

## CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

June 19, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Minniti at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1621 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. Mayor Minniti announces that this meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975 c.231, having been noticed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2017.

In Attendance: Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. Evans, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Young, Mayor Minniti, Also present: Michael P. King, Administrator, John Gillespie, Solicitor, Julia Edmondson, CFO, Michael Minton, Economic Development Director

Mayor Minniti opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Minniti presents Officer Michael Czarzasty with proclamation

### **Liaison Reports:**

**Health and Senior Services and Veterans Affairs – Mr. Evans** – Nothing to report

### **Parks and Recreation – Mr. Brauckmann**

Good evening everyone. Parks and Recreation Advisory committee will meet on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be our last meeting for the summer. Various discussions included the audit that was conducted regarding the programs that Parks and Recreation has been running. At least for the last six years, but also going back further, there was discussion regarding several programs that will be shifted to either the Police Department or a school group. That was understood by all as far as the reasoning for that. Regarding some of the programs we do run, the first summer concert will be on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The concerts start at 7:00. The first concert will wrap up a little bit early, at 8:30. The fireworks at Riverton Country Club are also that evening. The band is going to play right through. The first concert is our children's concert featuring Grammy Award Winner Stephen Pullaro and his Cool Beans concert. It's a fun event for the kids. I encourage everyone to go out for that. Also we have opened up the registration for our summer tennis lessons. They will start July 11<sup>th</sup>, running every Tuesday and Thursday through to August 10<sup>th</sup>. From 9 – 10:00 am is 5-9 year olds, free, 10-11:00 10-14 years old, free and 11 – noon is for 15 years old and above for \$35. We do use a service to register for this program so no money is handled by the Township. That service is called Eventbrite. I posted that link today on Cinnaminson's Friends and Neighbors page as well as the Township webpage. I believe it will be put out on various social media sites as well. Please look for that and sign up.

Mr. Mayor that concludes my report.

### **Public Works – Mr. Young**

Thank you Mr. Mayor, and good evening to all.

We held a Cinnaminson Clean-Up day at the DPW yard on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. 145 of our residents took advantage of the opportunity to bring various items to our yard for disposal. In addition to various materials that were brought in, we collected 3 box trucks full of Electronics for recycling.

Our updated Directory of Services information has been delivered to our residents. We suggest that you post it somewhere for reference. If you should misplace it, you can find it on our Public Works website which can be accessed directly through a link on the township's website. It will be much appreciated.

We have received bids and made awards on the road milling contracts. The work is being broken into 2 parts since the bid scope also included some parking lot replacement. These awards were made on the work session's consent agenda. We are still awaiting the CDBG grant award from the County so we can move forward with ADA curb ramps.

We are continuing to cut grass on properties that are vacant and in violation of our property maintenance ordinance. Violations and Liens are being issued as you will note by reviewing our consent agenda this evening.

Our list of streets that are to be included in the paving program for the current year is still in the stages of being finalized. Work is scheduled to begin work early in August, weather permitting.

We are wrapping up the cleaning of the St. Charles Basin and will be putting the final touches on seeding and stabilizing of the slopes, shortly. There are some subsurface repairs needed in the outfall manhole and these repairs will be coordinated with the Fire Department for the required safety measures to be in place as required for working in confined spaces.

We have also completed the tennis courts project at Wood Park. As you all may recall this is a joint effort between ourselves and the school district. They are the home courts for our high school tennis teams. In speaking to some of the coaches and others from the school district, they are thrilled with the work. We even have the wind curtains up that have the Cinnaminson "C" on them so it gives them a nice home court edge.

Mr. Mayor, this concludes my report. Thank you.

#### **Administration/Finance and Public Safety – Mr. McCarthy**

Good evening everyone. Thank you Mr. Mayor. I'll keep my report short as we'll be talking about the salary ordinance and public safety later. I received an email earlier today, I don't know if everyone else received it or not. It's from the Mt. Holly Prison Museum Association. They have asked us to announce that they will have free admission this Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The intention is to get everyone to take the free audio tours of the museum. Eventually that tour is going to cost \$3. This Friday night it is free.

I'd also like to congratulate Officer Czarzasty again and thank him for his efforts in community policing. It's always appropriate to thank the wives because that type of effort takes them away from home a lot. Even though Nicki left, I think we should thank her for allowing Mike to give all of his time to the community.

That's all I have. Thank you.

#### **Economic Development – Mayor Minniti**

Rather than a report, I'm going to ask committee to formalize direction on two previous items that I believe we had consensus on regarding moving forward with negotiations with the project for the Garden State Inn and Lidl redevelopment. We had previously discussed the need for certain negotiations regarding land swaps. I want to get committee's approval for Mr. Gillespie to move forward finalizing those negotiations so that this application can continue on to the Planning Board. I would also like to get committee's approval to allow Mr. Gillespie to prepare and go out for RFP on the remainder portion of the Azalea Farm which includes a portion of the relocated parking lot. Asks if anyone have any questions or comments. Motion to authorize made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Young. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

#### **New Business**

COPS Grant Opportunity – Director King states that the Federal Government has offered an opportunity to law enforcement to apply for COPS Grant which is for three years, seventy-five percent of the salaries, for new police officers. We're trying to get staffing back to where we were before the reductions. He thinks that we'll be in a good position to compete. One of the opportunities we would have is to request funding for a second School Resource Officer, which is what the Township has had in the past and was very successful. He has met with Dr. Illuzzi and his replacement and Mr. Egan. They are supportive of it. They would go to the school board and after the three years of the grant the school would pick up the funding for the second SRO. Director King is requesting for committee to authorize him to apply for the grant and do they want the two SRO's?

Mr. Brauckmann comments that grants are a concern because they don't last. He would not like to see someone laid off when the grant ended. Director King clarifies that with pending retirements he does not feel that any officers would have to be let go and that the school district has stated that they will cover the cost after the three years. The Township will fund twenty-five percent for the three years of the grant then the school will cover one hundred percent of the cost. Mr. Young comments that he feels it makes a lot of sense, that this is a positive move. Motion to authorize the application for the grant and approve two School Resource Officers made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

#### **Old Business**

Christmas Tree/Menorah Lighting – Discussion if will this remain with Parks and Recreation and what kind of event it will be going forward. Mr. Evans comments that he thought that we had moved away from a religious oriented event and more of a community oriented event. Director King agrees. Mr. Brauckmann comments that there was a discussion on changing this.

At the Parks and Recs meeting a Christmas Tree/Menorah lighting was unanimously rejected as they felt that it should be opened up to all religions. Parks and Recreation would like to maintain this program as one that they manage. Mayor Minniti asks if there is further information or should it be tabled to next work session meeting? Committee concurs for item to be tabled.

Authorization for Director of Public Safety to fill 5 promotional positions (1-Lieutenant, 4 - Sergeants). Mr. McCarthy comments that this is a direction that the police department has been heading in. This was discussed with all committee members at the last closed session. Filling these positions will save \$50,000 in overtime this year and next year. He is fully in support of this. Motion to authorize made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Young. Voice vote. Ayes – Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Young, Mayor Minniti. Nays – Mr. Brauckmann and Mr. Evans. Motion passes.

### **Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017- 10**

Motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017- 10 Authorizing Capital Improvements; Appropriating \$1,697,000; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$ 1,612,150 made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Mayor Minniti opens for public comment. Hearing none, Mayor Minniti closes the public comment portion. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Evans. Roll call vote. Ayes – Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. Evans, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Young, Mayor Minniti. Nays – None. Ordinance is adopted.

### **BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CINNAMINSON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - AUTHORIZING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING \$1,697,000; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,612,150**

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-10**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Cinnaminson, County of Burlington, New Jersey (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 purposes described in Sections 7 are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Cinnaminson, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("the Township").

**Section 2.** It is hereby determined and declared that:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the Township from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$1,697,000;
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$1,612,150; and
- (c) a down payment in the amount of \$84,850 for the purposes stated in Section 7 is currently available in accordance with the requirements of Section 11 of the Local Bond Law, NJSA 40A:2-11.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$1,697,000 is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance").

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$1,612,150 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 is hereby authorized. All bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** To temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the Township in an amount not to exceed \$1,612,150 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report

must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, NJSA 40A:2-20, shall not exceed the sum of \$350,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

	<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligation</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A	Improvements to various streets roads and bridges pursuant to the 6-year road improvement program, as presented and maintained by the Township Engineer	\$900,000	\$45,000	\$855,000	20 years
B	Concrete Access Ramps and Sidewalk Repair program	\$75,000	\$3,750	\$71,250	10 years
C	Storm and Tidal Water Improvements	\$50,000	\$2,500	\$47,500	40 years
D	Acquisition and installation of street signs	\$25,000	\$1,250	\$23,750	10 years
E	Acquisition and installation of digital sign at Town Hall	\$35,000	\$1,750	\$33,250	10 years
F	Memorial Park Soccer Fields	\$80,000	\$4,000	\$76,000	15 years
G	Memorial Park Dugout Fencing	\$12,000	\$600	\$11,400	5 years
H	Public Safety security measures, including lock boxes and detour signs/cones for traffic control	\$14,000	\$700	\$13,300	5 years
I	Welcome Signs	\$36,000	\$1,800	\$34,200	10 Years
J	Acquisition of trucks and heavy equipment – Heavy Duty Truck for DPW	\$140,000	\$7,000	\$133,000	5 years
K	Acquisition and installation of a door entry and security system (Sally Port)	\$250,000	\$12,500	\$237,500	10 years
L	Renovations to Library	\$25,000	\$1,250	\$23,750	10 years
M	Renovations and improvements to Township Buildings, including improvements to building interiors (Police) and renovations to Town Hall and Community Center	\$55,000	\$2,750	\$52,250	10 years
	<b>TOTAL Authorized</b>	<b>\$1,697,000</b>	<b>\$84,850</b>	<b>\$1,612,150</b>	<b>10.63 years</b>

**Section 8.** The average period of useful life for the purposes of which financing is authorized by this Bond Ordinance, taking into consideration the respective amounts of the bonds authorized, is not less than 10.63 years.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, NJSA 40A:2-10, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the Township, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law,

NJSA 40A:2-43, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$1,612,150 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the Township are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance and, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the Township shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 11.** This Ordinance fully conforms to the 2017 Capital Budget and, as such, this Ordinance will not be adopted until such time subsequent to the formal adoption of the 2017 Capital Budget.

**Section 12.** The Township hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the Township prior to the issuance of bonds.

**Section 13.** The Township hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated there under;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds;

(d) it shall timely file with the Ogden, Utah Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

(f) it hereby authorizes the chief financial officer of the Township to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**Section 14.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are 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 15.** All Ordinances or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**Public Hearing 2017-11 2017 Salary Ordinance**

Mayor Minniti asks if there are any questions or comments from Committee. Mr. Brauckmann asks for an explanation of the position of event coordinator. Director King explains that it is for the transfer of the community events to Officer Czarzasty. He is paid the stipend and not his hourly overtime rate which would be much higher.

Mayor Minniti opens for public comment. Hearing none, Mayor Minniti closes the public comment. Motion to adopt made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Evans. Roll call vote. Ayes – Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. Evans, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Young, Mayor Minniti. Nays – None. Ordinance is adopted.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CINNAMINSON ENTITLED SALARIES AND COMPENSATION “THE SALARY ORDINANCE “**

**2017-11**

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of Ordinance 2006-12, amended the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson and re-codified same as Chapter 108; Section I, Part III; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance specifically further amends Sections B, C, D, and G of Chapter 108.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cinnaminson, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Salary Schedules are hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY or SALARY RANGE</u>
<b>A. Department of Public Works</b>	
Laborer (Temporary/Seasonal or Part-Time)	
Minimum	\$ 9.00/HR
Maximum	\$20.00/HR
Clerk	
Minimum	\$ 9.00/HR
Maximum	\$24.00/HR
<b>B. Administrative:</b>	
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer and Construction Code Official	
Minimum	\$ 25,000
Maximum	\$ 72,000
Tax Collector and Municipal Court Administrator	
Minimum	\$ 46,000
Maximum	\$ 66,000
Technical Assistant	
Minimum	\$ 35,000
Maximum	\$ 47,000
Accounting Assistant, Assistant Tax Collector, Deputy Court Administrator and Secretary to Planning/Zoning Boards	
Minimum	\$ 15,000
Maximum	\$ 47,000
Payroll/AP Clerk	\$ 40,000 \$ 46,000
Clerk	
Minimum	\$ 20,000
Maximum	\$ 36,400
<b>C. Management:</b>	
Township Administrator	
Minimum	\$ 50,000
Maximum	\$125,000

Chief Financial Officer	
Minimum	\$ 50,500
Maximum	\$ 90,000

Township Clerk	
Minimum	\$ 44,000
Maximum	\$ 65,000

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY</u> <u>or SALARY RANGE</u>
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Public Works Superintendent	
Minimum	\$ 80,000
Maximum	\$ 115,000

Public Safety Director	
Minimum	\$ 80,000
Maximum	\$ 96,000

**D. Part Time Employees:**

Payroll Clerk, Accounting Assistant, and Assistant Tax Collector, Accounts Payable Clerk	
Minimum	\$12.00/HR
Maximum	\$20.50/HR

Clerk	
Minimum	\$12.00/HR
Maximum	\$20.50/HR

Violations Clerk	
Minimum	\$12.00/HR
Maximum	\$20.50/HR

Technical Assistant 3	
Minimum	\$ 12.00/HR
Maximum	\$ 20.50/HR

Township Committee	\$ 4,161.60
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Tax Assessor	\$ 31,014
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Deputy Twp Clerk	\$ 2,003.28
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Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 2,727
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Domestic Animal Registrar	\$ 644
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Purchasing Agent	
Minimum	\$ 6,500
Maximum	\$ 12,000

Emergency Management Coordinator	\$ 6,000
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Plumbing Sub-Code Official	\$14,790
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Fire Sub-Code Official/Inspector	\$16,786.44
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Municipal Judge	
Minimum	\$ 33,057
Maximum	\$ 45,000

Municipal Prosecutor	
Minimum	\$ 22,660
Maximum	\$ 32,000

Secretary, Recreation Board	\$ 3,610
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Event Coordinator	
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Minimum	\$ 500
Maximum	\$ 3,000

**POSITION**

**ANNUAL SALARY  
or SALARY RANGE**

**E. Part Time Employees: (Continued)  
Part-Time Stipends/Salaries (annual)**

Recycling Coordinator	\$ 1,148
Community Development Stipend	\$ 12,240 per year
Municipal Housing Liaison	No Additional Pay
Construction Office Coordinator	\$ 3,000

**School Traffic Crossing Guards  
Annual Rate of Pay**

Post 1	\$22.36 per hour
Post 2	\$22.36 per hour
Post 3	\$14.91.per hour
Post 4	\$14.91.per hour
Post 5	\$14.91.per hour
Post 6	\$22.36 per hour
Post 7	\$22.36 per hour
Post 8	\$22.36 per hour
Post 9	\$14.91.per hour
Post 10	\$14.91.per hour

School Traffic Crossing Guard Coordinator \$ 850 per year

High School Traffic Crossing Guard Stipend \$ 500 per year

School Traffic Crossing Guards will only be paid for shifts worked. If a Substitute (Part time) Crossing Guard is used, they will be paid \$22.36 per hour and that amount will be deducted from the absent Crossing Guard. One hour is considered 53-65 minutes. From 40 minutes to 52 minutes the rate will be \$14.91.

**SECTION II: TITLE OF ORDINANCE**

This Ordinance shall be cited as the "Cinnaminson Township Salary Ordinance."

**SECTION III: MERIT INCREASES AND SALARY RETROACTIVE**

All salaries established by this Ordinance shall have effect retroactive to January 1, 2017 and shall apply to those in the Township employ when adopted.

**SECTION IV: REPEALER WHEN EFFECTIVE**

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its proper publication after final passage as required by law, except for those positions of managerial, executive, or confidential nature, the effective date for which



shall be governed by the provisions of NJSA 40A:9-165 which requires a 20-day estoppel period after publication of final passage.

### **Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items only – None**

#### **Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Resolution 2017-90** Liquor license renewals for 2017-2018

**Approval of Resolution 2017-91** Liens for DPW work

**Approval of Resolution 2017-92** Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding for CERT Services with Boroughs of Palmyra and Riverton

**Authorization for Administrator** to sign 2017 Recycling and Solid Waste Services Agreement with Burlington County

#### **End of Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Consent agenda is approved.

#### **Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2017 and June 5, 2017 Closed made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Mr. Evans abstains. Minutes are approved.

#### **Bill List**

Motion to approve the bill list made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Bill list is approved.

#### **Public Comment**

Roger Hare, 1603 Yellowstone Rd. – Reads letter he wrote to Mayor Minniti. States that he feels Mayor Minniti should resign as Mayor.

Richard Dietrich, 19 Emerson Drive – Asks for committee to speak up. The audience is having trouble hearing committee members. This is also the case when the video is broadcast on Channel 28. Commends Mayor Minniti for actions in saving the young lady at the shore. Asks Mr. Young if property owners are charged when property maintenance is done by the Township. Mr. Young states that yes they are. Asks if house numbers are required and if they are it needs to be enforced.

Rhonda O'Connor, 1003 Edgewood Lane – Admonishes Mayor Minniti for not giving the residents his full attention

David Cullen, 2410 Yellowstone Road – The Burlington County Fallen Hero Memorial was about May 17, 2017 for all police officers in Burlington County. Sean Cullen's name was added to the memorial. States that there was no one there from Cinnaminson Township. Admonishes committee members for not attending or sending a police officer. Also comments on social media posts made by Mayor regarding whether Tina Horner is not related to Ryan Horner. Clarifies that they are not related. The ceremony held by the Post Office for Sean Cullen had nothing to do with politics.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – States that she feels it is a conflict of interest for Director King to present the budget on the filling of 5 positions in the police department. She feels that there are no checks and balances. Regarding the June 5<sup>th</sup> work session meeting, Director King was asked why an officer did not attend the Burlington County Police Associations Fallen Officer Memorial Service and responded that it was due to staffing. She feels this is shameful that no one was there to represent Cinnaminson. Comments that Mayor Minniti's actions have cast a negative light on Cinnaminson. Cinnaminson needs to move on. Calls for Mayor Minniti to resign and for suspension of township vote until this happens.

Ken Miller, 2418 Yellowstone Rd. – Comments that it is alarming that committee approves of new hires for police department when the two members that are police officers voted against it. Berates Mayor Minniti for his actions after the election. Asks for the mayor's resignation.

Mark Napier, 4 Exeter Place – Comments on Mayor Minniti's actions, that he has threatened to sue his wife. States his wife is the administrator of the Cinnaminson Friends and Neighbors

Facebook page. Comments regarding Mayor Minniti threatening the third grade teacher that posted the meme to social media during election. Calls for Mayor Minniti to resign and for committee to suspend voting on any township matters until this happens.

Bernie Bernard, 114 White Birch Drive, reads letter to Mayor Minniti on behalf of Anna McCloskey. The letter states she is a Horner/McGill supporter. She posted the meme of Michael Jordan because she is a sports fan. It is a common internet joke. A quick search of the internet would clearly convey this message. She is disgusted that the mayor would turn it into a racial issue. She removed the post, not the administrator of the page. States that Mayor Minniti abused his power as mayor when contacting her employer. She is a third grade teacher in Beverly in a very racially diverse community and is offended that Mayor Minniti would label her as racist.

Ken Rayca, 313 Nathan Drive – Addresses Mayor Minniti, comments “At long last have you no sense of decency”.

Amy Fowles, 820 Hilltop Road – Concerned regarding Mayor Minniti’s recent actions; going after her bus driving job as well as other residents. Suggests that Tony resign immediately. States that this reflects poorly on Township committee as a whole.

Eamonn Cullen, 114 Warwick Ave. – Thanks Mayor Minton for his kind words. Thanks all of the people that came to him. Thanks Director King and the police department. Says that things should have been left at that.

Bill O’Connor, 1003 Edgewood Lane – Comments on the social media events. Asks about the Azalea Farm, the original owners purchased for \$825,000. The Township purchased for \$435,000. Asks if the township gave anything back to the owners for the loss.

Jeff Gural, 813 Windsor Drive – Comments that it is time to have a police chief. Asks committee members to not allow the mayor to influence them.

Lisa Killon Smith, 1202 Highland Ave. – Moved to Cinnaminson because she felt it was a great place to raise her kids. Commends committee for their efforts in redevelopment. She is upset with what has happened on social media. She has known Barb Napier for many years. She does so much for our schools. She feels the mayor was wrong in how he handled the incident with the teacher and the meme. She hopes that this can get be resolved and be put to an end.

Paul Conda, 2414 St. Charles Place – Addresses Mayor Minniti on his actions. Asks for Mayor Minniti to resign as mayor and committee member.

Hearing no further comments Mayor Minniti closes public comment portion.

### **Comments from Committee**

Mr. McCarthy comments to Barb Napier suggesting that she ask for other people to assist her as administrators of the Facebook page. Urges residents to continue to attend meetings and be involved. States to Mr. Cullen that he would like to meet with him on a personal basis.

Mr. Gillespie responds to Mr. O’Connors comments regarding the Azalea Farm and his question about whether the Township was trying to get the original owners some portion of their loss back. TD Bank had the property because it was foreclosed on. If the bank got it in foreclosure everyone is out except the bank. The \$435,000 paid last year was less than the \$630,000 that committee originally authorized in 2013 or 2014. Committee decided to not go through with the purchase at that time. The Township is not looking to help the original owners recoup their loss. This evening’s motion was to authorize us to continue working to assure that Lidl can come in and to prepare a request for proposals and qualifications for developers to come in.

Mr. Young responds to the comment that this committee is influenced and not doing the right things. He states that they have worked very hard in terms of economic development, public works, and in terms of other departments such as the Sewerage Authority. They have always continued to do things to move this town forward in redeveloping the Azalea Farm, the Triboro property, the Riverton Farm and Garden site, Colonial Square and Lukoil. He has worked for seven years to get sewer lines on Taylors Lane. Committee’s efforts are for the betterment of the community.

Mayor Minniti comments with regard to the incident with the post that has become the subject of so much discussion. I was forwarded a screenshot of a post by a resident wanting to file a complaint about a racist incident. It turned out that I and my running mate were the targets of that incident. Rather than going to law enforcement and referring it to them as a hate crime, I consulted with law enforcement and education professionals, who all said the same thing, that this woman is a teacher, this post is unacceptable and the district should be made aware. That is the course that we followed. When we became aware that this was an internet joke, on Monday morning, when it was brought to my attention, that it was a meme and not a racist post, I did some looking into it. I determined, along with my running mate, that this probably was just a joke that went wrong. We sent an email to the district saying that though at first glance we believed this to be a racist incident, we now believe that it is not a racist incident, that this is simply a joke that had gone awry. The bottom line is that I didn't make that post. I had a post forwarded to me and I did nothing more than forward that post to the appropriate people who have authority over the individuals that expressed that speech. There have been references made to other individuals who I've had incidents with. Again this is not an issue of things I've made up or said they said. I've requested that certain individuals' social media profiles be examined because they've made statements that are so inflammatory. This is not a matter of things that I'm making up or allegations. These are peoples' words. I will not stand in judgement of whether or not those words are appropriate. Others will. I am doing nothing more than forwarding language that .... People have made statements that I find to be causing of concern to myself or to my family or to my business interests, I will be making steps to protect them because though we are servants on this board and on this body, we are also private citizens. For six months, though many people have felt that what they are engaging in is political discourse on a Cinnaminson Friends and Neighbors site, they've made statements that have damaged my businesses, they've made statements that are not true that have had impacts and effects on my children because parents read these things. As I stated this weekend, standing up to bullies is not being a bully. For six months' individuals were allowed to say whatever they wanted about me. They were allowed to post whatever they wanted about me and I did not respond. So the record needs to be very clear. The negativity and all this other negative attention that's being referenced. It wasn't reciprocated by me. I never answered it for six months. To my personal detriment, to my business detriment and probably my political detriment, but of all the political detriment is the least concerning to me. People need to understand that there are consequences to their actions. Barb, I don't mean to speak directly to you or at you. It's more of a hyperbole and in speaking of groups like this in general. I'm trying to make a statement that when you go on these sites and you make statements there's impacts and consequences. I've had to deal with the fallout of the last six months and statements that have been made about me. That's over as of today. And if it continues I'm going to utilize every legal resource I can to protect my reputation, my businesses and more than anything else, my children. These people that are so upset are people that are in authority and have direct access to my kids and say things that are deeply, deeply concerning to me. I have concern for my family. Those are the expressions that we have here. One last note about the incident with the teacher. I agree it is very unfortunate that this went national. I received a call on Saturday from the McGill/Horner campaign demanding that I resign or they were going to turn me into a national issue and force me to resign. Less than twenty-four hours later a heavily misrepresented version of the BCT article was placed on Dead spin and it went viral. I got another call on Monday basically saying that we told you this was going to happen. That's the truth. All of this because we treated an issue that was brought to us by residents as seriously as any issue that deals with race should be. I'm going to remind everyone that a few months ago a racist flyer was found in a gutter. The Township's response was not judged as having taken it seriously enough. We became a regional point of debate for not having taken that seriously. So yes when residents bring issues of potentially racist nature to my attention as mayor I will follow through with them and I will not apologize for having done it. There was no commentary given to it but "This is what your third grade teacher posted." Again, I have no power over what happens. This is that woman's post. The two individuals in the audience, this is their words. They should possibly choose words more wisely and understand when you are on social media there are consequences to speech. You can't just say anything about anybody and get away with it. That is clarifying the record.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

8:15 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

Respectfully submitted

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Municipal Clerk