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## BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

### REGULAR MEETING

September 27, 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, Kathy Olsen, CFO and Alan Brower, DPW Director.

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

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING MUNICIPAL BUDGET/SCHOOL BUDGET – HOW EACH AFFECTS OUR TAXES-** **Members of the Public will each have 3 minutes to speak on this topic**

Mayor Shaner started the discussion off by explaining that the Mayor and Borough Council invited members of the Hampton School Board and Administration to attend this meeting to have an open discussion about the school budget. Both entities respectfully declined but recommended that Borough Council Members and residents attend their Board of Education Meetings to ask questions. Mayor Shaner went on to explain that he attended the Board Meeting held on Tuesday, September 14 along with Cm. Celentano and Cm. Swenson. Mr. Shaner noted that it was a very informative and productive meeting.

Members of the audience spoke both for and against keeping the Hampton School open. Some of the items brought up was the ranking of Hampton School in the State of New Jersey over the past few years, the cost to send the students to another district, the pros and cons of sending the students to another district and the effect of having a school with such a small number of kids on the taxpayers.

Members of the audience asked questions about the cost to send students to another district and what steps would need to be taken to close the school. A group of residents noted that they will attend school Board Meetings and work together to try to help find a solution to the rising cost of having a school here in the Borough.

The Mayor and Borough Council members explained that they know that it is their responsibility to do what is fiscally best for the residents of this town. Taxes are driving residents out of Hampton Borough. Mayor Shaner explained that the Borough itself is forced to remain within a 2% CAP.

### **Comments and Questions from the Public:**

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**Rick Allen, Fire Chief** – inquired as to whether the Council had any comments or questions for the Fire Company. There were none.

**Communications:**

**Email from the NJDCA regarding a Model Statewide Municipal Electric Vehicle (EV) Ordinance** - Governor Murphy has made it mandatory for municipalities to have this ordinance in place. Borough Attorney Matt Lyons will have a sample Ordinance ready for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

**Tax Levy Analysis through August 2021** – Received from the Tax Collector, no discussion

**Municipal Court August 2021 Distribution** – No discussion.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinances:**

**Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Wotanowski to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 10-2021.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12 MACKENZIE ROAD.**

**Voice vote: all ayes, motion carried.**

**Mayor Shaner opened the Public Hearing, there were no comments or questions from the public.**

**Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Rega to close the Public Hearing.**

**Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Rega to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2021.**

Roll call: Aye: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

All ayes: Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 12 MacKENZIE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hampton is the record owner of a property located at 12 MacKenzie Road, Block 17, Lot 9; on the Tax Map of the Borough of Hampton (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) authorizes a municipality to enter into an open public sale at auction to the highest bidder for property that is not needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined the Property is not needed for public use, and that the Property should be sold by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) requires the Borough to advertise the sale of the Property in the newspaper and hold a public auction.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor of the Borough of Hampton and other necessary Borough officials are hereby authorized to enter into a public sale of a property owned by the Borough at 12 MacKenzie Road, Block 17, Lot 9; in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a) and to take all reasonable,



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portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected

**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances deemed to be inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance shall become effectively immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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

**Parking Ordinance** – This is still being worked on.

**Lumberyard** – Mr. Brower reported that we are still waiting on another quote.

**School Study** – Nothing.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Cm. Drummond** was all absent.

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

**Municipal Clerk's Report** – Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

DPW Director Brower noted that he interviewed a candidate for the Part-Time DPW position and would like to hire James Sanseverino at the rate indicated in the 2021 Salary Resolution.

Motion by Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to hire James Sanseverino at the current Part-Time Rate.

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-2021  
REFUND OF PORT A JOHN RENTAL FEES**

**WHEREAS,** Timothy Phelan submitted a Park Rental Application that included a Port A John Rental requirement for a party to be held on September 18, 2021, and

**WHEREAS,** the Rental Fees and Port A John Rental were paid by Monica Orlando, and

**WHEREAS,** the Port A Johns were on site with notes on them that said “Not For Public Use” to keep them clean for the rental, along with the garbage cans being placed in the Port A John, and

**WHEREAS,** the renters were not told to take the signs off and unlock the Port A John by moving the VACANT/OCCUPIED SIGN to unlock them, and

**WHEREAS,** the renters did not use the Port A Johns, and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that a check in the amount of \$150.00 be issued to Monica Orlando, 4 Shurts Road, Hampton, NJ 08827 by the Chief Financial Officer to refund the Port A John Rental Fees collected.

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

**Raffle License Applications:**

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Rega to approve the following Raffle License Application:

**Application for a Raffle license from the Church of Saint Ann to hold a 50/50 on December 18, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

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

**Bills and Claims:** Motion by Cm Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of September 27, 2021.

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

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

**Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Roberta Kresge – 84 New Street** –Inquired as to when there would be a discussion on the Borough Budget because only the school budget was discussed in the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Kresge is concerned because she feels like the Borough budget went up but in her opinion the town needs work. Mr. Brower explained that the DPW has 4 employees and it is difficult to do everything that is needed to be accomplished with a minimal number of employees.

Mayor Shaner explained that the borough must work within a 2% CAP.

Borough Clerk Leidner explained that there has been a Help Wanted Ad on the website for months and there was one applicant that was hired for the DPW this evening.

There were no other comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting was made by Cm. Tampier, second by Cm. Wotanowski.

**Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.**

**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 9:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC  
Municipal Clerk