CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Brown led the Salute to the Flag.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

“The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Burlington County Times, Central Record, Courier Post, posted on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building, posted on the Tabernacle website, given to the Municipal Clerk on January 6, 2021, and given to those having requested and paying for same.”

ROLL CALL: Mr. Barton, Ms. McGinnis, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sunbury, and Mayor Brown.

Professionals in attendance:
Douglas Cramer, Administrator; William Burns, Solicitor; Joseph Gray, Engineer; Rodney Haines, Chief Financial Officer; Thomas Boyd, Construction Official; and Gregory Valesi, CME representative.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

John Ervin, Director of CE advised that the residents in the area could receive 20% off their utility bill with solar.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, said the Governing Body is not answering any questions. The people should make the requirements on the previous approval prior to this ordinance. It is a 70 feet deep pit. Mr. Stuart said that resolution 2021-109 was not attached. Mr. Brooks asked if Mr. Haines reimbursed the town for the seminar. The full-time employer should pay this bill.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, stated the minutes from July 26th and August 23rd have not been posted. Ms. Brooks asked if Pinelands approved the changes to Ordinance 2021-10. Ms. Brooks said at the last meeting and several before that she had asked when Carranza Road would be done. She still has no answers. Ms. Brooks asked again about the salary increases.

Ron Moule, 418 Carranza Road, felt the Committee should not be adopting the solar ordinance. The restoration should be completed first.
John McGullen said the owner was to complete the project. Code Enforcement or Land Development Board should enforce the requirements.
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ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE 2021-10 – SOLAR (no public hearing on introduction)

MOTION – Mr. Barton made a motion to table this ordinance to the next meeting. There was no second. Motion died.

MOTION - Mr. Moore made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-10, with public hearing to be held November 22, 2021, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Mr. Gray reported that the wells were tested October 11, 2021. Other items on the punch list need to be addressed are planting, the berm blocks, the facilities need to be removed and stabilization needs to occur to prevent erosion. An inspector was out last week. There are several puddles one inch to six to ten inches. Lot 2, which is the Township property has no markers. A formal survey is needed. If the mining is encroachment on Township property, it would need to replace the soil.

MOTION – Mr. Barton made a motion to authorize the survey of the Township property. There was no second. Motion died.

Ayes (on introduction of the Ordinance) – McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Mayor Brown. Nays – Barton. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2021-107 – 2020 AUDIT

MOTION – Mr. Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-107, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Mr. Haines explained they had no comments nor recommendations in the audit.

RESOLUTION 2021-108 – AWARD CONTRACT FOR SNOW REMOVAL 2021-2022

MOTION – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-108, seconded by Ms. McGinnis.

RESOLUTION 2021-109 - APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-109, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Mr. Barton said this gives guidance. He felt this should be for emergency management (the social media) and the fire company. Mr. Cramer explained the policies are recommendations from the JIF/MEL. There are a few job descriptions.

RESOLUTION 2021-110 – TERMINATION OF CONTRACT WITH MJJ FOR HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Mr. Burns explained that due to the condition of the municipal building, it is not prudent to move forward on the handicap bathrooms.

MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-110, seconded by Mr. Sunbury.
Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Motion carried.
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APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to approve the bills as posted on the bill list, seconded by Mr. Moore. Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25 - Regular Meeting – The Clerk advised that the minutes were not available at this time.

MOTION – Ms. McGinnis made a motion to table the above referenced minutes, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Moule, 418 Carranza Road, stated that Block 1401, Lot 1 has not been notified of the change to this property. The other properties have not been mining since 2008. Ms. Moule felt that the ordinance should not be adopted.

Ron Moule, 418 Carranza Road, There was no mention of a bond. Mr. Moule asked what would happen if all the neighbors lose their wells due to solar.

Stuart Brooks, Moores Meadow Road felt that Mayor Brown could respond to public comment. Mr. Brooks said that the Policies and Procedures were not attached to the resolution. Mr. Brooks asked why the Township would not do a survey on their property in the ordinance.

Fran Brooks, Moores Meadow Road, said the discussion regarding the condition of the buildings, it would be $3000 a month for the trailers. Why can’t the use the ESB building. Ms. Brooks wanted to know why they could not hold meetings in person. Ms. Brooks wanted to know the salary increase was. Ms. Brooks wanted to know the answer to Mr. Moule’s question about the wells.

Being no further comment, Mayor Brown closed public comment.

REPORTS

Engineer – Joseph Gray reported they are receiving bids on November 9th for the basketball courts. Carranza Road has been awarded to Arawak. They will be getting bids for the drainage on November 9, 2021. Mr. Gray is waiting for DOT regarding the 2022 grant for Pricketts Mill Road. Greg Valesi, CME Associates, advised they acquired Guzzi Engineering and Mr. Gray has the firm’s full support.

Administrator – Mr. Cramer reported that Public Works has completed the brush pick up today. The Township property on Forked Neck Road used the dirt from there for the landfill. This was done by the Township. Mr. Boyd advised they are investigating office space for the staff. They are looking at trailers, the old EMS building, and repair of the Township building. The cost of renovations for the town hall is more than it would cost to build a new one. The trailers are three separate units put together, with six offices and two bathrooms. They will also have to get quotes for the electric and septic. He suggested moving the court into the Annex building.

MOTION – Mr. Sunbury made a motion to authorize the rental of the three 12’x60’ trailers, seconded by Mr. Moore. Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Cramer advised the Committee that there is a trial, it will be held in Woodland; otherwise, it will be remote from Tabernacle.

Township Solicitor – Mr. Burns had nothing to report tonight.

Emergency Management – Mr. Sunbury advised they will be offering flu shots and covid shots Thursday, November 4th from 2 to 4 at the Fire House.

CMFO – Mr. Haines had nothing else to report this evening. Mayor Brown asked him to address the question of the salary ranges, to which Mr. Haines responded that most employees received 3% raises.
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Township Committee
Mr. Barton thought they should vote to meet in the ESB building, to which Mayor Brown responded that Mr. Cramer did bring the costs to go to the ESB building and the Committee abandoned that idea. There was also a parking problem. There was no formal vote on this.
Ms. McGinnis reported wants to earmark the senior luncheon for December 5th. Mr. Cramer advised her the fire company does not have cooks and they would be exposing the most vulnerable people to covid. McGinnis said there was no bus trips this year; therefore, they could have it catered. Mr. Sunbury had nothing at this time.
Mr. Moore stated they are setting up interviews for the Administrator, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk. Mr. Moore had no objections to Ms. McGinnis holding the luncheon for the seniors. Mr. Moore felt they should look at prices on parcels for the Municipal building.
Mr. Barton felt the Committee should talk about options for all the municipal buildings. If they tear down the building, they will have to use the same foot print. Mr. Barton commended the professionals on their report including Mr. Boyd and Mr. Cramer.
Mayor Brown wanted to get prices for land.
Mr. Cramer advised that the senior dinner in 2019 was $2400. Mayor Brown suggested using the bus trip money toward the dinner. No one had an objection to Ms. McGinnis going forward to the senior party.
MOTION – Mr. Sunbury moved to table utilizing the ESB building until they could meet in person, seconded by Mr. Moore. Ayes – Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Nays – Barton, McGinnis. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sunbury. Ayes – Barton, McGinnis, Moore, Sunbury, Brown. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine B. Kennedy, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk