

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION- 6:30 P.M.
COURTROOM/ VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE3 (VTC)
AUGUST 16, 2022-MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. 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, this August 16, 2022 meeting is 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, Rambo-present.

Also, present were Madam Mayor LaDaena Thomas, Darryl Rhone, Acting Borough Solicitor, Ericka Walker, Treasurer Assistant, Robert Tarver Acting Business Administrator, and Richard Rivera, Police Director.

MINUTES:

April 19, 2022- Regular Session

Motion to adopt by Martin; second Mincey. Roll Call. All aye.

May 17, 2022- Regular Session

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS & APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Motion was moved by Councilwoman Scarpaci, Councilwoman Mincey seconded the motion. Roll Call. All ayes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

2022-8-118 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR CHARITABLE SOLICITAION

2022-8-119 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

2022-8-120 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STIPEND

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-8-118 through 2022-8-120 by Consent by Worley; second Scarpaci. Roll Call. All ayes.

SECOND READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ORDINANCE(S):

2022-15 – A BOROUGH ORDINANCE CONCERNING PEDDLING AND SOLCITING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 340, PART II OF THE GENERAL LEGISLATION

Mayor solicited public comment:

John Scarpaci, Railroad Ave., questioned Mr. Rhone regarding the fees and how were the figures determined? Darryl Rhone responded he looked at the surrounding municipalities for current fees.

Greg Martin, Spruce Street, asked if there are designated areas in the Ordinance? Darryl Rhone replied with certain areas within the Borough are classified by different classes. Mr. Martin suggested this Ordinance be tabled to allow the residence to attend the next meeting and voice their opinion.

Motion to table by Scarpaci; second Martin. Roll Call. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Projects Coordinator: Mr. Tarver stated that the Borough has several projects that need to move forward. Currently there are two projects that are on the table, first project is the finalization of Barber Ave Park, second the Supermarket project moving forward. Mr. Tarver suggested that the Borough consider Debbie Aubreu coming back to finish out these pictural projects. Goals and timetables will be set in the contract.

WORK SESSION:

Councilwoman Worley questioned the status of the North side fence at Barber Ave Park being repaired. Mr. Tarver advised that a chain-link fence will be going across that section.

Tarver stated Gorilla rims for the basketball court have been ordered and should be arriving tomorrow. The plan is to have them installed this Thursday or Friday.

Councilman Carter expressed concerns about the Barber Ave Park project. Mr. Carter stated that he is a head of the Recreation Department and was not asked for any input on the project.

Mr. Tarver addressed the safety measures for the Borough Hall building. Some of the changes that were discussed, closing the door by the police station, only having one entrance into the building, and installing a visual and sound entry system. Councilwoman Mincy also stated that Dutch doors are needed for the offices.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ron Giordano, 7 Sack Ave, questioned how Greg Martin was appointment Chairman of the planning board without being qualified. Mr. Tarver responded that question should be addressed at the planning board meeting.

Greg Martin, 46 Spruce St. questioned how the bids were handled for the auction. If the current bidder dropped out of the bid, who would be next to put a new bid in. Darryl Rhone, Acting Borough Solicitor, replied that Max Span would be the ones to determine that.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Worley; second Scarpaci.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Renner
Deputy Clerk