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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

May 24, 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
		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.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Drummond to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Chief Rick Allen that during the week of June 21-25 the floors of the fire house and rescue squad are going to be redone. This is a week long process that will entail clearing out the 2 buildings. There will also be noise and some fumes. It was noted that the Municipal Clerk has a vacation scheduled for that week so the Municipal Offices will be closed to the public.

Chief Allen also requested permission from the Borough Council, on behalf of the Rescue Squad, that they be allowed to have 2 Temporary Portable Storage Units on site while the project is going on. The Ordinance only allows one. The consensus of the members of the Hampton Borough Council was to authorize 2 temporary storage units for the rescue squad.

Councilman Drummond inquired about the cost to replace the entry door while the floors are being done. Kathy Olsen, CFO said there may be funds in the Buildings and Grounds Budget.

Communications:

Letter from The Board of County Commissioners re: Shared Service Co-op of Electric Supply Service from Concord Energy- Reply needed by June 18, 2021.

The Borough Clerk will obtain more information and report back to the Borough Council.

Court – Monthly Distribution Report April 2021 – Received, no discussion

Crossing Guard Report – April 2021 from Chief Kubinak – Received, no discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Introduction of the following Ordinance Tabled – This Ordinance will be placed on subsequent agendas until all necessary information to move forward is available.

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

This Ordinance will be ready for introduction at the next meeting.

Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study - No discussion.

Reports of Committees:

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

Cm. Drummond deferred to Alan Brower, who reported that the Lumberyard ground has been dug up and soil tested.

Mr. Brower also noted that one of the DPW employees has resigned and he would like permission to advertise to fill the part-time per deim position and a seasonal position. All members of the Borough Council agreed to this request.

Mr. Brower also noted that one of the Park Applicants requested the use of the water at the park. It was noted that this water is not potable and access to the water should not be allowed.

DPW Director Brower requested that the DPW be gated because people are using the property without authorization, which leaves the Borough liable. Members of the Borough council agreed with this request.

Cm Celentano reported that the Personnel Committee met and reviewed the Resumes of candidates for the Tax Assessor position. Once the deadline of May 28th arrives they will begin interviews. Cm. Celentano requested an Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel.

Municipal Clerk's Report – Municipal Clerk Leidner brought up the possible need for a different policy for Port-A-John rentals by the people that rent the park for events. DPW Director explained that having the park renters get their own Port-A-Johns is an issue because they are being placed incorrectly and there is no way to keep other people from using the rented Port-A-Johns. It was decided that the Borough will rent the additional Port-A-John from their vendor and pass a portion of the cost onto the renters.

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to introduce the following Bond Ordinance NO. 07-2021 by title and set Public Hearing and Adoption for June 14, 2021.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 07-2021 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$81,295 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$81,295 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

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

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Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to introduce the following Bond Ordinance NO. 08-2021 by title and set Public Hearing and Adoption for June 14, 2021.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 08-2021 –BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$320,325 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$304,309 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

Request to refund of portion of park rental fee to Kristen McCormack for Park Rental on May 2, 2021

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to allow Kristen McCormack to use the Borough Park on July 11, 2021 with no fees due to the lack of electricity on the previous rental on May 8, 2021.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2021 – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL 2021/2022 FOR HAMPTON FIRE COMPANY

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2021

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote safety for public gatherings in the Borough of Hampton, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council may impose reasonable restrictions on a case by case basis to insure adequate health and safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton sets the following restrictions on the issuance of all Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses and Club Licenses:

If the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License plans to present an event featuring eight or more entertainers or which is advertised outside the limits of the Borough of Hampton and at which more than two hundred participants can reasonably be anticipated, the license holder must appear before the Borough Council at least forty-five days prior to the date of the event to demonstrate the following:

- A. That adequate provisions have been made for parking.
- B. That adequate security measures have been taken.
- C. That the premises are adequately equipped for such events in Compliance with all state and local health and fire officials.
- D. That all precautions have been taken to protect the health, safety, Comfort and well being of the residents of the Borough of Hampton.

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BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that nothing in this restriction is to be used to inflict any hardship on any person in the Borough of Hampton. The single purpose of this Resolution is to insure the public good, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that persons desiring a Plenary Retail Consumption License and Club License are to sign a statement that they have read and understood this Resolution and that they consent to the imposition of this Special Condition, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that a Club License be issued to the following as described by Licensee Name and License Type:

License Name: Hampton Fire Company A Non Profit Corporation of NJ
Trade Name: Hampton Fire Company
License Type: Club License
License Number: 1013-31-004-002
License Term: 2021/2022

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution certified to be a true copy by the Borough Clerk be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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

Park Rental Applications:

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Tampier to approve the following Park Rental Applications:

Park Rental Application from Francis Clark for the use of the park on Saturday, July 17, 2021 for a family gathering. Approx. 30-40 guests. Fees & Porta A John Rental received.

Park Rental Application received from Denise Bryant for the use of the park on Sunday, August 22, 2021 for a Baby Shower. Approx. 40-50 guests

Voice Vote: Motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Wotanowski, second by Cm. Rega to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of May 24, 2021.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RESOLUTION NO. 52-2021

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., declares it to be the public policy of the State to insure the right of citizens to have adequate advance notice of and the right to attend meetings of public bodies at which business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act also recognized exceptions to the right of the public to attend portions of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find it necessary to conduct an executive session closed to the public as permitted by the N.J.S.A. 40:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the executive session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they will conduct an executive session to discuss the following topic (s) as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:4-12:

PERSONNEL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby declare that their discussion of the subjects identified above may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises them that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated to be: One Year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council for the reasons set forth above, hereby declare that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place.

Voice Vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:28pm for Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Rega to close the Executive Session at 8:31pm.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:31pm.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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 8:31p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk