

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 P.M.
June 20, 2023 – MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor LaDaena D. Thomas in the courtroom of Borough Hall, 1 State Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey. 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 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. This June 20, 2023 meeting is being held via “Zoom” online meeting platform.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor LaDaena Thomas

INVOCATION: Sharon Williams, Municipal Clerk

MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT: Mayor LaDaena Thomas

ROLL CALL: Council President Anjanette Scott – Present, Councilman Jonathan Carter – Absent, Councilwoman Tracy Marinaro- Present, Councilman John Rambo – Present, Councilwoman Deborah Scott – Absent, Councilwoman Sonya Worley – Absent

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion to adopt by Marinaro, Seconded by Council President Scott. Roll Call: Three affirm, motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION:

2023-6-91–A RESOLUTION CANCELLING 3rd QUARTER TAX BILLING FOR A 100% TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

2023-6-92–RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND TAX PAID TO AN 100% TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

2023-6-93–A RESOLUTION CANCELLING THIRD QUARTER TAX BILLING AS ERRONEOUS

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-6-91 through 2023-6-93 by consent by Council President Scott, Seconded by Marinaro. Roll call: Three affirm, motion passed

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING:

2023-7–AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-18 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR BOROUGH ACTION TO REMEDY PROPERTY VIOLATIONS

Motion to adopt by title only by Marinaro, Seconded by Council President Scott. Roll call: Three affirm, motion passed

OLD BUSINESS: Sam Redlich, Esquire–Cannabis Update and Presentation

Mr. Redlich provided information on the Concept, Social Justice and Redevelopment that the Cannabis industry can bring to the Borough. Mr. Redlich discussed the license types of Cultivation, Manufacturing and Retail/Dispensary.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe DiNicola, Attorney stating he is representing DiPaolo’s interest in obtaining a liquor license for Maria’s. Mr. DiNicola stated license needs to be issued by the Borough.

Polly Bomba, Carneys Point Resident, stated the upgrade by Atlantic City Electric with poles violated the ADA Accessibility Law. Carneys Point and School District willing to notify the electric company regarding the violation and is asking the same from the Borough. She also informed there is an uneven sidewalk on Route 130 by the District Office by the intersection of Iona Avenue. Ms. Bomba was advised to see Mr. Surrency.

Greg Martin, Carneys Point resident, questioned the liquor license process and how long a license can be held while not in use. Sharon Williams, Municipal Clerk, advised of the procedures.

Joyce Martin, Franklin Street, questioned branch pickup and was provided a response by Mr. Surrency.

Renee Gambacorta, 105 N. Broad Street, Questioned the litigation matters regarding Frameworks Development and was advised to call Mr. Tarver to discuss further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2023-6-94 – A RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter executive session by Council President Scott, Seconded by Marinaro.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Worley, Seconded by Marinaro.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hills, Deputy Clerk

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