

CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

April 18, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee is being held at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1621 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. This meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975 c.231, having been advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 5, 2016.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Brauckmann, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Minniti, Mr. Young, [Mayor McCarthy on speakerphone](#). Also Present: Attorney John Gillespie, Director King, Administrator, Michael Minton

Deputy Mayor Young opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2016-6 – To exceed municipal appropriations and exceed the cap bank. Motion to open for public comment made by Mr. Brauckmann.

No public comment.

No comment from committee.

JOHN GILLESPIE: I am going to ask that you follow the agenda this evening but for everything on the agenda above public comment but then redo again at a special meeting perhaps next Monday, April 25th because there is a question with regards to notice. Once we've adopted Resolution 2016-57. Once we've adopted that you then vote on this, actually reopen the hearing at the special meeting. I don't think you need to worry about the consent agenda; those are administrative matters. These are legislative actions and I'd rather we cross all t's and dot all i's.

MR YOUNG: To recap that for our public we are going to take public comment tonight. We are going to do all presentations tonight. We are going to defer voting until a week from tonight at a special meeting which will be announced in the paper.

JOHN GILLESPIE: Is everyone available next week for a meeting?

It is decided that the meeting will be earlier in the day. Mr. Minniti will call in. Mrs. Fitzpatrick will attend or call in. Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. Young and Mayor McCarthy are available. Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2016 at 10:00 am.

JOHN GILLESPIE: We are adjourning the vote on Ordinance 2016-6 until Monday, April 25, 2016 at 10:00 am.

MOTION TO table the vote on Public Hearing 2016-6 through 2016-7 on the agenda voting will be tabled until Monday April 25, 2016 made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. All aye. Votes tabled.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-56 authorizing 2016 budget to be read by title only made by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Minniti. All aye.

JULIA EDMONDSO: The municipality is responsible for collecting property taxes and disbursing monies to our local schools, county, municipal open space fund and the Fire District. If the property taxes are not paid the town still must fund these entities. The municipal portion is 18% for 2015. The revenues used for the 2016 budget were 70% property tax, 13% state aid and 17% local revenue. As you can see it's pretty important that we collect our property taxes. For this budget we used \$950,000 in surplus. As you can see it's a very conservative amount. We've raised over 3.5 million last year. We only use the amount that we know we can regenerate. One of the major factors of our surplus was our collection rate. Last year it was over 99%. Tax appeals also helps our collection rate. In 2014 we did a reval which greatly improved. You can see at one time we were giving almost \$600,000 back from tax appeals. The actual increase to the average homeowner is \$50.10 per year, \$4.18 per month and 96 cents per week. What do you get for that? Public safety has conducted over 7100 community policing assignments, responded to over 1500 emergency medical calls, investigated 773 motor vehicle accidents, arrested 556 wanted persons, conducted 374 residential checks for vacationing residents. There were vast improvements over the past 6 years to our parks and rec. Public works is your snow removal, garbage collection, leaf collection, maintenance of the roads. You also have your tax collections, tax assessments, code enforcement, economic development and animal control. Some of the 2016 budget highlights were maintaining all of the services with just a slight increase. This budget was examined by the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services. We are over 191,000 under the State Levy Cap and over 1.1 million under the State Appropriations Cap. Using fair market to show how Cinnaminson compares to neighboring towns.

ROXANNE JANE, 220 Nathan Drive: Asks what the rate represents. Ms. Edmondson replies it reflects municipal portion of the tax.

Open for public comment – No comments

JOHN GILLESPIE: This will be revisited on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Open for public hearing on Ordinance 2016-8.

Public comment – No comment.

KATHY FITZPATRICK: What are the changes that are included in this ordinance from the previous year?

JULIA EDMONDSON: Certain jobs have a salary range

BEN YOUNG: We have reduction in a couple of things because they were a few things taken out.

KATHY FITZPATRICK: Do we have specifics because I'd like specifics on what ranges were changed? Just one in particular, was the administrator's salary increased by \$10,000?

JULIA EDMONDSON: The administrator's salary just has a range. So it wasn't decided yet. It is a broad range because it's for part time and full time position.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: Just so I understand, it was my understanding that some members of committee spoke about this and increased it by \$10,000. I'm just trying to figure it out. That's a pretty hefty increase of 10 to 20% depending on where the administrator's salary falls. So in this salary ordinance what was changed?

MRS. EDMONDSON: The line item was changed by \$10,000 but it doesn't mean it's approved.

I said to committee that I needed a number because you don't want to under budget.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: I understand but to me that would signify. I think that's way too high. I just need to make sure. Have there been other significant changes to the salary ordinance that I should be aware of?

MRS. EDMONDSON: No.

MR. MINNITI: Julie is it fair to say that it's budgeted for that number but it's not that number yet?

MRS. EDMONDSON: No it's not.

MR. MINNITI: But you have to budget for that number in case the top range is there? No number has been decided.

MRS EDMONDSON: No

MRS. FITZPATRICK: I just feel like that increase is significant. When I vote I will keep that number in mind because I don't know very many people that get 10% increases to higher than that and could very well exceed that depending upon where the salary falls and I think that is very significant. Thank you for clarifying.

MR. BRAUCKMANN: Just so I am aware 2016-8 is just a salary range, it's a guide. This isn't establishing individual salaries.

MS. EDMONDSON: Certain people it is but the one position Mrs. Fitzpatrick is talking about is a range. That range has not changed.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: So it hasn't changed?

MRS. EDMONDSON: The budget line item has changed, but the salary ordinance has not changed. And when there is a range you usually do a resolution so you will be aware.

JOHN GILLESPIE: You set the table by two things. You set the table by the salary ordinance which establishes a range. You set the table by appropriating sufficient amount of monies in the budget for that range but none of that matters if the resolution you then adopt later on doesn't establish a change in salary.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: Correct, but it gives this committee latitude to go up to that range and increase it by that amount. That's the amount that I think is concerning because that would be a pretty significant increase. Like a said it could well exceed 10%. The minimum is 10%.

JOHN GILLESPIE: The ordinance doesn't do that.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: The ordinance doesn't do that but including that in the ordinance gives us latitude to do that down the line and I just feel like that's a lot.

MR. YOUNG: It's not in the ordinance. It's in the budget.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: The line item has been increased for the purposes when we have the discussion to increase the administrator's salary. I understand that we have to vote on that I just feel like that's excessive. To add that to the line item is allowing us to do that at some later date. I just feel like that is excessive. That was my point and that was my question and thank you.

MR. YOUNG: The discussion is pertaining to the budget and not to the salary ordinance.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: This particular public hearing is on the salary ordinance.

MR. YOUNG: The question was more appropriate to the budget.

MRS. FITZPATRICK: I understand when it is appropriate Mr. Young.

Public Hearing on Ordinance 2016- 7 Authorizing Capital Improvements. Appropriating \$2,202,000.00 and authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,919,000.00.

MR YOUNG: This excludes the 5% we put up correct?

Public Comment – None

Committee – None

Motion to table 2016-7 and 2016-8 to April 25, 2016 at 10:00am.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda – none

Committee comments on Consent Agenda - none

Consent Agenda

Resolution 2016-57 Resolution designating newspapers for official notice.

Resolution 2016-58 Authorizing execution of consent order authorizing release of funds regarding former Jiffy Lube site.

Resolution 2016-60 Authorizing execution of shared services agreement with Riverton Borough for the disposal of leaves.

Motion to Accept and File Monthly Municipal Court Report of Receipts and Disbursements for month ending March 31, 2016

Motion to Approve raffle licenses for St. Charles Borromeo for 6/13/16 to 6/18/16

End of consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Mr. Minniti, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. All aye. Consent agenda is approved.

Minutes

March 21, 2016

April 4, 2016

Motion to approve minutes for April 4, 2016 made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. Young. Aye – Mr. Brauckman, Mr. Minniti, Mr. Young, Mr. McCarthy. Mrs. Fitzpatrick abstains.

Motion to approve minutes for March 21, 2016 made by Mrs. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Mr. Minniti. All aye. Minutes approved.

Motion to approve minutes for closed session March 21, 2016 made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Minniti. All aye. Minutes approved

Motion to approve minutes for closed session April 4, 2016 made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. Young. All aye. Mrs. Fitzpatrick abstains. Minutes approved.

