

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**December 9, 2019**

Mayor Cregar called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by the Deputy Municipal Clerk. The notice of this meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 10, 2019. 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 Cregar	Bob Baker
		John Drummond	Doug Rega
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	

The following people were also present: Alan Brower, CPWM, Kathy Olsen, CFO, Matt Lyons, Borough Attorney, and Linda Leidner, Deputy Borough Clerk.

The minutes of the Regular Session meeting of November 18, 2019 and the Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2019 were approved as presented by the Deputy Municipal Clerk by a motion that was made by Cm Wotanowski second by Cm. Regar; Voice Vote: All ayes motion carried.

**Comments and Questions from the Public:**

State Troop was in attendance to see if any of the members of the Borough Council had any questions or concerns regarding the State Police coverage. There were none.

Rick Allen noted that everything is going along great with the Fire Company. Mr. Allen inquired if the members of the Borough Council had any questions or concerns regarding the Fire Company. There were none.

**Communications:**

**Letter from Boy Scout William Fleck** regarding possible Eagle Scout Project. - Mr. Fleck will be in attendance. Mr. Fleck explained that he is a Boy Scout with Troop 1969 out of Stanton in Whitehouse Station, NJ and that he was here this evening to present his Boy Scout Eagle Project idea to the Borough Council. He explained that his two grandfathers were in WWII and his uncle was in Vietnam and that is what inspired him for this project. Mr. Fleck is proposing to place flags that represent the branches of the military at the memorial park here in Hampton. Mr. Fleck has spoken to Fire Chief Rick Allen. Mr. Fleck will meeting with Mr. Allen to see what the best design would work the best. Mr. Wotanowski recommended that Mr. Fleck work on the plan and come back to the Borough Council in January with the optimal design. The Borough Council is willing to consider this project.

**Letter from State of New Jersey Department of Transportation** advising the Borough that it will receive \$125,000.00 from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Program for the Main Street Improvement Project- Phase 3.

**Old Business:**

Livestock Ordinance – Mrs. Leidner noted that the sample Ordinance is in the packets and reminded the Council Members that it can't be introduced until January. This was Tabled to the January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting.

**Court Shared Services** – Mr. Baker noted that he has visited the Clinton Township Court and has a tour of the facilities. Mr. Baker explained that the Borough will get all of the fine money back. Reports are much more detailed. Mr. Baker explained that there are more options for ways to pay fines. The signing of this contract will be Tabled to January 6.

A letter needs to be sent to Raritan Township letting them know that the Borough will be changing Courts. Mr. Baker advised Deputy Clerk Leidner to reach out to Borough Attorney Tara St. Angelo for a sample letter.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Cm. Swenson** – Mr. Swenson deferred to Alan Brower who reported that the generator for Well #5 will be coming tomorrow. Mr. Brower also reported that 80% of the wiring is done on Well #5, nothing on Well #4 yet. Once generator is set then the power can be attached. Panels came in but breakers were not there so Mr. Brower anticipates that in about a week or two the power in well house #5 will be on its own. Then he will work with the DEP to start up Well #5 so that work on Well #4 can begin.

**Cm. Rega** – Mr. Rega reported that we are in the investigation and assessment stage of the crossing guard process. Chief Kubinak has been around. The Borough.

**Cm. Wotanowski** had nothing to report.

**Cm. Baker** reported that he is still trying to speak with someone from Hampton School to get information as to how many kids graduated from there in the last 4 years and how the school spent their budget last year.

**Cm. Tampier**- Mr. Brower reported that almost all of the Christmas lights are up. Mr. Brower noted that they rented a lift but recommended purchasing a new or used lift. Because it can be used for many things throughout the Borough.

**Cm. Drummond** explained that the garbage truck suffered a catastrophic failure the engine dropped a lifter and wiped out the cam and sent metal fragments throughout the engine. The engine needs to be replaced, the work began today. Mr. Drummond anticipates the truck to be back the middle of next week. In the meantime we will be sharing Glen Gardner's garbage truck so garbage will be collected on Tuesday and recycling on Wednesday.

**New Business:**

**Discussion - Rates for Park Rentals, Water Connections and Dumpsters for 2020**

**Park Rentals** – Mr. Brower explained that the cost to get rid of garbage has gone up and the cost to have the bathrooms cleaned adds up especially when there are back to back rentals. When there are back to back rentals someone has to come in and prepare the park for the next rental and that costs the town overtime fees. The fees have not been raised in a long time. After a discussion the following rate change will go into effect after the Resolution is passed in January:

Non-Resident or Organization from \$350.00 to \$475.00  
 Non-Resident, Non-Profit Organization (School, Church, etc.) – from \$200.00 to \$375.00  
 Hampton Resident or Business from \$150.00 to \$275.00  
 Hampton Volunteer - \$100.00  
 Hampton Non-Profit Org. (Church, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) from \$100.00 to \$225.00  
 Hampton Fire Company, Hampton Emergency Squad and Hampton Public School – FREE  
 (specific to organization, not individual members of)  
 Hampton HRA, HAS, HBCEF, Woman’s Club – FREE (specific to organization, not individual members of)  
 Refundable Security Deposit of \$300.00 remains the same.

**Dumpster Rentals** – Due to the rising cost of getting rid of garbage the cost of dumpster rentals should be increased. The new Dumpster Rental Rate will be \$225.00 upon passing the new resolution in January.

**Water Connection rate** must be set and put back into the Borough Code. This will be Tabled to 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 72 -2019**  
 Appropriation Transfer Resolution

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that there will be excesses in certain appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations for the year 2019 and it has also been determined that certain appropriations are deemed to be insufficient to fulfill the purposes of such appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of the amount of such appropriations as may be deemed in excess to such appropriations as may be deemed to be insufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfers about to be authorized do not affect any appropriations, to which or from which transfer are prohibited under the statutes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following transfers between 2019 appropriations be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58:

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
Street Lighting	Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Legal	Other Expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Street & Roads	Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00
Employee Group Ins.	Other Expenses	\$15,000.00
Natural Gas	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	Other Expenses	\$24,000.00

Tipping Fees	Other Expenses		\$ 8,000.00
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<b>TOTALS</b>		\$32,000.00	\$32,000.0

**Roll call vote: Aye: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski  
All aye: Motion carried.**

Motion by Cm Wotanowski to pay the bills and claims as presented on the bill list dated 12/09/2020 second by Cm. Baker.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski.  
All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Rega to cancel the Borough Council Meeting of December 23 and authorize the CFO to pay normal bills between meetings, second by Cm. Drummond.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski.  
All ayes, motion carried.

**Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Drummond to adopt the following resolution:**

**BOROUGH OF HAMPTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 73 -2019**

**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:

**LITIGATION AND OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WHERE THE PUBLIC MAY BECOME A PARTY UNDER NJSA 10:4-12 B7**

**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:** AYES: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski  
All ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session began at 8:26pm

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Drummond to close the Executive Session and to go into Public Session

**Voice Vote:** All ayes: motion carried.

Executive Session ended at 8:47pm

There are no results from the Executive Session where formal action needs to be taken.

Prior to making a motion to adjourn the meeting Cm. Swenson made mention that this is Mayor Cregar's last meeting as a member of the Hampton Borough Council, all members present thanked Mayor Cregar for his 20 years of service.

**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 8:48p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk