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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2021

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. The notice of this meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 14, 2021. The notice was posted on the public bulletin board and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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

The following people were also present: Kathy Olsen, CFO, Matt Lyons, Attorney, and Alan Brower, DPW Director.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Rega to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting and Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Executive Session Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Chief Rick Allen inquired as to whether the Mayor and Borough Council Members had any questions or comments regarding the Fire Company. There were none.

Kristina Phelan, 28 Upper Skillman – inquired as to why the Mayor and Borough Council would not want to approve the sale of cannabis in Hampton Borough as it would be a way to bring revenue into the Borough.

Maureen Johnson, 28 Blossom Road - inquired as to why the Mayor and Borough Council would not want to approve the sale of cannabis in Hampton Borough as it would be a way to bring revenue into the Borough.

These questions were discussed when the Introduction of Ordinance No.06-2021 was discussed.

Communications:

Letter from State of New Jersey Department of Transportation re: NJDOT Fiscal Year 2022 State Aid grant applications due July 1, 2021.

Letter of Resignation from Tax Assessor Rob Vance:

Mr. Vance was in attendance and explained that he has been in the position of Tax Assessor for 50 years and has enjoyed working with the residents in Hampton. Mr. Vance also noted that family members were residents in Hampton for many years going as far back as to when there was a Hampton High School.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2021 – ACCEPTING WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF TAX ASSESSOR ROB VANCE

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RESOLUTION NO. 50-2021

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF TAX ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, Rob Vance, Tax Assessor has submitted a letter of resignation from his position effective as of May 1, 2021 after 50 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Rob Vance has been the Tax assessor for the Borough of Hampton since 1971, his vast experience and knowledge of Hampton Borough will be greatly missed; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, Hunterdon County, that the Council accepts with regret the resignation submitted and sincerely appreciates the many years of service provided by Rob Vance for the Borough and its' residents. This resignation is effective May 1, 2021.

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

The Mayor and Borough Council Members thanked Mr. Vance for his many years of dedicated service and wished him good health and happiness in retirement.

Court Report April 2021 was received from Clinton Township and there was no discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Introduction of the following Ordinance Tabled – This Ordinance will be placed on subsequent agendas until all necessary information to move forward is available.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 12 MACKENZIE ROAD, 202 ROUTE 31 NORTH AND 141 NJ ROUTE/31 BOWLBY STREET –

The Municipal Clerk explained that she and Mr. Brower were in discussion with Gov Deals as to the best way to proceed with this sale. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning.

Borough Attorney Matt Lyons offered that if need be he could do a live auction.

Discussion was held regarding the following Ordinance regarding the prohibiting of any class of cannabis business in the Borough.

It was explained that with the legalization of cannabis in New Jersey all municipalities in New Jersey are automatically opted into allowing all cannabis businesses within the municipal boundaries. However, the municipalities have the option to adopt an ordinance prohibiting specific businesses or all businesses. This deadline to do so is August 20, 2021.

The members of the Borough Council briefly discussed their options. A main point of discussion is the 2% of sales that would be given back to the municipality by allowing a business.

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The next step after introduction is to give the ordinance to the Planning Board to review. The members of the Borough Council requested that the Planning Board review the ordinance and consider the possibility of allowing cannabis businesses along the Route 31 corridor.

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Wotanowski to introduce the following Ordinance NO. 06-2021 by title and set Public Hearing and Adoption for June 14, 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2021 – AN ORDINANCE BY HAMPTON BOROUGH IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESS WITHING ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDRIES AND AMENDING SECTION 157-51 OF THE HAMPTON BOROUGH MUNICIPAL CODE

Roll call: Aye: Celentano, Drummond, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
Nay: Rega
Motion carried.

Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study - No discussion.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Drummond – reported that the Dump Truck and Tractor yielded a total of \$25,460.00 on Gov Deals. Items have been paid for and picked up.

Cm. Rega- Reported the change in Crossing Guard location from Main St and New Street to Lower Skillman to allow protection for students walking to school from the orchard.

Cm Celentano, Cm Swenson, Cm. Tampier, Cm. Wotanowski had nothing to report.

Municipal Clerk's Report – Linda Leidner, Borough Clerk reported that the water bills finally went out. The delay was due to the company that produces the cards having employees that had COVID.

New Business:

Park Rental Applications:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the following Park Rental Application and set the fee for rental at \$225.00 due to the fact that William Fleck did his Eagle Scout Project in the Borough of Hampton.

Park Rental Application, received from Jeanette Nolan to rent the park on July 24, 2021 for William Fleck's Eagle Court of Honor. Approx. 140 participants.

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

Raffle License Application:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the following Raffle License:

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Raffle License Application #05-2021 received from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary to hold an off premise Merchandise Raffle on June 17, 2021 at 7:00pm

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of May 10, 2021.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Drummond to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk