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BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

March 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: Kathy Olsen, CFO, Alan Brower, DPW Director, Matt Lyons Borough Attorney, Rob Vance, Tax Assessor, Patrick Brennan, Engineer.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Drummond to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

No Comments or Questions from the Public.

Communications:

Crossing Guard Report – February 2021

Raritan Headwaters Donation Request for the 31st Annual Stream Cleanup- Saturday, April 17, 2021- Kathy Olsen, CFO explained that they are requesting \$1,000.00 donation towards the clean-up. It was determined that the Borough is unable to donate at this time.

Possible Introduction of the following ordinances:

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 – **TABLED TO APRIL 12**

Due to the large amounts of snow this winter it has been difficult to do the proper testing to determine the value of these properties. Borough Attorney Matt Lyons suggested that this be tabled to April 12 to give the Borough Officials some time to obtain the proper information regarding these properties.

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinance:

Motion by Cm. Drummond, Second by Cm. Swenson to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2021.

ORDINANCE #02-2021: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235 WATER UTILITY OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

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

There were no comments or questions from the public. Mayor Shaner closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, Second by Cm. Swenson to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2021.

ORDINANCE #02-2021
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235 WATER UTILITY OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hampton has recommended an increase to customers' base water connection rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton that Chapter 235 entitled "Water Utility" of the Code of the Borough of Hampton ("Code") is hereby amended, in part, as follows:

SECTION 1 Amending Section 235-7G – Oversize tap charges. Paragraph G is hereby amended and replaced as follows (additions indicated in boldface and italics "*thus*," deletions indicated with strike-through "~~thus~~"):

- G. (1) Oversize tap charges. If a connection charge is due in accordance with subsection F of these regulations and the tap therefore ~~exceeds~~ *is 3/4 inch or greater*, the following schedule of charges shall be applicable:

Water Main Connection Tap (Inches)	Charge
<i>3/4</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
1	\$1,100.00
1.5	\$1,500.00
2	\$1,700.00

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effectively immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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

Public Hearing and Adoption are scheduled for March 22, 2021 for the following Ordinance:

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ORDINANCE NO. 03-2021 – Ordinance to Amend Chapter 207 of the Code of the Borough of Hampton Entitled “Stormwater Management” To Reflect Amendments to The New Jersey Stormwater Management Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:8, Adopted March 2, 2020 and the Stormwater Control Ordinance Amendments contained within the Highlands Regional Master Plan, Adopted October 2019

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinance to be held April 12, 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021 – ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF PAPER STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS

The Hampton Planning Board sent a letter to the Municipal Clerk and Council Members regarding concerns they had on the Ordinance.

Borough Clerk Leidner explained that letters and copies of the Ordinance are being sent via Certified and Regular Mail to the residents directly affected by this Ordinance and those within 200’.

Members of the Planning Board will receive a copy of the packet being sent to residents and the Tax Map that indicates the area affected by these changes.

Borough Engineer Brennan explained that there is no Official Zoning Map in an electronic version. There is a paper map that a previous Zoning Officer marked up with the zones.

Tax Assessor Rob Vance explained that the tax impact on the property owners adjacent to the Alley Ways being vacated is minimal. Mr. Vance estimates between \$6.00 and \$12.00 per year.

Discussion – Parking Ordinance - No updates.

School Study - No discussion

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson, Cm. Wotanowski, Cm Celentano, Cm. Rega, Cm. Drummond and Cm. Tampier had nothing to report.

Municipal Clerk’s Report – Borough Clerk Leidner inquired as to what the status was for renting out the park this summer. Mr. Brower noted that we are no longer able to use the bathrooms at the park due to the proximity of the septic to the new well. Discussion was held as to whether to update Park Rental Application to include the rental of Port-A-John’s for all renters. There was no decision.

New Business:

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm. Drummond to approve the request from the Chief Financial Officer to pay the bills on the bill list of March 8, 2021.

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

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Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Wotanowski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk