

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2020

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.

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

The following people were also present: Matt Lyons, Borough Attorney, Alan Brower, CPWM, Kathy Olsen, CFO and Rick Allen, Hampton Fire Chief.

Mayor Shaner noted that the minutes listed below will be available on February 10, 2020.

Minutes of the December 09, 2019 Regular and Executive Session Meeting

Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting

Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Marci Krasny, Business Administrator and Jason Kornegay, Superintendent of the Hampton Public School noted that they are in attendance to see if the Borough Council would consider entering into a shared services agreement for services such as lawn mowing and snow removal. Several years ago there was a shared services agreement.

Mayor Shaner requested that the Borough Council have an opportunity to take a look at the request and get back to Ms. Krasny and Mr. Kornegay, they were fine with this request.

Com Rega will be meeting with Mr. Kornegay and Ms. Krasny to work on an agreement.

Jose Medeiro, Bethlehem Township Committeeman – inquired as to whether the Borough Council has ever considered using Green Acres or County Open Space funds to buy out the developer that is looking to build the development on Valley Road. Mr. Medeiro noted that he is willing to help with the process if the Borough Council is interested in pursuing this option.

Fire Chief, Rick Allen brought handed out a packet of information to the members of the Borough Council that contained budgetary information for review by the Borough Council. Fire Chief Allen reviewed the document with the members present. Chief Allen noted that the Fire Company is not expecting answers tonight but wanted the Borough Council to know what the Fire Company feels that it needs to provide fire services to the Borough and to keep the members safe when responding to calls.

Communications:

Request from the Hampton Woman’s Club to be on the Agenda to share the artist renderings for the Welcome to Hampton signs. Mrs. Cregar was in attendance to show the Borough Council the renderings

of the “Welcome to Hampton” signs that the Woman’s Club is donating to the Borough. Mrs. Cregar showed the current signs and the new design for the signs. Once the signs are in place they become property of the Borough, they will need to be added to the Fixed Asset list and insured.

Mrs. Cregar also noted that the Hampton Woman’s Club will be dissolving due to lack of membership, the signs are the last project for the club and then they will then be out of money. The Woman’s Club will do the egg hunt in April and that will be it.

Memo from Town of Clinton requesting Hampton Borough to pass a similar Resolution passed by them supporting securing a grant to convert Hunterdon County Polytech into a full time career and technical school. The member of the Borough Council all agreed that a Resolution should be done, Borough Clerk Leidner will prepare and have it ready for the next meeting.

Letter to Highlands’s Council re: Water Use and Conservation Management Plan. All members of the Borough Council approved the letter as presented by Borough Attorney Tar St. Angelo, the Borough Clerk will let her know of the approval.

Old Business:

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Rega to Introduce the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE #01-2020 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93, ENTITLED “ANIMALS” TO ADD ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 93-17, 93-18 AND 93-19 TO THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGULATING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Public Hearing will be held on February 10, 2020 and approving the cost of advertising.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Tampier, Swenson
Abstain: Wotanowski.
Motion carried.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson reported that he spoke with Bill Burr, Borough Engineer regarding the Tax Map update, the maps are almost ready. Drawings need to be on the Tax Map for the condominiums, Mr. Burr and the Tax Assessor are working on obtaining that information for inclusion on the Tax Maps.

Alan Brower reported on the progress of the well project. The DEP will come out and do inspections. After the inspections a series of water testing need to be done before the well goes online. Having Well #5 up and running should be fairly quick so that work on Well #4 can get started.

Cm. Rega reported that things are moving forward on the crossing guard situation, this will be discussed in Executive Session.

Cm. Wotanowski reported that he has been working with William Fleck on getting his Eagle Scout proposal ready.

Cm. Drummond – reported that the Borough Engineer has been working on the layout and planning for the Main Street improvements. Mr. Brower noted that letters should be sent to the gas company and residents to let them know if they want to tie into the gas line this needs to be done prior to the construction.

Cm. Baker reported that we are currently waiting for approval from the AOC for the Court transfer.

New Business:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2020 ACCEPTANCE OF TAX COLLECTOR'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Resolution # 35-2020

Acceptance of Tax Collector's 2019 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, 2019, be hereby acknowledged and accepted as submitted.

TAX COLLECTION OFFICE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Interest	\$18,594.51
2020 Taxes Prepaid	\$49,256.72
2019 Taxes	\$3,936,279.24
2018 Taxes	\$59,181.80
Municipal Lien Redeemed	\$2,132.48
Outside Liens Redeemed	\$15,579.86
Total	<u>\$4,081,024.61</u>

Roll call vote: Ayes: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Tampier, Swenson, Wotanowski
All ayes: motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2020 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

RESOLUTION #36-2020

WHEREAS, various 2019 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 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserve in the last two months of 2019; 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 \$18,000.00 be made between the 2019 Budget Appropriation Reserves as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Streets & Roads		
Other Expenses	\$15,000.00	
Street Lighting		
Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses		\$15,000.00
Electricity		
Other Expenses		\$ 3,000.00
TOTALS	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$18,000.00</u>

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

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

Trailer Coach Park License Renewal Application from Hunterdon Hills Mobile Home Park

Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Rega to approve the following:

Application for the use of the Hampton Borough Park on May 9, 2020 from Jean Thayer for a family picnic, 50-55 people (Rental Fee of \$275.00 has been received)

Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Baker, second by Rega to approve the following:

Application for the use of the Hampton Borough Park on October 4, 2020 from Chris Butler for the Terry Butler 5K, Approx. 125 participants (Received \$100.00 deposit, \$125.00 remaining due and Proof of additional) Port-A Jon Rental)

Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Baker, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the CFO to pay bills as presented on the bill list of January 27, 2020.

Roll call vote: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All ayes, motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020 - EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF Contract Negotiation.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020

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:

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

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.

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

Executive Session began at 8:08pm

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski second by Cm Drummond to close the Executive Session and open to the public.

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

Meeting was reopened to the public at 8:33pm

Results of Executive Session were as follows:

No action to be taken as a result of Executive Session.

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 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk