

CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
November 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee is being held at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1621 Riverton Road, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077. This meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975 c.231, having been advertised in the Burlington County Times on January 5, 2016 and sent to the Courier Post on March 22, 2016.

Committee Members Present: Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. Minniti, Mr. Young, and Mayor McCarthy. Also Present: Attorney John Gillespie, Director King, Administrator, Chief Financial Officer Julia Edmondson

Mayor McCarthy opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Liaison Reports

Economic Development – Mr. Minniti – none

Health/Senior Services and Veterans Affairs – none

Parks and Recreation – none

Public Works – Mr. Young

Good evening. It seems that, once again, we have to remind a number of residents that you must follow the published schedule for putting out leaves for collection. Remember also that we will not collect mixed piles that contain both leaves and brush. Not only do we have a published schedule, but we are posting signs with the scheduled dates at the various streets that enter into your developments. The signs are being posted in advance so you know when to have your leaves out and ready for pickup. If you are going to ignore the posted times, you are going to get a violation notice from our Public Works staff. Please don't get angry with the staff as they are following the laws/rules set forth by the DEP. If your leaves are in the street, you need to get them out and back up behind the curb. Some folks are putting up small fences along the curb to hold their leaves and that's fine, just get them out of the street.

As far a collection goes, we have been holding schedule to date, but may get slightly off due to the short work week because of the holiday. We have had 2 crews on the street trying to get as much done as possible.

It has also been observed that residents are putting out brush for pick-up. Brush collection stopped at the end of October and we will not be collecting any brush again until February or March, depending on the weather. That too, must be kept behind the curb on your property. You should give some consideration to where the brush is kept so as not to make it too inconvenient for your neighbors who may have people parking along the street over the holiday season. Please be sensitive to you fellow residents. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Administration, Finance and Public Safety – Mayor McCarthy,

First I'd like to thank Mickey King, Julia Edmondson, Joe Betley and Liz Garcia for redoing our employee handbook. It was certainly something that needed to be done so thank you for getting that done.

I'd like to congratulate our police department for recently some tremendous efforts in community policing. The instances that I'm going to mention are not anything that these officers were asked to do. This all happened within the last couple of weeks. First I noticed through Facebook that a resident in town posted about her 5 year old son was uneasy with police officers. She was concerned about that and reached out and asked if anyone could help her with this. Other residents gave some good suggestions including calling the police department. Officer Burns reached out directly to that parent, invited that parent and child to the police department the next day and gave

the child a tour of the police station and showed him that police officers are his friend. There was a picture of Sgt. Burns and that little boy the next day. I just want to say to Sgt. Burns job well done. That's really what being a police officer is all about. Great job.

On Halloween night Officer Josh Lilligore, while he was on patrol decided to hand out candy to the kids. So when he saw groups of kids in the neighborhood he stopped and gave out candy. Several parents posted on Facebook how great it was to see an officer reaching out to our kids like that.

And finally Officer Czarsty, there was a little boy at Rush School, a new resident, who got lost on his way home. Mike found him, showed him his way around the neighborhood and got him home. Great job to all three of you. That's exactly what we as Cinnaminson Committee and I'm sure all of our residents wish and hope our police officers would do. And I'm sure any one of our police officers would do any of those things. Congratulations. Mickey thank you for a job well done.

And finally Breakfast with Santa, held by the police department, will be held Sunday, Dec 11, 2016 at the Merion Caterers. Tickets are on sale now \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, 8:00 to 11:30. If you buy tickets in advance you get expedited seating. Last year it was quite an event.

That's all I have.

New Business

Introduction of Ordinance 2016-15 Bond Ordinance of the Township of Cinnaminson, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey, State of New Jersey, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,560,000 aggregate principal amount of the general obligations refunding bonds of the Township to refund certain outstanding bonds, and appropriating the proceeds of such refunding bonds to such purpose.

Motion to introduce made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Minniti. Voice vote. All aye. Ordinance is introduced. Public hearing to be Dec 19, 2016 at 6:30pm.

Old Business

Public Hearing of Ordinance 2016-14 an ordinance amending Chapter 145 of the Code of the Township of Cinnaminson entitled "Affordable Housing".

