

**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

The Committee Meeting of the Pennsauken Township Committee was held via ZOOM electronic participation on Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Killion at 6:00 pm. An update was given on the number of Corona Virus cases to date in Pennsauken, which are up by 342 cases from the last meeting now totaling 1,592 cases total. He also reported the number of deaths at 29, up three in the last two weeks. Mayor Killion expressed his thoughts, concerns and prayers for families affected by the virus and families who have lost loved ones. He continues to stress the importance of wearing your mask, washing your hands and social distancing.

Mayor Killion called for the Salute to the Flag followed by a Moment of Silence requesting special thoughts and prayers for families affected by the virus and for members of the public with the difficult task of counting votes.

The announcement of the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act" was given 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.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved the motion to participate via ZOOM.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

The Meeting commenced with a roll call by the Acting Township 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 Linda Galella, Esq. of Parker McCay.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes November 5, 2020
Closed Session November 5, 2020

Committeewoman Rafeh moved a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

PROCLAMATION

*IN RECOGNITION
OF
CHIEF MICHAEL COYLE
PENNSAUKEN EMS
FOR
42 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE*

WHEREAS, it is with great reverence and appreciation that we gather today to honor Chief Mike Coyle for more than four decades of faithful service to the Pennsauken Emergency Services operation. Chief Coyle has been a dedicated and steadfast employee who has provided a critical service to the residents of Pennsauken. Today we recognize your commitment to this community and the impact you have made; and

WHEREAS, Mike began his career with the Pennsauken First Aid Squad as an EMT in 1978. By 1984 he was elected Captain, a position he would hold exclusively until 1995. Recognizing the need for a cohesive, cooperative and comprehensive program, Mike would lead the conversion of the First Aid Squad into the Pennsauken Emergency Medical Services initiative. Mike helped revolutionize the concept of this service by facilitating the transition of a mostly volunteer-based program to a fully paid and partially-paid career service; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Michael Coyle would be named Chief of Pennsauken Emergency Services. He would maintain this role for the duration of his career. In addition to this position, Chief Coyle would serve as the EMS Coordinator for Camden County and as the Annex Director for the Pennsauken Office of Emergency Management. His response to the COVID 19 Pandemic has been vital, consistent and efficient. Chief Coyle maintained regular communication with the Medical Director at Cooper University Hospital as well as the New Jersey Department of Health Commissioners and as such was critical in disseminating information accordingly. Additionally, Chief Coyle was critical in helping to develop protocols for our municipal services, business community and residents to help keep Pennsauken as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, Chief Coyle, along with his wife Debbie, have long been supporters of the PYAA Softball Program. They have dedicated countless volunteer hours to this community. Without their involvement, many of the Township events and programs would have been unsustainable. Chief Coyle is the proud father of Kelly and Bryon and although he has held several titles throughout his life, perhaps the most cherished of all is Pop Pop to Jade, Vito, Elizabeth, Leslie and Victoria.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken, along with the members of Township Committee hereby honor Chief Mike Coyle on a long and successful career at the helm of Pennsauken Emergency Services. Abraham Lincoln once remarked that “next to creating a life, the finest thing a man can do is save one.” Chief Coyle has certainly experienced this during his tenure and for that, there are countless grateful individuals who lived to see another day. We thank you Chief for your service and dedication. We wish you a

much deserved retirement filled with happiness and good health.

Tim Killion, Mayor

Date: November 19, 2020

Mayor and Committee expressed congratulatory wishes to Chief Coyle.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT)

ORDINANCE 2020:18

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CANCELLING CERTAIN UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township") (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

Section 1. The following unfunded appropriations remaining as balances in Bond Ordinance 2020-03 ("Bond Ordinance") heretofore adopted by the Township Committee on March 5, 2020 are hereby cancelled:

<u>Bond Ordinance Section</u>	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Amount of Unfunded Appropriation to be Cancelled</u>
7(A)	Repaving of John Tipton Boulevard	\$40,000
7(B)	Reconstruction and Repaving of Camden Avenue	65,000

Section 2. The amount of \$30,000, which represents a portion of the unfunded appropriation cancelled from Section 7(A) of the Bond Ordinance described in Section 1 hereof, is hereby re-appropriated from said Bond Ordinance to Section 7(C) of said Bond Ordinance for the construction and reconstruction of various streets and roads in the Township as part of the Township's 2020 Road Reconstruction Program, all as more particularly described in the documentation on file in the Office of the Township

Administrator and available for inspection during normal Township hours, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto.

Section 3. The aggregate amount of \$75,000, which represents: (i) the remaining portion of the unfunded appropriation cancelled from Section 7(A) of the Bond Ordinance described in Section 1 hereof; and (ii) the unfunded appropriation cancelled from Section 7(B) of the Bond Ordinance described in Section 1 hereof, is hereby re-appropriated from said Bond Ordinance to Section 7(F) of said Bond Ordinance for concrete repairs and Improvements for various sidewalks, curbs, and other structures in the Township, all as more particularly described in the documentation on file in the Office of the Township Administrator and available for inspection during normal Township hours, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto.

Section 4. The remaining funded and unfunded appropriation balances as authorized by the Bond Ordinance shall be unaffected by this ordinance and shall remain available for the uses set forth therein.

Section 5. The average period of usefulness of the purposes referred to in Sections 2 and 3 hereof, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and according to the reasonable life thereof, is not less than 6.42 years.

Section 6. The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection.

Section 7. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are general improvements that the Township may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

Section 8. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

No public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride moved to adopt Ordinance 2020:18.
Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - (NO PUBLIC COMMENT)

ORDINANCE 2020:20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 155 ARTICLE V WEDDINGS AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES BY MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, wishes to create regulations for refunds of marriage cancellations, and

155-10. FEE ESTABLISHED

All persons desiring to have a wedding or civil union ceremony performed by the Mayor of the Township of Pennsauken shall remit to the Township of Pennsauken the sum of \$125 as a fee thereof.

RESCHEDULED

1. Any request to reschedule a confirmed wedding date/time that is prior to 24 hours of the original date/time will be honored for no additional fee.
2. Any requests to reschedule a confirmed wedding date/time less than 24 hours before that date/time will result in an additional fee of \$75.

CANCELLATIONS

1. Cancellations for a wedding ceremony must be made 24 hours prior to the confirmed date/time for a full refund of the \$125 fee.
2. Cancellations made less than 24 hours from the confirmed date/time will receive a \$50 refund.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of any ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of the ordinance are hereby repealed.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020:20.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

Public hearing and final adoption is scheduled for December 17th, 2020.

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

2020:302

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. (Large Scale Cleanups)

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.

2020:303

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REFUND OF \$175.00 FOR HOUSING RESALE MONEY HELD FOR THE SALE OF 1701 – 42nd STREET, PENNSAUKEN, NJ 08110

WHEREAS, Dickinson Property Group, LLC of 1170 Delsea Drive, Suite # 1125 Westville, NJ 08093 made a deposit with the Township of Pennsauken in the amount of \$175.00 for the Housing Resale/Transfer of Ownership located at 1701 – 42nd Street.

WHEREAS, The Construction Official of the Township of Pennsauken is satisfied that the sale of the property was cancelled and has approved same and that Dickinson Property Group LLC is entitled to a refund of \$175.00.

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 \$175.00 is returned to Dickinson Property Group, LLC of 1170 Delsea Drive, Suite # 1125 Westville, NJ 08093.

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

2020:304

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THOSE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION DUE TO THE VETERAN ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION OF 100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED.

WHEREAS, THE OWNER AND RESIDENT OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE MET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION AS PERSCRIBED BY NEW JERSEY STATUTE 54:4-3.30 FOR EXEMPT STATUS UNTIL SOLD; AND

WHEREAS, THE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES HAVE APPLIED TO THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS; AND

WHEREAS, THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN RECOMMENDS THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES FOR THE PROPERTIES AS DISCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>BLOCK / LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO CANCEL</u>
1502 10	8116 STOW RD	2020	\$1,677.20 100 DAYS

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TAXES ON THE AFORMENTIONED LIST BE CANCELLED AND THAT THE TAX ASSESSOR AND THE TAX COLLECTOR ARE HEREWITH AUTHORIZED AND INSTRUCTED TO ADJUST THEIR RECORDS ACCORDINGLY;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE TAX ASSESSOR, TAX COLLECTOR, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED EXEMPTIONS ARE GRANTED.

2020:305

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

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 November 19, 2020.
2. The general natures of the subjects to be discussed at said closed meeting shall be matters of Safety of the Public, 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 Attorney Client Privilege, Contracts, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (7)

ADOPTED at the Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken on November 19, 2020.

Committeewoman McBride moved the resolutions on the consent agenda.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-

Budgeted	\$ 1,831,773.67
Statutory Expenditures	\$ 86,096.54
Section 8	\$ 43,662.18

Committeewoman Dyer moved a motion on Resolution 2020:305.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT(s) – Police, Fire and EMS

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion to file the reports.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative voice vote was recorded.

CONFERENCE / ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

Economic Development - Larry Cardwell

4821 Westfield Ave – 1026 square foot storefront located in the Westfield Ave Redevelopment Zone. The property is zoned commercial C1. The proposed tenant will be a law office which will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am – 6pm.

*** Committee approved to move forward*

AGENDA ITEMS -

NEW BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING: NONE
NEW BUSINESS/ORDINANCES ON SECOND: Ordinance 2020:19
RESOLUTIONS – MATTERS OF LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Steinberg of E. Clements Bridge Road Runnemede, NJ expressed health and safety concerns about liquified natural gas being transported through Pennsauken via rail. He gave information about specific conditions needed for transportation.

Committeewoman McBride commented the Environmental Commission will be discussing it at their next meeting.

Linda Rubiano of Chestnut Avenue reminded Committee she had sent a resolution in August with the same concerns as Mr. Steinberg and mentioned there are others on the call who are against the transport of the liquified gas.

She was reminded the resolution would be reviewed at the environmental commission meeting.

No other public wished to comment.

Committeewoman McBride moved a motion to close the floor to public comment. Committeeman Dyer seconded the motion. An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mayor Killion

- 2021 grant received in the amount of \$335,330.00 for roads and bridges.
- Uninterrupted change during the EMS transition into the Fire Department
- Congratulations to Ed Paul who will transition to Captain over EMS as Pennsauken continues to be better at what we do.
- Grant awaiting the Governor's signature in the amount of \$9,364,500 for a new Library building. Overall vision is to incorporate the municipal building with the Library.
- Thanked the Friends of the Library, Library Director and those on the municipal side for all the hard work.
- Congratulated Chief Coyle on his retirement.
- Reminded his constituents to be smart about wearing their mask and social distancing.

Deputy Mayor DiBattista

- Thanked those on the call for their participation.
- Drive through tree lighting ceremony on December 4th at 5:30 – 8:30.
- Working on a virtual cookies w/ Santa.
- Thank you to Chief Coyle, congratulations on retirement.
- Thankful the Township didn't privatize EMS.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

Committeewoman Rafeh

- Happy to receive the grant for the Library, which is the heart of the Township

- Prayers to those affected by the corona virus.
- Please continue to wear your mask.
- Happy Thanksgiving! (said also in Spanish).

Committeewoman McBride

- Very sad to have an additional 342 new cases in the last two weeks and 2 new deaths because of Corona.
- Be bold tell people to wear their mask.
- Temple Lutheran will be giving out Thanksgiving baskets for those in need on Saturday.
- The grant for the Library is very exciting, it's the centerpiece of the Township.
- Proud of the Police, EMS and Fire and all they do.
- Congratulations to Chief Coyle on his retirement.

Committeeman Dyer

- Continued thoughts and prayers to and for those affected with Covid.
- Stay vigilant wearing your mask.
- Zip code 08105 which is East Camden and Pennsauken is currently the “hot spot” as far as Covid and positive test in Camden County.
- Congratulations to Chief Coyle, continue to be the great man that you are.
- Happy Thanksgiving as you celebrate with your immediate family members only.

Mayor Killion announced on December 1st there is a Suicide Prevention virtual presentation at 6 pm; to register please go to the Camden County website.

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Committeeman Dyer moved a motion to approve resolution 2020:305.
Committeewoman Rafeh seconded the motion.
An affirmative 5/0 roll call vote was recorded.

Committee moved in to closed session at 6:31 pm.

Committee returned at 6:48 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Scott-Forman
Acting Township cLerk

ADOPTED: December 3, 2020