

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

Mayor Cregar called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. The flag salute was observed. Mayor Cregar gave the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The Annual Notice was posted and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:	Presents:	Mayor Cregar	Cm Bob Baker
		Cm John Drummond	Cm Doug Rega
		Cm Carroll Swenson	Cm Jeff Tampier
	Absent:	Cm Rob Wotanowski	

The following people were also present: Kathy Olsen, Chief Financial Officer, Alan Brower, Acting Director of Public Works, Richard McManus, Zoning Officer, Frank Klemser, Municipal Violations/Code Enforcement Officer and Richard Cushing, Borough Attorney.

The minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular and Executive Session Minutes were approved as presented by the Municipal Clerk.

Comments and Questions from the Public: Nothing at this time.

Communications: Letter from Mayor Cregar informing the Council that he will be unavailable from March 9, 2016 up to and including March 15, 2016. Council President Baker will therefore, oversee the March 14, 2016 Meeting of the Council.

New Jersey Courts, Hunterdon County Justice Center, re: Haberman vs. Borough of Hampton, Decision Conditionally Approving Housing Plan on behalf of the Honorable Peter A. Buchsbaum, J.S.C. Mr. Cushing provided an overview of the memo that was emailed to the Mayor and Council regarding this issue outlining the next steps. (The memorandum is attached to the minutes). Mr. Cushing further advised that the process will require an amendment to the Master Plan by the Planning Board and Borough Planner.

Old Business: Richard McManus, Zoning Official was present to provide additional information regarding his 2015 Zoning Officer's Report to the Mayor and Council. Specifically the status of the property located at 24 Lackawanna Street. Mr. McManus provided a history of the property and the use of same. It was noted that this property is currently being taxed as vacant land. It is currently being used as storage of exposed piles of construction materials such as sand, gravel, pavement millings as well as construction equipment such as tractors, blades, paving pots and port-a-johns. The owner and his attorney have been directed by Mr. McManus to contact the Planning Board to begin the process of filing an application for this type of use. The owner/attorney have not followed through in doing so. Following further discussion, it was determined that Mr. McManus contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to inform them of this type of activity at this property.

Reports of Committees: Cm Tampier deferred his report to Alan Brower. Mr. Brower offered that the DPW is continuing to fill in potholes. The heat in the fire company kitchen area is being monitored.

Cm Baker will discuss his report in the upcoming Executive Session for matters concerning contract negotiations and personnel.

Councilmembers Drummond, Rega and Swenson had nothing to report at this time.

New Business: A discussion of the availability for members of the governing body to meet for a budget workshop was held. Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Drummond to hold a budget workshop meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The motion also included the cost to advertise. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Alan Brower, received verbal notification from Jon Nelson that he was resigning from his position as a laborer for the Department of Public Works. Mr. Nelson provided notification on February 16th. He used his previously approved vacation from February 17th through February 29th as his two week notice. Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Baker to accept his resignation. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Drummond second by Cm Baker to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2016 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION IN INSTALLMENTS (Block 15, Lot 23)
Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Baker to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2016 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION IN INSTALLMENTS (Block 13, Lot 13.1)
Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Drummond second by Cm Baker to grant conditional approval for the use of the borough park on October 2, 2016 for the Terry Butler Foundation 5k Run/Walk. This was done pending the proof of the additional rental of port-o-johns as stated on the application and the receipt of the security deposit. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Swenson to approve the hiring of Gary Magyar Jr. as a per diem laborer for the Department of Public Works as the rate established in the 2015 Salary Resolution. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Alan Brower will be asking for driver's abstract to be run for all of the employees in the Department of Public Works. Each of the employees will be asked to sign an authorization for this do be done through our insurance agency.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Drummond to authorize the payment of the bills and claims as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Rega to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-16 EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Drummond to come out of Executive Session. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. Returned to Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

A discussion was held concerning the effective date of the appointment of Alan Brower as the Director of Public Works. Discussion of increasing the fee for the collection of recyclables from the Union Township Board of Education was also held. The discussions resulted in the following resolutions.

Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Baker to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2016 FEE FOR PICK UP OF RECYCLABLES FROM THE UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried. (copy attached)

Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Tampier to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2016 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried. (copy attached)

Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Drummond to change the hours of public works to 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a half hour unpaid lunch and one 15 minute break. Both lunch and break are to be determined by the Director of Public Works. Additionally, the laborers position will be paid at an hourly rate, not salaried. The work week hours will increase from 37.5 to 40 hours. This will become effective as of February 29, 2016. Cm Drummond will inform the Department of Public Works of this change. Roll Call Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Baker to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Drummond, RMC
Municipal Clerk