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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 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. This meeting immediately followed the 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Council. 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	Rob Wotanowski
	Absent:	Jeff Tampier	

The following people were also present: Patrick Brennan, Engineer

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

No Comments or Questions from the Public.

Communications:

Municipal Court – January Distribution 2021

Old Business:

Possible Introduction of the following ordinances:

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 - **TABLED**

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2021 – ORDINANCE SETTING THE FEE FOR A ¾ INCH CONNECTION TO THE WATER SYSTEM - **PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 8, 2021**

Discussion – Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study - No discussion

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Drummond- reported that there was an accident with one of the trucks, a branch hit the cab shield. The DPW Director is getting estimates, much of the repair can be done in house.

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

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Mayor Shaner noted that a residents had inquired as to the possibility of holding Council Meetings via Zoom. The consensus of the Borough Council members in attendance was that they prefer to meet in person. With the Governor lifting the number of how many people can be in attendance in a room, this should be no problem. The Borough Attorney has advised the Mayor and Borough Clerk that our meetings are being held in compliance and there is no requirement to have meetings via Zoom or any other platform at this time.

Municipal Clerk's Report – Borough Clerk Leidner reported that the late mailing of the water bills caused a bit of a stir on Facebook. There was confusion as some residents thought that the rates had increased. Ms. Leidner noted that she is going through the billing register and any residence that has never exceeded the minimum range will be getting an adjustment as the late reading caused their bill to go into the next range.

Ms. Leidner inquired as to whether the Borough Council was comfortable with allowing the Fire Company to rent out the all again. There was a discussion as to the proper cleaning before and after a rental. Ms. Leidner will contact the Fire Company for their input regarding the rental and cleaning of the hall and common area of the Municipal Building.

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to Introduce the following Ordinance by Title and to set Public Hearing and Adoption for March 22, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2021 – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 207 of the Code of the Borough of Hampton Entitled “Stormwater Management” To Reflect Amendments to The New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8, Adopted March 2, 2020 and the Stormwater Control Ordinance Amendments contained within the Highlands Regional Master Plan, Adopted October 2019

Roll Call: Aye: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Wotanowski
Absent: Tampier All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to Introduce the following Ordinance by Title and to set Public Hearing and Adoption for April 12, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021 – ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF PAPER STREETS AND ALLEYS

Roll Call: Aye: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Wotanowski
Absent: Tampier
All ayes, motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2021

REFUND OF PAYMENT FOR STREET OPENING PERMIT

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Hampton received a payment of \$25.00, which was made by SJI Utilities, 1 South Jersey Plaza Route 54, Folsom, NJ 08037 on behalf of a residence on Main Street for a Street Opening permit, and

WHEREAS, the check was deposited into the Clerk Funding Account prior to the request not being approved by the Borough Engineer due to a moratorium on opening Main Street until 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a refund to SJI Utilities, 1 South Jersey Plaza, Route 54, Folsom, NJ 08037, in the amount of \$25.00.

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

Motion by Cm. Rega, Second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve an Application for a Raffle License from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for an Off Premise Raffle License No. 02-2021 to be held on March 18, 2021.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Wotanowski to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of February 22, 2021.

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

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk