

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was held on the above date with Mayor Amy L. Gatto presiding. Members present were Aline Dix, Rodney Guishard, Judy Link and Roger Silva. Also present were Michael S. Jacobs, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert S. Sandman, Township Solicitor, and Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer.

The meeting opened with the flag salute followed by the Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act by posting a notice of this meeting on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda for this meeting to the Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM February 4, 2013 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Mayor Gatto commented on the New Jersey Legislature voting to incorporate the Township of Hamilton 200 years ago tomorrow. She explained it was part of Gloucester County at that time and didn't become part of Atlantic County until 1837. The Mayor commented on a book published by the Historic Society about 12 years ago called The Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County. Mayor Gatto read portions of the minutes from the first Township meeting which was held in April 1813. She referred to a transcription of the meeting given to her by Dottie Kinsey and read the names of the first Mayor (called the Moderator), Committee Members, Assessor, Collectors, Court of Appeal, the Surveyors, Overseer of Roads, Constable, Judge of the Election, Freeholders, Pounds Keeper, Overseer of the Poor, and the Township Clerk. Mayor Gatto commented on seeing several local history buffs in the audience and invited everyone to stay and have a piece of the 200th birthday cake after the meeting adjourned.

There were no executive session and no executive session confirmations.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the lien amount in Agenda Item 7.E(1) be changed to reflect the revised amount of \$ 2,573.99 and the lien amount in Agenda Item 7.E(2) be changed to reflect the revised amount of \$4,496.27.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN".

There were no early public comments on agenda items not listed for public hearing

Planning Board response to request for vacation of alley in Block 736:

Mr. Jacobs explained vacation of this alley had been requested before but the Ordinance wasn't approved because people came in who were concerned because it was the only access to the rear of their property. He said the Planning Board didn't provide any recommendation on this request. Mr. Silva asked if the fire company wanted it vacated so they could expand their parking lot. Mr. Jacobs said that was his understanding Mr. Silva asked if it was correct that the houses to the right have no access to their rear yards. Mr. Jacobs said he believes at least one of them didn't have access; and the person who requested it the first time put a dumpster there and the Township had them remove it. Mrs. Dix said the lots on Mill Street are only 40' or 50' wide, the alley being only 10' wide, and it is a residential zone

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so the issue of the alley and a parking lot in a residential zone is different. She commented on not knowing if the fire company checked with Planning and Zoning to see what they can do and said she would rather see conversation in town hall with the people involved to see if they really understand what they are getting into. Mr. Guishard said he looked there and it wasn't clear to him that there would be no access if the alley were blocked. He said they could potentially come around the other way. He suggested more investigation is needed before the Committee moves on it. Mrs. Link commented it being all grassy with no asphalt and there seemed to be a wide alleyway on one side of the building but the third dwelling from the liquor store seemed to need access. Mrs. Dix suggested contacting the electric company to make sure there are no utilities servicing the properties from the rear like there is in the alley on the other side of Mill Street. Mayor Gatto said if there were any there would be utility easements and the Committee would have to understand that before vacating the alley. The Mayor said the minutes from the Planning Board show that the Board indicated there would not be a negative impact from a Master Plan viewpoint. Mrs. Anderson suggested that whoever is involved get input from Nancy Rainbow because Nancy showed her a portion of law that said if the alley is vacated they can't put up anything that will impede access to it because those people have had free and uninterrupted access to it for access to the back of their property for so many years. Mayor Gatto suggested that the request be tabled so Mr. Winterbottom could be invited in for a work session with Nancy Rainbow or Phil Sartorio to make sure they are fully aware of the rules and information to consider from a Planning and Zoning perspective; that the Committee needs to find out if there is anything they have to consider from a utility or other easement perspective; and then it be brought back to the Committee for a vote and a public hearing. Mr. Guishard asked if it would be worthwhile to have some of the occupants of those properties attend that meeting. Mayor Gatto said they would get notice of the public hearing and the important part is to make sure that the fire department understands what is allowed on vacated property. She said it is stated in the letter that they may want to put up a fence. Mrs. Link commented on Mays Landing Liquor and Deli being up for sheriff's sale and said her concern was that the owner may not be represented. Mr. Sandman explained the notice would usually go to the owner listed on the property record card but he would notify the Sheriff because the Township is aware the property is in the hands of the Sheriff. There were no objections to proceeding as the Mayor suggested and she asked Mr. Jacobs to set up the meeting with the fire department.

Lake Lenape Dam Advisory Committee recommendations:

Mr. Silva explained the Advisory Committee met on January 24th and the current contractor hasn't been able to finish the work at the Dam, putting the liners in the sluice because the engineering firm that did the design didn't allow for any kind of fastening mechanism so the liners would stay in place after they are put in. He said he believed a solution had come up but it was delayed at the present time. Mr. Silva said the contractor didn't feel he could finish the job because he brought up some claims that the Dam was unsafe. He said that the comment that there is a problem with the Dam is not to be echoed throughout the community. He explained O'Brien and Gere, the engineering firm that specializes in dams has been a little slow with their response and that has delayed the work. Mr. Silva explained the three motions made and unanimously passed 6-0, at the Advisory Committee meeting. He referred to the dereccho storm in June and (super storm) Sandy and said they were able to raise and lower the level of the Lake because of the coffer dam mechanism works. He said one issue that came up was that they dumped a lot of trap-rock in front of the dam when hurricane Irene hit and there is some feeling that it may or may not have impeded the structure to a degree. Mr. Silva said he thinks it is in the best interest of the community, Township and residents to get an analysis of the dam to make sure everything is in place. He commented on there being some erosion around the openings to the sluice over time and said the dam is at least 100-150 years old. Mrs. Dix said it was (built in) 1846. Mr.

Silva said he, Mr. Jacobs, and Carl Pitale were present at the meeting and Mr. Sandman was present by phone. Mr. Guishard referred to mention being made of the dam specialist contractor being slow in reacting and of a study and asked if the study was to be done by that contractor or a separate one. Mr. Silva explained there are a number of dams in the County and O'Brien and Gere has been retained by the County over the years to do all of the dam work throughout the County. He said they haven't come forth with the information that they should have. Mr. Jacobs said the Township is paying for half of it but they were hired by the County. He explained there wasn't much time between when the coffer dam was completed so you could lower the water and see the pipes to see what work needed to be done; that is when O'Brien and Gere were hired to do the design for the valves; and that has taken longer than the County thinks is appropriate. Mr. Jacobs said URS Engineering is the new firm the County wants to hire to do an analysis on the current structural condition of the dam and if there is anything wrong with it, what caused it. Mr. Guishard asked if the Township there is a time frame for completion of the study. Mr. Jacobs said parts of it have to be done very quickly. Mr. Silva said he thinks it has to be done before March in order to meet time lines for some of the work that needs to be done. Mr. Jacobs said some of it has to be done by March 1st but he didn't know if the entire study has to be finished then. Mrs. Link asked if URS would be in line for doing the repairs once they do the study and if they would apply that fee to the cost of repairs. Mr. Jacobs said he would be surprised if they find needed repairs but O'Brien and Gere would have long completed the actual design work for the valves by then and that is the only thing left to do on the project. He commented on not wanting to make the investment now that somebody raised the issue of the whole dam until that is explored. Mr. Jacobs said it made sense to him that they would design the specifications if they find something but the County is administrating it; the Township is just co-owner of the dam and co-paying half the bills. Mrs. Link asked if the lake could be raised and lowered at the present time with what is available. Mr. Jacobs said it can but not the way it should be. Mr. Guishard asked to clarify that URS would do the study and may do the design work but would not do the construction or be in charge of the overall project because that would be a potential conflict of interest which would be undesirable. Mr. Jacobs said he thinks the design work for the actual repair is going to be completed by O'Brien and Gere and if (URS) finds something structural wrong with the dam, he doesn't know why they couldn't be hired to do the design but they don't do construction. Mr. Silva said several divers were down there with cameras during the summer; they did quite a bit of monitoring of the sluice openings and looked at various areas around it; and they didn't find anything at that time. Mr. Sandman explained the Lenape Dam Committee is an advisory committee to the Township and the County; that the County would like the Township to do a formal resolution; and they will do the same.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, the County of Atlantic entered into a contract with Agate Construction for repairs to be made to the Lake Lenape Dam; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2013 the Lake Lenape Dam Review Committee met and voted unanimously to recommend the following actions be taken:

- 1) Terminate the Contract with Agate Construction until such time as an independent engineer determines that the Lake Lenape Dam in its current condition is structurally sound.
- 2) Put O'Brien & Gere on notice that they are being held responsible responsible for the delay their firm has caused to the completion of this project to date.
- 3) Hire the firm of URS Engineering to complete a structural analysis of the Lake Lenape Dam in its current condition.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton does hereby approve the Lake Lenape Dam Review Committee recommendations set forth above.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Presentations to outgoing Fire Chiefs:

Mayor Gatto explained outgoing Chief Gabriel couldn't be present because of illness and outgoing Chief Connelly couldn't be present because he was still at his son's game. Mayor Gatto said 4 of the 5 Chiefs retired this year after decades of service and the Township Committee wanted to recognize their efforts and the years of leadership and service they provided. The Mayor commented on it being time away from their families to protect other families in the township. Mayor Gatto read the proclamation then she and Mr. Silva presented framed copies of it to former Chief Elkner and former Chief Cortes. Mr. Silva commented his pleasure being liaison to the fire departments over the past couple of years; becoming familiar with them; and thinking the fire house is their home away from home. He commented on the number of family events they missed and time away from their house to save lives and property. He said it is commendable; that it is very hard to replace them because of their efforts; and that he thanks them for who they are and what they do.

Public hearing/adoption - Ordinance #1737-2013:

Mr. Jacobs explained the Ordinance to lower the fee for a person who owns a lot and wants to build a house for a family member that already passed defined "any legal relationship" and when it was sent to COAH for their review they asked that "Civil Union" be included as a specific relationship. Mayor Gatto said it is strictly a wording change and not a policy change.

There being no questions or comments on the Ordinance, Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the public hearing be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mrs. Dix moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1737-2013 was introduced and passed first reading on January 22, 2013 and was duly advertised in the January 25, 2013 issue of the Press of Atlantic City for a public hearing to be held on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held as advertised and closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1737-2013 be and is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ
ORDINANCE #1737-2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1734-2012
ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 167
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, PROVIDING FOR THE
COLLECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES".

WHEREAS, the Council on Affordable Housing Ordinance has reviewed Ordinance No. 1734-2012 which was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton on December 17, 2012, and approved it subject to revision of Section 1,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1734-2012 be and is hereby amended to read as follows pursuant to the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Resolution approving Ordinance No. 1734-2012 adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton on December 17, 2012:

SECTION 1.

Amend Section 167-35, entitled Eligible exaction, ineligible exaction and exemptions, by inserting the following as new subsection H:

H. All single lot development of owner-occupied housing shall be subject to a development fee of 0.5% of the equalized assessed value of the land and improvements provided that the lot was owned by the owner, or a member of the owner's immediate family, and existed on the official tax map of the Township of Hamilton on or before December 17, 2012. For the purpose of this Ordinance the term immediate family shall mean those persons related by blood or legal relationship in the following manner: grandparents, grandchildren, parents, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters, nieces or nephews, aunts and uncles and first cousins, husbands and wives, civil union partners, great-grandparents, and great-grandchildren.

Section 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or any resolutions of the Township of Hamilton inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 3.

If any part or parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY
ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C.
TOWNSHIP CLERK

AMY L. GATTO, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: DIX "YES"
 GUISHARD "YES"
 LINK "YES"
 SILVA "YES"
 GATTO "YES"

ORDINANCE #1737-2013 INTRODUCED & PASSED FIRST READING ON JANUARY 22, 2013.
ORDINANCE #1737-2013 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 2013.

Public hearing/adoption - Ordinance #1738-2013:

Mr. Jacobs explained it can be sold strictly to abutting property owners because is a non-conforming parcel; the request was submitted so they could build a house for their child; they own abutting land and if it is combined they could build a house. Mrs. Dix said they could be the first to benefit from the change made by Ordinance #1724. Mr. Guishard asked how the minimum bid was arrived at. Mr. Jacobs said the Tax Assessor does it and it is what the tax assessment is.

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There being no further questions or comments on the Ordinance, Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the public hearing be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1738-2013 was introduced and passed first reading on January 22, 2013 and was duly advertised in the January 26, 2013 issue of the Press of Atlantic City for a public hearing to be held on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held as advertised and closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1738-2013 be and is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1738-2013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 396, LOT 9 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, AND GRANTING TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF SAID REAL PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO SAME THE RIGHT TO PRIOR REFUSAL TO PURCHASE SUCH LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, that:

SECTION 1. The following described lots and block numbers on the Hamilton Township Tax Map are hereby determined to be less than the minimum size required for development in said Township under the existing Developmental Ordinance and are without any capital improvements thereon.

SECTION 2. Upon final adoption of this Ordinance, owners of real property contiguous to the subject lot may thereafter submit an offer to the Township Clerk, as designee of this Governing Body, in writing and on forms prepared by the Township for a period of twenty (20) days following advertisement of the finally adopted Ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13. All offers shall be made in a sealed envelope. No offer less than the minimum value established herein below for said lot shall be considered by the Township Committee.

SECTION 3. In the event of bids being submitted by more than one (1) contiguous property owner with respect to said lots, the sale shall be made, if at all, to the highest bidder. The Township Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to thereafter advertise the subject property for public sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a).

SECTION 4. The following conditions of sale shall apply:

- (a) The successful bidder shall submit a certified check made payable to the "Township of Hamilton" in the amount of twenty (20%) percent of the purchase price, which check shall be submitted in the sealed envelope at the time of submission of the bid. Persons bidding on behalf of a contiguous property owner shall be required to submit in writing satisfactory evidence of their authority. The balance of the purchase plus FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE \$425.00) DOLLARS to off set administrative costs including

but not limited to advertising, legal and recording fees shall be paid in cash or certified check within ten (10) days after acceptance of the bid by the Township Committee and authorizing the sale to the high bidder.

- (b) The Deed prepared by the Township Committee shall not be tendered until the full purchase price is paid.
- (c) Title shall be conveyed by and through a Quitclaim Deed and shall convey only the right, title and interest of the Township of Hamilton to the land as described herein. No Warranties and covenants are or shall be made by the Township of Hamilton and in no event shall there be any liability on the part of the Township by reason thereof. The right, title and interest of the successful bidder, as purchaser, shall be subject to the following conditions, covenants, restrictions, easements and exceptions which shall run with the land and shall also become part of the Deed granted to the purchaser for the recording:
 - (1) Easement of utility companies and of governmental agencies or bodies.
 - (2) Any encroachments, prescriptions, easements or other state of facts pertaining to said lands which may be ascertained upon a visual examination and inspection of the land and the lands surrounding said land and any restrictions and covenants of record.
 - (3) All existing federal, state, county and municipal laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations including, by way of description and not by limitation, existing zoning, health and planning board rules and regulations.
 - (4) No representation of any kind is made that the land in question, surface as well as subterranean portions, is suitable or adaptable for any particular use whatsoever.
 - (5) No representation of any kind is made concerning gas or electric service to the land.
- (d) In the event that the Township cannot convey good and marketable title, subject to the above, the purchaser will be entitled to the return of the deposit, without interest, and the Township will not be responsible or liable in any other manner and for any other amount.
- (e) In the event that the purchaser defaults in making payment to the Township, as set forth above, or if the purchaser cannot make settlement in accordance with the terms thereof, the deposit made by the successful bidder on account of the purchase will be retained by the Township as and for its liquidated damages and the land may be resold. This remedy shall be in addition to the Township's right to compel specific performance of the purchaser's obligation hereunder. Time is of the essence.

SECTION 5. The Township owned lots and minimum bid established therefore are as follows:

<u>Block/Lot(s)</u>	<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Zoning</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
396 / 9	75'X100'	Tacona Ave.	MV	\$300.00

SECTION 6. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: NONE

SECTION 7. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances of Hamilton Township heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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SECTION 8. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication after final passage as required by law.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NJ

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C.
TOWNSHIP CLERK

AMY L. GATTO, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: DIX "YES"
 GUISHARD "YES"
 LINK "YES"
 SILVA "YES"
 GATTO "YES"

ORDINANCE #1738-2013 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING ON JANUARY 22, 2013.
ORDINANCE #1738-2013 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 2013.

Public hearing/adoption - Ordinance #1739-2013:

Mr. Jacobs explained the expenses and revenues for the rental housing services the Township does have to be reconciled at the end of each calendar year and the rate has to be adjusted up or down accordingly; this year it went down from \$100.00 to \$75.00; the numbers have to be done at the end of the year and the licenses have to be renewed by the end of January so there isn't enough time to do an Ordinance in each case; this Ordinance will allow the Township adjust the rate by resolution and the owners to pay it on time. Mr. Sandman explained it is supposed to be self sufficient; the Township can't make a profit from it; Mr. Jacobs went through it based on certain assumptions when it the Ordinance was first adopted; and this Ordinance allows the Township Committee to change it (the rate) every year without amending the Ordinance. Mr. Guishard said the Administration should be commended on the work they are doing to bring the price down.

There being no questions or comments on the Ordinance, Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the public hearing be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MRMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "Nay", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1739-2013 was introduced and passed first reading on January 22, 2013 and was duly advertised in the January 25, 2013 issue of the Press of Atlantic City for a public hearing to be held on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held as advertised and closed,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1739-2013 be and is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ
ORDINANCE # 1739-2013**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1727-2012
TO ALLOW THE COST OF A RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
LICENSE TO BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY BY RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, in the State of New Jersey, does Ordain as follows:

It is the intent of this Amendment to change only the provisions set forth herein below and all other terms and provisions of Ordinance #1727-2012 shall remain in full force and effect and not otherwise affected by this Amendment.

§222-13. Fees for Residential Rental Unit License.

§222-13 shall be replaced by the following:

"222-13. Prior to the issuance of a Residential Rental Unit License, the owner shall pay to the Township an amount established by the Township Committee through Resolution annually as to the cost of licenses during that calendar year.

Prior to the issuance of a Residential Rental Unit License, the owner shall pay the fee, as established by Resolution, for the licenses issued for license year 2013 and thereafter.

A late fee of \$50.00 shall be charged in addition to the above fee for all Residential Rental Unit Licenses obtained after the required due date.

Fees for new Residential Rental Unit Licenses shall not be pro-rated for a partial year, however, on or after December 1st of each year, the license issued for a 'New Unit' shall be for the following year. A 'New Unit' is a Unit that did not require a Residential Rental Unit License, as outlined in this Ordinance prior to the date it is applied for.

The fees shall be reviewed annually to assure that the funds projected to be collected are approximately equal to the expenses related to implementing the requirements of this Ordinance. This requirement does not prohibit the Township Committee from creating a reasonable reserve, for related but unanticipated expenses.

No revenues collected from the fees established in this Ordinance shall be used for purposes other than those related to enforcing the codes and other requirements outlined in this Ordinance.

The annual fee for a Residential Rental Unit License shall be established annually by the Township Committee and shall be established by Resolution of the Township Committee without the need to further amend this Ordinance".