[John McCarthy hangs up.](#)

Liaison Reports

Economic Development – Mr. Minniti – none

Health/Senior Services and Veterans Affairs – Mrs. Fitzpatrick – none

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Brauckmann

Baseballs opening day was unfortunately rained out. I attended softball's on behalf of Committee. It was a great turnout. The park looks outstanding. Mr. Young, please relay to the Public Works people that everyone couldn't say enough about our parks. It was a really nice showing. I wish everyone the best with the upcoming sports season. That's all I have.

Public Works – Mr. Young

Good Evening – Our Public Works Department has spent the last few weeks playing catch up throughout our community. Whether it's been picking up brush, collecting leaves, patching potholes or getting the fields at the parks ready for spring sports, it's been all hands on deck. The extended cold and wet weather has greatly hampered a lot of work, but especially our pothole crew. The Parks crew had things ready to go for opening day for

baseball. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and opening day was cancelled. Mike McDonald and his staff did a terrific job, again under very trying weather conditions.

We are pretty much on schedule for brush and leaf collection. Residents are to be reminded that materials need to be out by Monday, 7AM, of your pick up week, and we don't pick up leaves after the end of April. There will continue to be a drop off location behind the library for any late collections of leaves to be delivered.

We have a big change coming May 1 in town. We're going to have a new trash collection contract and our new service will be Republic Services instead of South Jersey Sanitation which has had it about the last six or seven years. Timing, everything will remain the same. There will be some minor adjustments in term of local pickup but in general everything will remain the same, the same four zones. And I believe that we specified the same 3 day pickup. If you were Wednesday before you'll be Wednesday under the new contract. The Administrator Mickey King and myself will be meeting with the trash company next week to coordinate all the efforts with all the individual containers like in the Harbor and places like that. We'll be addressing those.

We are maintaining a supply of mulch behind the Library for residents to access for their personal use. We also are taking orders for deliveries all week long as long as we have personnel available to make the delivery. This is a service that used to only be available on Fridays. Be reminded that there is a charge for the delivery of these materials.

A couple of traffic notes – There will be road paving ongoing on Highland Ave. where the water company installed new water lines. There is also paving scheduled to start shortly on Church Street. Check our township website for continued updated information on both of these items.

We have also begun the installation of the new street signs for the town. We are currently installing in Zone 1 so you might take note how much better they are to see both in daylight and at night. We will be continuing over the next 2 years to complete the replacement of signage to bring them up to state standards.

We will be having a clean-up day at the DPW facility on Saturday, May 21, from 8 AM until 2 PM. Remember, this is when you can bring electronics, paint, used oil and other related items for disposition. Currently we are not accepting computer CRTs or TVs. We are still awaiting for the legislature to pass the new legislation to resolve this issue.

That concludes my report.

Administration and Finance and Public Safety – none

Bill List

A MOTION TO APPROVE BILL LIST IS MADE BY MRS. FITZPATRICK, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann.

MR. YOUNG: Before we adopt this I'd like to make a comment. You've all heard about the pension and all the issues in Trenton with pensions. We just made a payment this month for our fire and police and our public employees over \$830,000 in round numbers. Our pension is supported by what is in effect a three legged stool. One leg is the employees who

contribute, one leg is the communities who contribute and the third leg is the State who contributes. And that's the leg that's kind of short right now. So it tilts the wrong way because the Governor has declined to start making contributions. Out of a million plus in bills this month \$800,000 plus is for going strictly for pensions.

VOICE VOTE. ALL AYE. Bill list approved.

Public Comment

KELLY HUBER, 2404 Brandeis Ave – On March 8th, 2016 the Cinnaminson community and especially the Cullen and McCormick families, suffered a tragic loss. NJ. State Trooper Sean Cullen's untimely death reverberated throughout this community and South Jersey with an impact unlike anything we have seen in years. Following the initial shock of this news, almost immediately there were questions as to how we could show our support for this young man and his family.

Through the power of Facebook, a suggestion was made to place bows on phone poles and lampposts to signify our support for Trooper Cullen and all law enforcement. What followed next was an indication of what makes Cinnaminson such a remarkable place to reside. Within the span of only three hours, over two dozen caring people responded to a call for volunteers to meet at the Cinnaminson Library community room to learn how to make bows for the purpose of honoring Trooper Cullen. It was determined that any profits from the sale of the bows would be for the Cullen children.

The bow project grew quickly and, with an offer from Amy Hunter to use Hunter's Farm Market, hundreds of bows were made with the intent to sell them locally. The following day hundreds of people came to our local ShopRite to purchase a bow, some waiting over an hour to support this family. To those unnamed hundreds who patiently waited for those hastily-made bows, we say "Thank You". To those who canvassed South Jersey for blue ribbon or blue light bulbs for our community, we say "Thank You". And, of course, to all who gave their time to make bows and place them, and flags, around our town, we say a very heartfelt "Thank You".

In the ensuing weeks since Trooper Cullen's death, there have been multiple fundraising offers from around the county. Several local businesses have offered a percentage of their profits from "Dine and Donate" events.

The Westampton Police Department has sold tee shirts to benefit the family, as well. More events are planned for the future and we encourage everyone to check local media and internet postings for more information.

The core group of women who began the bow project (many of whom are working moms with young children) have been in contact with the Cullen/McCormick family and will continue to assist with these efforts to alleviate them from dealing with the publicity and logistics of these activities. We would encourage everyone to continue to support our fallen law enforcement officers, fire fighters, EMTs and community servants in any way you can.

To say that we are proud to be a part of such a caring, generous and altruistic community is a gross understatement. From a heart-wrenching tragedy we have witnessed the very best in the people that make up Cinnaminson and our neighboring communities. We have always felt this was a special place to live and raise our families. Hopefully this spirit will continue in other ways to make our town a wonderful place for all of us.

Thank you.

CINDY PIERSON, 622 Pompess Ave – We had our cleanup last Saturday at the Sewer Authority. I want to thank Chuck, Carl and Rich Strobel for getting us in. There were only 6 of us and we could only work 2 hours before the snow and sleet started. We pulled out 8 huge contractor's bags, 6 of the large paper bags, 3 tires and my favorite most of a Volkswagen dune buggy that was abandoned in the marsh. CSA was very kind. Sadly there is still a lot of trash to pick up. We're going to have to make it a monthly event. People who grew up around here know that North Randolph is where kids go to drink and fool around. Make sure you know where your kids are. Smell their clothes when they come home. See if they've been drinking. Be willing to pick them up no matter what time of day it is. Talk to them the next day. They don't need another friend. Make sure they know that you'll be the authority figure. There was a guy a couple years ago who said he didn't want the kids hanging around his house. I'd much rather have them hanging around my house than anywhere else.

Some good news, we found a nest of wood threshers back along the marsh. They are threatened in New Jersey. They are very healthy. We let the Fish and Wildlife people know that it's a very healthy habitat for them and they are doing well.

ROXANNE JANE, 220 Nathan Drive: The trash along the river area. I don't know if your collection of trash extends to the river's edge. I'd very much like to see a cleanup day for the river, the frontage. Because from the edge of Cinnaminson Harbor towards Delran area there is a lot of trash, bottles, tires, barrels etc. I do a little pick up in the neighborhood. Along the river it's impossible for one person to pick up all this trash. I have people in my development, boy scouts and girl scouts that would like to help. Near the Sewerage Authority there is an opening in the fence where there is a lot of trash. I'm willing to help and I'm not the only one.

End of Public Comment

Comments from Committee

MR. BRAUCKMANN: Mr. Deputy Mayor and for everyone who came, we talked about this at the last meeting as a committee, but for those who don't know I have been a police officer for 23 years, I'm a former Marine and my son is currently serving in the Air Force. Certain things hit me really hard, especially the death of a law enforcement officer or something that happens to our military. That's because of who I am and what I do. In probably 23 years of law enforcement I've been to over 20 law enforcement related line of duty deaths. I've gone to funerals similar to what we saw in Cinnaminson. I couldn't get over the way our community came out for Trooper Cullen's funeral. It doesn't always happen the way it does like it did in our community.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN IS MADE BY MAYOR MCCARTHY, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann.
Meeting adjourned.

Duly passed and adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Passione