

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA
APRIL 4, 2017**

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- 2. INVOCATION** – Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk
- 3. ROLL CALL:**
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Recreation/Board of Health:
 - Buildings & Grounds:
 - Public Safety:
 - Public Works/Streets & Roads:
 - General Government:
 - Housing/Zoning & Construction/Shade Tree:
- 6. MUNICIPAL CLERK’S REPORT:**
- 7. FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT:**
- 8. CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**
- 9. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:**
- 10. ORDINANCES:**
 - **2017-4 -AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF FIRE TRUCKS
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Penns Grove (the “Borough”) currently owns a 1989 Fire Truck bearing serial number HCA22 11298 9 and a 1994 Fire Truck bearing serial number 4ENBA AA85R 10036 45 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough would like to sell the Property to Liberty Fire Company No. 1, which is a volunteer Fire Department located within the Borough of Penns Grove; and

WHEREAS, this sale is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b), as a private sale; and

WHEREAS, a recent title search of the Property revealed no outstanding liens or encumbrances other than a tax sale certificate owned by the Borough of Penns Grove.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove that the Property shall be sold to Liberty Fire Company No. 1 for \$1.00 and that the Mayor is authorized to execute the Agreement of Sale, Title and any other document needed to effectuate this sale.

➤ **2017-3 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Penns Grove deems it appropriate and necessary to act to ensure retention of existing members and to provide incentives for recruiting new volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members; and

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 99-17 and subsequent passage of a referendum by public vote, the Borough of Penns Grove instituted a Length of Service Awards Program for its volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Penns Grove has determined that the creation of the Length of Service Awards Program has enhanced the ability of the Penns Grove Fire Department & Rescue Squad to retain and recruit volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Penns Grove would like to amend the Length of Service Awards Program by increasing the annual maximum contribution under the Length of Service Awards Program from \$300.00 per person per year to \$800.00 per person per year, while leaving every other aspect of the program the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove as follows:

1. A Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) is herewith continued as it was originally established by Ordinance 99-17 in accordance with Chapter 388 of the Laws of 1997 to reward active volunteer members of the Borough of Penns Grove Fire Department & Rescue Squad for their loyal, diligent and devoted services to the residents of the Borough of Penns Grove.
2. The LOSAP shall continue to provide for fixed annual contributions to a deferred income account for each active volunteer member that meets the criteria set forth below; that such contributions shall be made in accordance with a plan that has been established by the Borough of Penns Grove pursuant to P.L. 1997, C. 388; and that such plan shall be administered in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Jersey, the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and this Ordinance.
3. The LOSAP shall continue to provide for annual contributions to each eligible member of the Borough of Penns Grove Fire Department & Rescue Squad who, meet the criteria established in Ordinance 99-17.
4. The current Length of Service Awards Program shall be amended so that each active member who achieves this point total will receive Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for a full year of service instead of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).
5. The estimated yearly cost of revised program shall be \$20,800.00, plus an annual inflation adjustment as permitted by law.
6. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, as a whole, or any other part thereof.
7. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with the term sand provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

13. PUBLIC SESSION:

14. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR SESSION

15. RESOLUTION:

➤ **2017-4-67 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

- I. **MATTERS RELATING TO ATTORNEY-CLIENT (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8): MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(7):** Update of new regulation/policy and requirement regarding ‘Rice Notices’.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.