**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 18, 2022**

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: Mr. Newton, Mr. Rullo, Dr. Racite, Mr. Brown

Via Phone or Internet: Mr. Basile

Absent: N/A

Others Present: Mr. Telsey, Mr. O’Donnell, Mr. Biermann, Mr. Cooksey, Mrs. Zee, Mrs. Willis, Mr Kiel

Others Via Phone or Internet:

**Opening – Section 1**

1. Motion to accept all properly audited vouchers. Motion Mr. Brown, 2nd Mr. Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. Motion to accept Regular Session minutes from the November 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion Mr. Brown, 2nd Mr. Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Mr. Newton, Dr. Racite

Nay: None

Abstain:

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Old Business – Section 2**

1. **FYI** – Copy of letter to Joseph DiNicola, Jr., Esq concerning Deepwater Diner Notice of sewer service suspension. Mr Telsey requested this be discussed in closed session at the end of the meeting.
2. **FYI** – Copy of Notice of Assignment by Vesper to Exeter. Transferring Sewer Reservation Agreement to Exeter. Previously discussed at last meeting.
3. **Resolution 2022-01** - Resolution Authorizing reservation of Sewer Capacity Agreement for DPIF3 NJ6 Game Creek Road Urban Renewal, LLC (CPSA-1035) Mr Telsey recommends, Mr Biermann agreed. Motion Mr Brown, 2nd Mr Basile

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. Construction Punch List – Status Report No. 1 Route 130 Hollywood Ave Intersection Improvements (CPSA-109) Mr. O’Donnel said this was the punch list issued to NJDOT for Round About Improvements. Manhole needed improvements
2. Construction Punch List – Status Report No. 1, Route 130 Plant Street to High Hill Rd. (CPSA-111)

Mr. O’Donnel said this was the same as the Route 130 re-paving project, needs a cleanout that was covered up.

**Correspondence – Section 3 - N/A**

**New Business – Section 4**

1. Construction Punch List – Status Report Nol 1, East End and Game Creek Pump Station Upgrade. (CPSA – 1009 Amazon Pump Station, working diligently to improve.
2. **Resolution 2022-02** Resolution Consenting To The Carneys Point Township Committee Establishing Sewer Capital Contributions in Redevelopment Agreements To Be Paid By Redevelopers In Order To Defray Sewer Capital Improvement Costs. Mr Telsey explained this was a contribution from the Developer to the Sewerage Authority for upgrades to sewerage system negotiated by the Carneys Point Township Committee on behalf of the Sewerage Authority. This Resolution clears up any question as to whether the Township Committee has the authority. Motion Mr. Newton, 2nd Mr. Brown.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr.Racite, Mr.Newto

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Dr. Racite had questions as to whether the Township Committee knows what the Sewerage Authority needs are. Mr Telsey said he thought it should be fine. Discussion ensued. Mr. Biermann elaborated. Amount requested would be based on a formula. This is pro-rata.

**Reports**

1. **Mr. Telsey** – No Report
2. **Mr. Biermann/Mr. O’Donnell** – Mr O’Donnell reported on Forcemain extension, preliminary design is nearly complete, permit applications being submitted to DOT, Turnpike Authority, DEP, and Salem County. Dr. Racite asked if we were still within budget, this was confirmed.

Met with NJDEP about Penns Grove diversion. Still unsure how to permit the project. Additional

meetings will be forthcoming.

1. **Mr. Cooksey** **–** No Report. Mr Brown asked about the man hole covers. Mr Cooksey is reviwing.
2. **Mrs. Zee -** Revenue in December 2021 was $229,336.52. Operating Expenses were $110,115.08.

1/5/22 102 4th qtr Consumption Bills were mailed out, anticipated revenue is $299,633.16.

1/12/22 941 4th qtr 2021 Delinquent Bills were mailed. Anticipated revenue is $360,410.42.

1. **Mrs. Willis** – Introduced Kim Slaughter Jenkins who was present for the meeting. She is a

resident who recently brought to our attention she was not receiving a Sewer Bill. She has lived in her house since 2018. Mr. Cooksey confirmed a sewerage line was on the property. No CO was ever received previously set up an account by the Sewerage office. An account will be established. Request to start billing effective 1/1/2022 with no back billing or interest. Kim thanked the Board. Motion to approve Mr Brown, 2nd Mr Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Two warehouse properties in Pedricktown, 1 Sorbello Road and 3 Sorbello Road were never set up

for billing in 2018 and 2019 respectively. Properties are now set up. Requesting interest be waived.

Discussion ensued. Motion to approve Mr. Brown, 2nd Dr. Racite.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

1. **Mr. Kiel** – Gave copy of Financial Report to Board. Reviewed and will give to Board monthly.

Patti will provide to Board going forward. Reported the Governor stated we can not charge interest

on Sewerage Accounts per Executive Order, 4081. Interest will continue to accrue and be charged when

Executive Order ends.

**Public Session N/A**

Motion to close Public Session Mr Brown, 2nd Mr Newton

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Closed Session – Section 9 6:03pm – 6:30pm**

1. **Resolution 2022-03** Closed Session to discuss (1) Contract discussions, and (2) Deepwater Diner

Motion Dr. Racite, 2d Mr Brown.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Motion to go back into Open Session Mr Brown, 2nd Dr. Racite

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Following Closed Session:**

**Resolution 2022-04** Resolution authorizing Retroactive Approval of

Vacation and Personal Time Balance To Roll Forward for CPTSA Union Employees.

Motion Dr Racite, 2nd Mr Brown

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

Motion Authorizing Solicitor, Mr Telsey, to file against Deepwater Diner for failure to properly build pump

Station. Motion Mr Newton, 2nd Mr Basile.

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Basile, Dr. Racite, Mr Newton

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

**Other Business – Section 10**

Dr Racite thanked everyone for his time on the Sewer Authority for the past 10

**Adjourn 6:39 pm** MOTION Dr Racite, 2nd Mr. Rullo

RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Mr. Brown, Mr. Rullo, Mr. Newton, Mr. Basile, Dr Racite

Nay: None

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0