**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING March 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rullo at 5:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and stating the following: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Carneys Point Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times and was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Carneys Point Township Municipal Building. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Racite , Mr. Pleura, Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo.

Absent: Mr Newton

Others Present: Mr. Telsey, Mr. Biermann, Mrs. Zee, Mr Tim Kiel, and Mr. Sean O’Donnell

Absent: Mr Robert DeBlock, Mr Andrew Whittaker

Motion to accept all properly audited vouchers, Motion Dr. Racite, 2nd Mr. Brown

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Motion to accept Regular Session Minutes from Feb 18, 2020 meeting. Motion Mr Brown, 2nd Dr Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

**Old Business – Section 2**

Reservation of Sewer Capacity Agreement (Courses Landing Urban Renewal, LLC/Tri-State Distribution Center)

Mr Bierman explained it was for the flow connection agreement on payment, ½ now, other ½ when the CO is received. Adam Telsey coordinated the agreement. Closing on property should be in June. Concern on who would pay the authority it ownership changed. Agreement is with purchaser not property. Motion to allow Mr Rullo to sign agreement: Mr Brown, 2nd Mr Pleura

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Reservation of Sewer Capacity Agreement (Harding Hwy Urban Renewal LLC/Tri-State Distribution Center.

Mr Biermann explained this was the same as above only for the smaller warehouse on Rt 48. Motion to allow Mr Rullo to sign agreement: Mr Pleura, 2nd Mr Brown

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

FYI – Budgetary quote on the E Street Treatment Plant, replace & reroute failed West Side RBC.

FYI - Proof of publication of Carneys Point’s intent to file an Application for Federal Assistance to USDA Predevelopment Planning Grant Program through Triad

Sanitary Manhole Rehab, East End PumpStation, Scope and Cost. Mr Biermann explained this was to facilitate gas to the sewer system. $5999.99. Materials are being donated, not labor. Work will start Monday 3/23/20, all project supervisors questions answered i.e. drilling holes, etc. Resolution 2020-15 Motion authorizing work Mr Brown, 2nd Mr Pelura

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

**Correspondence – Section 3**

State of NJ Deptt of Transportation Approval for request of Applicaton #: O-48-S-11318-2017, Rt 48 extension of permit for one year 6/13/2019 to 6/12/2020. Mr Biermann will review the application to determine the reason for extension.

**New Business**

Verde Farms Expansion – Mr Biermann explained this was for a meat processing facility. Site visit with Mr Biermann and escrow requested. Part of Gateway in Agro Warehouse. Discussion

Arbok Warehouse Redevelopment Feasibility Kelly Farm Site. Mr Biermann explained this was an agreement to initiate the 6 mi flyover. Escrow to be posted. Resolution 2020-16 approval of their resolution 2020-13 agreement. which was an agreement to do the flyover . Motion to approve 2020-16 Mr Pleura, 2nd Mr Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Need to advertise for RFP’s for Risk Manager, current contract with Conner, Strong & Buckelew expires on 4/21/20.

Resolution 2020-17 authorizing advertising. Motion Mr. Pleura, 2nd Mr Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

**Reports**

Mr Telsey - none

Mr Biermann- updated RBC costs to repair/replace. Some options from Cape May Municipal Utilities Authority to use their used equipment. Also, reviewed Triad applications to EDA and USDA for funds for waste water treatment plant feasibility study. Primaary application will probably go to EDA first for all funds. Also, questions on where TDK is dumping sewerage. All properties in area are septic.

Mr. DeBlock – Report submitted, Mr DeBlock absent. Mr Pleura gave Mrs Zee the Deepwater Diner water bills that Mr DeBlock had requested.

Mrs Zee – Report on Revenue and Operating expenses for February 2020.

Updated Board on cost to switch from Verizon phones to Comcast. Cost would go from $372.40 per month to $20 per line or $80 a month. Motion for Authority to approve switching phone company Mr Pleura, 2nd Mr Brown,

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Updated Board on Fulton Banks response with direct deposit and costs. Suggestion to follow up with Marie Stout.

**Public Session**

Meeting open to the public N/A

**Other Business**

Tim Kiel requested approval to advertise sewerage rate increase at an open meeting. Provided a chart showing proposed rate adjustments and explained need to move commercial accounts to consumption plus a base rate. Rate will be based on 1000 gal. utilizing NJAW usage. NJAW will be able to shut off water for delinquent accounts. When to shut off will be determined later. Resolution 2020-14 to authorize advertising open meeting on new rate increases. Motion Mr Racite, 2nd Mr Brown,

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

**Executive Session**

**Resolution 2020-18** Motion to go into Executive Session Mr Pleura, 2nd Mr Brown

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0

Prior to recorder being turned off Mr Brown requested we move Public Session to after Other Business. Mr Telsey said it did not matter when it was on the agenda. Recorder turned off, restarted after meeting. Handwritten notes taken.

**Adjourn March 17, 2020 at 6:59pm**

Motion to Adjourn Mr Brown, 2nd Mr. Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite, Mr. Rullo, and Mr. Pelura

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0-0