# CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE April 17, 2017

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 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.

Mr. McCarthy request introduction of Resolution 2017-78. Mayor Minniti reports that tax rate will decrease for 2017. The average homeowner will be \$25.10 less than they did last year. It will maintain a surplus that is at its highest level in ten years. Savings have been achieved in large part by job. consolidation. The budget supports all current operations. There are no layoffs, no service reductions. The budget funds four new police officers.

Mrs. Edmondson thanks the budget subcommittee, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Young for their support. There will be a formal budget presentation at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Introduces Robert Nehila from Bowman and Company.

Mr. Nehila introduces himself and states his background and the experience of Bowman and Company. Mr. Nehila explains what the budget process is for this year's budget. There was a need to replenish the surplus. Township had been using seventy to eighty percent of the surplus.

Mrs. Edmondson comments that we were able to increase our surplus every year. This year we're using twenty-five percent of the surplus to balance the budget. In 2013 it was seventy-three percent of the surplus used to balance the budget. Between 2010 and 2011 State aid was cut so the township was in a hole to begin with. We've had to rebuild. Our budget surplus this year is approximately four million dollars.

Mr. Gillespie comments that the public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2017. Asks that any questions be held for the public hearing.

Mr. McCarthy thanks Mrs. Edmondson and Director King for their work on the budget. He appreciates the comments but says it is the CFO and Director King who have done all of the work.

**Motion to introduce Resolution 2017-78** 2017 Municipal Budget (to be advertised in the Burlington County Times. Public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2017) made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Young. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Resolution is introduced.

## **Liaison Reports**

Health/Senior Services and Veterans Affairs – Mr. Evans

The family that was going to move into the Habitat for Humanity home have backed out.

Parks and Recreation-Mr. Brauckmann

For my April Parks and Recreation Report, I have the following to offer. The concrete around the Memorial Park concessions building in now complete and the Memorial Walk at Memorial Park Program was installed in time for opening day but wasn't 100% completed. There is still some landscaping and some picnic tables that still need to be installed. With that in mind, township committee decided not to have a ribbon cutting or to make any official announcement. I want to thank our public works department and our engineer Todd Day from R & V for working hard to get this area presentable for opening day which was on April 8th. I also want to thank everyone for their patience with this project. What started as something that was initially kicked around in the beginning of April 2015, two years ago, this project is finally almost done. This project was discussed during multiple public meeting as reflected in notes on July 20, 2015 and September 21, 2015 as well as multiple parks and recreation meeting notes from 2015. There were also various emails, a Patch article, and also countless Facebook posts on both the Cinnaminson Township Facebook page as well as the Cinnaminson Parents page in 2015 advising residents about this program all before the first order was ever placed which occurred on November 25, 2015. If residents missed all of this, I'm sorry but there are no plans for an expansion or additional brick sales at this time if any of our residents missed their chance to order.

Over time, The Memorial Walk project changed locations several times as public works staff and others decided not to include this as a part of the gazebo walking path at Wood Park which would have been paid for out of a county grant. This location change was recommended by staff because the memorial bricks did not match the bricks we had for this project. It was then decided by a group of us to move to Memorial Park since it was a Memorial Walk and that's where the name came from. Originally what was going to be included in an existing budgeted concrete repair program around the concessions building but a very wise staff recommendation requested another location change which resulted in the end result of where the Memorial Walk is located now. Also a staff recommendation was to include the Memorial Park dedication marker, the flag pole, to add additional landscaping as well as picnic tables. All of these things resulted in the end project we now have which is a sight to see. It's absolutely beautiful a very emotional thing if you haven't seen it yet so please stop by of you get a chance.

Opening Day was held on April 8th and our parks look beautiful. I wish all of our sports groups a great spring season. Our Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 6th and made some recommendations to me regarding the recreation sub-committee which is evaluating our current recreation programs. This sub-committee is still underway as I still have to forward Administrator King those recommendations. I've started scheduling summer concerts for this year but am still in the process of finalizing so I do not have any concerts to announce yet. Also, we do not have a date for Cinnaminson Day yet but hope to shortly. Mr. Mayor, this concludes my report.

# 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. 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 are maintaining a supply of mulch behind the Library for residents to utilize for their personal use. We also are taking orders for deliveries. This is a service that is only available on Fridays. Be reminded that there is a charge for the delivery of these materials.

We will be having a clean-up day at the DPW facility on Saturday, May 20, from 8 AM until 2 PM. Remember, this is when you can bring electronics, paint, used oil and other related items for disposition. We are again accepting computer CRTs & TVs. We will also accept tires during clean-up day at no charge.

I have been getting a number of emails about the status of the Tennis Courts at Wood Park. We have the first layer of the finish coat on the asphalt and with projected good weather for this coming week, we should be completed so the high school tennis team will have a home court again.

This concludes my report.

Administration/Finance and Public Safety – Mr. McCarthy Welcomes new employee Jennifer Scarpa as full time Accounts Payable Clerk.

# Economic Development – Mr. Minniti

We have a few announcements. As some may have seen through social media Cinnaminson scored a big economic win when we outcompeted neighboring municipalities, including Philadelphia, to become the Philadelphia regional hub for SAIA Trucking of Georgia. There are about 148 terminals across the country. They've recently expanded to the Northeast. Cinnaminson outcompeted many of our neighbors to bring them here. They're using an existing parcel. This resulted in the hiring of about 50 new employees. This is an all indoor operation for those of you worried about the noise. They also use environmentally friendly green use energy. We're continuing to assert ourselves not only in the retail sector along Route 130 but in our rapidly filling up industrial area. All of these sorts of reuses contribute to our ratable base.

We also received a resignation on our Planning Board. We will be moving an alternate member, Bill Brennan, to fill that unexpired term. This will open up the opportunity for an additional alternate member to be considered for the planning board. We're always looking to bring more people into the Township process to fill this position. If there is anyone interested in serving on our Township Planning Board they can email a resume or letter of interest to Lisa Passione at the Township building or me. I will be sure to get that over for consideration. We've got a full sight coming up in just the next year. Before December we'll be entertaining applications for the new Wawa at Route 130 and Cinnaminson Ave., Lidl and the accompanying development. They will be in for Planning Board approval in the summer. There is also the additional parcel, the Azalea farm, that is also going to be redeveloped. We're going to need our full complement of members. The Starbucks is scheduling their Planning Board application in the next month. We're close to announcing progress on the Triboro site at Taylors Lane and Route 130 as well as potential redevelopment of the Colonial Square Shopping Center. All of that is coming within the next six to eight months. For those who are looking to get involved, this is a terrific opportunity to do so. This concludes my report.

#### **New Business**

Introduction of Ordinance 2017-6 To Exceed the Municipal Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank. Motion to introduce made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is introduced with a public hearing to be scheduled for May 15, 2017. Mayor Minniti asks if there are any comments or questions from committee. There are none. Motion to introduce is made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is introduced.

**Introduction of 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 Motion to introduce made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Evans. Roll call vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is introduced with a public hearing scheduled for May 15, 2017.

**Introduction of Ordinance 2017-11** 2017 Salary Ordinance. Public hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2017. Motion to introduce is made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Evans. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is introduced.

#### **Old Business**

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-5** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic" to establish a four-way stop intersection at New Albany Road and Parry Road/Parry Boulevard. Mayor Minniti asks if there are any questions or comments from committee. Mr. McCarthy explains what the ordinance is for and that a study was done by our engineer. Administrator King advises that the police department will have signs out well in advance advising of the change in traffic pattern.

Mayor Minniti opens for public comment.

Orla Pease, 2104 Magnolia Court asks if the engineer's report is available. She is directed to contact the Township Clerk.

Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is adopted.

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-5**

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE <u>CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF</u> <u>CINNAMINSON</u> ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO ESTABLISH A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT NEW ALBANY ROAD AND PARRY ROAD/PARRY BOULEVARD

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

<u>Section 2-21</u> of the <u>Code of the Township of Cinnaminson</u> (formerly Section 2.224.040) is hereby amended to add the following stop intersection designation to the existing table:

## **INTERSECTION**

#### STOP SIGN ON

New Albany Road and Parry Road/Parry Boulevard

New Albany Road (both directions); Parry Road; Parry Boulevard

## REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. <u>Repealer</u>. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

#### CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-7** Amending Chapter 85, Section 5 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson concerning the Composition of the Police Department.

