

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2020

This meeting was held in person and was open to the Public.

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. . This meeting was held in compliance with the Open Pubic Meetings Act. The Annual Notice was adopted on January 6, 2020 and was published in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 09, 2020. The Annual Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board and has been filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Shaner asked all to rise for the flag salute.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Shaner	John Drummond
		Doug Rega	Carroll Swenson
		Jeff Tampier	Rob Wotanowski

Absent: Bob Baker

The following people were also present: Alan Brower, DPW Director, Kathy Olsen, CFO and Matt Lyons, Borough Attorney.

Cm. Drummond made a motion to approve the following minutes as presented, second by Cm. Swenson:

Minutes of the October 26 2020 - Regular Meeting and October 26, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
Voice Vote All ayes: Motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Chief Rick Allen noted that the Ladies Auxiliary has been very active during the pandemic with online raffles and selling breakfasts to go.

Communications: NONE

Old Business:

Sale of Vacant Properties Owned by the Borough

Introduction of the following ordinance: TABLED TO 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 12 MACKENZIE ROAD, 202 ROUTE 31 NORTH, AND 141 ROUTE 31/BOWLBY STREET

After a brief discussion it was determined that these properties are not quite ready to be sold. Titles for the properties need to be located as well as soil testing results needed. This Ordinance will be placed on the agenda in January.

The sale of property will be held on GovDeals.

Lumberyard Property – Alan Brower reported that he spent 8 hours on Friday with Land Planning & Engineers digging about 10 to 20 holes on the property to test to see if there are any contaminants.

Police Shared Services – discussion was held regarding the lack of applicants for the crossing guard positions and the possibility of increasing the hourly rate to be in line with surrounding municipalities and the Town of Clinton. This will be considered on a case to case basis and discussed further during the 2021 budget discussions.

School Study Subcommittee – Questions were forwarded to Jason Kornegay, Superintendent of Hampton School, no response has been received.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Cm. Swenson: Alan Brower, Water Operator, requested permission to purchase a 2010 F350 from the Borough of Glen Gardner for \$750.00. Mr. Brower noted that it needs a bed, but the drive train is in great condition.

Motion by Cm. Tampier, second by Cm. Wotanowski to authorize the purchase of a 2010 F350 from the Borough of Glen Gardner in the amount of \$750.00.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All Ayes: Motion carried.

Cm. Tampier - Mr. Tampier reported that he reached out to the State Police to see about extra police presence to curb speeders on Main Street. The State Police indicated that they will do their best to get coverage here especially during the morning commute.

Cm. Wotanowski – Noted that the Eagle Scout Project flag poles are in. The flags were going to be raised on Veteran’s Day however; that got canceled due to the weather. The members of the Borough Council asked that Mr. Fleck attend the next Borough Council Meeting to answer any concerns the council members have regarding the project prior to Mayor Shaner signing off on the required Eagle Scout paperwork.

Cm. Drummond and Cm. Rega had no reports at this time.

New Business:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2020 TAX SALE REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid by First American Title Insurance Company for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 19-003 on Block 6, Lot 9 in the amount of \$236.49, 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 check in the amount of \$236.49, made payable to Henry Hansch, Jr., 504

Chandler Lane, Whippany, New Jersey 07981 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 19-003.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All Ayes: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2020

WHEREAS: The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide County Funds in connection with preserving open space, natural areas, farmland and historic sites; to acquire, develop, improve and maintain county and municipal lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and preservation of historic structures, properties, facilities, sites, areas, or objects; or for the payment of debt service or indebtedness issued or incurred by the municipality for any of the purposes described above; and

WHERE AS, the Borough of Hampton desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$51,000 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following project: *(describe)*_Grochowicz farm preservation, Hampton Block 11 Lots 1,2, and 2.02 at a cost of _____ *(project cost)*;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body resolves that Linda Leidner, RMC is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such County Open Space Trust Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- © act as the authorized correspondent of the above named Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, applicable Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the Municipality of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Mayor and Hampton Borough Council

1. That the Mayor and Clerk of the above named Municipality is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Grochowicz Farm Preservation;
2. That the Municipality has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$51,000;
3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All Ayes: Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION No. 94-2020

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 Kamryn Paige Bush be hired to fill the open position at a rate of \$19.90 per hour; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton hire Kamryn Paige Bush to fill the open position of Crossing Guard effective November 16, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All Ayes: Motion carried.

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

Application for a Raffle License from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle License No. 08-2020 to be held on January 21, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Wotanowski
Abstain: Tampier
Motion carried.

SETTING THE DATE FOR THE 2021 REORGANIZATION MEETING – The meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. The first Regular Meeting of the Borough Council will follow at 7:30pm. There will not be a meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021.

2021 PROFESSIONALS – The Borough Council instructed the Borough Clerk to prepare the Non-Fair and Open Letters for the hiring of professionals for the year 2021.

RABIES CLINIC – The Borough Clerk noted that the Free Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2020 from 8:30 to 10:00am. A discussion was held as to the manner in which the vaccines will be administered. Due to Covid-19 it was decided that the clinic will not be held inside the Borough Garage as in years past. The Borough Clerk will check with Dr. Discafani as to how he would like to proceed.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Rega to approve the CFO to pay bills as presented on the bill list of November 16, 2020 and to authorize the CFO to pay bills between meetings.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
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 8:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk