

HAMPTON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

June to December 2020

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK.....

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of our residents for following all of the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the Governor through many Executive Orders. The members of the Borough Council and I understand that it has been a difficult time for everyone. We want you to know that we are here to help in any way we can, feel free to reach out to any one of us with questions or concerns.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to hold Mayor's Office Hours as planned due to social distancing and the Municipal Building being closed to the public. If you need to reach me please call 908-208-9562 or by email hamptonboromayor@gmail.com.

Below you will find a Resolution passed by the Borough Council on May 18, 2020 concerning the governing body's displeasure of the Hampton School Budget that was passed by the Hampton Board of Education. The Hampton Borough Council has been able to keep the Municipal Budget as minimal as possible and will be able to continue to provide the same services to our residents.

We will be sending out a newsletter twice a year, but I encourage you to check our website, www.hamptonboro.org for up to the minute information.

I sincerely hope that all of our Hampton families remain healthy.
Mayor Todd Shaner

RESOLUTION NO. 64-2020

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONDEMNING THE EXCESSIVE TAX INCREASE APPROVED BY THE HAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR TAXES 2020 - 2021

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has always worked in cooperation with the Board of Education for the Hampton Public School District in an effort to maintain the history of excellence in education while also attempting to lower the cost on the taxpayers of the Borough of Hampton via shared service and other cooperative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Public School District provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2020 – 2021 Budget as submitted by their Business Administrator Board Secretary, Marci Krasny, stating the 2019 – 2020 tax levy base was \$1,974,296; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Public School District stated in that same PowerPoint presentation the total tax levy for school year 2020 – 2021 is \$2,561,195; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the levy set forth from the 2019 – 2020 Budget to the 2020 – 2021 Budget totals 29.72%; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Public School Board of Education approved the Budget at a meeting conducted on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the average assessed value for a home in the Borough of Hampton is \$238,000 which will result in a **monthly** tax increase of **\$67.15** for the average assessed home, a staggering increase for the taxpayers of the Borough of Hampton particularly during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council condemns the staggering increase in the total tax levy set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to all members of the Hampton Public School Board of Education, the Superintendent, the School Board Business Administrator and Juan Torres, Interim Executive County Superintendent of Schools
Adopted: May 18, 2020

BOROUGH COUNCIL INFORMATION

MEMBERS	Term Expires	Term Expires
Bob Baker – Council President	12/31/2020	Carroll Swenson – Councilman 12/31/2022
John Drummond – Councilman	12/31/2022	Jeff Tampier – Councilman 12/31/2021
Doug Rega – Councilman	12/31/2021	Rob Wotanowski – Councilman 12/31/2020

The Hampton Borough Council meets the second and fourth Monday of the month beginning at 7:30pm. The second meeting of the month is canceled during June, July and August.

Please check the Borough Website www.hamptonboro.org for Agendas, Minutes, Pending and Adopted Ordinances and any changes in meeting dates.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

(908)537-6884

After Hour Water Emergency Only (908)-448-4854

Alan Brower, CPWM Director, Water Operator Matt Schafer – Deputy Director, Water Operator

BRUSH CHIPPING: Brush chipping is for branches only, NOT for trees that have been removed.

Cut ends should face the street. No Bamboo will be collected. Brush chipping items should be out by the following dates: Wed. June 3, Wed. July 8, Wed. Aug. 5, and Wed. Sept. 16.

LEAF PICK UP will begin on October 21 and End on December 18.

TRASH will be collected every Monday **EXCEPT** when Monday is a holiday, then it will be collected on Tuesday. The sanitation limit is one (1) thirty-two gallon or two (2) twenty gallon containers per household per week. "Extra Bag stickers" are available for purchase for \$3.00 per 25lbs.

RECYCLING will be collected every Tuesday unless **Monday is a holiday**, then it will be collected on Wednesday. **ALL recyclables may be mixed together. No container should weigh more than 50lbs.** Electronics Recycling is done through Hunterdon County, check their website.

Water Quality – Each year the Borough must provide their water customers with a way to view the ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT. Please visit our website www.hamptonboro.org for complete report and links to state website.

WHAT RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW!

One of the most important ways you can stay informed about what is happening in the Borough of Hampton is to check our website www.hamptonboro.org. It contains important information about closings or changes in trash or recycling pick up days. It also has **various forms, as well as meeting agendas and minutes. Ordinances that are introduced and dates of public hearings.**

Linda Leidner, RMC/CMR/CRP (8:30-4 M-F) Borough Clerk, Registrar, Water Clerk	908-537-2329 hamptonboroclerk@hamptonboro.org
Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer	908-537-2329
Rob Vance, Tax Assessor	908-541-5713
Diane Laudenbach, Tax Collector Thur. 4:30-6:30	908-537-2329
Sherry Minchin, Planning Bd. Secretary	908-343-3760
Allison Witt, Zoning Officer	hamptonzoning@yahoo.com
Alan Brower, Acting Municipal Violations Officer	908-537-6884
Tom Carpenter, Rental Inspector/PERC Witness	908-537-4521
Jeff Tampier, OEM (Emergency Management)	908-448-4857
State Police Washington Barracks Emergency 911	Non- Emergency 908-689-3101
St. Hubert's – Animal Control	908-526-3330

Municipal Calendar

June 2020	July 2020
Mon. June 1 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm	Thurs & Fri July 2 & 3 DPW & Municipal Office Closed
Mon. June 15 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	Mon. July 6 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm
Please check website to see if these meetings will be held remotely. **	Tues. July 7 PRIMARY ELECTION – VOTE BY MAIL
	Mon. July 13 Council Mtg 7:30pm
August 2020	September 2020
Mon. Aug. 3 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm	Fri. Sept 4/Mon Sept 7 DPW & Municipal Office Closed
Mon. Aug. 10 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	Trash P/U Tues and Recycling P/U Wednesday
**TAXES DUE AUGUST 1 Grace Period 8/10)	Mon. Sept. 14 Council Mtg. 7:30pm
	Mon. Sept. 21 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm
****Leaf Pick Up begins Oct. 21****	Mon. Sept. 28 Council Mtg. 7:30pm
October 2020	November 2020
Mon. Oct. 5 Planning Bd. Mtg	Mon. Nov. 2 Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm
Mon. Oct 12 Council Mtg. 7:30pm ****	Tues. Nov. 3 General Election Polls open 6am-8pm
We are open and Trash will be collected****	Wed. Nov. 11 DPW & Municipal Office Closed
Mon. Oct. 26 Council Mtg. 7:30pm	Mon. Nov. 16 Council Mtg. 7:30pm
	Thurs/Fri Nov. 26/ 27 DPW & Municipal Office Closed
	Taxes Due 11/1 Grace Period 11/10
December 2020	
Mon. Dec. 7 – Planning Bd. Mtg. 8:00pm	JANUARY 2021 – CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR RABIES CLINIC DATE & TIME
Mon Dec 14 – Council Mtg. 7:30pm	DOG LICENSE RENEWAL DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2021
Thurs/Fri Dec. 24/25 DPW & Office Municipal Offices Closed.	Friday January 1, 2021 DPW & Municipal Offices Closed