

CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

October 2, 2017

The Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Minniti at 6:00 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; Julia Edmondson, CFO; John Gillespie, Solicitor; Michael Minton, Economic Development Director

Mayor Minniti opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Minniti asks for a Moment of Silence for the victims of the Las Vegas shootings.

Rev. John Doll addresses committee and reads prayer that was written by a Catholic Priest, a Rabbi and a protestant minister ten years ago.

Motion to go into closed session made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.
6:45 pm

Motion to return to open session made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.
7:21pm

Referral of Special Investigation

Motion to forward investigation report to the Department of Community Affairs and the Burlington County Prosecutor's office simultaneously made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mayor Minniti. Roll call vote. Mr. Evans recuses himself for personal relationship, Mr. McCarthy abstains; Mr. Young, aye; Mayor Minniti, aye. Motion passes.

Mayor Minniti leaves at 7:23 pm.

New Business

Cinnaminson Police Accreditation through NJSACOP – Director King explains that this is to begin our Accreditation Program. This will be a two-year process that will be beginning shortly. No action is necessary

PSE&G Solar Field Application – Mr. Minton updates committee on current status. PSE&G is pursuing installing a solar field on the abandoned land located between Taylor's Lane and Union Landing Road. It is a permitted use under the Land Use Law. They are advising committee of

their intent to submit an application by the end of the calendar year. This will go to the Planning Board.

RFP for Route 90 Infrastructure – Mr. Young explains that we have an easement that needs to be perfected. Mr. Winner has indicated that he is thinking of selling part of his farm. The Township needs to get the easement in place before this happens.

2016 Annual Report of Zoning Board of Adjustment – Tabled to the October 16th meeting.

Old Business

Modifications to Planning Board requirements for Electronic File Submission – Mr. McCarthy comments that Planning Board members would like to have the electronic files. Mr. Gillespie to draft ordinance amendment for introduction at October 16, 2017 meeting.

Planning Board Resolution Re: Colonial Square Redevelopment

Mr. Minton updates committee on Planning Board recommendations for the Colonial Square Shopping Center area. Mr. Evans motions to have a resolution drafted accepting the Planning Boards recommendations for adoption at next meeting, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

Mr. Minton brings to committee's attention that certain properties are in the redevelopment zone when they have already gone through extensive rehabilitation. Does Committee want the Planning Board to undertake a reexamination of this site? Mr. Gillespie clarifies that once the redevelopment has occurred it is no longer a redevelopment site. With regard to Colonial Square site original 2002 redevelopment area, if they were improved pursuant to a redevelopment agreement then they are no longer redevelopment areas. If they were improved without a redevelopment agreement, then the Township could reexamine these areas. Mr. Minton to work with the solicitor's office and look into further.

Mr. Minton updates on the status of Riggins Automotive, US Rte. 130 and Riverton Rd. Reuse of the property has been reviewed with the PB. PB would have an open mind to entertain an amendment to redevelopment zone to allow for limited auto sales on a site of certain acreage provided it has an active fueling station and an active repair site. The site would not advertise and sales would not exceed a certain number. Mr. Minton recommends that the solicitor draft an ordinance for committee's consideration in two weeks. Members approve of Mr. Minton and Mr. Gillespie moving forward with draft ordinance.

Mr. Brauckmann makes a motion to add to the consent agenda approval of the new Zumba Instructor Karen Harris. Mr. Evans seconds. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items Only – None

Consent Agenda

Resolution 2017-121 Authorizing Payments to R E Pierson for 2016 Road Materials Contracts #1 and #2

Resolution 2017-122 Approving Change Order and Final Payment for Parking Lot Striping Project

Resolution 2017-123 Release of Performance Bond – Seacoast/Memorial Park

Resolution 2017-124 Lien for DPW work

Tax Appeal Reporting Policy – Best Practices Survey

Motion to Approve new Zumba instructor Karen Harris.

End of consent Agenda

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

Bill List Motion to add PO's for Cinnaminson Day to the bill list made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. PO's are added to bill list.

Motion to approve bill list as amended made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Bill List is approved.

Public Comment

Tom Cimino, 604 Hartford Drive – Asks about the status of the shooting range behind Walmart. Mr. Young responds that it has been through the Planning Board and approved and it can be built.

Roger Hare, 2603 Yellowstone Rd. – Questions committee about the issue of committee members communicating with employees and how this has changed? Mr. Gillespie responds that an ordinance was adopted 2 or 3 years ago amending the code in terms of administration to clarify that township committee members assigned to departments were not directors and had no individual authority.

Victor Hayes, 342 Willow Drive – States that he could not hear the beginning of the session after the closed session. Mr. Young explains what transpired. The Clerk reads the motion and the results of the roll call vote.

Ken Miller, 2418 Yellowstone Rd. – Questions committee members about the validity of the votes and why they voted the way they did. Mr. McCarthy states that he needs more time to digest the information.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – Comments on the motion to forward the investigation; feels that this is a vendetta against Mr. Brauckmann.

Rob O'Connor, 1003 Edgewood Lane – Asks Mr. Gillespie if Mayor Minniti is under investigation by the DCA and shouldn't this disqualify him from voting. Mr. Gillespie declines to respond due to attorney client privilege.

Dolores Woodington, 2807 Waterford Drive – Feels that this is personal against Mr. Brauckmann.

George Kyrtatas, Sweetwater Bar and Grill – Asks for clarification on the resolution regarding the redevelopment zone and how it pertains to him. He was in a redevelopment zone in the past. Mr. Young states that the resolution does not affect him at the moment. Mr. Gillespie clarifies that his block was excluded but that he does need to review the resolution further.

Howard Needleman, Owner, Colonial Square Shopping Center – Would like clarification of what was decided this evening in regard to his shopping center. Mr. Gillespie states he needs to review the resolution further; that his site is in there for rehabilitation not redevelopment.

Mr. Minton responds that they were excluded from the examination based on the prior redevelopment zone.

Melissa Van Reuter, 212 Jan Drive – States that residents should get a vote because investigation is being paid for with taxpayer dollars.

Roger Hare, 2603 Yellowstone Rd. – Requests that a committee member request the motion under discussion be tabled for two weeks.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – Questions committee members on the review of the report. Mr. McCarthy explains what the process has been and the timeline for the handling of the investigation.

Eamonn Cullen, 114 Warwick Ave. –Questions Mr. Gillespie about who had access to the report first. Mr. Gillespie declines to answer.

Christine Turner, 1909 Washington St. – Questions why the mayor does not need to recuse himself. Asks committee to do what the residents want.

Jim Beveridge, 826 Windsor Dr. – Asks Mr. McCarthy or Mr. Evans to make a motion to push back the vote for two weeks. Mr. McCarthy responds that this cannot be done.

Hearing no further comments Deputy Mayor Young closes the public comment portion of the meeting.

Comments from Committee

Mr. Brauckmann thanks the public for coming out and showing their support. Comments on the letter between the Mayor and Special Counsel. Questions a lot of this; this is his life, his job, his career. There were two affirmative votes that he believes had blatant conflicts. One has vile hatred for him and has stated so to numerous people who will testify if called upon. He is clearly conflicted. The other one is more soft spoken but this entire issue about whether this goes to the prosecutor's office is directly about him. Then there are two either abstentions or recusals. So on the vote of two conflicted people this is going to go to the prosecutor's office now and his reputation and everything else is put out there, like it was last week, for the entertainment of the media that the mayor contacted. When the cameras were here that's how it was played out. Is that fair? Is this really necessary? This entire process looks skewed to me. I don't think this was a valid vote. I have issues with it and I will be seeking later about the way I've been treated here. I feel absolutely victimized in this process and I don't feel that due process is being done. So thank you for coming.

Hearing no further comments Deputy Mayor Young closes comments from committee.

Mr. Gillespie asks committees their availability for a special meeting regarding affordable housing. It is determined that Oct 16, 2017 at 5:00 will work best.

Motion to go into closed session for negotiations relating to matters of economic development made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

8:22 pm

Motion to return to open session made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

8:42 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Meeting is adjourned.

8:45 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

Respectfully submitted

Lisa A. Passione, RMC
Municipal Clerk