

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

The Regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date in the courtroom of the Borough Hall, 1 State Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey. Meeting was called to order by Mayor John A. Washington, Sr.

Mayor Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2018-2-26 – 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. Attorney-Client Privilege: Discussion of Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., regarding maintenance guarantees. (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7).
- II. Contractual Negotiation: Discussion of contractual matters concerning land and development. (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(7).
- III. Matters relating to employment relationship: Discussion of hiring Crossing Guard. (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(8).

Motion to adopt by Oliver; second Johnson. All in favor.

Motion to reopen regular meeting by Johnson; second Washington. All in favor.

Roll Call:

Governing Body: Johnson, Oliver (excused at 8:20 pm), Pasquale, Scott, Washington, Jr. all present; Poindexter absent.

Others: Sharon Williams, RMC, Stephen Labb, CFO and Adam Telsey, Solicitor

Invocation was given by Reverend Doctor Willitt.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE: The Oath of Allegiance was administered by Adam Telsey to Paul Psensky appointing him to the position of Police Officer.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Russell Willitt, Willitt Foundation, stated the Foundation was created to help the community, and that mission to empower leaders of the next generation. Dr. Willitt expressed interest in the former bank property located on Broad & Main Street, and questioned the availability of the property.

Mayor advised that the property owned by the developer; further advising that he would communicate the interest to the developer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Recreation/Board of Health: Washington addressed/stated the following: Code Enforcement Report for the month of December 2017. Motion to receive and file report by Oliver; second Johnson. All in favor.
- Buildings & Grounds: Johnson addressed/stated the following: 'What Valentines Day Means To Me' contest, announcing that Tracy Thompson, Police Clerk, as the winner and recipient of the \$50.00 Olive Garden gift card; upcoming Easter Egg Hunt for employees; spoke with Engineer regarding Ambulance Hall and Fire Hall repairs; lack of heat in first floor office; reporting of building issues.
- Public Safety: In the absence of Poindexter, Washington welcomed newly appointed Police Officer, Paul Psenky.

- Public Works/Streets & Roads: Oliver addressed/stated the following: Public Works will patch potholes on Trumble Avenue; Contacted Conrail regarding needed repairs and maintenance along railroad tracks.
- General Government: Pasquale addressed/stated the following: Met with Clerk and other staff; desire to tour other facilities.
- Housing/Zoning & Construction/Shade Tree: Scott addressed/stated the following: Soliciting quotes for removal of certain trees causing damage to sidewalks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Telsey addressed/stated the following: Nothing to report.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Labb addressed/stated the following: Budget Status Report expenditure ratio based on temporary budget, prorated from January through March, is 41.11%; preparing Annual, Financial Statement and 2018 Municipal Budget.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Stranahan addressed/stated the following: Police Report for the month of January 2018; Attended Narcon training at Penn Village Apartments hosted by Rutgers.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

- 2018-2-27 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PENNS GROVE BLOCK 77 LOTS 13 and 14  
Motion to adopt by Washington; second Johnson. All in favor.
- 2018-2-28 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE AND CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND  
Motion to adopt by Washington; second Scott. All in favor.
- 2018-2-29 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE GRANT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE.  
Motion to adopt by Washington; second Johnson. All in favor.
- 2018-2-30 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
Motion to adopt by Johnson; second Pasquale. All in favor.
- 2018-2-31 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR CHARITABLE SOLICITATION  
Motion to adopt by Scott; second Washington. All in favor.

#### ORDINANCES:

2018-2 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 395 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
Motion to adopt by title only by Washington; Scott second. Roll Call. All ayes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay all bills signed and audited by Washington; second Johnson. All in favor.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor addressed the Borough acting as a Host Agency for Path Stone, a program designed to employ those 55+ years. Motion to complete application by Washington; second Scott. All in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion to open meeting to the public by Washington; second Scott. All in favor.

Paul Psensky, Police Officer, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve with the Police Department.

Motion to close meeting to the public by Johnson; second Washington. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Scott; second Johnson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sharon R. Williams, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk

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