

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held via ZOOM electronic participation on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Killion at 6:00pm. The number of COVID cases within the Township has reached 923 cases and a total of 23 deaths. Mayor Killion expressed his thoughts, concerns and prayers for families affected by the virus and for the families who have lost loved ones. He continues to stress the importance of wearing your mask and social distancing.

Mayor Killion called for the Salute to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence and announced the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" keeping the meeting in compliance with state laws.

CONSIDERATION OF / AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS ON ANY REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETING –

Special request for electronic participation in the Meeting due to current Covid-19 Pandemic.

Committeewoman Rafeh moved the motion to participate via ZOOM.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.
Motion passed.

The Meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Acting Clerk.

PRESENT: Committeeman Dyer, Committeewoman McBride, Committeewoman Rafeh, Deputy Mayor DiBattista and Mayor Killion.

Also present were Acting Administrator Palumbo, Acting Township Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman and Jose Calves, Esq. of Parker McCay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular meeting of August 20, 2020
Closes meeting of August 20, 2020

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to approve both sets of minutes of August 20, 2020.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.
Motion passed

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING –

2020:14 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Pennsauken Chapter 299 entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" (handicapped parking sign at 3743 King Avenue).

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 299-57 "Restricted Parking Zones in Front of Residences: is hereby amended to ADD the following:

Handicapped Parking Signs located at 3743 King Avenue beginning 309 feet South from the Southeast corner of Highland Avenue and King Avenue and continuing 20 feet South.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon due publication and final enactment as provided by law.

No public wished to comment.

Committeeman Dyer moved a motion to approve Ordinance 2020:14
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded
Motion carried

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC HEARING / PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually

2020:201

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CONSULTANT (John Adams) AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO ASSIST THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN WITH PLANNING AND ZONING

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Planning & Zoning services and funds are available; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with John Adams for Eight (8) months at \$30 per hour for Fifteen (15) hours a week; paid weekly.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with 40A:11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute this contract and a copy of this executed contract will be on file in the Township Clerk's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Municipal Finance Officer and John Adams.

Acting Administrator Palumbo informed Committee this is temporary to assist with daily procedures and applications.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion to approve Resolution 2020:201
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote
Motion carried

2020:202

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR EXAMPLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, CLEAN-UP AND BOARD-UP; ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS. (Commercial)

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN HAS INCURRED AN EXPENSE IN THE YEAR(S) 2020 AGAINST VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR FAILURE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTY, AND;

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS EMPOWERED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), TO IMPOSE A LIEN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THOSE MONIES EXPENDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED BY BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER, THE OWNER OF RECORD AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RECORD. THE

AMOUNT LISTED CONSTITUTES A DEMAND BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR PAYMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE COST INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, IF PAYMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN FULL TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ENFORCED BY TAX SALE BECOMING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to approve resolution 2020:202

Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded

Motion carried

2020:203

RESOLUTION FOR UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR EXAMPLE BUT NOT LIMITED TO GRASSCUTTING, CLEAN-UP AND BOARD-UP; ESTABLISH A FINAL BILLING; IMPOSE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS; ENFORCE THROUGH TAX SALE; AND IMPOSE MUNICIPAL LIENS. (Residential)

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN HAS INCURRED AN EXPENSE IN THE YEAR(S) 2020 AGAINST VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP FOR FAILURE OF THE PROPERTY OWNER TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTY, AND;

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS EMPOWERED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; AND, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F)(2), TO IMPOSE A LIEN FOR THE RECOVERY OF THOSE MONIES EXPENDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTIES DESIGNATED BY BLOCK AND LOT NUMBER, THE OWNER OF RECORD AND MAILING ADDRESS OF RECORD. THE AMOUNT LISTED CONSTITUTES A DEMAND BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR PAYMENT BY THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE COST INCURRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, IF PAYMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN FULL TO THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, C/O DANIELLE LIPPINCOTT, TAX COLLECTOR, 5605 NORTH CRESCENT BOULEVARD, PENNSAUKEN, NEW JERSEY 08110 THAT THE MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ENFORCED BY TAX SALE BECOMING A MUNICIPAL LIEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW JERSEY STATE STATUTE.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

No public wished to comment.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to approve resolution 2020:202

Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion

An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded

Motion carried

2020:204

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS WHICH IMPOSED LIENS ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, Liens for property maintenance on specific properties were placed on properties not conforming to the Township maintenance code; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is empowered under N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; and N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5(F) (2), to impose a lien for the recovery of those monies expended by the Municipality, and;

WHEREAS, the Pennsauken Township Committee has approved by resolution imposing of a lien for the recovery of those monies expended by the Municipality, and;

WHEREAS, after researching the documentation it has been determined the properties listed below should not have been placed on the list; and

WHEREAS, the liens imposed on the following properties by the Township Committee under N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.13; N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14; and N.J.S.A.40:48-2.5(F)(2) be Rescinded:

Resolution No.	Street Address	Block	Lot	Amount
2018:314	6539 Park Avenue	3104	5	\$250.00
2018:281	2242 Norwood Avenue	2209	8	\$250.00
2018:287	6349 Harvey Avenue	5012	17	\$250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the aforementioned properties and resolution(s) representing the inappropriate 2005, 2018 and 2019 liens be rescinded:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is ordered by the Pennsauken Township Committee to mark the records; that the aforementioned imposed lien(s) are rescinded.

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the following: Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer, Construction Official and Administrative Asst. Building & Housing.

No public wished to comment.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to approve resolution 2020:205
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0

2020:205

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REFUND OF \$75.00 FOR HOUSING RESALE MONEY HELD FOR THE SALE OF 7508 MAPLE AVENUE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08109

WHEREAS, Warren Torchinsky of 32 Wakefield Drive, Medford, NJ 08055 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$175.00 for the Housing Resale/Transfer of Ownership located at 7508 Maple Avenue.

WHEREAS, The Construction Official of the Township of Pennsauken is satisfied that the sale of the property is a commercial property for sale in the Township of Pennsauken and the total fee for the sale of the commercial property is \$100.00 and Warren Torchinsky is entitled to a refund of \$75.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the sum of \$75.00 is returned to Warren Torchinsky of 32 Wakefield Drive, Medford, NJ 08055.

A CERTIFIED COPY of this resolution will be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the Applicant, Construction Official, Finance Department and the Administration Assistant of the Building Department.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride move a motion to approve resolution 2020:205
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.
Motion carried

2020:206

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AUTHORIZING THE REISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE FOR HEART OF CAMDEN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Township Clerk is authorized to reissue a Raffle License R20-04 for October 15, 2020 due to the COVID pandemic shut down, to the following:

Name: **Heart of Camden, Inc.** (Progressive Raffle)
Address: **1840 Broadway Camden, NJ 08104**
Where Event Is Being Held: **Pennsauken Country Club**
3800 Haddonfield Road, Pennsauken, NJ 08109
Date of Event: **OCTOBER 15, 2020**
Township License #: **R20.04** (Progressive Raffle)
State Registration ID: **69-4-35517**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a background check on the Member in Charge has been completed with favorable result and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to issue said license upon the approval of the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission (LGCCC).

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride move a motion to approve resolution 2020:206
Deputy Mayor DiBattista seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.
Motion carried

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered by consent agenda –

2020:207

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2020 TO BERGY'S TRUCKS, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following Used Car License is authorized to be issued in 2020.

Bergey's Trucks Inc.

dba Bergey's Truck Center

7255 N. Crescent Blvd.

Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Bergey's Truck Inc.

dba Bergey's Truck Centers

7460 N. Crescent Blvd.

Pennsauken., NJ 08110

2020:208

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2020 TO ELITE AUTO SALES.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following Used Car License is authorized to be issued in 2020.

Elite Auto Sales

4200 Strand Avenue

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

The following restrictions are in effect:

- 1. All used cars that enter the site will be pre-sold: NO sales will occur on site.*
- 2. No invitations to the general public to purchase used care from the site.*
- 3. No used cars will be stored on site.*

4. *No advertisement that used cars are sold at the site.*
5. *No signs that indicate used cars are sold at the site.*

2020:209

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2020 TO DCB AUTO, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following Used Car License is authorized to be issued in 2020.

DCB Auto Inc

Robert Spencer

6901 E. Chestnut Avenue

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

The following restrictions are in effect:

1. *All used cars that enter the site will be pre-sold: NO sales will occur on site.*
2. *No invitations to the general public to purchase used care from the site.*
3. *No used cars will be stored on site.*
4. *No advertisement that used cars are sold at the site.*
5. *No signs that indicate used cars are sold at the site.*

2020:210

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2020 TO JOSHUA MOTOR CAR COMPANY, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following Used Car License is authorized to be issued in 2020.

Joshua Motor Car Company, Inc

3429 Haddonfield Road

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

2020:211

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF USED CAR LICENSES FOR 2020 TO TONY'S AUTO SERVICES.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following Used Car License is authorized to be issued in 2020.

Tony's Auto Service

4710 N. Crescent Blvd.

Pennsauken, NJ 08109

This license is solely and exclusively for the transport of vehicles to and from this business location for repair and wholesale purposes.

The following restrictions are in effect:

1. *No used cars shall be sold at the business location.*
2. *No invitations to the general public to purchase used cars from the site.*

3. *No advertisement that used cars are sold at the site.*
4. *No signs that indicate used cars are sold at the site.*
5. *No more than 10 vehicles shall be stored for repair at the business location at any time.*

No public wished to comment

Committeewoman Rafeh moved the motion to approve.
Committeewoman McBride seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

Committeewoman McBride - CMAQ grant

Committeewoman McBride spoke on the grant and its intention to connect Cooper River Park with the bridge with the “Gateway” behind “The PUB”

Deputy Mayor DiBattista discussed the possibility of an issue on the sewer end of the project that’s being investigated

Mayor Killion reiterated the route of North Park Drive (Cooper River) and Admiral Wilson Boulevard and Route #130.

A letter of support is needed from the Township to be submitted to the County and the County will submit to the DVRPC.

AGENDA ITEMS -

RESOLUTIONS – MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION:

2020-2021 Liquor License Renewals (September 17th)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Roy of Delair Avenue questioned if anyone could clean up the location across the street from his home. He also commented there is at least a block of kindling that could go up in a blaze if someone threw a match. Mr. Roy also stated there are trees full of poison ivy and poison oak.

Mayor Killion called upon Mr. Martz and Mr. Lunemann to respond and follow up.

Mr. Lunemann replied “the property belongs to the City of Camden; the Township can’t clean and lien it.”

Mr. Martz stated he contacted the Mayor of Camden City who promised to have it cleaned up and that he would place another call to his office.

Mayor Killion commented, Mayor Moran is a man of his word.

Ellyn McMullen of Palace Court, questioned if the Township has two new administrators what now happens to Joe Palumbo’s position.

Mayor Killion stated that there is a restructuring of the Township organizational flow and instead of 20 people reporting to one person, who also supports Township committee. We are striving to continue to provide great service to our residents and the daily operation.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to close the floor to public comment
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Killion

Commented on the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies he attended over the weekend.

The Mayor gave “kudos” to former Committeemen Taylor, Killion and Committeewoman McBride for the continued partnership with Volunteers of America for affordable housing for Veterans at Britton Village. He thanked Congressman Norcross, former members of Committee and Bernie Kofoet for their support.

Mayor Killion commented on the Variety liquidation grand opening on Westfield Ave. and the 25th Anniversary of the passing of George Bowman.

He asked that everyone continue to wear their mask and practice social distancing.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista

Thanked those who participated on the ZOOM call and stated his thoughts and prayers are with the families dealing with the COVID virus.

Mr. DiBattista stated there will be two car parades on September 19th the first to begin at 12 noon and the second one to begin at 1:30 pm to practice social distancing.

He also commented on the lemonade for change drive.

Committeewoman Rafeh

Thanked the residents for participating in the meeting. She thanked the Mayor and Committee for their support of the Library and stated the next lemonade drive by will be at Delair School on September 12th, between 1 and 3 pm. The library will be conducting virtual story time for pre-K beginning September 15th through the 29th between the hours of 11am and 11:30 am.

She asked everyone to stay diligent wearing their mask.

Committeewoman McBride

Commented that she was sorry she couldn't attend the ribbon cutting at Britton Village due to self-quarantining but was very happy to see it finally come to fruition.

Mrs. McBride again stated the importance of completing the Census forms. She requested the Administration and staff push the census when answering the phone through September. The Township is currently at 70.7% completed responses.

Committeeman Dyer

Sent his prayers to those families affected with COVID. He continued to urge everyone to stay vigilant and continue to wear their mask; Restaurants are opening at a 25% capacity and schools are on a hybrid opening. He also wished Committeewoman Rafeh good luck with her delivery of her first child.

RESOLUTION (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The following Resolution will be considered individually –

2020:212

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE – CONTRACTS, PERSONNEL and PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken is subject to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6- et. seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey generally requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items enumerated in the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b, which items are recognized as requiring confidentiality; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate for the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken to discuss certain matters in a meeting not open to the public consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b.

WHEREAS, matters under discussion will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken shall hold a closed meeting from which the public shall be excluded, on September 3, 2020.
2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of public safety, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (6).
3. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of contracts negotiation, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7).
4. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of personnel and employment, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8).

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on September 3, 2020.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved a motion to approve resolution 2020:212
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded

Mayor and Committee moved into closed session at 6:52 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor and Committee returned to adjourn at 9:08 pm

Committeeman Dyer moved a motion to adjourn
Deputy Mayor seconded the motion
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Scott-Forman
Acting Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED: October 8, 2020