

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING- 6:30 P.M.
COURTROOM/ VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE (VTC)
FEBRUARY 15, 2022-MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and called to order by Mayor LaDaena D. Thomas

Mayor Thomas made the Open Public Meeting Statement: In accordance with section V of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, Notice of this meeting was posted on the Borough of Penns Grove Municipal Bulletin Board designed for that purpose. Notice as also posted on the Borough Penns Grove website: www.pennsgrove-nj.org and was emailed to the official newspaper as provided by Resolution. Additionally, in response to the state of emergency in New Jersey regarding COVID 1-19 ("Coronavirus"), this January 18, 2022 meeting was held in the Courtroom of Borough Hall, 1 State Street, Penns Grove, NJ and via "Zoom" online meeting platform.

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation by Deputy Clerk, Mandy Renner

ROLL CALL: Carter-present, Worley- present, Martin-present, Mincey-present, Scarpaci-present.

Also, present were: Madam Mayor LaDaena Thomas, Robert Tarver, Borough Solicitor, Stephan Labb, CFO, Sean Brown, Business Administrator, Richard Rivera, Police Director.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Mayor Thomas, asked for motion to approve Minutes of the regular session from. Motion was moved by Council president Martin, Councilman Carter seconded the motion.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

2022-2-32 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSONER TO THE PENNS GROVE SEWEGE AUTHORITY (Michael Worrel)

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-32 by consent Carter; second Martin. Roll Call. Carter-yes, Worley-no, Martin-yes, Mincey-no, Scarpaci-no. Motion passes.

2022-2-36 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUCTION OF BOROUGH PROPERTIES

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-36 by consent Martin; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-37 – AWARDDING FOR THE MULTIPLE PROPERTY DEMOLITION BID NO. 2021-01

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-37 by consent Carter; second Martin. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-38 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF ELIXICOR, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-38 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-39 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF MAGIC GARDEN BOTANICALS, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-39 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-40 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF GROW CULTURE

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-40 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-41 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF DANK DELUXX, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-41 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-42 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE MAY QUEEN, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-42 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-43 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF ONE FAITH WELLNESS

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-43 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-44 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF MILES OF GREEN, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-44 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-45 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF MJ MARLEY'S

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-45 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-46 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF FORCHION FARMS, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-46 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

2022-2-48 – A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE TRILEAF, LLC

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-2-48 by consent Carter; second Worley. Roll Call. All aye.

SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

2022-1 – SALARY ORDINANCE 2022 FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES

Motion to adopt by Worley; second Martin. Roll call. All aye.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION:

Properties for Habitat for Humanity

444 Park Ave will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity. This transfer of property will be added on as a Walk on Resolution.

Motion to adopt by Scarpaci; second Worley. Roll call. All aye.

Hiring

The Senior Police Clerk position has been merged with the booking clerk position due to the budget. At this time we are still in need of a Housing inspector. The last housing inspector resigned in December 2021. Sean stated that he has reached out to several different municipalities to ask about shared services, unfortunately the other municipalities were unable to help.

Mission Statement of the Borough of Penns Grove:

The Mission of the Municipal Government of the Borough of Penns Grove is to maintain the Borough as a safe, clean and healthy environment for residents, the business community, their guests, employees and customers. We will accomplish our mission by providing cost-effective municipal programs that will promote, enhance and protect the quality of life in the Borough of Penns Grove, and deliver municipal services in an efficient, responsive, courteous and professional manner. We are a community that appreciates our differences and recognizes that unique skills, knowledge and backgrounds bring strength to our community. Municipal government will be open, receptive and willing to embrace innovative strategies for municipal progress. Our government is a partnership, and we will continue to

seek creative ways to encourage communication among residents, elected and appointed officials and staff.

Discuss: Illegal dumping strategy & budget

Sean Brown stated at this time Penns Grove has 8 locations with an illegal dumping problem. Sean also stated that he has called around to get quotes to clean the areas up, with the lowest quote being a 25,000 onetime fee.

Discuss: Newsletter

The Newsletter will be sent out to all community members to inform all residents of what's going on within the Borough of Penns Grove.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor solicited public comment.

Anjanette Scott, addressed a concern wanting to put a 15 minuet parking sign out front of her business during store hours. Councilman Scarpaci stated that the business is on a county road, the Borough of Penns Grove does not have authority of county roads, and would have to address the county with those concerns.

Stephan Shorts, 17 Diver Ave, Penns Grove addressed Sean Brown, Business Administrator about a property being removed off Auction. Robert Tarver, Borough Solicitor stated that this is an individual matter and will be handled outside of the Work Shop session.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Carter; Worley second .

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Renner
Deputy Clerk