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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2021

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

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

Mayor Shaner presented Rob Vance with a Plaque thanking him for his 50 years of service to the residents of the Borough of Hampton as the Tax Assessor and the members of the Borough Council wished Mr. Vance well as he enters this new chapter in his life.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Regular Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 24, 2021 Executive Session.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Pam Bailey- Musconetcong Watershed Association representative reported that the Musconetcong Watershed Association is placing a sensor station in the river that runs through Hampton Borough Park. They are looking for citizen volunteers to learn how the sensor is maintained and how to obtain data from the sensor for reporting. This sensor monitors dissolved salts, temperature and depth.

Communications:

Thank you notes received from the Hampton School Scholarship Recipients for High GPA at Voorhees High School – Austin Celentano and Alba Paz-Sanchez.

Zoning Officer Report – 2nd Quarter 2021

Court Report –June 2021

Tax Collector Report- June 2021

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinances:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2021.

Voice Vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12 MACKENZIE ROAD.

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existing encumbrances, liens, easements, zoning ordinances, other restrictions of record, such facts as an accurate survey would reveal and any present or future assessments for the construction of improvements benefiting the Property, including the Borough's Affordable Housing Settlement and the provisions of said settlement pertaining to this parcel. A survey of the Property may be conducted by any prospective bidder, at its discretion, as part of its due diligence; the bidder is responsible for conducting any and all inspections and testing of the Property at its own cost and expense. No representation is made by the Borough as to the utility, usability or environmental condition of the Property, except as otherwise set forth herein.

- h. The deed given by the Borough to the Property will be a Quitclaim Deed. No title contingencies or conditions are permitted.
- i. The sale shall be subject to adjournment or cancellation by the Borough Council.
- j. The sale shall be subject to restrictions of record and local ordinances.
- k. The Borough shall retain the right to reject all bids.

SECTION 4. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that 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.

Seeing no comments or questions from the Public, Mayor Shaner closed the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2021.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Swenson to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2021.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study – A discussion was held among the Mayor and Borough Council regarding the possibility of holding a Public Session to explain the Municipal Budget and Hampton School Budgets to the residents of Hampton. Also to give the residents the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions as to whether the Borough of Hampton should continue to have a local school or to have the students sent to another district. By presenting and comparing all of the numbers there can be more of an understanding of costs to help the Borough better understand what the future will look like financially.

It was decided that the September 27 meeting would be the best meeting to invite the Hampton School Administrators and School Board members as well as members of the public.

The Municipal Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Hampton School Administrators and School Board Members to invite them to join in the discussion. The Borough Attorney advised that if all members of the Hampton School Board choose to attend the meeting it will have to be advertised as a joint meeting.

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Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson deferred to Alan Brower who reported on the wells

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

Cm. Drummond deferred to Alan Brower who reported that we are waiting for the 3 quotes for soil removal at the Lumberyard property.

Municipal Clerk's Report – No report.

New Business:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57-2021 – APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE EAST GRAND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Hampton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2022-East Grand Street Improvement Project-00298 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Hampton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hampton and their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves execution of the grant agreement.

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

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the following Applicant's for Membership in the NJ State Firemen's Association:
Timothy R. Phelan and Warren A. Gabriel, III.

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

Park Rental Applications: NONE

Raffle License Applications: NONE

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of July 12, 2021 and to authorize the CFO to pay bills between meetings.

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

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Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Wotanowski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk