

CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

November 20, 2017

The Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee was called to order by Deputy Mayor Young 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, Also present: Michael P. King, Administrator; Julia Edmondson, CFO; John Gillespie, Solicitor; Michael Minton, Economic Development Director

Deputy Mayor Young opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Young asks for a Moment of Silence for Retired Police Officer Lt. Willie Mines who passed away today.

New Business

Best Practices Survey

CFO Julia Edmondson reviews what the Township scoring is for the Best Practices Survey. The Township scored 96%. We will receive all of our financial aid. Committee members congratulate everyone involved.

Parking on Washington Street

Mr. King advises committee that there have been parking issues on Washington Street. Reviews what the options are. We could make it no parking but it would be for the residents also. He had the Zoning Officer and Officer Bohn speak to the business owners. The situation has improved. He would like to continue to monitor the situation. Committee approves.

CSA Appointments

Mr. Young advises that there has been a vacancy on the Sewerage Authority Board since June. Asks that committee members bring suggestions for persons to complete the one year left of the term to our December work session meeting. Mr. Brauckmann comments that the position has been vacant for some time and suggests that it be filled at the reorganization meeting as this has been the practice in the past.

Old Business

Removal of trees

Administrator King requests that committee come up with a policy for replacement of trees for residents. The current policy is reviewed. Director King recommends that we allow the homeowner to remove the tree if they wish but require that they replace it with another tree and to allow the homeowner to recommend the type of tree that they would like to have. Committee asks that we get a list of acceptable trees for replacement. Mr. King to obtain list from DPW. Mr.

McCarthy asks about insurance. Mr. Gillespie clarifies that it could be a municipal insurance issue also.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Items Only – None

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-132 Canceling taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran Thomas Lorimer, 104 Carlton Dr.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-133 Canceling taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran Heather Cereste, 2808 Hunterdon Dr.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-134 Canceling taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran Ardones Livingston, 731 Fountain Ct.

Motion to Approve Raffle License St Charles CYO (2/17/18)

Motion to Approve Raffle Licenses Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel (5/3/18)

Motion to Approve Raffle License Rotary Club of Palmyra, Riverton, Cinnaminson (3/1/18)

End of consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – Comments about the tree policy. Asks what tonight's closed session will be about and if incoming members will be included. It is for police contract negotiations. Mr. Gillespie explains that attorney client privilege is lost if someone other than the client (committee members) or control group participates in the meeting. This could open the Township up to cross litigation because privilege has been waived. Asks committee to allow incoming members to participate so they are up to date on issues. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. King respond that they have offered and Mr. King will meet with new members outside of a committee meeting to be sure that they are current on all issues before the committee.

Roger Hare, 2603 Yellowstone Rd. – Asks when the police contract is up. Mr. King states that it is up December 31, 2017. Asks committee if they intend to have a contract in place by the end of the year. Suggests that nothing final be done until next year. Mr. Gillespie advises committee members not to answer as police officers are also present at this meeting.

Mrs. Birbeck asks when Mr. Gillespie will meet with the incoming members. Mr. Young responds that it is up to the three remaining members to set up a meeting. Mr. King clarifies that he, the CFO and Mr. Minton have already set up a meeting. Mr. McCarthy states that they intend to do so. Mr. Brauckmann asks that Mr. Gillespie be authorized to meet with the new committee members. Mr. Evans seconds. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

Richard Dietrich, 19 Emerson Drive – Asks about prior members being included in closed sessions in the past and what Mr. Gillespie advised them at that time. Mr. Gillespie states that

when he was involved there were no closed sessions and the other solicitor at that time may not have thought in the litigation sense of attorney client privilege and people being deposed.

Roger Hare, 2603 Yellowstone Rd., - Asks what the Municipal Alliance is. Mr. Young explains that it is a grant from the county to be used for drug and alcohol prevention education. Kim Mauroff at the schools runs the program.

Comments from Committee - None

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

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

7:42 pm

Mr. McCarthy makes a motion to approve the new police contract, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Motion is approved.

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

7:48 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

Respectfully submitted

Lisa A. Passione, RMC
Municipal Clerk