on his street and it was noted that Administration would look at the problem.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. Asked when they were going to start construction on the firehouse in Presidential Lakes. Mr. Gonzalez stated work has started offsite and the construction is in process. **2.** Commented on the damage at the front entrance of Presidential Lakes and noted Public Works had been out but that she had made two trips to Public Works today with stuff. Ms. Phillips requested again that Public Works help with the maintenance of the front entrance to the development as they used to in the past. A discussion ensued on who owns the property and what can be done with it.

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.

Council President Trueblood advised that there was a purchase over \$2,000 that needed to be added to the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman McCartney notes that it was for an Archaeological Study at West End Park in the amount of \$6,170.00. Council President Trueblood advised that this study was requested by the Pinelands Commission.

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

Councilman Gardner asked to pull Resolution 254-2018 and 255-2018 from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

***CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

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| 245-2018 | Authorizes the refund of a Tax Overpayment to the First Baptist Church of Pemberton on Block 799, Lot 2.01 in the amount of \$25.60. |
| 246-2018 | Authorizes the refund of a Tax Overpayment to Wells Fargo on Block 386, Lot 5 in the amount of \$897.95. |
| 247-2018 | Authorizes the assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 15-00554 on Block 822, Lot 52 in the amount of \$7,629.85. |
| 248-2018 | Authorizes the assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 16-00290 on Block 512, Lot 9 in the amount of \$1,417.40. |
| 249-2018 | Authorizes the assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 16-00593 on Block 817, Lot 3 in the amount of \$11,121.49. |
| 250-2018 | Authorizes the purchase of ten sets of Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department from Municipal Emergency Services under State Contract #80966 in the amount of \$31,019.50. |
| 251-2018 | Authorizes the submission of an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid in order to fund reconstruction of a portion of South Lakeshore Drive. |
| 252-2018 | Authorizes various routine refunds in the total amount of \$1,511.00. |
| 253-2018 | Authorizes Person-to-Person transfer for PRCL #0329-33011-009 to Rishi Liquors Inc. |
| 254-2018 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i> |
| 255-2018 | <i>Pulled from the Consent Agenda and considered later in the meeting.</i> |
| 256-2018 | Authorizes the renewal agreement with Sun Life Financial of Dental Benefits to Township Employees. |

NEW BUSINESS

- *a. Purchases over \$2,000

1. Buildings & Grounds, purchase of J'C Decorative Lamp Posts from United Electric Supply in the amount of \$10,755.00.
2. Insurance Trust, for water mitigation services for Country Lakes Fire House from ServPro in the amount of \$3,385.80.
3. Administration, purchase of an Archaeological Study for West End Park from [REDACTED] in the total amount of \$6,170.00. *Added at the Meeting.*

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

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting, September 19, 2018

Motion by Allen and Gardner to approve the Meeting Minutes. Allen, yes; Gardner, yes; McCartney, abstain; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

- 254-2018 Authorizes a contract with Pernaco, Inc. for the removal and disposal of asbestos at the former Acme Building at the Browns Mills Shopping Center, 100 Pemberton-Browns Mills Road, in the amount of \$51,192.00. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner asked Mr. Gonzalez if this was for the old Acme building or the rest of the vacant areas in the shopping center. Mr. Gonzalez advised it was just for the Acme building.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve Resolution 254-2018. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

- 255-2018 Accepts a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the United State Department of Justice, FY18 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

Councilman Gardner asked if there would be any conditions on the use of the cameras and if it is mandatory. Mr. Gonzalez advised that the implementation program starts out with Attorney General guidelines that are applicable to all Police departments and they have been issued. Stated that the Chief will provide written operational requirements that will be patterned after the State Attorney General guidelines as to when the officer is required to activate the system and when the officer can turn it off. Noted that there will be requirements as to how long the data will be saved and available. Advised that there would also be administrative rules and regulations which require the officers to abide by the operational rules, regulations and Attorney General guidelines that they must comport with. Councilman Allen confirmed with Mr. Bayer that he could vote on this as the monies were coming from a Federal grant and not his employer. Mr. Bayer agreed.

Motion by Gardner and McCartney to approve Resolution 255-2018. Gardner, yes; McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE 22-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON AUTHORIZING SALE OF BLOCK 221, LOT 63 BY WAY OF QUITCLAIM DEED TO ANNETTE C. DICKEY.

Council President Trueblood opened this portion of the meeting for Public Hearing. Seeing no residents wishing to be heard, this portion of the meeting was closed.

Motion by McCartney and Allen to adopt Ordinance 22-2018. McCartney, yes; Allen, yes; Gardner, abstain; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a. Engineer's Report – 9/27/2018

Council had no discussion.

BILL LIST

Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 9/27/2018.

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 and Account# G-0241881000001 Drunk Driving 2016; Trueblood, yes. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: Nothing to report.

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

Business Administrator reported: Nothing to report.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Gardner – Commented on the meeting the Police Chief had held regarding the opioid problem everywhere. Stated he had gone expecting to see a full house and there were only 15 people there. Stated he was disappointed by the turn out especially since it was well advertised. Commented on the great information that was presented and that was missed by a lot of people. Advised on the people that were there speaking including information about doctors prescribing different medicines to the elderly that can cause issues with other medicines they are taking. Thanked all for coming out.

Councilman Allen – Thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilwoman McCartney – Noted she was not able to be at the last meeting but had listened to the audio of the meeting. Noted that the 25% of deaths being in Burlington County statistic is very disturbing. Advised that we do have TAG and they are actively involved. Thanked Chief Jantas for coming out to share the very valuable information. Thinks that there needs to be more awareness but is not sure how we go about that. Commented on Solstice and looking into options for people with substance abuse problems. Stated she is not sure if there is more of a connection we can have with them. Councilman Gardner stated that awareness was out there but that people need to get more involved.

Councilwoman McCartney commented on the carport situation and it being in the paper. Stated she would like to develop some sort of regulation/ordinance to regulate the issue. Council President Trueblood advised that she had spoken to the Mayor about this and they are currently looking into it. Mr. Gonzalez advised that they will take a look at it and come back to Council very soon to see what the options are. Thanked the Fire Department for inviting the Council and Mayor to their ceremony honoring those lost on 9/11. Advised that on October 28th at 2:00 p.m. there would be a Berry Bakeoff at the BMIA building. Noted that the School Board Candidates would be there. Councilman Allen noted that sounded berry good.

Council President Trueblood – Thanked everyone for coming out. Thanked Councilwoman McCartney for bringing up the carport issue. Reiterated that it is being looked into. Commented on BCCAP being at the Nesbit Center and the full services that will be coming along with them. Advised that their open house would be on October 11th. Noted that this Saturday would be the Community Yard Sale day as well as the Fire Expo at Imagination Kingdom.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk