

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

**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](http://www.pennsgrove-nj.org) and was emailed to the official newspaper as provided by Resolution. This March 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 - absent, Councilwoman Scott, Councilwoman Worley

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION:**

**2023-3-54 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL PAYMENT NO. 3 TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC.**

**2023-3-55 – RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE FOR THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH ALONZO DAVIS**

**2023-3-56 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**2023-3-57 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO SETTLE THE MATTER OF FLAMEWORKS, LLC AND PENNS GROVE SCATTERED SITES, LLC V. BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Buildings & Grounds**

**General Government/Finance/Personnel (Martin)** Met with Mr. Washington regarding news letter and hopeful to begin April 1<sup>st</sup>, if ok with Mayor and council. Asked about Employee Handbook.

## **Housing/Zoning & Planning (Marinero) software discussion**

**Recreation/Board of Health (A. Scott)** fundraiser will match money for football league same as Turnpike owner. 3/18 one Saturday monthly 8-12, 3/19 woman of trauma event, Easter egg Hunt info will be available shortly as well as Big Hat Event.

## **Public Works/Streets & Roads – Unavailable**

**Public Safety (Carter)** Waiting on monthly meeting, Interviewed 2 candidates for police officer positions, both great candidates.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Business Administrator Report** Mr. Jack Surrency – pump station – trash, bottles and plastic clean up. Met with engineer regarding storm water, trash/recycle flyer went out, county meeting will be 3/28 please advise if you would like to attend. Clean Communities \$300. He has visited the fire hall and ambulance building.

**Finance Officer Report** Ms. Ericka Walker – Department is continuing to work on budget. Reminder that vendor set up needs to also go through their office. Mayor interjected and said vendor set up should go to BA's office then tax office.

**Public Safety Director Report** Mr. Rich Rivera – EMS building roof and HVAC system, 2022 fire marshal final walk through, 2023 walk through will be starting soon, DCA, Police department – 2 individuals shot, CP & PG did an incredible job

**Fire Chief Report** not available

**Ambulance/EMS Captain Report** not available

**Attorney Report** Mr. Tarver reports the ordinance regarding cannabis has passed, there will be an ordinance to follow with details such as hours of operation, security, etc. Regarding Public Works – move to two day trash pickup, updated will be online and a flyer mailed.

**Mayoral Comments** PGMS Youth Summit asking men to step up and volunteer. Went to Louisiana and received an award for the changes being made in Penns Grove. Reach out to Councilwoman A. Scott regarding youth summit.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

- Kaitlin M. Passaro – Penns Grove Ambulance
- William Shane – Penns Grove Ambulance
- Jordana Fredo – Penns Grove Ambulance
- Jacob Shimp – Penns Grove Ambulance

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Mr. Rivera advised to submit an OPRA request to resident that questioned how often property checks are completed. Forms can be found on the Borough website also use the Contact US section on the website to submit complaints/concerns so they may be forwarded to the correct department and for tracking purposes.

**Adjournment Scott Seconded: Martin**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 4, 2023 AT 6:30 PM**

**MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM**