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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 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
		Doug Rega	Carroll Swenson
		Jeff Tampier	Rob Wotanowski
	Absent:	John Drummond	

The following people were also present: Matt Lyons, Borough Attorney, Patrick Brennan, Engineer and Alan Brower, DPW Director.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Regular Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Michele Mototzak, 12 Riddle Avenue inquired as to how to do a write in on the General Election Ballot.

Communications:

Fire Company request for Catering Company to use the Kitchen

Rob Walton, President of the Hampton Fire Company explained that a caterer, that currently uses a kitchen at the Lebanon Township Fire House, is interested in using the Hampton Borough kitchen. Mr. Walton went on to explain that the caterer would pay the Fire Company monthly for the use. The rental of the hall for any catering events would be scheduled through the Fire Company as is done currently. Mr. Walton noted that the use of the caterer would be an option for hall renters, renters would continue to have the option to provide food for their guests in any manner in which they choose.

Matt Lyons, Borough Attorney advised Mr. Walton that we are working with our insurance company to be sure that all areas of this rental are in compliance. Mr. Lyons noted that there would need to be a written agreement between the Borough and the caterer. Mr. Lyons noted that there are several items to need to be ironed out, and inquired if there was a time constraint on the approval of this request. Mr. Walton indicated that there is no set date for this to be approved. Mr. Lyons noted that he would continue to work on this with the Borough Clerk and the Insurance Company and this discussion would be continued at the Regular Council Meeting being held on October 25, 2021.

Zoning Officer – 3rd Quarter Report – No discussion.

Unfinished Business:

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Lumberyard – Mr. Brower reported that we have 2 quotes, the CFO was not in attendance to act on the quotes. Borough Attorney Lyons noted that he would be in contact with Kathy Olsen regarding the quotes.

School Study – The Borough Council had nothing to report however members of the Public had questions. On advice of the Borough Attorney the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting was reopened.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to reopen the Public Comment portion of the meeting:

Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Karen Cunningham - 65 Valley Road – had questions regarding a Bill in the Senate that deals with Regionalization of Schools. The Borough Attorney explained that this Bill is currently in the hands of the Governor. It was recommended to Ms. Cunningham that she continue to attend the Hampton School Board Meetings.

Michele Molotzak, 12 Riddle Avenue - had questions regarding Hampton School. She was informed that it would be best to attend the Hampton School Board Meeting and ask the questions that she has as they were specific to Hampton School.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting:

Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Drummond was absent.

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

Cm. Tampier – Reported that the members of the Hampton Emergency Squad have had meetings with the Mayors of Hampton, Bethlehem and Glen Gardner regarding the possibility of joining together to have 24/7 coverage from South Branch Emergency Services. There are currently only 3 or 4 members of the Hampton Volunteer Emergency Squad running calls. South Branch Ambulance Service and members of the rescue squad are currently working out insurance and legality issues and preparing to come attend a meeting of the Borough Council to provide information regarding this possible merger.

DPW Director Alan Brower reported that a resident on West Grand called him after one of the most recent storms with concerns regarding water runoff going through their property. The property is located in the middle of the hill, below the orchard. Borough Engineer Patrick Brennan took a look at the issue and explained that at this time it doesn't appear that the runoff is coming from Blossom Road or is the responsibility of the Borough.

Mr. Brower also reported that the part time employee DPW employee that was approved at the last meeting did not take the position. Mr. Brower requested to meet in Executive Session to discuss the salary for the position.

Mayor Shaner asked to revisit the road opening Ordinance and Application. Borough Engineer Brennan noted that the Ordinance and Application for Road Opening needs to be updated as well as the fees associated with this process. Mr. Brennan will put something together for review by the Municipal Clerk and Borough Attorney to revise the current Ordinance.

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Municipal Clerk's Report – Nothing to report.

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Celentano to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-2021
REFUNDING WATER ACCOUNT CREDIT BLOCK 17 LOT 32**

WHEREAS, 15 Smith Street, Block 17 Lot 32, ordered a Final Water Reading prior to closing, and
WHEREAS, there was a credit of \$386.90 due to George A. Schultz due to the prepaying of the account so that it would not become delinquent, and
WHEREAS, the amount due after the Final Reading done on September 29, 2021 was \$92.25 leaving a credit balance on the account of \$294.65, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and 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 of \$294.65 to George A. Schultz, c/o Beverly Stoskus, RVOC Living Trust, 110 Overlook Drive, Clinton, NJ 08809.

Roll Call Vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Wotanowski, second by Cm. Rega to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of October 11, 2021.

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

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Rega adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2021

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B8 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

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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.

Voice Vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:35pm for Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Wotanowski to close the Executive Session at 8:50pm.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:50pm.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Rega to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk