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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 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
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	
	Absent:	John Drummond	Doug Rega

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

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the Regular Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Rick Allen, Fire Chief – Chief Allen thanked everyone for coming to the Captain Eddie Simpson event. It was well attended and went really well.

Chief Allen noted that in 2024 it will be the 125th Anniversary of the Hampton Fire Company. The Fire Company will be planning a big celebration that will include a parade and would like a member from the Borough Council to be on the planning committee.

Chief Allen also noted that every year the OEM should have a table top drill and recommended that a meeting be set up for those involved in the safety of the community to discuss the roles that everyone has in the event of an emergency.

Communications:

Monthly Crossing Guard Report and request to hire Crossing Guard from Chief Kubinak.

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

Request from Chief Corey Kubinak to advertise and hire a Crossing Guard to replace one that has submitted their resignation.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

Municipal Court July 2021 Distribution and July & August Activity Report – No discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinances:

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Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2021 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, AND SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 130 FEES AND CHARGES

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. Swenson to close the Public Hearing.

Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Celentano to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2021.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton as follows:

Section I.

It was been determined that significant staff time for research and reproduction of documents is required to produce certain types of tax sale documents, and the New Jersey Statutes provide that a fee may be charged for such services.

NOW, THEREFORE Chapter 130 Fees and Charges and specifically subsection 130-5 Fee Schedule, shall be amended to include the new sub-sections as follows:

(L) Redemption calculations of tax liens. A property owner or a person who has the right to redeem may request two redemption calculations per calendar year. Any additional calculations will be charged \$50 per calculation.

(M) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-97.1, the Tax Collector shall charge a lienholder a fee of \$50 for calculation of the amount due to redeem the tax lien required to be provided by that statute on a certificate that he or she owns; the fee may not be passed onto the certificate. The lienholder must specify the date to be used for the calculation.

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(N)Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-26, the Tax Collector shall charge a fee of \$25 for the cost of mailing each notice of tax sale, by either regular or certified mail, to each interested party for a particular property. The cost of mailing shall be added to the cost of the tax sale in addition to those provided in N.J.S.A. 54:5-38.

Section II

All other provisions of Chapter 130 Fees and charges, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section III

If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Chapter shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgement shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section IV

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to the Laws of the State

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

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

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. Swenson to close the Public Hearing.

Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held among the members of the Borough Council regarding SECTION 3b Minimum Bid resulting in the following.

Motion by Cm. Swenson to amend SECTION 3b of Ordinance No. 10-2021 to reflect a Minimum Bid of \$30,000.00, second by Cm. Wotanowski.

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

Public Hearing and Adoption on the following Ordinance are set for September 27, 2021 after 7:30pm.:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2021 – 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.

Parking Ordinance – This is still being worked on.

Lumberyard – Material Import Quotes were received, however they were high enough that this part of the remediation project may have to go out to bid.

School Study – Board of Education Meeting September 14, 2021 7:00pm, Hampton School Library. Members of the School Board and Administration are unable to attend our meeting on September 27, 2021, therefore it is recommended that if there are questions regarding the school budget that members of Council and residents attend the school board meeting.

Cm. Swenson recommended that the Borough Council requested that the Borough Attorney write a letter to the School Board Attorney to let the school know officially where the Borough Council stands on keeping the school open. The rest of the members present agreed, however, it was recommended that the letter not be sent until after the Mayor and other members of the Borough Council attend the Hampton School Board Meeting on September 14, 2021 and have an opportunity to discuss this issue.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson deferred to Alan Brower who reported on the Water Company and requested assistance on clarifying ownership of Hackett Lane due to a water leak.

Cm. Drummond, Cm. Rega were all absent.

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

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Municipal Clerk's Report – Nothing to report.

New Business:

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

Authorization needed for the Mayor to sign the NJABC Permit Application for a One Day Social Affair Permit submitted by the Hampton Fire Company for Barrel Fight and Duck Race to be held on October 9, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Celentano, Swenson, Wotanowski, Mayor Shaner

Abstain: Tampier Motion carried.

Park Rental Applications:

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the following Park Rental Application:

Application received from Andrea Dilts to use the Borough Park on October 3, 2021 for a Birthday Party, approx. 60 guests. Fees paid.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the following Park Rental Application

Application submitted by Timothy Phelan for use of the Borough Park on September 18, 2021.

Voice Vote. 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 13, 2021 and to authorize the CFO to pay bills between meetings.

Roll call: Aye: Celentano, 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 8:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk