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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 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. This meeting immediately followed the 2021 Reorganization Meeting of the Council. 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: Alan Brower, CPWM.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting and the Minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Mayor Shaner noted that Rick Allen, Fire Chief was unable to be in attendance for the meeting this evening but wanted to share information about a fire call in Washington Borough on January 23, 2021. Chief Allen was very proud of his crew that were at the scene and were an integral part of rescuing a woman from the burning building.

Communications:

Letter from Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use re: Public Comment Sought on Highlands Conformance Plan Hearing February 4, 2021 – No discussion.

Hampton School Board Special Meeting – February 2, 2021 at 6:00PM to Approve Postponement of QSAC (NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum). Via Zoom – No discussion.

Tax Collector Report Tax Levy Analysis – No discussion.

Municipal Court Report – December 2020 – No discussion.

Old Business:

Introduction of the following ordinance: **TABLED**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021 – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 12 MACKENZIE ROAD, 202 ROUTE 31 NORTH AND 141 NJ ROUTE/31 BOWLBY STREET

Motion; second. Roll call.

Discussion was held regarding two of these properties resulting in the following:

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Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Rega to authorize a survey to be done on Borough owned property at 202 Route 31 North and a PERC be done on Borough owned property located at 141 Route 31/Bowlby Street.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2021 – ORDINANCE SETTING THE FEE FOR A ¾ INCH CONNECTION TO THE WATER SYSTEM - Authorized to be prepared by the Borough Attorney for Introduction at the next meeting.

Discussion – Parking Ordinance Borough Clerk Leidner noted that the Borough Attorney provided samples from other municipalities and recommended that a committee be created to tailor the ordinance to the Borough of Hampton.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson, deferred to Water Operator Alan Brower who gave an update on the progress of the well project.

Cm. Wotanowski, Cm Celentano, Cm. Drummond, had nothing to report.

Cm. Rega reported that we have crossing guards.

Cm. Tampier- Mr. Brower reported that the garbage truck is fixed.

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Borough Clerk Leidner reported that for various reasons the water bills have been delayed. Readings will be done next week.

Also, Ms. Leidner requested permission to send the newsletters without the School Survey since the School Study Committee is waiting for more information regarding this issue. Permission was granted.

Borough Clerk Leidner inquired about the status of the request for a handicapped parking spot at 1 E Grand Street. Borough Engineer Brennan noted that the slope in that location is too steep for a handicapped spot. A letter will be sent to the requestor.

New Business:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2021

ACCEPTANCE OF TAX COLLECTOR’S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-91 requires that the Tax Collector shall submit an annual statement of receipts to the governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton that the following Collector’s Annual Report of Receipts for the Year Ending December 31, 2020, be hereby acknowledged and accepted as submitted.

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TAX COLLECTION OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Interest	\$26,139.84
2021 Taxes Prepaid	\$60,759.89
2020 Taxes	\$4,427,938.95
2019 Taxes	\$145,173.13
Municipal Lien Redeemed	\$0.00
Outside Liens Redeemed	\$236.49
Miscellaneous	\$20.00
Total	<u>\$4,660,268.30</u>

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

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

RESOLUTION 33-2021

TRANSFERS BETWEEN 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVES

WHEREAS, various 2020 bills have been presented for payment this year, which bills were not covered by order number and/or recorded at the time of transfers between the 2020 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2020; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton that transfers in the amount of \$5,000.00 be made between the 2020 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

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	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Legal		
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	
Engineering		
Other Expenses		\$ 2,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses		\$ 2,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

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

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, Second by Cm. Celentano to approve an Application for a Raffle License from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary for an Off Premise Raffle License No. 01-2021 to be held on February 18, 2021.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Tampier second by Cm Wotanowski to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of January 25, 2021.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Rega, Tampier, Swenson, Wotanowski
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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk