# WORKSHOP MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

**OCTOBER 9, 2018 \* 7:00 P.M.** 

Mayor Lewis called the meeting to Order followed by the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. The Township Clerk read the Sunshine Notice Statement.

Sunshine Notice: This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law. 1) Posting a copy of the Annual Meeting Schedule on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and emailing a copy to the Atlantic City Press and Burlington County Times and all those requesting copies on October 9, 2018. 2) Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. 3) Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.

- 4) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to the Atlantic City Press and the Burlington County Times
- 5) Forwarding a copy of the agenda to each person who requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All the above posting, filing & mailing have taken place on October 9, 2018.

**Call of the Roll**: Committeeman Seybold, Deputy Mayor Cavileer and Mayor Lewis. **Professionals:** Township Clerk, Kathleen Hoffman and Deputy Township Clerk Karen Bacon.

#### **ORDINANCES**

First Reading

2018-05 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 275, Land Development

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman Seybold the above Ordinance was introduced.

Roll Call: Cavileer, Sevbold, Lewis Aves: 3 Navs: 0

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – I'd like to ask the owner for this street vacation, what problems he is having.

Leigh Gadd – My property is at 31 S. Bend Road. I have owned this property since 1987 and since the beginning there has been dumping, trespassing, stealing things. I have camera's up and it's a never ending thing with ATV's, cars, golf carts, etc.

It is posted, but they ignore these signs. I would not close the road to emergency vehicles and they will have a key for the gate that I want to install.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – What are your plans for this property?

Mr. Gadd – I will be placing a gate on each end and the Forest Fire, Ambulance, Volunteer Fire Companies will all have a key to open the gate.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – If you have gates, could they still get around?

Mr. Gadd – My intention is to make it as hard as possible for that to happen.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – People had a problem with this vacation, have you talked to them?

Mr. Gadd – I only spoke with one person.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – I know that there were two people who were not Township residents that didn't want the street vacated.

Township Clerk Hoffman – Can Fire Trucks go down this street?

Mr. Gadd – Not really, only Forest Fire equipment. There are holes, no ambulance can get through, trees and brush have grown up around it.

Committeeman Seybold – State Forest Fire could go in, but we couldn't take our equipment in there.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – The Township hasn't been maintaining this portion of the road, in a long time.

Mr. Gadd – That is correct, not since I have owned it.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – The only thing up in the air is what the State thinks of this vacation?

Mr. Gadd – Mr. Coleman was talking to them.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – I think we should act on it and see before the adoption of the ordinance if the State responds. We should have the Clerk contact Mr. Coleman to see if he heard from the State.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I'll call Tom.

## 2018-06 – Vacation of a Certain Right Away and/or paper street within a portion of South Bend Road, Block 46, Lot 7 aka 31 South Bend Road

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman Seybold the above Ordinance was introduced.

Roll Call: Cavileer, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

#### 2018-07 – Amend Section 275 – Solar Energy Systems

Township Clerk Hoffman – In 2016, we had an ordinance concerning provisions concerning Solar Energy Systems. Pineland requires 2 acres for ground mounted systems; and any roof mounted is DCA regulations. I would recommend that you introduce this ordinance by Title Only.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Cavileer, seconded by Committeeman Seybold the above Ordinance was introduced.

Roll Call: Cavileer, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays:

#### DISCUSSIONS

Property Maintenance/Abandoned Dwellings/Registration Fees

Township Clerk Hoffman – This ordinance would set up a maintenance of vacant or abandoned property and establish registration fees and also to establish an Abandoned Property List.

Mayor Lewis – I'd like to be able to read these ordinances, before we act on them.

Township Clerk Hoffman – I think some of the fees should be addressed.

Mayor Lewis – A sliding scale would help us with the banks, that maybe they would get rid of the property.

Code Enforcement Officer Ward – There is a program that is used in Absecon called Pro Champs, we should look into this.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – Paul and I have been looking at the Bass River ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Ward – With regards to the Property Maintenance, we have had several properties that need to be addressed. We need something that has some bite in it.

Mayor Lewis – I'd feel comfortable with certain things and be uniform and fit the municipality.

Code Enforcement Officer Ward – We don't want junk in the front yard and if things are falling off your house, they need to be addressed. We need an Ordinance to address these concerns.

We need to address the fence ordinance, the dirt piles in your front yard, should not be allowed. I think you need a zoning permit to put up a fence.

Mayor Lewis – I'd like for our Solicitor to review this ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Cavileer – We should follow-up with Bill's points.

### **STORAGE CONTAINERS**

Township Clerk Hoffman – We need an ordinance to address the Storage Containers in the Township.

Mayor Lewis - I'd like to see a draft for the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Ward – Southampton has an ordinance on this.

Mayor Lewis – I don't see them as a permanent structure and a sliding scale for the fee.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> (Please state your name & address for the record) Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

There were no public comments.

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion made by Committeeman Seybold, seconded by Deputy Mayor Cavileer to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Cavileer, Seybold, Lewis Ayes: 3 Nays:

Kathleen D. Hoffman, RMC Township Clerk