

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 7, 2023 – AGENDA**

OPENING – 6:30 P.M.

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 was also posted on the Borough of 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-19 (“Coronavirus”), this February 7, 2023 meeting is being held via “Zoom” online meeting platform.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Thomas

INVOCATION: Sharon Williams, RMC

ROLL CALL Council President Martin, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Marinaro, Councilman Rambo, Councilwoman Scott, Councilwoman Worley

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION(S) FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

2023-2-29 – REFUND 2022 OVERPAYMENT

2023-2-30 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1

2023-2-31 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAILINGS AND ADVERTISEMENT OF 2023 TAX SALE NOTICES

2023-2-32 – APPROVAL TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, UNDER STATE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING GUIDELINES, FOR ENGINEERING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO A FY 2022 SMALL CITIES AWARD TO THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STRAUGHNS LANE PUMP STATION

2023-2-33 – GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL YEAR 2024; GRANT CYCLE JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

2023-2-34 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER

2023-2-35 – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFERS OF THE 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES

2023-2-36 – EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

2023-2-37 – RESOLUTION TO HIRE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

2023-2-38 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HIRING OF JACK SURRENCY AS BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

2023-2-39 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD RIVERA AS POLICE DIRECTOR (Interim Public Safety Director)

2023-2-40 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE SERVICES RE: 76 SOUTH VIRGINIA AVENUE (BLOCK 95, LOT 14)

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-2-29 through 2023-2-40 by consent Martin Second: Scott Roll Call: motion passes

2023-2-41 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STORMWATER OUTFALL MAPPING FOR NJDEP M54 COMPLIANCE

Motion to adopt by Worley Second: Scott Roll Call: motion passes

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

2023-1 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SALARY ORDINANCE

Public Comment Question – What is the ordinance? Mr. Tarver explained

Motion to adopt by Martin Second: Marinaro Roll Call: motion passes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings & Grounds (**Worley**, Carter, Scott): Borough Hall specs done on floor. Electrical – asking for updates, Mr. Tarver responded. Abandoned house on 5th. Thursday AM trash – every other Friday is recycle.

General Government/Finance/Personnel (**Martin**, Worley, Marinaro): Trash question on schedule, Mr. Tarver responded recycle is every other Friday. Everbridge System – Enhance. Interview and hire of Business Administrator, Jack Surrency. Mayor added Recycle schedule will be added to the calendar.

Housing/Zoning & Planning (**Marinaro**, Martin, Rambo): N/A

Recreation/Board of Health (Scott, Martin, **Carter**): Meeting is being held Monday

Public Works/Streets & Roads (**Rambo**, Scott, Marinaro): Everbridge, Spoke with Mr. Tarver regarding identification on the call/text, advised it will say Borough of Penns Grove. Pumps, apartments, debris – Municipal Maintenance, Strongs Lane – collapsed. Ivy flood, high tides, permission from residents to walk the properties with the engineers.

Public Safety (**Carter**, Rambo, Worley): Spoke with Mr. Rivera, no official meeting yet. Transition of roles, Debbie and Adam – he wants to help

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Business Administrator Report – Mr. Tarver – Announcement of the hiring of Business Administrator, Jack Surrency. Recap – Barber Ave Park, Renovations, equipment, resolve court. Supermarket- Letter of Intent from Save-A-lot, Update – Ordinance 5G service soon, pumps, trash – making it work. Board of Health – people interested in helping out.

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Mayor commented thanking Mr. Tarver for stepping in as BA while having his own law firm, being solicitor for PG as well as other areas. Mr. Rhone filled in today.

Mr. Carter has a question – Qawaan White and the men on back of trucks thanked.

Finance Officer Report – Ericka Walker states items completed for the 4th quarter, RW 30, June 22, work with auditor on financial statement, 3.87% increase in tax collections.

Mr. Tarver added- credit card procurement process

Police Director Report – Mr. Rivera – Erin in code enforcement is helpful. Rebate for recycle, bulk, pumps – criminal investigation on locks, transitional aid to upgrade evidence room. Background checks on Class 2 officers. Penn Village – shooting of a juvenile. Robbery on Broad across from Penn Towers, Blocked fire zones and apparatus in emergency

Fire Chief Report N/A

Ambulance/EMS Captain Report N/A

Attorney Report

Mayoral Comments – Heather Moore invited to PGHS for Black History Month and Mayor is working on video presentation.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of Jack Surrency, Business Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unknown – Safety issue ongoing for 3 years – fence, unlicensed car needs to go. Recycling Cans- 32 gallon trash can – Mayor adds to use with a bag.

2023-2-39 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD RIVERA AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

2023-2-40 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE SERVICES re: 76 SOUTH VIRGINIA AVENUE (BLOCK 95, LOT 14) (Contaminated site, ground water, site needs to be assessed by engineers)

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Police Contract

Grievance

Greg Martin, Spruce Street – include Everbridge on trash flyer. 116 Cumberland – house fire, does it have asbestos? 6 feet from another residence. Debris needs to be cleared. Not less serious if there is no asbestos.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting Second Voice Vote

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM