

## **CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**August 15, 2022**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Kravil announced that the Regular 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; Lisa Passione, Municipal Clerk, Stuart Platt, Solicitor; Michael Minton, Director of Economic Development, Superintendent Kevin Gauntt and Police Chief Richard Calabrese

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Kravil presented a Proclamation to Eagle Scout Owen Weiler.

### **Liaison Reports**

#### **Administration and Health and Senior Services – Mr. Conda**

In July we had two retirements and a few hires within the Township Bria Merriman and Janine McLaughlin have joined the Cinnaminson team in the Department of Public Works and Accounts Payable respectively. They will be replacing long time DPW employee Karen Zlotnik and Accounts Payable Clerk Paula Fillmyer who both retired last month. We are looking forward to working with both Bria and Janine and wish a happy and well-earned retirement to Karen and Paula.

#### **Finance and Economic Development – Mr. Horner**

It has been a few meetings since my last formal report but rest assured that the Economic Development Committee has been extremely busy advancing numerous ongoing projects as well as identifying new opportunities. Madam Mayor I would like to take a moment to update the community on all of these efforts. On behalf of the Cinnaminson residents, it has been Committee's honor to recognize and celebrate the opening of Burlington Design Center, Wing Stop, Harbor Freight as well as the official opening of Poke Brothers and the soon to be completed Jiffy Lube. The Mayor along with the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted an opening at the former Acme site, transforming that dormant shell to a self-storage facility. That redevelopment plan spurred the opening of the Children of America daycare center. In addition the developer is negotiating with another family friendly casual restaurant. We look forward to an announcement within the next few months. The former Bayard's Chocolates is being renovated to accommodate expansion by Friend's School to support various administrative functions. Construction is well under way for Tim Horton's and Popeye's at the former Tri-Boro site. Regarding Chick Fil A, the developer continues to advance processes with New Jersey Department of Transportation and reports that he hopes to break ground in early 2023. As I'm sure the community as noticed, the 144 Westrum project on the former Azalea farm which will consist of independent assisted living as well as memory care adjacent to the new Lidl is moving along very quickly. The contractor has completed base site work including stormwater devices and utilities and the three story structure is well underway. In our industrial area, both Box Park and the Sea Box expansion is proceeding. The building frame is substantially complete and they are beginning

interior work. The Economic Development Committee is in an ongoing discussion with another existing international enterprise within that redevelopment zone and we look forward to making an announcement regarding their plan in the near future. As for the 1.5 million square foot warehouse on Taylor's Lane, we do anticipate announcing who that tenant will be within the next 60 days.

### **Public Works – Mr. Segrest**

Brush collection crews are currently working through Section 3 of the Township. Residents are reminded that leaves and grass clippings are not to be combined with brush piles. Any contaminated brush piles will not be collected. The public works facility located at 1601 Union Landing Road is open 24/7 for brush and leaf disposal. Leaves may be in paper biodegradable bags or dropped off loosely.

Update on trash collection, bulk trash will now be picked up weekly with regular trash collection. Republic Services claims that this schedule will help maximize their available personnel and equipment. A postcard was recently distributed to all residents with this updated information.

Residents are reminded that if they are disposing of a mattress that it needs to be in a mattress bag, which can be purchased at any big box store or online. Please keep in mind that bulk trash is an oversized item that does not fit in an empty container. Due to ongoing delays with Republic Services, regular household trash and bulk trash may be dropped off at the public works facility between 8:00 am and noon, Monday through Friday. This is not a mandatory thing; it is just another option as we are going through difficult times.

In tonight's meeting the Township is taking additional actions to address Republic Services collection delays, which will be discussed further.

We are organizing the annual fall cleanup day in September. Additional details will be announced soon.

The next phase in the PSE&G gas replacement project continues with paving and restoration of roads throughout the Township. To date, PSE&G has restored approximately 11 miles of roadway. This phase of the project will continue through the fall and if necessary continue once the weather breaks in the spring. If you need any information on Public Works and their services please call 856-829-6703.

### **Parks & Recreation and Veterans Affairs – Mayor Kravil**

Exercise in the park will continue to run through August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Wood Park. There are two sessions offered, one at 6 pm which is Family Fun – ages 8 and up and the second is Pilates in the Park for ages 15 and up. The program is free to all residents.

The summer concert series is in its' last couple of weeks. The last concert is scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup>. We have had some nice weather; there has always been a nice breeze. The concerts are on Thursdays at Wood Park beginning at 7:00 pm.

### **Public Safety – Mr. McGill**

The July activity report for the Police Department is as follows: Total incidents – 2,438, Total arrests – 27, Total property checks – 779, Total motor vehicle stops – 277, Total motor vehicle summonses – 199, Total DWI – 8.

Chief Calabrese presented Mayor Kravil, Deputy Mayor McGill and Administrator Schubiger with a plaque with the new mission statement of the Cinnaminson Police Department with the following statement:

“The mission of the Cinnaminson Township Police Department is to establish and maintain positive relationships with community stakeholders while providing quality public safety services and preserving the highest quality of life for Cinnaminson residents, visitors and business owners, predicated upon our core values of tradition, honor and service. “

#### **ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance 2022 – 4** Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 525 of the Amended General Code of the Township of Cinnaminson Entitled “Zoning”

Mr. Platt explained that this ordinance is amending zoning laws concerning cemeteries.

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to open public comment on Ordinance 2022-4. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2022-4 MADE BY MR CONDA, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Voice vote. All aye.

Bradford Smith, Vice President of Lakeview Memorial thanked committee for considering the recommendations that Lakeview suggested. He also asked for confirmation that mausoleums and columbariums were included in that exception and are not included in the 10%. Mr. Platt confirmed that the exclusion does include the mausoleums and columbariums.

Michael Goins, 100 Purnell Avenue commented regarding the issues at the cemetery behind his house as this ordinance does not address his concerns. Mr. Platt responded that Mr. Goins concerns are more a code enforcement issue not a zoning issue. Mr. Schubiger added that Mr. Goins concerns are real issues that will be looked at and addressed.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to close public comment. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE 2022 – 4 MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mr. Horner. Voice vote. All aye.

MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022 – 4, seconded by Mr. McGill. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye.

**Ordinance 2022 – 8** Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 162 of the General Code of the Township of Cinnaminson Entitled “Animals”

Mr. Platt advised that this ordinance is a one year pilot program to allow for backyard chickens.

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to open public comment on Ordinance 2022-8. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2022 - 8 MADE BY MR MCGILL, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Voice Vote. All aye.

Ronald Valkenburg, 2703 Riverton Road voiced his concerns regarding potential bacterial infections in this type of environment, predators and the safety of the eggs. He also asked about

the requirements for the members of the Chicken Advisory Board regarding training. Mr. Horner invited Gwen Baile to talk about her experience in establishing this in other municipalities.

Gwen Baile stated that most towns start as a pilot program with no issues. The chicken advisory boards have been very successful in other municipalities, therefore decreasing costs and concerns for the town. She also offered to serve on Cinnaminson's board to assist.

Michael Goins, 100 Purnell Avenue commented that he does not believe certification should be required as it is not required for other animals. Also there are free courses online for certification. He also asked about residents who currently have chickens and how their situation will be addressed.

Katarina Kawash, 208 Sussex stated that she is against the ordinance and gave an explanation of why. She does not feel all residents are being represented. She also asked what the complaint process will be?

Janice Smith, 109 Purnell Avenue thanked Committee for their consideration and time with this ordinance.

Erin Carson, 125 Fairfax Drive thinks this is a wonderful program. She asked committee to consider that residents who currently have chickens to be grandfathered in.

Nancy Bell, 107 N. Fork Landing Road stated that she currently has chickens. She believes they should be grandfathered in

William Townes, 923 Davis Road stated that there are two chicken coops at the dead end of his street. He does not know who owns them but they do not seem to be attended to. They do make enough noise to disturb him.

Ronald Valkenburg, 2703 Riverton Road responded to Mr. Horner's statement and commented on the composition of the advisory board.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to close public comment. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE 2022 – 8 MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mr. Horner. Voice vote. All aye.

Mr. Stuart responded to concerns raised during public comments. Mr. Horner added that as the ordinance is written, if the program does expire the resident would be required to get rid of the chickens.

MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022 –8, seconded by Mr. McGill. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 2022 – 117** Authorize Notification to Republic Services of New Jersey, LLC of Breach of Trash Collection Contract and Other Actions

Mayor Kravil read a letter sent to Republic Services by Township Solicitor Stuart Platt regarding the lack of services. Mr. Platt gave further details that the letter was sent for contractual reasons. We hope that we will get a sustainable, positive response from Republic. This resolution is to

memorialize and to ratify the legal obligations of Republic and the enforcement rights of the Township.

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to open public comment on resolution 2022 – 117. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Voice vote. All aye.

Katarina Kawash, 208 Sussex asked if the letter was sent or was this resoluton to authorize the sending of the letter. Mr. Platt confirmed that the letter has been sent.

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to close public comment. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION 2022 – 117 MADE BY MR. CONDA, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Voice vote. All aye.

MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022 – 117, seconded by Mr. Horner. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye, Mr. McGill recused himself as he deals with Republic through his regular employment.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

<b>Resolution 2022 – 118</b>	Authorize Extension of Grace Period for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes
<b>Resolution 2022 – 119</b>	Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Cinnaminson Board of Education for Class III School Resource Officers
<b>Resolution 2022 – 120</b>	Appointment of Crossing Guards for 2022/2023 School Year
<b>Resolution 2022 – 121</b>	Certify Review and Acceptance of 2021 Annual Audit
<b>Resolution 2022 – 122</b>	Award of Contract for Resurfacing of Concession Stand Parking Lot at Memorial Park
<b>Raffles</b>	Burlington County Footlighters (9/16/22 – 10/01/22)

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to open public comment. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY MR. CONDA, seconded by Mr. McGill. Voice Vote. All aye.

Seeing no one come forward MAYOR KRAVIL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA, seconded by Mr. Conda. Voice Vote. All aye.

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES MADE BY MR. CONDA, seconded by Mayor Kravil. Roll call vote. Mr. Conda – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest – aye, Mayor Kravil – aye. Mr. Horner abstained. Minutes were approved.

### **Approval of Bill List**

MR. MCGILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST, seconded by Mr. Horner. 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**

Mr. Schubiger thanked Chief Calabrese for presenting the Township with the plaque this evening. He also congratulated Owen Weiler on his accomplishment.

### **Public Comment**

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

Michael Goins, 100 Purnell Avenue stated that for 2 ½ years there has been a link on the Township's home page for the Township Committee meeting agenda.

Geri Hines, 208 Turner Avenue on behalf of the Civic Association thanked Committee and staff for the solar speed sign on Union Landing Road. She also acknowledged and thanked a police officer, she does not know the officer's name, for an incident at her home late one evening where an unknown person was in her front yard and she believes the officer saved this person's life.

Ronald Valkenburg, 2703 Riverton Road asked if an ordinance cannot be published before introduction. Mr. Platt confirmed that is correct.

Rebecca Gallant, 1627 Jefferson Street thanked Committee for their actions in regard to trash pickup and Republic Services. She also thanked Chief Calabrese for his efforts in trying to resolve the issues with the boom cars.

Katarina Kawash, 208 Sussex Drive asked when the chicken ordinance will go into effect and about the follow up of complaints. Mr. Platt stated that the ordinance will take effect upon publication. He also advised that the code enforcement officer will address complaints, not the Zoning Board.

Jarmilla Shepperd, 215 Front St, Palmyra on behalf of the Civic Center asked if anyone is in charge of applying for grants. She is concerned about lighting on Union Landing Road. Mr. Platt responded that it would be Mr. Schubiger with Township Committee's authorization.

Not seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Kravil asked for a motion to close public comment. MR. MCGILL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Voice vote. All aye.

### **Comments from Committee**

Mr. Conda thanked CFO Julia Edmondson and Mr. Schubiger for the great annual audit report resulting in no findings. This could not have been achieved without Ms. Edmondson and Mr. Schubiger's hard work, as well as all of the employees and department heads. He also congratulated Owen Weiler on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Horner asked Chief Calabrese to pass on a message to past Cinnaminson School Resource Officer Roger Rogers and extend his gratitude. Two of his children are at the high school and have

always talked about Officer Rogers and what a positive influence he was for them and other students.

Mr. Segrest also congratulated Owen Weiler. It is special to become an Eagle Scout. Only three presidents have been Eagle Scouts, Gerald Ford, John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter. He also thanked Chief Calabrese for his presentation.

Mr. McGill thanked our professionals, staff, Fire District, Police Department and Public Works for continuing to keep the town running on a very high level. He attended the ceremony on Saturday for Owen Weiler. It was very impressive.

Mayor Kravil thanked everyone in attendance. Good government needs interaction with our residents. She commended everyone for coming forward. She welcomes everyone to share the comments.

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

8:20 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

*September 19, 2022*

Respectfully submitted:



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Lisa A. Passione, RMC  
Municipal Clerk