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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

March 22, 2021

Council President Drummond called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. Council President Drummond 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: Rob Celentano John Drummond
Doug Rega Carroll Swenson
Jeff Tampier

Absent: Mayor Shaner Rob Wotanowski

The following people were also present: Kathy Olsen, CFO, Alan Brower, DPW Director

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Tampier to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Chief inquired as to whether the Borough Council had any comments or questions for the Fire Company. There were none.

Communications:

Tax Collector Report – February 2021 was received, no comments.

Court Report – February 2021 was received, no comments.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Tampier to open the Public Hearing on the following Ordinance:

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

There were no comments or questions from the Public.

Council President Drummond closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2021

Motion by Cm Swenson to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2021, second by Cm. Rega.

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

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Due to the volume of pages for Ordinance 03-2021, the Borough Clerk will attach the full copy of the ordinance to the back of these minutes.

Introduction of the following Ordinance Tabled to April 12, 2021:

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 -

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinance to be held 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

Lumberyard – The Borough is in receipt of a proposal from the LSRP. Cm Swenson noted that he will have a representative from Engineers & Land Planning attend the next meeting to discuss the steps necessary to be in compliance with the DEP.

Discussion – Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study - No discussion.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson, Cm Celentano, Cm. Rega, Cm. Drummond and Cm. Tampier had nothing to report.

Municipal Clerk's Report – None

New Business:

Motion by Cm .Rega, second by Cm. Tampier to Introduce the following Ordinance 05-2021 by Title on First Reading and to set Public Hearing for April 12, 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2021 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE BUDGETS LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK – CALENDAR YEAR 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2021

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et.seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous years final appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality may, by ordinance, bank the difference between its final budget appropriations and the 3.5% increase authorized by this ordinance when said difference is not appropriated as part of the final budget; and,

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WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, hereby determines that this difference in the amount of \$22,978.95 that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Rega to **Introduce the 2021 Municipal Budget by Title** and to set the Public Hearing date for April 26, 2021.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2021 APPOINTING FRAN EDWARDS AS A CROSSING GUARD

RESOLUTION No. 36-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hampton requires the hiring of new Crossing Guards, that will be under the supervision of The Town of Clinton Chief of Police, and;

WHEREAS, the position was advertised for, applications accepted and interviews performed, and;

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Town of Clinton recommends that Fran Edwards be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$20.00 per hour; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton hire Fran Edwards to fill the open position of Crossing Guard effective February 15, 2021.

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

Motion by Cm Tampier, second by Cm Swenson to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2021 CANCELLING VARIOUS CAPITAL BALANCES

RESOLUTION NO 37-2021

WHEREAS, certain Capital Appropriation balances remain dedicated to projects now completed or not undertaken; and

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be returned to each respective Capital Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton that the following unexpended and dedicated balances of Capital Appropriations be cancelled:

<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date Auth.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Funded</u>
2007-07	6/11/07	Various Capital Imp.	\$.90
2008-08	8/25/08	Various Capital Imp.	\$ 3,586.94
2009-06	7/27/09	Various Capital Imp.	\$ 4,467.65
2010-02	6/2/10	Wells Ave Rehab.	\$ 3,509.57
2011-02	6/13/11	Various Capital Imp.	\$ 1,646.89
2011-03	8/8/11	Upper Skillman Imp.	\$ 1,488.90
2012-03	6/25/12	Public Improvements	\$ 829.33
2013-04	7/18/13	Public Improvements	\$ 199.25
2014-05	8/25/14	Public Improvements	\$38,373.22
2015-04	10/26/15	Lackawana Street	\$ 845.19
2016-02	5/23/16	Bowlby Street	\$14,029.53
2016-05	8/8/16	Various Capital Imp.	\$35,000.00
<u>Ord. No.</u>	<u>Date Auth.</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Unfunded</u>
2009-10	12/14/19	Acquisition of Ambulance	\$18,049.10
2013-05	9/9/13	West Grand Street	\$38,988.59
2016-02	5/23/16	Bowlby Street	\$ 674.00

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2021 CANCELLING OUTSTANDING CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2021

WHEREAS, there exists on the books of Various Borough Accounts old outstanding checks; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding checks are over one year old;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following checks in the amount of \$29,615.02 are hereby cancelled:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6000	06/10/13	\$ 50.00
6073	08/05/12	\$ 7.54
6735	12/29/14	\$ 90.00
6984	05/25/15	\$ 50.00
7124	09/14/15	\$ 20.00
7285	12/28/15	\$143.75
8194	11/13/17	\$ 25.00
8822	12/11/19	\$ 28.38
8872	03/11/19	\$21,525.75
8915	04/08/19	\$245.82
9126	04/25/19	\$190.00
9182	10/28/19	\$980.00
9301	01/27/20	\$150.00
9385	03/09/20	\$ 75.00

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1062	01/26/16	\$765.97
1064	02/12/16	\$306.00
1421	05/18/18	\$110.34
1449	07/27/18	\$ 49.36

WATER UTILITY

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<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1450	08/25/14	\$1,102.68
1463	10/27/14	\$ 119.99
1749	03/10/17	\$ 533.98
1832	11/13/17	\$ 265.00
1834	12/11/17	\$ 886.41
1909	07/23/18	\$1,530.00
2077	11/18/19	\$ 14.98
2089	12/29/19	\$ 21.67

DOG ACCOUNT

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1013	06/19/14	\$ 2.40

ESCROW ACCOUNT

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1439	03/25/13	\$ 75.00
1582	12/12/13	\$ 250.00

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

Motion by Cm Celentano, second by Cm Rega to adopt the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION NO. 39-2021 TO DEFER LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES

RESOLUTION # 39-2021
TO DEFER LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS, the Local District School Tax for the year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was raised in the 2020 Tax Levy in the sum of \$2,561,195.00, and

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of such School Tax up to 50% of the School Tax Levy or \$1,280,597.50,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon that the Deferred School Tax for Local District School purpose be 50% of the Tax Levy or the sum of \$1,280,597.500 as of December 31, 2020.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three certified copies of this resolution be filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2021 TO DEFER REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES

**RESOLUTION # 40-2021
TO DEFER REGIONAL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Regional District High School Tax for the year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 was raised in the 2020 Tax Levy in the sum of \$711,951.00, and

WHEREAS, the statutes permit the deferral of such School Tax up to 50% of the School Tax Levy or \$355,975.50,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, that the Deferred School Tax for Regional District High School Purpose be 50% of the Tax Levy or the sum of \$355,975.50 as of December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three certified copies of this resolution be filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2021 REQUESTING PERMISSION OF DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO PERMIT THE BOROUGH TO ANTICIPATE THE THREE YEAR AVERAGE CURRENT TAX COLLECTION RATE OF 97.16% FOR 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2021

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, realized 96.02% of Current Tax Collections for 2020,

AND WHEREAS, the percentage of Cash Collections on Current Taxes for the three previous years was as follows:

<u>S.F.Y.</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2019	96.17%
2018	97.29%
2017	98.04%

AND WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c) provides the use of a three year collection rate average which can be used by the Borough to calculate the 2021 reserve for uncollected taxes.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body that permission be requested of

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the Director of Local Government Services to permit the Borough to anticipate the three year average Current Tax Collection rate of 97.16% for the 2021

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Tampier to approve the following:

Approval of Membership to the Fireman's Association for Michael D. Mitelski.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Rega to approve the following Park Rental Application.

Park Rental Application received from Brian Butler for the Terry Butler 5K Walk/Run to be held on October 3, 2021. They always provide Port-A-John due to the number of participants. Motion; second.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

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

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier

All ayes: Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Tampier to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk