**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**Solicitor, Adam Telsey, Administered the Oath of Office to the CPTSA appointed Board Member Joseph Racite, for a five year term beginning February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2028. A copy of Carneys Point Township Resolution 2023-RO-31, appointing Joseph Racite to the Carneys Point Township Sewerage Authority was presented at last month’s regular CPTSA Board Meeting on January 17, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by the Solicitor at 4:00 p.m. with the following statement: This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was given by way of avertisement notice which was filed with the Carneys Point Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey 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. Bomba

Via Phone or Internet: Mr. Basile, Mr. Brown, Dr. Racite

Absent:

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

Others Via Phone or Internet: Mr. Testa, Mr. Welding

**New Business – Section 4**

Agreement to Provide Sanitary Sewer Treatment by the Township of Carneys Point Sewerage Authority and Borough of Penns Grove Sewerage as a shared services agreement. Motion to approve Mr. Newton, 2nd Mr. Brown. Discussion ensued prior to voting by Roll Call.

Dr. Racite asked about the Description of Services, Section A, in regards to the Average Daily Flow of 120,000 gallons per day over a 12 month period. Mr Telsey explained this was to give a monthly average that would keep the flow under 120,000 gallons.

Dr. Racite asked about the “mechanism” referenced in Section B Connection. Mr. O’Donnell explained this was a 2 way valve we would control in an emergency situation were we could divert the flow back to Carneys Point. There would also be a meter there where Penns Grove would be able to charge Carneys Point. On/Off Valve and Meter are interconnected.

Dr. Racite asked about the bar screen mentioned in Section D, Maintenance, Repairs and Treatment Costs that CPTSA will pay PGSA to purchase and install a bar screen of PGSA’s choice. Was this on our side or an update to their plant? Mr Telsey said it was an upgrade to PGSA’s plant. PGSA will maintain the screen. Mr. Testa asked how the bar screen was budgeted. Mr. O’Donnell said it would be charged to CPSA 136 (Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion) or CPSA 138 (Proposed Sewer Connection to Penns Grove). There is a 1 million line item in CPSA 136 that was planned for the screen. Mr. Testa reminded the Board of the 62 million budget for the WWTP, funds are coming from debt authorization and capital grants. Mr. Basile asked if there was an actual cost for the screen. Mr Telsey said no. Only an estimate from Sickels for 1 million. Mr Welding suggested Mr.Testa amend the capital budget and put the 1 million in a separate line item. Mr Telsey expressed concern about the funds being available now due to a 30 day agreement. Mr. Testa asked if any funding was coming from developers. Yes, there are capital contributions coming from developers. Dr. Racite asked if the capital contributions were coming directly to CPTSA or CPT. Mr. O’Donnel and Mr. Telsey are unsure, discussions with the re-developer’s attorneys were unclear.

Dr. Racite expressed concern about signing the agreement without a clear answer. Mr. Brown said no money would be spent in the next 30 days or possibly 6 months. Designs have to be made, permits obtained, etc. Dr. Racite asked if the DEP has to approve the project. Mr Brown said yes, Mr. Telsey said the agreement does not, but the work will have to be approved. Dr. Racite then asked if the DEP will look at Penns Grove to make sure they are up to this task. Tests have already been completed with Penns Grove. They are currently at 50% capacity.

Dr. Racite asked if the screen is something needed or wanted by Penns Grove. Mr. O’Donnell explained the “ragging“ issues. The screen is needed.

Dr. Racite reiterated the compensation to Penns Grove would be the million dollar screen plus approximately $450 per day. Mr.Telsey and Mr. O’Donnell explained the cost of the screen, plus the installation of the screen, and any complications equal the 1 million. Mr. Telsey said the $4.49 number per 1000 gallons was derived by including CPTSA administrative costs.

Dr. Racite asked for clarification on the meter reading. We only pay for flow used. Mr. Telsey said the DEP will want us to have a fixed amount and place a requirement. If no minimum flow requirement is made CPTSA can shut off the flow valve.

Mr. Basile asked about the valve and emergency situations. The valve can be turned off.

Dr. Racite asked how often the meter would be read. Mr. Telsey said quarterly and the billing would be quarterly.

Mr. Testa mentioned the revenue to cover the payments and any rate increases given to CP residents will take this into consideration. Mr. Testa also pointed out the clause under Section G, Compensation where if we increase our residents rate by 4% , the increase to PGSA will be 4%.

Dr. Racite asked about the need to do this now. Mr Telsey said yes due to the time to get permits, etc. in place. Mr. Testa expressed concerns about covering costs. Mr. Basile expressed concerns about the statement in Section G, increasing payment to PGSA if we increase our residents rates. Discussion ensued about the increase from user fees CPTSA will be getting from new development once the additional flow is available through this agreement.

Mr. Telsey said the 12 year agreement can be cancelled by CPTSA any time with 6 months notice. PGSA can not cancel on us unless we do not pay them.

 Mr. Telsey asked for any additional questions, followed by vote by Roll Call

 RECORDED VOTE: Aye: Dr. Racite (with reservations), Mr. Brown, Mr. Newton, Mr.

 Basile, Mr. Bomba

 Nay: None

 Abstain: None

 MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0

 **Public Session Section N/A**

**Adjourn 4:36 pm** Motion Mr. Brown, 2nd Mr. Bomba

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

 Nay: None

 Abstain: None

 MOTION CARRIED: 5-0-0