

**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)
June 9, 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-absent, Scarpaci-absent, 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 Councilwoman Carter, Council president Martin seconded the motion. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-absent, Scarpaci-absent, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. 4 ayes. Motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR COSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

2022-6-96 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT TO CORELOGIC

2022-6-97 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND TAX BILLING PAID FOR A TOTAL DISABLE VETERAN

2022-6-98 – AWARDING FOR THE MULTIPLE PROPERTY DEMOLITION BID NO.2021-01

2022-6-99– A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION

2022-6-100 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK

2022-6-101 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOTOUGH OF PENNS GROVE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT(S) FOR THE SERVICES OF THE PARK RENOVATIONS TO BARBER AVE. PARK

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-6-96 – 2022-6-101 by Martin; second Carter. Roll Call. Worley-yes, Martin-yes, Mincey-absent, Scarpaci-absent, Carter-yes, Rambo-yes. All ayes Motion passes

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTIOON OF ORDIANANCE(S):

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

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

2022-11 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY GRANT OF UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHTS OF WAY FOR BLOVK 84, LOT 21; RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SAID EASEMENT

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

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

Motion to adopt by Title Only by Martin; second Carter. Roll call. All aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building and Grounds (Worley, Martin, Scarpaci) Councilwoman Worley expressed thanks to Councilwoman Rambo for cleaning up the Riverfront.

General Government (Martin, Carter, Worley) Councilwoman Martin stated/addressed the following: At this time the Borough is still in the process of hiring a Business Administrator as well as a Public Safety Director.

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: The Borough will be hosting a Juneteenth event Saturday, June 18th form 2-6pm. Flyers will be going out. Also starting July 1st the Riverfront will be having a music event every Sunday.

Public Works/Streets & Roads (Scarpaci, Mincey, Rambo) Councilwoman Scarpaci stated/addressed the following: Absent. Nothing to report.

Public Safety (Mincey, Worley, Carter) Councilwoman Mincey stated/addressed the following: Absent. Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Business Administrator Report Robert Tarver stated/addressed the following: At this time the Borough is in the process of purchasing a new truck. The landscaping within the Borough is currently being addressed and a clean community day is in the works. Mr. Tarver also stated that the Borough will be considering bringing Public Works.

Finance Officer Report: Ericka Walker stated/addressed the following: The Temporary Budget from January thru June 9, 2022 is as follows; Expenditure Ratio is 88.40%. Tax Collection Percentage 6/3/22: 80.64 % Tax Collection Percentage 6/3/21: 79.09 % The Year to Date Comparison is showing a 1.55% Increase as of 6/3/2022.

Police Director Report: Richard Rivera stated/addressed the following: The Police department had a successful fishing event and was able to give away 4 dozen fishing poles. A meeting was held with the Board of Education to discuss an increase in police involvement with the school districts.

Fire Chief Report: Nothing to report

Ambulance/EMS Captain Report: Nothing to report

Mayoral Comments: Mayor Thomas recognized Officer Hemple for a great fishing event that was held at the Riverfront on Saturday, June 4th. Mayor Thomas also wanted to congratulate AnJenette Scott and Toni Marinaro for winning the election.

NEW BUSINESS:

Add-on Resolutions for Consideration by consent:

2022-6-102 – EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-6-102 by consent Martin; second Worley. Roll Call. All ayes.

2022-6-103 – A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT L. TARVER, JR. AS INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-6-103 by consent Worley; second Mincey. Roll Call. All ayes.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mayor solicited public comment.

AnJanette Scott, 70 Railroad recognized Officer Hemple on a great fishing event. AnJanette also announced that the River front will be having live music every other Sunday. Ms. Scott also expressed concerns on the parks cleanliness. She stated that council should show more of an appearance.

Greg Martin, Spruce Street expressed concern regarding AnJeanette's comment. Greg stated that it is not a good idea for the council to control behaviors of the people in the park, that the Borough has Police Officers that should be the ones patrolling the park.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mincey; second Worley.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mandy Renner
Deputy Clerk