

## CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

August 1, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

Mayor Kravil announced that the Work Session Meeting of the Township Committee was being held at 6:30 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 duly noticed to the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 7, 2022.

In attendance: Mr. Conda, Mr. Horner, Mr. Segrest, Deputy Mayor McGill, Mayor Kravil.

Also present Eric Schubiger, Administrator; Julia Edmondson, CFO; Justin Strausser, Solicitor; Lisa Passione, Municipal Clerk, Michael Minton, Director of Economic Development, Richard Calabrese, Chief of Police, Kevin Gauntt, Superintendent of Public Works

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Republic Services Trash Collection

Mayor Kravil: The next item on our agenda pertains to the Township's trash collection contract with Republic Services. Over the past few months, their service has continued to deteriorate to the point that it is simply unacceptable. We keep hearing that they are having personnel and operations issues. However, they do have an obligation to provide this important service. While our Public Works Department and Administration have attempted to assist Republic Services with managing their own service by communicating with their management team countless times throughout the day, providing updated route maps and providing customer service, the Township has no confidence that Republic can meet the provisions of their contract. We are extremely frustrated with this vendor as trash collection is the most basic public service. Our staff and professionals are reviewing the feasibility of other methods and arrangements to address trash collection. In the meantime, I would like our Township Attorney to share with us the legal options we have available to us regarding our current contract with Republic Services.

Mr. Strausser reviewed what the Township's options are including termination for cause, seeking civil remedies, making a claim against their performance guarantee and also to take steps to place them on the public disbarment list to prevent them from bidding on future contracts.

Mayor Kravil clarified that time is of the essence. Mr. Strausser advised that they can have something ready for our next meeting. Mayor Kravil requested that Mr. Strausser and Mr. Platt draft something for committee's review so they are prepared to take action as soon as possible. Mayor Kravil confirmed with Mr. Schubiger that Republic Services' General Manager will be attending our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schubiger confirmed that as of this time that is correct. Mayor Kravil said that they are looking forward to hearing from Republic Services directly as well.

Mayor Kravil: On behalf of the entire Township Committee, I want to be very clear. While Republic's failure to perform is not the Township's fault, trash collection is our responsibility and we will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the service is provided on time and in a cost effective manner.

Mr. Horner asked for clarification from Mr. Strausser, that they are not mutually exclusive, that we could take multiple actions. Mr. Strausser confirmed that this was correct.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Resolution 2022 – 113** Award of Contract FY 2021 CDBG Miscellaneous Concrete Curb and Sidewalk Improvements
- Resolution 2022 – 114** Award of Contract for Remote Slope Mower DPW
- Resolution 2022 – 115** Property Liens – Block 702, Lot 15 and Block 1709, Lot 6
- Resolution 2022 – 116** Authorize Execution of Shared Services Agreement with Palmyra Ambulance Association for Purchase and Sale of Fuel

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to open public comment on consent agenda items only. **MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY MR. CONDA**, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Voice Vote. All aye.

Michael Goins, 100 Purnell Avenue commented on Resolution 2022-113 and that there have been issues in the past with this contractor. Mr. Schubiger acknowledged his concerns and advised that there our current engineer has a lot of experience with this contractor and that there will be oversight on this project. He also asked about the remote slope mower. Mr. Schubiger clarified that it is a remote control mower. We feel more confident and safe using this in certain areas, that there are a number of locations where it will be utilized.

Jarmilla Sheppard, 215 Front Street, Palmyra on behalf of the East Riverton Civic Center asked for further clarification on Resolution 2022-113 and if Union Landing Road is included. She feels that Union Landing Road should have sidewalks and additional lighting. Mr. Schubiger responded that Union Landing Road is not included in this project; this project is for ADA ramps but that doesn't mean that we can't do something down the road. Mr. Conda then clarified that these monies are only to be used for ADA ramps.

Not seeing anyone else come forward, **MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA**, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Voice Vote. All aye.

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY MR. HORNER**, seconded by Mr. McGill. Roll call vote, Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye. Consent agenda was approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MADE BY MR. MCGILL**, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye. Minutes were approved.

### **Approval of Bill List**

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to approve the bill list. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST MADE BY MR. MCGILL**, seconded by Mr. Conda. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye. Bill list was approved.

**Staff and Professional Comments – None**

**Public Comment**

MAYOR KRAVIL asked for a motion to open public comment. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mr. Horner. Voice vote. All aye.

Michael Goins, 100 Purnell Avenue commented on the issues with trash pickup and UCC law and how it might apply. Mr. Schubiger responded that it is his understanding that it would not apply in this case but that there have been discussions with our solicitor. Mr. Goins also asked if bringing trash collection in house was considered. Mr. Schubiger confirmed that this is also something the Township is looking into all options.

Karen E. Garnett, 627 S. Belleview Ave – She is the recording secretary for the East Riverton Civic Center. This summer Yvonne Ellis created an activities program for East Riverton Civic Club called the Kids Corner. The children participated in STEAM activities. On Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> they received a visit from the Cinnaminson Fire Department. They want to publicly thank Firefighter Lee and Firefighter Jessie for bringing the fire truck to them. The children, parents and grandparents were excited to see the trucks and the children got to hold and use the hose. The firefighters were so friendly and they appreciate their friendliness and professional ability.

Jarmilla Sheppard, 215 Front Street, Palmyra thanked the Township for the repairs made at the tennis courts in East Riverton and the repair of the fire hydrant. She asked if someone could take a look at the turns at Union Landing and Rowland as a safety issue. She also asked about the EPA water testing. Mr. Schubiger stated that they are doing testing. He just received correspondence today. He will reach out to her directly.

Richard Dietrich, 19 Emerson Drive, Cinnaminson Fire Commissioner noted that the Fire District does not own the fire hydrants, they are rented for an annual fee of a quarter of a million dollars.

Not seeing anyone else come forward, MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT, seconded by Mr. McGill. Voice vote. All aye.

**Comments from Committee**

Mr. Horner stated that he is looking forward to hearing from Republic at our next meeting.

Mr. McGill reminded everyone that National Night Out will be this Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wood Park from 6 – 10:00 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY MR. MCGILL, seconded by Mr. Conda. Voice vote. All aye. Meeting was adjourned.

7:03 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

*August 15, 2022*

Respectfully submitted:



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Lisa A. Passione, RMC  
Municipal Clerk