Mayor Minniti opens for comments from Committee. Mr. Evans questions Director King about our current structure compared to surrounding towns and if we are adding a captain's position. Director King states that we have been at 24 officers; committee authorized 28 officers last year. The new civil service list just came out. We hope to have four qualified people ready to go to the academy next month. Director King reviews number of criminal complaints and staffing in Cinnaminson and surrounding towns. This ordinance is to set up the composition of personnel. Mr. Evans asks if the Captain's position is civil service and what the chain of command would be. Director King confirms that it is civil service and what the chain of command would be.

Mr. McCarthy clarifies that numbers have gone up. He feels that residents are more comfortable calling the police because the police have done such a great job with community relations. Director King adds that the department is proactive

Mr. Brauckmann comments that he had requested an organizational chart last month that he did not receive. He tried to do his own research but it's difficult without having the data in front of him. We're looking at twelve supervisory positions for 17 officers. It seems like a lot of supervisors per officer. Requests if it is possible to table the matter until he can see the organizational chart. Also concerning is that in September 2015 we changed our police composition but we only added one officer. Asks Director King what has changed between 2015 and now. Director King responds that Mr. Brauckmann had contacted Mr. McCarthy to set up a meeting, then contacted him and said you would reach out to him to set up a meeting. None of those things happened, so as far as not getting information, you did not follow up with me. As far as the rank structure it did change the last time. When it changed the last time we went to 28 officers. We added the lieutenants position. The only change this time is up to eight sergeants and added one captain's position and the potential to go to twenty-nine which has always been the number that I thought was reasonable. The four officers were funded last year but because of civil service we were unable to fill those positions. I'm very comfortable that we'll be filling them in the next couple of weeks. I've talked to the solicitor. For officer's safety reasons I'd be happy to share with committee in closed session the proposed flow chart, the organizational chart that you're requesting. I'm prepared to do that tonight.

Mr. Brauckmann comments that there are still things he'd like to see and wishes that he had this information prior to this evening's meeting.

Mayor Minniti opens for public comment.

Maryann Knell, 3106 Waterford Ct. - Comments regarding Public Safety Director position and what the duties and responsibilities for a Chief vs. a Director. Questions Director King regarding his job duties and what police files he has access to. Solicitor interrupts to clarify that this is for comments on Ordinance 2017-7 only. General public comments are to be made at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Knell asks why we need all of the administrative positions.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Dr – Asks for clarification on the lieutenant's position. Questions Mr. Evans what his position is. Mrs. Birbeck questions the current staffing of the police department. Director King states that we currently have 24 officers; we are approved right now for 28 officers. We have not eliminated any positions. We've had retirements. Ms. Birbeck comments on salary for Public Safety Director vs. Chief's position.

Joe Scalisa, 307 O'Donnells Lane – Questions why there will be a captain and not a police chief.

Ken Miller, 2418 Yellowstone Lane – Comments ordinance should be for chief of police and not a captain. Does not feel committee should vote on ordinance tonight without seeing documentation.

Cindy Pierson, 622 S. Pompess Ave. – Would like to see ordinance tabled tonight for further discussion.

Hearing no further public comment Mayor Minniti closed public comment portion.

Mr. Brauckmann comments on amount of administrative support at the police department. Surrounding towns have three to 5 full time support staff. Asks committee if they've considered increasing civilian support instead of increasing police staff. Director King responds that there are three-part time administrative assistants. Mr. Brauckmann asks if they have considered midlevel detectives? Director King states that he collective bargaining agreements have designated an officer in charge and they get a stipend when they cover for the sergeant. Mr. Brauckmann comments that he appreciates that we are executing a plan but before I support anything each position must be identified as to its role, related costs and its benefits to our township.

Mr. Young comments on the background of the Public Safety Director. He originally voted no for the position. There was a void left when the lieutenants retired. The current police staff fully support Director King. He supports the ordinance because he sees it moving in the right direction.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-7 made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Roll call vote. Mr. Brauckmann – Nay, Mr. Evans – Aye, Mr. McCarthy – Aye, Mr. Young – Aye, Mayor Minniti – Aye. Ordinance is adopted.

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-7**

# AMENDING CHAPTER 85, SECTION 5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CINNAMINSON CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety and the Township Committee Liaison for Public Safety have reviewed the manpower of the Cinnaminson Police Department and wish to amend the Township Code to expand the composition of the Police Department to add a Captain position and to authorize additional uniform officers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cinnaminson, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 85, Section 5 of the Township Code of the Township of Cinnaminson be and is hereby amended as follows:

**Section One**. Amendment to the first paragraph of 85-5 of the Township Code concerning the Composition of the Department shall read as follows:

"There shall be a Police Department of the Township of Cinnaminson which shall consist of one Civilian Director of Public Safety, one captain, two lieutenants, up to eight sergeants and up to twenty-nine patrolmen, (maximum uniform strength 30 sworn officers) and any civilian personnel as deemed appropriate by the Township Committee. All rank of Police Department personnel shall be determined by the Township Committee. Appointments to said ranks shall be made pursuant to Civil Service Commission rules and regulations."

**Section Two.** Additional amendments to 85-5.

A. [No changes]

[New section] "Captain of Police. There shall be a Captain of Police, who shall be appointed by vote the Township Committee for an indefinite term of office under civil service rules and regulations. The Captain of Police shall act in the absence of the Civilian Director of Public Safety. Subject to direction from the Civilian Director of Public Safety, the Captain of Police has control over all officers and department employees. In addition to the general and individual responsibilities of all officers and department employees, the Captain is responsible for the following:

- 1. Analyze and properly assign the work of his division.
- 2. Provide police assignments and instructions necessary to assure that the work of the division is carried out in the most efficient manner.
- 3. Delegate such of his powers as may be deemed necessary to enable subordinates to properly affect their duties.
- 4. Inspect the work of his division to assure that work standards are adhered to.
- 5. Initiate and direct criminal and non-criminal investigations; assure that accountability is maintained.
- 6. At such times as emergent action is required, take such actions as are necessary to meet the emergency; make or cause to be made all notifications necessary to the same.
- 7. Prepare and direct the preparation of reports in order to satisfy the required accounting for each police action; do related work as required.
- 8. Report for duty and all other assignments punctually at specified times, physically fit, neatly and properly groomed and with prescribed equipment.
- 9. Investigate, or cause to be investigated, complaints regarding police service or alleged infractions of rules and regulations; makes recommendations regarding disposition of complaints.
- 10. Responsible for police facilities and equipment; maintains or causes to be maintained necessary records and files.
- 11. All supervisory officers are required to maintain a thorough working knowledge of all departmental written directives, criminal statutes, traffic statutes, municipal ordinances, and the laws of arrest, search and seizure so that they are capable of competently instructing and supervising the personnel assigned to their command."

Existing Paragraph B is renumbered "C" and amended to read as follows:

B. Lieutenant of Police. There shall be a Lieutenant of Police, who shall be appointed by vote the Township Committee for an indefinite term of officer under civil service rules and regulations. A Lieutenant of Police, so designated by the Civilian Director of Public Safety, shall act in the absence of the Captain of Police.

Existing paragraphs "C" and "D" and renumbered "D" and "E" respectively, consistent with the above amendments.

Section Three. REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. <u>Repealer.</u> Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. <u>Severability.</u> In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

## **CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-8** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic"

Mayor Minniti opens for comments from Committee. Hearing none Mayor Minniti opens for comments from the public. Hearing none Mayor Minniti closes public comment.

Motion to adopt made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Ordinance is adopted.

#### **ORDINANCE 2017-8**

# AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CINNAMINSON ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

WHEREAS, Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", employs a numbering system which predates the more modern codification of the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinances, such that, for example, sections are numbered "2.224.0210, 2.224.020, 2.224.030", etc.; and

WHEREAS, all other Sections of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson are numbered more simply, without decimal points, and the governing body has determined it appropriate to conform Chapter 2 of the Code to the numbering system throughout the rest of the Code book.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cinnaminson that Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic", shall be re-numbered as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this revised numbering system shall be immediately sent by the Township's Acting Clerk to General Code Publishers Corporation, to revise the current pages in this Municipal Code (pages 2:1 through 2:18), to conform to the attached Exhibit A.

#### **CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-9** An Ordinance of the Township of Cinnaminson, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Adopting Redevelopment Plan for Certain Properties known as Block 1304, Lots 18, 19 & 20 and Block 1305, Lot 1

Mayor Minniti opens to public comment.

Maureen MacQuaid, 1302 Cinnaminson Ave. comments on social media and the Township Facebook page. There is a problem with perception and communication.

Mr. McCarthy clarifies that this is public comment on Ordinance 2017-9. Mr. Gillespie explains that the ordinance is for establishing new setback and bulk standards for development of the property.

Bill Conley, 19 Glenview Drive – Asks if the Township own the properties? Mr. Gillespie clarifies that the Township does not own the Garden State Inn or the Azalea Farm. Asks Mayor Minniti if he owns or has any interest in these properties. Mayor Minniti states that he does not.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – Is this to continue purchasing the Garden State Inn. Mr. Gillespie explains that it is a zoning ordinance for redevelopment.

Maryann Knell, 3116 Waterford Ct. – Is this for a supermarket? Why is the old Acme site not considered? Mr. Gillespie explains that you cannot force a developer to go to a certain site.

Hearing no further comment Mayor Minniti closes the public comment portion.

Michael Minton presents to committee, answers Mrs. Knell's question that the investor did investigate the Acme Site along with other sites. We had a preapplication meeting last Wednesday on the engineering side, Architectural developments will be done this Wednesday. There are some very minor changes that are occurring. The Barone's parcel is .37 acres. Lidl purchased this parcel and will reimburse the Township for cleanup. This is where the monument sign will be. We want to come back and recommend certain changes. Although we've closed the public hearing on the ordinance we have very minor changes that may need to be made. Lidl's application will come before planning board mid May to early June. We know they've been looking in other towns. Tony was instrumental is getting them to come back to Cinnaminson.

Mr. Gillespie asks Mr. Minton if the committee can consider these amendments at the work session on May 1, 2017? Mr. Minton confirms that this would be fine. They will then be referred to the Planning Board on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Notice of amendment to be published in the newspaper. Public hearing on amendments only on May 15, 2017 as to whether or not these amendments are consistent with the master plan.

Motion to table action on this ordinance until May 1, 2017 to consider the amendments only made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Matter is tabled to the May 1, 2017 meeting.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda items only –

Cindy Pierson, 622 S. Pompess Ave. – Why do we need an OPRA counsel? Mr. Gillespie will answer in public comment. Seeing no further public comment Mayor Minniti closes the public comment portion. Director King elaborates on the requests for park permits.

Mr. Gillespie explains that OPRA has become incredibly expensive for the public. There are probably over 1,700 public entities that have to respond to OPRA requests in the State of New Jersey. From Jan 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016 there were more than one opinion every week issued by Government Records Counsel, a trial court, the appellate division or the Supreme Court on OPRA. When you lose an OPRA case can be in the \$20,000 range. At some point the legislature The only way the municipality is going to convince the legislature that the balance between releasing documents and being a little fairer to the custodian is to show them that this is an almost unmanageable procedure. The municipal attorney gets involved when there is a question of redaction. This is so we can identify and bill specifically for OPRA requests so that towns will know what they are spending on OPRA requests.

Mayor Minniti asks if committee has any comments.

Mr. McCarthy asks about the park permit for the wedding, will there be any cleanup or costs or deposit required? Committee does not think any deposits or fees required.

Mr. Brauckmann states that Parks and Rec screens the request and then they forward to committee except if for a wedding or a party.

# **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Resolution 2017-68 designating OPRA Counsel

**Approval of Resolution 2017- 69** Authorizing participation in Community Development Block Grant Program for 2018-2020

**Approval of Raffle** – St. Charles Borromeo Church (6/12/17 – 6/17/17)

**Approval of Park Permit** – Good Counsel Homes South Jersey – Memorial Park (6/3/17)

**Approval of Park Permit** – Michelle Sites – East Riverton Park (5/6/17)

**Approval of Park Permit** – Dominic Lombardo – Wood Park (10/21/17)

**End of consent Agenda** 

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

#### **Minutes**

Motion to approve April 3, 2017 and April 3, 2017 Closed made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. Young. Voice vote. All aye, no opposed. Minutes are approved.

#### Bill

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

# **Comments from the public**

Cindy Pierson, 622 S. Pompess – Urges everyone to be diligent about picking up trash. Regular people have to take care of the environment. Reminds residents turtle season has begun, please drive carefully.

Maryann Knell, 3106 Waterford Ct. – Questions Director King regarding his access to police records. Mr. Gillespie intercedes. States public comment does not require staff to answer questions. Mrs. Knell asks if Director King participated in criminal investigation or in the investigation of a police officer. If so this is against the law. Urges residents to vote in November.

Claire Hunter, 822 Meetinghouse Rd. – Thanks Don Brauckmann for honoring her husband Lt. Christopher Hunter at the Memorial Walk. Christopher Hunter was a Cinnaminson Firefighter for 22 years who died in November 2014. She looks forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony for this memorial walk.

Marie Birbeck, 2513 Chestnut Hill Drive – In March 2016 the Township lost a longtime employee, Pamela McCartney. She comments on why family was denied payment of \$15,000 of Pam's sick time because it was not in the handbook. Mayor Minniti comments that this is incorrect. Committee received an opinion by our labor council that it was unconstitutional, it was violative of the gifting law and could open every member of the committee for prosecution particularly because everyone of us were personal friends with Pam. This was a very difficult time for all of us. It was not easy for us to deal with the loss of not only someone who was a top employee but someone who was a friend to us for many, many years. We searched for a way if it could be done. It could not be done within the laws of New Jersey. Mrs. Birbeck feels committee should have reached out to the community. She feels if the community was aware they would have done something to help the family. Mr. McCarthy states that there were emails explaining this to the family.

Susan Lafferty, 3415 Concord Dr. – She is Pam McCartney's sister. States that the family was not told of legal council's opinion only that you had to be at the Township for thirty years and retire. She feels the decision made was very poorly made.

David Wood, 4 Devon Ct. – Questions Mr. Evans why he voted yes on Ordinance 2017-7 when he still had questions. Mr. Evans responds that he feels this is a step in the right direction and explains why he voted the way he did. Also questions the number of incidents. Do we have an idea of where the incidents are coming from specific areas? Director King responds that he asks one of the administrative assistants to do an analysis. We use this to do our staffing. There are things that we continually have to address and make modifications as needed. Mr. Wood comments that what has replaced some of the motels on Route 130 also brings criminal activity. Mr. Evans and Director King clarify that although there is still criminal activity it is less violent in nature.

Maryann Knell- Asks if Lieutenant Young cannot be promoted to Chief why hasn't he been demoted or terminated? She believes committee is trying to hand pick the next police chief which is not what civil service intended.

Kelly Huber, 2404 Brandeis Ave. – Apologizes to Claire Hunter for her lack of support when her husband passed away. Thanks Mr. Brauckmann for the brick memorial. Also thanks Christine Turner for getting the parks cleaned. It makes out town look great. Asks about the Township hiring a third party agency to fill the position of superintendent of public works. Mayor Minniti explains that subcommittee will be dissolved and a third party agency hired. This will be the cleanest and most transparent way. The agency has not been chosen yet, we are waiting for proposals. Asks Mr. Young if he will still be a candidate for the position. Mr. Young states that he is not.

Bill Conley, 19 Glenview Drive – Asks Director King if they have chosen the third party agency yet. Director King states that they have not. Asks when they will be chosen. Director King states it will most likely be the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Paul Conda, 2414 St. Charles Pl. – Comments on the budget and the ordinance to exceed the cap. Questions the tax savings with the new police officers, new superintendent and full time payroll person. Will have more questions next month.

Orla Pease, 2014 Magnolia Ct. – Comments on the perception of the township and the misinformation that is out there. Asks why the agenda is not posted prior to the meetings. States that residents do not feel included. Discusses at length with Mayor Minniti the process for developers coming into the Township.

Steve Fowles, 820 Hilltop Road – No convenience stores on northbound side of Route 130. Questions why committee votes on ordinances right after public comment. Believes twenty-nine officers is a reasonable number. Do we have the money now for the additional officers? Director King states that it has been budgeted for two years. Comments that if lieutenant is promoted but there is no longer a public safety director you will have his \$80,000 salary. Questions Director King about the existing positions and what the added positions will be and the salaries involved. Comments to Mayor Minniti that there were rumors that he had an interest in the azalea farm, possibly a neighbor. Mayor Minniti states that his financial disclosure statements are filed with the State and anyone can look them up. Comments on Mr. Young's applying for the public works position and the appearance of it. Mayor Minniti states that Mr. Young was approached by Director King because the applicant pool was so poor. This was not Ben Young's idea right of the bat. This was something that was brought to him. Mr. McCarthy states that he was not convinced until the three supervisors from public works asked him why Ben was not getting the

job; that he should have the job. That helped convince him to lean towards Ben competing for the position. The director and township engineer are running public works at this time. Director King states that we have three very qualified foremen. Unfortunately, if they would lose their union protection they are not interested.

Maureen MacQuaid, 1302 Cinnaminson Ave. – Asks why the website does not have the agenda prior to the meeting. This would be very helpful. How does she get information on the agenda items? Mayor Minniti states that we will look at ways to get information out. Certain things are not available until they are introduced. He recommends residents call or email rather than commenting on social media. We can try posting agenda with disclaimer that agenda is subject to change.

Hearing no further comment Mayor Minniti closes the public comment section.

#### Comments from Committee

Mr. Brauckmann thanks Claire Hunter and Kelly Huber for their comments. The brick program was his idea but there were a lot of people involved. It was a group effort. He also attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet for the Cinnaminson Fire Department. Congratulates them on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Mr. Young reviews the history of the superintendent's position. From June 2008 to 2010 he oversaw the public works department. Since June 2014 when Fred Turek left he continued to be an uncompensated advisor. This was about an average of 900 hours a year. We have retained the township engineer as a support service to DPW and as a signature. The big issue was made that if I was chosen there would be a pension involved after three years. Three times the position was advertised. Twice I was the most qualified and recommended for the hire. The third time the decision was tabled. Not one comment about the fact that there wouldn't be a cost for health benefit package at \$25,000 per year. Not one comment about the claim by Mr. Conley that is was going to be a \$50,000 pension which is absolutely not true. If I worked an additional twelve years, it still wouldn't be \$50,000. No one question as to why this committee was deadlocked on the vote. It wasn't deadlocked on the vote about my qualifications. It was deadlocked because one committee member said I would absolutely never get the job and the other person that was deadlocked sometimes and not deadlocked other times. He vacillated two or three different times. One time he was upset because his wife couldn't get a job at the county so therefore he wasn't going to support me because he was upset with the pension. Another time he said he's support me but I had to be gone by the end of the year. I'm either qualified for the job or I'm not. I've had three other opportunities in the same time frame. I was contacted if I was interested in Pitman. I was also contacted about a position for maintenance supervisor for the Bridge Commission. I was contacted by Moorestown Township asking if I would be willing to put my resume in there, which I declined. All of these positions come with the same pension system. Committee has voted to give authorization for selecting a professional search group. I will not be submitting any more applications for consideration and besides which it has been stated to me that if I got this position that if the makeup of this committee changes their first order of business is that I would be fired. It doesn't speak to my qualifications or my ability to do the job. I can say selfishly I consider it Cinnaminson's loss because I've lived here for 40 years and I know this town inside and out.

Mayor Minniti states that Mr. Young has always put the community first. This community's loss will be another community's gain. History will show just how outstanding you were at this job.

No further comments from committee.

Mayor Minniti notes that it is 9:40 pm. The video that is broadcast has a two-hour limit on Cinnaminson notebook, so if the video is cut short it is because of time restraints only. The video is not edited. These

meetings are official public record and cannot be edited. Please understand, I am stating for the record, this meeting will not be able to be viewed in full due to the time restraints.

Motion to go into closed session for negotiations for redevelopment matters and one personnel matter, made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye.

9:40 pm

Mr. Brauckmann leaves.

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

10:26 pm

Duly passed and adopted

Respectfully submitted

Lisa A. Passione