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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2021

Cm. Carroll Swenson called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. Borough Clerk Linda Leidner 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:	Rob Celentano Carroll Swenson	Doug Rega Jeff Tampier
	Absent:	Mayor Shaner Rob Wotanowski	John Drummond

The following people were also present: Kathy Olsen, CFO and Alan Brower, DPW Director.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Tampier to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes of the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Chief Rick Allen asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Fire Company. There were none.

Communications:

South Branch Emergency Services – Hampton Rescue Squad Merge – Discussion

Members of the Hampton Rescue Squad that included the Chief – Penny Tampier and the President Sharon Burham along with other members and Members from the South Branch Emergency Squad were in attendance to explain and answer questions regarding the proposed merger of Hampton Rescue Squad and South Branch Emergency Services.

Captain Frank Setnicky of the South Branch explained that they merged with High Bridge about a year ago due to low volunteer manpower. His company is proposing the same for Hampton Borough as well as Glen Gardner and Bethlehem Township due to the same issue.

Mr. Setnicky noted that South Branch has been covering Hampton during the daytime for about 20 years.

There will be 2 ambulances in Hampton, one staffed and one back up.

LOSAP is being worked on between participating municipalities and their attorneys.

Approximately 10 EMT's will be switched over into the Town of Clinton's Workers Compensation through Statewide Insurance.

Mr. Setnicky also noted that the need for funding will still exist.

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Mr. Swenson thanked the Rescue Squad for all of their years of service. It was noted that a couple of the founders of the Hampton Emergency Squad were Jeff Tampier's father and Budd Riddle.

Tax Collector Report September 2021- No discussion.

Municipal Court Receipts September 2021 – No discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Fire Company request for Catering Company to use the kitchen:

Borough Clerk Leidner reported that this is still a work in progress. Statewide Insurance sent an inspector today to look at the kitchen and areas that would be used for this rental. They will be sending a report of findings and then the Attorney will work on amending the Fire Company Lease.

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) AND READY PARKING SPACES – TABLED

This Ordinance will be tabled until 2022.

Parking Ordinance – Still a work in progress.

Lumberyard – Mr. Brower reported that we have 2 quotes, one from Harleysville Materials, LLC and one from Capitol Environmental Services.

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Celentano to approve Harleysville Materials, LLS for the transport and disposal of Non-Hazardous Soil and delivery of certified clean soil.

Roll Call Vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier
All ayes, motion carried.

School Study – Cm. Celentano reported that at the last Hampton School Board Meeting it was noted that they will be participating in a Free Regionalization Study through a Grant from the State. Cm. Celentano also reported that the entire project from the study through the actual relocating of the students is a process and will take several years.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Drummond and Cm. Wotanowki were absent.

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

DPW Director Alan Brower reported that while he was at the Public Work's Convention he learned that the Governor is requiring Lead/Galvanized pipes that service the towns will have to be replaced by the owner of the water company from curb box to meter, at the expense of the municipality.

BEST PRACTICES – Kathy Olsen, CFO provided copies of the Best Practices Report to all of the members of Council for their review. She explained that all necessary questions were answered and the Borough will not lose any funding this year.

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Municipal Clerk's Report – Borough Clerk Leidner reported that she would be out of the office from Tuesday, October 26 through Friday October 29. The Drop Box items and mail will be collected by Alan Brower.

Mrs. Leidner also reported that there was a Property Auction for the sale of Borough Property located at 12 MacKenzie Road on Monday October 11, 2021 at 6:45pm. No one attended and no bids were received.

Mrs. Leidner also noted that it looks like the 2022 Reorganization Meeting will need to be held on Monday, January 3, 2022

New Business:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-2021

TAX SALE REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been paid by for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 20-01 in the amount of \$34,698.06, and

WHEREAS, the lienholder paid at the time of sale \$19,000.00 as a premium.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$53,698.06, made payable to Bala Partners, LLC, PO Box 303, Pottersville, New Jersey, 07979 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 20-01.

Roll Call Vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier
All ayes, motion carried.

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the following Raffle License Applications: Raffle License Application received from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary to hold an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle on November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2021

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WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12B8 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: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier
All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 8:19 pm for Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations.

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Rega to close the Executive Session at 8:27pm.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8:27pm.

No action was taken as a result of the 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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk