

**BOROUGH OF HAMPTON**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

Mayor Shaner called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. Mayor. Shaner gave the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. . This meeting was held in compliance with the Open Pubic Meetings Act. The Annual Notice was adopted on January 6, 2020 and was published in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 09, 2020. The Annual Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board and has been filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Shaner	Bob Baker
		John Drummond	Doug Rega
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	

The following people were also present: Alan Brower, CPWM, and Kathy Olsen, CFO

**PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS TO FIREFIGHTERS IN RECIGNITION OF THEIR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE:**

Mayor Shaner announced that there were two members of the Hampton Borough Fire Company that have served the community for 50 years and the Borough Council wanted to commemorate their service with resolutions. The resolutions were read aloud by Mayor Shaner after the following:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Baker to adopt the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-2020 – RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS CARPENTER FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON FIRE COMPANY**

Resolution No. 45-2020

**RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS CARPENTER FOR HIS  
50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON BOROUGH FIRE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter has served the Hampton Borough Fire Company and the residents of the Borough of Hampton for Fifty (50) years since joining as an active firefighter in December 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter served in the rolls of Assistant Foreman, Foreman and Assistant Chief as well as President of the Hampton Fire Company for 8 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter continues to serve as the Secretary of the Fire Company Relief Association as he has done for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter went exempt from the Hampton Fire Company in December of 2004 but continues to remain active helping with projects and mentoring the younger members; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter was instrumental in the development and worked tirelessly on Hampton’s Veteran Park and the 911 memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, while being a member of the Hampton Borough Fire Company Thomas Carpenter also served on the Hampton Borough Board of Adjustment/Planning Board, the Hampton School Board and was and continues to be the Chairman of the Hampton Borough Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter served his Country in the United States Air Force from 1958 to 1961, going to Boot Camp in Texas and stationed in Germany working on missile sites; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Carpenter is very active with veterans groups such as Gem Vac Vets in Glen Gardner where he serves as Trustee and is a member of the Catholic War Veteran's and the American Legion Post#188; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton recognize Thomas Carpenter for his 50 years of dedication and service to the Hampton Borough Fire Company and the residents of the Borough of Hampton, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that a copy of this Resolution is presented to Thomas Carpenter in recognition of all of his services on February 24, 2020 with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude and good wishes for a future full of good health and happiness.

Adopted: February 24, 2020

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-2020** – RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM TAMPPIER FOR HIS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON FIRE COMPANY

**Resolution No. 46-2020**

**RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM TAMPPIER FOR HIS  
50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE HAMPTON BOROUGH FIRE COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier has served the Hampton Borough Fire Company and the residents of the Borough of Hampton for Fifty (50) years since joining as an active firefighter in December 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier also served as Captain of the Hampton Emergency Squad; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier served on the committee that brought Hampton Borough its first rescue truck 13-55 in 1978, flying out to Wisconsin to the Pierce Manufacturing Plant in Appleton, Wisconsin and driving 13-55 home with the assistance of his nephew Rick Tampier; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier went exempt from the Hampton Fire Company in September of 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier assisted in the building of the 911 Memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Hampton Rescue Squad William (Bill) Tampier has helped with the annual truck/car raffle every year since it began in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier served his Country in the United States Navy on the Aircraft carrier USS Wasp (LHD-1) amphibious assault ship from 1963 to 1967 as an E-3 Airman First Class; and

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Tampier has given his time and talents assisting many of the Hampton Borough residents with home projects that they could not do own; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton recognize William (Bill) Tampier for his 50 years of dedication and service to the Hampton Borough Fire Company and the residents of the Borough of Hampton, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that a copy of this Resolution is presented to William (Bill) Tampier in recognition of all of his services on February 24, 2020 with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude and good wishes for a future full of good health and happiness.

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Roll Call: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

All ayes, motion carried.

**Cm. Baker made a motion to approve the following minutes as presented, second by Cm. Drummond**

Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular Meeting

Roll Call: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

All ayes, motion carried.

The following minutes will be made available at the next meeting.

Executive Session Minutes of the January 6, 2020 and January 27, 2020 meetings.

Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting

**Comments and Questions from the Public:**

**Pam Bailey, Musconetcong River Watershed Association** – Ms. Bailey was in attendance on behalf of one of the members Alan Hunt who currently handles grants for the association. Ms. Bailey asked the Borough Council to look into the fact that a planner from the firm Kyle & McManus worked with a local municipality to get some of the buildings in that municipality eligible for affordable housing and put on the affordable housing list to count towards COAH obligations. If possible instead of affordable housing needing to be built to meet obligations there may be some borough buildings that might be eligible to be considered as affordable housing.

**Sharon Laul of The Outreach Connection** is considering renting/leasing the East Coast Fire Protection Property to house her non-profit organization. Ms. Laul explained that her organization is to help local families that are in poverty. The building would be a thrift store that allows the struggling families obtain much needed household items and is open by appointment only. The other portion of the building would be used as a community classroom. Ms. Laul came to the Hampton Borough Council for guidance as to how to obtain a variance without putting out a lot of money upfront since the organization is non-profit. Planning Board member Andrew Hurley was in attendance and advised Ms. Laul to come to the planning Board meeting prior to completing an application and paying fees to begin the variance process.

**Communications:**

Tax Collector December 2019 and January 2020 Tax Levy Analysis were presented at the last meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Eagle Scout Project Final Plan for Approval:**

William Fleck, was in attendance to seek final approval of his proposed Eagle Project. Cm. Wotanowski indicated that he has not received a final proposal from Mr. Fleck. It was noted that at the previous

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meeting Mr. Fleck presented the borough council with several different design options for the flags. Mr. Fleck would like to proceed with the 6 flags to represent the branches of the military on 20 foot flag poles in PVC sleeves so they can easily be removed. Fire Chief Allen also requested that the footings are substantial to support the flag poles.

Fire Chief Rick Allen requested that, if the council approves the project, the project be completed prior to Memorial Day or begin after Memorial Day.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, to approve the Eagle Project proposed by William Fleck in the timeframe requested, second by Cm. Baker.

Roll Call: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

All ayes, motion carried.

Cm. Drummond requested that Mr. Fleck provide a progress report to the Borough Council by the second meeting in March showing the progress, who is donating the flags, supply lists and a timeframe as to when the project will begin. Cm. Drummond let Mr. Fleck know that people may be able to help him get flags and supplies, but he would like to see that the project is moving forward.

**Police Shared Services Contract for Managed Crossing Guard Services** – Cm. Rega reported that he met with the Hampton School Board last Tuesday and discussed the proposed Crossing Guard Shared Service Agreement with the Town of Clinton.

Cm. Rega also noted that he provided a list of services that the Borough continued to provide to the school even after previous agreement with Hampton School had expired totaling about \$24,000.00 a year. Cm. Rega noted that the Board of Education was surprised to find out that the services being provided by the borough are not required by law to be provided to the school. If the borough were not providing these services the school would be required to look for the services on the open market.

The business Administrator reported that the school has not received their 2020 State Funding numbers as yet but anticipates that there will be a reduction in the amount received from the state.

Cm. Rega went on to explain that the school is for the children and parents of this community and the borough council would like to work as a team. The Board of Education inquired as to how they can help, Cm. Rega let them know that money towards the Crossing Guard Shared Service would be helpful. Cm. Rega will be following up with the Board of Education at the next meeting on March 16.

The Police Shared Services contract is not ready to be acted on and was tabled to next meeting.

#### **Reports of Committees:**

**Cm. Swenson** deferred to DPW Director Alan Brower who reported that there is power to the new well. Mr. Brower is anticipating that everything will be done by the second week in March, including the generator test. Then the DEP will come and do a 90 minute test, following that they will okay the startup of Well #5 and shut down Well #4 until the electric is done. Fence is repaired.

Mr. Brower also reported that he has met with the new Water Engineer and gave them a tour of the water system.

**Cm. Rega** reported that Go Hunterdon was here when Safe Walks to School was going on and they were measuring out the cross walk signs to do reflective decal overlays.

**Cm. Wotanowski** had no report at this time.

**Cm. Drummond** reported that the DPW has installed more signs for the railroad bridge.

**Cm. Baker** reported that he has been in contact with the Raritan Court and there are 12 boxes of files that will need to be transferred to the Clinton Township Municipal Court prior to April 1.

**Cm. Tampier** had no report at this time.

**New Business:**

**Discussion - Landscape Design Ordinance and Master Plan Update** – Planning Board Master Plan Subcommittee Members will be in attendance.

Planning Board Chairman Jeff Minchin and Planning Board Member Andrew Hurley were in attendance to explain the proposed Landscape Design Ordinance.

Mr. Hurley explained that the purpose of the ordinance is to cover major subdivisions, setbacks, what kind of clear cutting can be done and what kind of plantings can be done after. This is to help a development have an element of attractiveness. The borough currently does not have any of this currently in the code book. Trying to be more proactive instead of reactive for the larger pieces of properties in the borough. Mr. Hurley explained that the proposed ordinance is a combination of the Clinton Township, Bethlehem Township and Greenwich Township Landscape Design Ordinances.

Mayor Todd Shaner asked the Mr. Minchin and Mr. Hurley about the history of HC Construction and Maple Lane. Mayor Shaner noted that a resident from Maple Lane had contacted him regarding drainage and encroachment issues. Mr. Minchin advised Mayor Shaner to have the resident attend a Planning Board Meeting to discuss this matter.

**Motion by Cm. Drummond, second Cm Baker to approve the following Park Rental Application:**

Application for the use of the Hampton Borough Park on May 30, 2020 from Penny Tampier for a family picnic, 50-75 participants (Rental Fee of \$100.00 has been received)

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Wotanowski  
Abstain: Tampier  
All ayes: Motion carried.

**Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second Cm Baker to approve the following Park Rental Applications:**

Applications for the use of the Hampton Borough Park from the Hampton Rescue Squad for the following dates: August 22 Picnic approx. 50 participants, September 26 40<sup>th</sup> Raffle 500 participants.

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Swenson, Wotanowski  
Abstain: Rega, Tampier  
All ayes: Motion carried.

The members of the Hampton Borough Council held the vote on the following Park Rental Application until more information is obtained from the Hampton Rescue Squad:  
October 24 Food and Truck Fair Fundraiser 70 participants (No fee required)

**Motion by Cm. Baker, second by Cm. Wotanowski** to approve the CFO to pay bills as presented on the bill list of February 24, 2020.

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski  
All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Baker, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-2020** - EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF Contract Negotiation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-2020**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and  
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognized exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the N.J.S.A. 40:4-12; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic (s) as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:4-12:

**PERSONNEL**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subjects identified above may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated to be: One Year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski  
All ayes: Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:41pm

Motion by Cm. Swenson second by Cm Baker to close the Executive Session and open to the public.

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski  
All ayes: Motion carried.

Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:52pm

**Results of Executive Session were as follows:**

No action to be taken as a result of Executive Session.

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**Adjournment:** Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Wotanowski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC  
Municipal Clerk