

**TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Cartier led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and followed by roll call.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jason Allen
Kenneth Cartier
Diane Stinney
Sherry Scull
Norma Trueblood

ABSENT

None

Also present: Mayor David Patriarca, Business Administrator Dennis Gonzalez, Solicitor Andrew Bayer, Township Engineer Kelly Willis, Township Planner Rick Ragan, and Township Clerk Amy P. Cosnoski.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Cartier called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 37-2014 Authorizes Council to go into Closed Session for:
Employee Grievance – Officer Meyers

Motion by Allen and Scull to adopt Resolution No. 37-2014. Allen, yes; Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

Council President Cartier recessed the open meeting at approximately 6:35 PM to go into closed session and reconvened the open meeting at approximately 7:00 PM.

(Reference Note: Closed Session minutes are transcribed and filed separately and considered part of these minutes)

Consent Agenda: All items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Council and are enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Cartier opened the meeting to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda. There being no members of the public indicating a desire to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public for comments on the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Allen requested to have Resolution 41-2014 and Resolution 44-2014 pulled from the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Scull requested to pull PO 14-00173 in the amount of \$447.47 for Legal Services for the Historic Trust Litigation from the Bill List.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

38-2014 Recognition of Dedication of Public Service by Mary Mason.

39-2014 Authorizes various routine refunds.

40-2014 Appoints Deputy Township Clerk.

41-2014 *This resolution was pulled and considered later in the meeting.*

- 42-2014 Authorizes Public Auction of Township-owned equipment no longer needed for public use.
- 43-2014 Authorizes application for grant from “Sustainable Jersey” for development of a Farmers Market.
- 44-2014 *This resolution was pulled and considered later in the meeting.*
- 45-2014 Authorizes the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Program for emergency repairs for Fabio Pereira at Block 441, Lot 1.
- 46-2014 Authorizes the use of Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Funds for Housing Rehabilitation Program for repairs for Brian and Jeanette Ivers at Block 379, Lot 1.01.

BILL LIST (one purchase order removed and considered later in meeting)
Approval by Council required for payment of vouchers on bill list dated 1/10/2014.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to approve Consent Agenda as amended. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS (pulled from Consent Agenda)

- 41-2014 Authorizes Assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 12-00182.

Council President Cartier advised that the Tax Sale Certificate had been paid and this resolution was no longer needed.

- 44-2014 Establishes a Green Team Advisory Committee.

Council President Cartier explained Administration requested to change the numbers of the membership. Mayor Patriarca advised that the Committee Membership composition can change depending on the program. Councilwoman Scull suggested that two Council Members be appointed to the Committee. Mayor Patriarca requested to change the composition of members to be changed to a general five members and it could be increased as needed. It was a consensus of Council to make those changes within the resolution.

Motion by Scull and Trueblood to adopt Resolution 44-2014 as amended to include two Council Members and five Mayoral appointments. Scull, yes; Trueblood, yes; Stinney, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

- 47-2014 Appoints members to the Pemberton Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

Council President Cartier advised they had received a letter from Mr. D’Imperio requesting to be reappointed.

Motion by Scull and Stinney to approve Resolution 47-2014 reappointing Elmer D’Imperio to a 5 year term. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes Motion carried.

- 28-2014 Appoints members to the Veterans’ Advisory Committee. *Tabled from 1/6/2014 Reorganization Meeting.*

Council President Cartier read the names of those being appointed.

American Legion: Dave Kelly, alt. Russ Franks	three yr. term expires 12/31/2016
Disabled Am. Vets Chapter 27: Donald Williams	three yr. term expires 12/31/2016
Vets of Foreign Wars Post 6805: Dr. Thomas Cathers	three yr. term expires 12/31/2016
Vets of Foreign Wars Post 10065: James Singleton,	three yr. term expires 12/31/2016
Alt. Darryl Wilkins	

Motion by Scull and Stinney to appoint those read by Council President Cartier to the Veterans' Advisory Committee. Scull, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Allen, yes; Cartier, yes Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2014

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES, COMPENSATION, AND BENEFITS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEMBERTON

Councilwoman Scull requested this ordinance be tabled until the next meeting as she did not have time to review it.

Motion by Scull and Allen to table Ordinance 1-2014 until the February 5, 2014 meeting. Scull, yes; Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

BILL LIST (pulled from Consent Agenda)

PO 14-00173 – Legal Services in the amount of \$447.47 for Historic Trust Litigation.

Motion by Allen and Stinney to approve PO 14-00173 in the amount of \$447.47. Allen, yes; Stinney, yes; Trueblood, yes; Scull, abstain; Cartier, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council President Cartier opened the meeting to the public for general comments. Those commenting were:

William Hearney, Browns Mills – 1. Commented on not getting a straight answer regarding the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant funding. Council President Cartier asked Administration to look into it and Mr. Gonzalez advised he would talk with Mr. Hearney and get the answers for him.

Fred Moorehead, Browns Mills – 1. Advised that he came to talk to the Tax Assessor regarding their tax exempt status and he was informed it had ended as of November 1st of last year. Expressed his frustration of not being informed and advised he is concerned over the atmosphere in the Township, citing the lawsuits, confiscations and lack of communication. Mr. Moorehead further questioned who questioned their status that would prompt the Assessor to change it one month after their contract with the Township was cancelled.

America Phillips, Presidential Lakes – 1. Advised they had a cleanup day on November 16th, 2013 and asked that Public Works be told there are still six bags laying between Kentucky and Tennessee Trails. **2.** Questioned an incident that occurred on her street. Ms. Phillips was advised to contact the Police Department **3.** Noted the stop sign at Tennessee Trail and New York Road is covered in branches, however the tree is dying. **4.** Commented on Tennessee Trail being closed between the Fire House and Connecticut Road. **5.** Advised that the front door of 200 New Hampshire Road is unlocked. **6.** Expressed the community should be working together and the residents should be treated as the residents, not as politicians. **7.** Questions how many police vehicles patrol the Country Lakes and Presidential Lakes section of town. Ms. Phillips was advised to contact the Police Department. **8.** Commented on the home invasion in Presidential Lakes and noted she saw a car on her road that could have possibly been involved.

Scott Hamilton, Browns Mills – 1. Questioned how much the agreement with J&J with respect to the Browns Mills Shopping Center was going to cost the Township. Mr. Bayer advised that could not be answered at this time, it would depend on the outcome of the negotiations and the condemnation proceedings. Mr. Bayer further explained the developer has agreed to pay costs up to a specified amount. Mr. Hamilton questioned what would happen if the Township did not go through with the agreement. Mr. Bayer advised theoretically if the Township did not go through with the condemnation it would be a breach of contract.

Clare Wadsworth, Browns Mills – 1. Questioned when the budget would be presented. Council President Cartier advised the budget deadline had been extended to February 7th.

Seeing no other residents wishing to comment, Council President Cartier closed the meeting to public comment.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer reported: 1. No report this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Willis reported: 1. No additional information to report from last meeting.

PLANNER’S REPORT:

Mr. Ragan reported: 1. Reported the Dialysis Center is moving along.

MAYOR'S AND/OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mayor Patriarca reported: 1. No report this evening.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS.

Jason Allen – Thanked everyone for coming out and noted it was good to see so many residents at the meeting.

Norma Trueblood – Thanked everyone for coming out.

Diane Stinney – Thanked everyone for coming out.

Sherry Scull – Thanked everyone for coming out.

Ken Cartier – Advised that Council will be going back into closed session and formal action may be taken when they come back in.

Council came out of the Closed Session at approximately 8:37 p.m. Council President Cartier advised there would be no action pursuant to Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy P. Cosnoski
Amy P. Cosnoski, RMC, Township Clerk