MR. GILLESPIE: This ordinance simply allows us to bring the code up to date with regard to housing affordability control regulations that have been revised since the ordinance was last addressed.

Motion to adopt made by Mr. Brauckmann, seconded by Mr. Young. Voice vote. All aye. Ordinance is adopted.

Review of Best Practices

Director King reviews the Best Practices survey. There was only one finding noted which was charging shared services for gas to other towns. This has been corrected. If everything goes as expected we should have 100 % rather than 95% this year. We are doing what we need to do here in Cinnaminson Township.

Public Comment on Consent Agenda only – None

Committee comments on Consent Agenda – None

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-117 Liens for DPW work

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-118 Rejecting all bids for Police Department Sally Port Addition

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-119 Releasing performance bond for Dejana Parking Lot Expansion project

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-120 Approving change order and final payment for 2016 ADA Curb and Ramp Project and releasing the performance bond

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-121 Authorizing execution of shared services agreement between Cinnaminson and Willingboro Townships to provide animal control services

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-122 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel taxes pursuant to exemption for Totally Disabled Veteran's status.

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-124 Resolution authorizing transfers of 2016 appropriations

Motion to approve Resolution 2016-125 Releasing performance bond for 504 Route 130

End of consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. Voice vote. All aye. Consent agenda is approved.

Minutes – October 17, 2016

Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mayor McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye. Minutes are approved.

Bill List

Motion to add the following made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann.

1. PO #16-01416 to Sam's Club for Trunk or Treat Candy and gift cards \$2699.36
2. PO #16-01461 to NJ Motor Vehicle Commission for titles on 3 new police Chargers \$180
3. PO #16-01413 to Intelligent Energy for gas and electric charges \$1192.25
4. PO #16-01455 to The Golden Nugget AC for hotel for M. Minton 11/15-11/17 \$180.12

Motion to approve bill list made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. Voice vote. All aye. Bill list is approved.

Public Comment

Renee Oler Davis, 210 Hunter St. – Is concerned with traffic on Union Landing Road from Route 130 with the new truck stop. She asks what committee has discussed or done to address this issue. Mayor McCarthy comments that there have been engineering and traffic studies. The State does approve all entrances onto Route 130.

Mr. Minniti comments that these concerns are not new, that in fact committee has discussed many options over the years. We have not improved the road because we believe that people would go even faster than they are going now. We considered speed bumps about 5 years ago but that could cause a more unsafe condition.

Director King states that we will be looking at putting striping on the road in the spring; that this has been shown to make cars actually slow down. We are aware of the concerns.

Ms. Davis asks if committee will be looking at adding any more sidewalks to Union Landing Rd. Mr. Young responds that they have tried for 3 years in a row and been turned down for funding. Hopefully with the gas tax there will be money available and we will be able to get a grant.

End of Public Comment

Comments from Committee

MR. YOUNG: I would like to take a couple of moments to respond to a post that appeared earlier this month that referenced the ongoing discussion about my applying for the public works position of Superintendent/Director. There are a number of inaccuracies in the statements that I would like to set straight.

1. There is a reference to my positions as both a fire commissioner and committee person for the little salary of \$3 - \$4K a year for what is called petty positions, little pay and little hours.
2. First, I take serious exception to the statement that these are petty positions. Any public position becomes what you make it. You can show up and do nothing, then complain about

being underpaid or you take the job for purpose intended which is to serve the public and strive to supply the most efficient services to our community that you can. Neither of these positions are petty and neither take only a little time if done right.

