

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING- 6:30 P.M.
COURTROOM/ VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE3 (VTC)
July 5, 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 June 9, 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, Rambo-present.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS & APPROVAL OF BILL LIST: Motion was moved by Council president Martin; Councilmen Carter seconded the motion. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-no, Scarpaci-no, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. 4 ayes. Motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

2022-7-109 – A RESOLUTION ADPOTING AN AMENDED POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-7-109 by Worley; second Mincey. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-yes, Scarpaci-yes, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. 6 ayes. Motion passes

2022-7-110 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-7-110 by Scarpaci; second Worley. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-yes, Scarpaci-yes, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. 6 ayes. Motion passes

2022-7-111 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER TO PENNS GROVE SEWERAGE

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-7-111 by Scarpaci; second Worley. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-yes, Scarpaci-yes, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. 6 ayes. Motion passes

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

2022-13 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO UPDATE THE BOROUGH'S VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROCESS

Motion to adopt by Title Only by Mincey; second Worley. Roll call. All ayes.

2022-14 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 436 OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE ENTITLED "VEHICLES, MOTORIZES RECEPTIONAL"

Motion to adopt by Title Only by Worley; second Mincey. Roll call. Worley-yes, Martin-Abstain, Mincey-yes, Scarpaci-No, Carter-Abstain, Rambo-yes. 3 ayes. 2-abstained, 1-No, Motion passes

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE(S):

2022-10 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY GRANT OF UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FORBLOCK 84, LOT 21; RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT

Mayor solicited public comment:
No public member had a comment

Motion to adopt by Martin; second Carter. Roll call. All ayes.

2022-11- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY GRANT OF UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR BLOCK 94, LOT 1; RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT

Mayor solicited public comment:
No public member had a comment

Motion to adopt by Worley; second Carter. Roll call. All ayes.

2022-12- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 206 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL DEMOLITION OF ABANDONED, VACANT, AND UNSAFE PROPERTIES

Mayor solicited public comment:
No public member had a comment

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds (Worley, Martin, Scarpaci) Councilwoman Worley asked about the grills for Barber Ave. Park. The mayor answered that the park will be adding 2 new grills. Mayor Thomas also announced that the park will also be adding a pet station that will be supplied with bags for public to use while walking their dogs.

General Government (Martin, Carter, Worley) Councilwoman Martin stated/addressed the following: The Borough is still in the process of hiring a Business Administrator as well as an Assistant for the Business Administrator

Housing/Zoning & Planning/Shade Tree (Rambo, Scarpaci, Martin) Councilman Rambo stated/addressed the following: Nothing to report.

Recreation/ Board of Health (Carter, Rambo, Mincey) Councilmen Carter stated/addressed the following: Expressed thanks to everyone who was able to help with the Juneteenth event on

Saturday. Councilmen Carter also announced that there will be a car show as well as the first ever Barber battle happening at the Riverfront.

Public Works/Streets & Roads (Scarpaci, Mincey, Rambo) Councilwoman Scarpaci stated/addressed the following: Carneys Point Township was sent a notice regarding the Boroughs maintenance. Currently the Borough is setting a date with Carneys Point to discuss the contract.

Public Safety (Mincey, Worley, Carter) Councilwoman Mincey stated/addressed the following: The safety committee will be meeting to discuss changes that need to be made within the Borough. Topics that will be brought up for discussion will be increase police during events, hiring of 2 crossing guards and increasing vendors fees.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Business Administrator Report Robert Tarver stated/addressed the following: The police department is in the process of purchasing new police armor. A community plan meeting with the schools is currently being scheduled.

Finance Officer Report: Ericka Walker stated/addressed the following: Nothing to report.

Police Director Report: Richard Rivera stated/addressed the following: Expressed thanks for the Abandon House Ordinance. Barber Ave Park will also be getting pad locking gates. Currently the Police Department is hiring 2 part time patrolmen, 1 full time patrolmen and a booking clerk.

Fire Chief Report: Nothing to report

Ambulance/EMS Captain Report: Nothing to report

Attorney Report: Executive Session

Mayoral Comments: Mayor Thomas expressed thanks for a great turn out for the Annual Car Show As well as the First Annual Barber Battle this past weekend. With such a successful turn out the Borough is looking forward to many more events.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor solicited public comment.

No public member had a comment

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Worley; second Mincey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Renner
Deputy Clerk