

CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

September 16, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Conda 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 8, 2024.

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

Also present: Eric Schubiger, Administrator; Julia Edmondson, CFO; Lisa Passione, Municipal Clerk, Carmen Saginario, Solicitor; Kevin Gauntt, Superintendent of Public Works, William Obuchowski, Chief of Police

Liaison Reports

Finance and Economic Development– Mr. Horner

Nothing to report

Public Works – Mr. Segrest

Cinnaminson's Annual Fall Cleanup is scheduled for September 28th from 8:00 am to noon at the Public Works Facility located at 1601 Union Landing Road. Residents may bring tires, with and without rims, paint, batteries (except lithium batteries), electronics, TVs, motor oil, cooking oil, household chemicals, and trash. Brush and leaves can be dropped off at the resident drop-off area at the entrance closest to Walmart. October is the last month in 2024 that residents may place brush at their curb for collection. Brush will not be picked up again until March 2025.

Construction is underway on two projects, Morgan Avenue and Taylor's Lane. Please obey any traffic detours in that area. Night paving is scheduled for Taylor's Lane starting the week of September 16th. That concludes my report.

Public Safety – Mr. McGill

The August 2024 activity report for the Police Department is as follows: Total incidents – 2662, Total arrests – 8, Total property checks – 896, Total motor vehicle stops – 271, Total motor vehicle summonses – 197, Total DWI –216, Morgan Cemetery calls – no calls for service, just normal property checks.

There are a few interesting incidents, noteworthy that I would like to mention. August 5, 2024 Officer Dominic Elly responded to Precision Automotive Company, 2303 Gary Road for a report of copper that was stolen off of multiple AC units. Further investigation revealed that entire commercial air conditioning units had been stolen in addition to the copper piping surrounding the two AC units. Total damages and repairs were estimated to be approximately \$30,000. After reviewing nearby video surveillance of surrounding businesses, it was determined that the theft occurred on the previous day. With the assistance of crime analyst Christine Painter the subject was identified. An interview was conducted by Officer Elly and Officer Adam Somers, during which the suspect admitted to the theft and was charged accordingly. As a result of the investigation, it was discovered that the suspect was also involved in numerous related incidents that occurred in several surrounding municipalities.

The next incident is a suspect apprehended for cargo theft at the Pilot Truck Stop. On August 28, 2024 at approximately 1:43 am Lieutenant Michael Curran was on patrol near the Pilot Truck Stop. He observed a white Ford cargo van parked illegally on Union Landing Road. Lieutenant Curran initiated his investigation and witnessed two individuals burglarizing a refrigerated trailer at the location. Upon approaching one suspect entered the van in an attempt to flee while the other ran into the truck stop. Lieutenant Curran attempted to stop the van, which entered the truck stop in order to pick up his accomplice who fled on foot. When the suspect operating the van was unsuccessful in picking up his accomplice, the vehicle exited the business onto Route 130 South. Lieutenant Curran began chasing the other suspect who fled on foot. After a brief pursuit the suspect was apprehended near the truck stop without incident. The investigation revealed that the suspects had broken into a trailer and attempted to steal approximately \$8,500 in frozen seafood. Suspect was charged and lodged in Burlington County Jail.

Next is a burglary arrest at Haines Farm and Garden. On September 5, 2024 officers were dispatched to Haines Farm and Garden Supply, 196 Route 130 North in response to a burglary. A witness reported discovering solo merchandise from the business loaded into a wheelbarrow, including a dirt bike. The witness also observed a suspect fleeing on foot. The officers set up a perimeter with assistance from Riverton, Maple Shade and Palmyra and initiated a search with a canine unit. Witnesses described seeing a subject matching the description running towards Route 130 North with an object under his arm. While patrolling near Church Road and Lenola, Officer Joseph Foggia heard rustling in a wooded area as they were setting up a perimeter and conducting a search. The Officer spotted the suspect attempting to hide. Despite commands to surrender the suspect fled on foot but was quickly apprehended. Suspect was charged accordingly and transferred to another jurisdiction for processing and was eventually lodged in the Burlington County Jail.

One more, a CDS arrest. On September 10, 2024 Officer Cicale conducted a suspicious vehicle check on a vehicle parked inside Memorial Park after park hours. He discovered the suspect passed out in the driver's seat. The suspect displayed signs of possible narcotics usage. Officer Cicale deployed his K9 partner Bain. K9 Bain positively alerted for the presence of narcotics on the vehicle and a search was conducted. Officers McGugan, Liebfried and Zivalioglu responded to the location and assisted during the incident. The search of the vehicle yielded 300 bags of heroin, drug paraphernalia, and bottles of methadone along with a large sum of cash. The suspect was arrested, charged and released on her own recognizance. That concludes my report.

Parks & Recreation and Veterans Affairs – Deputy Mayor Kravil

For Parks and Recreation we are hosting Cinnaminson Township's music festival on Friday, September 27th at 5:00 pm at Wood Park. There will be live music on two stages, food trucks, breweries and fireworks to close out the evening. Bring the whole family as there will be something for everyone.

We will be hosting a fall town wide yard sale on Saturday, October 12th from 9 am to 1 pm. To register your address please email cturner@cinnaminsonnj.org. We will send out reminders and updates leading up to this event. Also, Trunk or Treat will be scheduled for Friday, October 25th. More information and registration details will be coming out over the next couple of weeks. Thank you.

Administration and Health and Senior Services – Mayor Conda

Nothing to report.

PRESENTATIONS:

Representatives from Environmental Resolutions, Inc. gave a presentation to Township Committee and residents regarding an Active Transportation and Micromobility Plan, i.e. pedestrian and bicyclists’ circulation type of plan, also to include motorized bikes, scooters etc.

Janice Smith, Chairperson of the Chicken Advisory Board updated committee members on the current status of chicken licenses issued within the municipality. She also requested that committee consider amending the ordinance to allow for 8 chickens per residence and increasing the number of licenses permitted to 30. Committee will review and take her requests into consideration.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance 2024 – 10 Amending the Code of Ordinances to Adopt a New Chapter 444 Entitled “Stormwater Management Requirements and Controls for Major Development” (To be advertised in the Burlington County Times. Public hearing to be October 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm)

Mayor Conda asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-10. MOTION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2024-10 MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mr. McGill. Roll call vote. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 2024 – 107 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran Block 1709, Lot 6

Resolution 2024 – 108 Authorizing Cancellation of Taxes for Totally Disabled Veteran Block 3412, Lot 8

Resolution 2024 – 109 Authorizing Property Lien – Block 1704, Lot 2

Resolution 2024 – 110 Authorizing Property Lien – Block 2901, Lot 61

Raffles Food Bank of South Jersey (11/14/24)
St. Charles Borromeo Church (10/12/24)

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Conda asked for a motion to open public comment on the consent agenda. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY MR. MCGILL, seconded by Mayor Conda. Voice Vote. All aye.

Seeing no one come forward Mayor Conda asked for a motion to close public comment. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY DEPUTY MAYOR KRAVIL, seconded by Mr. McGill. Voice Vote. All aye.

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

Approval of Minutes

MAYOR CONDA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2024, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kravil. Roll call vote. Mr. Horner – aye, Mr. McGill – aye, Mr. Segrest - aye, Deputy Mayor Kravil – aye, Mayor Conda- aye. The minutes were approved.

Approval of Bill List

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

Staff and Professional Comment

Mr. Schubiger thanked Environmental Resolutions Inc. for their presentation. He has had the opportunity to be part of a project like this. He found it to be a good experience and something good for the community. It will be a nice project for the town. Member of the community and our professionals will be involved.

He also recognized the Department of Public Works for their training and development room at the Public Works facility. They undergo a lot of training in person and online. Our Municipal Joint Insurance Fund has highlighted our town for this. Also a federal agency was in looking how we operate and commented on it to Mr. Gauntt.

He has also been reviewing the trap, neuter return information that has been sent to him. He will be working with the solicitor on that and putting together recommendations for the governing body soon.

Public Comment

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

Wendy Sanders, 372 Boxwood Lane commented on the trap neuter release program. She reached out to others and requested they attend this evening's meeting. She again requested Township Committee adopt a trap, neuter, release ordinance.

Fatima Jerome a Mt Laurel resident also commented on the need for a trap neuter release program and the work that all of the volunteers do.

Joseph Rizzi, 316 Boxwood Lane commended all of the volunteers that assist with controlling the cat population.

Janice Smith, Chicken Advisory Board Chairperson asked if the chicken program will be an actual ordinance and no longer a pilot program. Committee members confirmed that it will be an ordinance.

Ben Young, 116 Woodview Lane thanked committee for having the 9/11 ceremony. He also commented on the potential bike path on Route 130 and his safety concerns and his concern about kids no longer wearing helmets. He requested new carpet for the bocce ball courts. He also feels Union Landing Road is in need of biking access. Lastly he commented on the poor condition of the landfill.

Jim Francis, 804 Belleview Avenue inquired which roads will be included in the ERI study and how will it be funded. Mayor Conda responded that they will be looking at the town as a whole. Mr. Schubiger added that it will be funded by the Township budget and that it can help give the Township more access to grant funds. Mr. Francis also commented on wires hanging down at the landfill on Union Landing Road and requested that someone look into it.

Not seeing anyone else come forward, Mayor Conda asked for a motion to close public comment. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT MADE BY MR. SEGREST, seconded by Mr. McGill. Voice vote. All aye.

Comments from Committee

Mayor Conda thanked everyone involved in the 9/11 ceremony this year. It was very well done; the program was great. He appreciates that Cinnaminson and this committee take that day very seriously.


Mayor Conda asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY MR. MCGILL, seconded by Mayor Conda. Voice vote. All aye. The meeting was adjourned.

7:40 pm

Duly passed and adopted:

Respectfully submitted:

October 7, 2024



Lisa A. Passione, RMC
Municipal Clerk