3. What is true is that I was on the fire commission for 12 years, I was paid a stipend (not a salary) of \$1,000/year. Actually when I became a Commissioner, the stipend was \$1,500 but we cut the stipend back to \$1,000 because the budget failed and it remained there for the next 11 years that I was on the Commission. Not a salary and not in any pension system. Not a petty position and took a good number of hours. You can ask any of the other commissioners about my involvement and efforts while there as I worked with Larry Gerlock, Pete Hebert, Ron Siconolfi, Harry Smith and Bruce Adams. As a team, we turned around the public's perception of the department, kept our promises on budgets and going forward with good public communications, their budgets have had continued community support.
4. Now to address the time and money for the Committee position. As a Committee person, I am an employee of the township and I am in the pension system. The compensation has varied between \$3500-\$4500/yr. As of this year, I have served Cinnaminson on Committee for nearly 11 years. This is a far cry from being in a position to receive a 25 year pension. An added note should be that while the township contributes to any pension of an employee while working, upon retirement, individual retirement pensions are not the responsibility of the community. The only responsibility of Cinnaminson to the pension fund is what the state mandates as our share, nothing more.
5. This Committee position is far from petty unless that is how you treat it. I have not only served on Committee but have served on numerous sub-committees and have been an appointee to the Planning Board at least 4 of those years.
6. To the question of the empty position since Fred Turek has left. It has been far from empty. I personally have committed a great deal of my time as has our Township Engineer who has been contracted to provide management services to the department. Our Township Administrator, who is the direct supervisor of the employees, has also committed his time and resources for support. He also has done so w/o additional compensation. If you would ask any of the supervisors in the department, they will tell you that they have been busy keeping the basic functions working but have little time to get new projects and other improvements implemented. They keep asking when?
7. I did some research through diary notes and files and while not a complete record, I found that in the nearly 11 years of being on Committee, I have documented over 9,000 hours of invested time in either Committee or Public Works activities. That is an average of nearly 850 hours/year. For 2 of the past 3 years, additional time has been committed to our DPW team and their projects, which has jumped the yearly number to nearly 1,200 hours. Far from petty, I think.
8. In conclusion, this commentary is not to the position in question, but to the completely uninformed who choose to post inaccurate and half-truths, thus misinforming others because of their bad information. It demonstrates that they are a victim of their own commentary – a petty post, with little time and information given to collecting the true facts.

Thank you.

MR. MINNITI: Mr. Mayor it's disappointing that people see our service to the town in that way. As someone who has served with you for many years I can tell you that the efforts that you've put in; you are single-handedly the hardest working representative I've ever worked with. I'd say you're

one of the hardest working employees that I've had the pleasure of working with. From the day that you came on to committee you were faced with a daunting task of turning around a culture in a Public Works department that was antiquated and greatly below the level of service that was needed to provide what the services that this community expects and pays for. You have worked tirelessly in that role, you've never slowed down. I think of everyone here you are the only person that is at nearly every function whether it applies to your department or not. Just the volunteer work that you've put in, the times where we've been between superintendents or when we've had new superintendents that you've had to train, I would respectfully submit that you have saved the taxpayers of this town literally hundreds of thousands of dollars in what would be fairly compensated time if you were actually billing this out.

I don't know who posted that on social media. I would encourage whoever it is to come out from behind their keyboard and to stand up here at this podium and give their name and address for the record. This way everyone would in this community will have the benefit of seeing who they are, having the benefit of the discourse and the debate. The residents of this town will have the ability to see exactly the type of individual and servant you are and the type of person that they are. So I would invite that individual or those individuals. We are here the first and third Mondays every single month. You don't have to put things on social media. We are here. You have a right to address us. You have a right to express your opinion, however offensive it may be to us. I urge you to exercise that right and not post these comments on social media. If you feel that strongly, feel strongly enough in front of this committee and your fellow residents.

MAYOR MCCARTHY: I'd just like to reiterate. I will never interact on social media as far as representing committee. I just don't think it's the place for it. You can always reach out to us through email, via the website. We urge you to do that. Ask us first. Give us a chance to respond, give us a chance to give you the information you are looking for. Mr. King is always responsive. You can ask any of us on committee or Mr. King and we will get an answer for you. We are happy to do it. You are always invited to come here on a Monday and ask questions.

Mr. Young asks for a moment of silence in memory of Carl Goodfellow who was a long time operator of our sewer plant passed away this past Wednesday. He was a valued employee of the town and a friend to many of us. (Moment of silence)

MR. MINNITI: I'd like to wish everyone in the community Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of my wife Rose and I and the Minniti family I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. We'll see everyone back here in December.

A Motion to adjourn is made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Minniti. All aye. Meeting adjourned.
7:50 pm

Duly passed and adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Passione