All other terms and provisions of Ordinance #1727-2012 shall be and remain in full force and effect and not otherwise altered with the sole exception of what is herein stated relative to §222-13.

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Effective Upon Adoption.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon a majority vote of the Township Committee.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C.
TOWNSHIP CLERK

AMY L. GATTO, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: DIX "YES"
 GUISHARD "YES"
 LINK "YES"
 SILVA "YES"
 GATTO "YES"

ORDINANCE #1379 -2013 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING JANUARY 22, 2013.
ORDINANCE #1379-2013 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 2013.

Mrs. Dix requested Consent Agenda Item 7.D be taken separately.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO CANCEL 2013 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the owner of Block 996.01 Lot 18 has been granted a Total Exempt Veteran tax exemption by the Tax Assessor; and,

WHEREAS, this exemption has been granted for the year 2013 and forward; and,

WHEREAS, the taxes that are already assessed for the first half of 2013 must now be cancelled in the amount of **\$2,467.86**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the first half 2013 taxes on Block 996.01 Lot 18 be cancelled in the amount of \$2,467.86.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the list of the Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company members eligible for 2012 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

J. Bakley	145 points	J. Liberty	138 points
C. Debaise	109 points	E. Moran	128 points
J. Deluca, III	101 points	R. Moran	167 points
C. Denny	153 points	B. Mulvenna	121 points
F. Gabriel, Jr.	153 points	W. Sorshek	167 points
F. Gabriel, Sr.	114 points	J. Stafford Sr.	103 points

T. Heiler	109 points	N. Subbotin	127 points
S. Hulse	117 points	S. Tarbutton	113 points
D. Jarvis Jr.	142 points	C. Tilley	159 points
D. Jarvis III	109 points	R. Treen	115 points
E. Kepner	137 points		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the list of the Mizpah Volunteer Fire Department members eligible for 2012 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

Anthony Cortes	175 points	Anthony Milazzo	129 points
Eric Davenport	155 points	Hector Villarini	114 points
Daniel Wightman	131 points	Kelly Davenport	166 points
Jay Davenport, II	160 points		

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION CONSTITUTING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
ABATEMENT CHARGES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 238, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 238, Property Maintenance, Section 238-5 authorizes the unpaid charges for emergency property maintenance performed by the Township on private property, to constitute a lien on that property; and

WHEREAS, the following properties have had emergency property maintenance services performed during calendar year 2012 as detailed herein, which is also on file at the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the charges listed in this Resolution shall include the total cost incurred by the Township, and an additional administrative fee in the amount of 25% of the actual labor costs, but not less than \$100 on each of the properties pursuant to Section 238-5:

BLOCK/LOT/QUAL.	ASSESSED OWNER	AMOUNT DUE
805/2.02	Williams, M. (Dec'd.)	\$ 2,573.99
805/5	Dibruno, James	\$ 4,496.27

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The total costs and the administrative fee are hereby approved as to each property; and shall constitute a lien.
2. The amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon the dwelling or lands and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next assessed and levied upon such dwelling and lands, shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the Tax Collector, and in the same manner as taxes.
3. Costs shall be in addition to any penalties imposed for any violations of this Chapter.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be certified by the Township Clerk and filed with the Tax Collector.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

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Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the request of Chris Jones for Block 693 Lot 5 to be offered for sale is hereby denied because the property abuts the Knight Avenue ball fields and has potential use for future expansion of the existing ball field property.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to post the following surplus items for sale on GovDeals.com:

1. Miscellaneous Computer items
 - a. 59 Computer towers
 - b. 13 Laptops
 - c. 30 Computer monitors
 - d. 31 Computer Printer / Fax Machines
 - e. Sharp AR-337 commercial copier/Printer
 - f. 6 Scanners
 - g. 6 Typewriters
 - h. 7 Digital cameras
 - i. 1 Mail machine
 - j. 9 Boxes of key boards, speakers, and various wires
 - k. 1 adding machine
 - l. 1 mail scale
 - m. 5 VCR/DVD players
2. Miscellaneous Office Furniture
 - a. 30 office chairs
 - b. Assorted desks and accessories
 - c. 6 four drawer fire safe file cabinets
 - d. 7 four drawer file cabinets
 - e. 4 three drawer long file cabinets
 - f. 4 two drawer file cabinets
 - g. 4 three drawer file cabinets
3. Frigidaire Stackable washer/dryer combo
4. Whirlpool washer and dryer
5. 1975 U Body Mack Water Tanker (*Company owned vehicle - Laureldale Fire / Rescue*)

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION IV.D, PAID SICK LEAVE, OF THE 2012 TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR ACCRUED SICK LEAVE UPON RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Units, Individual Employment Agreements, Ordinances and the 2012 Township Policies and Procedures Handbook each provide a different benefit for compensation for accrued sick leave upon retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to increase consistency among its employees' benefits,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the compensation for accrued sick leave set forth in Section IV.D of the Township of Hamilton Policies and Procedures Handbook be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

On Page 66 delete everything after the end of the first paragraph and replace it with the following:

EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1998

1. NON AFFILIATED EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1998 upon retirement, total disability, or death of an employee with ten (10) years to fifteen (15) years of consecutive Township service, and covered by this policy, the Township will pay said employee or their estate, the lesser of the following amounts:

a. An amount equal to the total number of accrued sick days multiplied by the employee's regular daily salary at time of retirement, total disability, or death.

OR

b. A lump sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

2. NON AFFILIATED EMPLOYEES HIRED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1998 upon retirement, total disability, or death of an employee with fifteen (15) years of consecutive Township service, and covered by this policy, the Township will pay said employee or their estate, the lesser of the following amounts:

a. An amount equal to the total number of accrued sick days multiplied by the employee's regular daily salary at time of retirement, total disability, or death.

OR

b. A lump sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00)

EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998

1. NON AFFILIATED EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER January 1, 1998 upon retirement, total disability, or death of an employee with ten (10) to fifteen (15) years of consecutive Township service, and covered by this policy, the Township will pay said employee or their estate, the lesser of the following amounts:

a. An amount equal to the total number of accrued sick days at a rate of one (1) day's pay for every two (2) days accrued, computed at the employees regular daily salary at time of retirement, total disability, or death.

OR

b. A lump sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

2. NON AFFILIATED EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1998 upon retirement, total disability, or death of an employee with fifteen (15) years of consecutive Township service, and covered by this policy, the Township will pay said employee or their estate, the lesser of the following amounts:

a. An amount equal to the total number of accrued sick days at a rate of one (1) day's pay for every two (2) days accrued, computed at the employees regular daily salary at time of retirement, total disability, or death.

OR

b. A lump sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).

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This payment for accrued sick leave will be made within one year from the date upon which the Township is given notice of the employee's retirement, total disability or death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Township Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Budget Appropriation Reserve transfers:

Mrs. Dix explained she wanted to vote no and having it separated out made it simpler.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the first three months of the year for unexpended balances of the preceding year to meet bills incurred during the preceding year;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that transfers between year 2012 Budget Appropriations be made as follows:

Account No.	Account Title		From	To
23-220-2	Employee Group Insurance	Other expenses	71,700.00	
23-220-1	Health Benefits Waiver	Salaries & Wages		3,700.00
25-265-1	Fire Dept.-Ad to Volunteer Fire	Other Expenses		10,000.00
26-290-2	Solid Waste Collection	Other Expenses		58,000.00
		TOTALS	71,700.00	71,700.00

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH MEMBERS GUSHARD, LINK, SILVA AND GATTO VOTING "YES", MRS. DIX VOTING "NO", AND NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Mr. Guishard said he was curious as to why Mrs. Dix voted no. Mrs. Dix explained she doesn't agree that the Committee should be making budget transfers in the closed budget; that the way expenses are tracked they should have known that more should have been transferred at the December 17th meeting; and that she has a difference of opinion based on her experience. At the request of Mr. Silva, Mr. Jacobs explained the largest one was due to the cost of removing brush throughout the town due to the dereccho storm; they had to find line items to charge those bills to during the course of the year; they had hoped the reimbursement from FEMA would be received before the end of the year but it wasn't; they hoped to and did avoid having to do an emergency appropriation; they still haven't received the FEMA funding; the Solid Waste Collection line item was used for those collections knowing a transfer would have to be done at the end of the year because they don't get December's tipping fees until January; they could have overloaded the line item with more than enough to cover it but thought this was one way of doing it. Mr. Jacobs explained the medical opt-out transfer was to cover an error that was missed. He explained the fire company transfer was because the fire companies weren't happy with the way the project they were doing with hose testing was going and the Township refused to pay the bill until they were satisfied; they could have left the money in the line item but didn't know whether or not it was going to get resolved. He explained the transfers could have been avoided but nothing is being paid that the Township wouldn't have had to pay. Mrs. Dix commented on one of the opt-out employees not getting paid until January throwing it into a negative number and said there is a list of names of employees and the dollar amount they are entitled to; it is simple arithmetic to add it up and that is the number that needs to be in the budget line; that should have been known at least by October 15th; she thinks it is a matter of tracking; having the purchase order cut would have encumbered that amount of money before December 31st and it would have been in the budget even if the payment was forgotten to be given. Mayor Gatto said it is a philosophy of doing it one way versus doing it another way.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting be and are hereby approved and adopted as published.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills are hereby ordered paid, the bill list total being \$3,371,938.93.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Appointment of Conflict Attorney for 2013:

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Randolph C. Lafferty, for the firm of Youngblood, Lafferty and Sampoli, be and is hereby appointed the conflict attorney at \$135.00 per hour for the year 2013 or until a successor is appointed.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: Mayor Gatto explained this is mainly to resolve tax appeal conflicts from Mr. Sandman's office. Mr. Jacobs said that is the known one but a few conflicts come up during the course of the year. Mr. Sandman explained that no one in his firm can appear before the County Tax Board as a result of his associate Colin Bell's recent election to the County Board of Freeholders so Mr. Lafferty would do it. He said the only person he can represent before the County Board is himself. Mr. Guishard questioned how this firm was come up with. Mayor Gatto said she thought there was discussion about who could potentially do it and Mr. Lafferty served as the Township Solicitor. Mr. Sandman explained the Assessor asked him to give two names and he did; Mr. Lafferty is a former Township solicitor and he supposed that would provide a basis for selecting him over the other individual. Mr. Jacobs explained the tax appeal part is only \$2,000.00 or \$3,000.00. Mrs. Dix asked if it is only for tax appeals. Mr. Jacobs explained that is the only thing known about at this time but there could be somebody that the firm has a conflict with; he would like to have an attorney that can do it all; and it is well under \$17,500.00. Mrs. Link said she thought Mr. Lafferty did a very good job before and would be a very well qualified person. Mr. Sandman explained this is only for the County Tax Board. He explained any appeal over \$750,000.00 is typically filed with the (State) Tax Court and that he handles that. Mr. Guishard said he is sure Mr. Lafferty is very well qualified but he thought it would be nice if the Committee Members knew before what the options were and he wasn't. Mayor Gatto apologized to Mr. Guishard and said she didn't know the e-mail didn't go to everybody.

There being no further questions or comments on the motion, Mayor Gatto called for a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

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Extending Bonnie Cherry part-time assistance in Construction Office:

Mayor Gatto said she believed that when the last Committee appointed Ms. Cherry it was for a 6 or 9 month engagement and asked Mr. Jacobs to talk about the reason for the continuation. Mr. Jacobs said she was the Lead Technical Assistant to the Construction Officer and Deputy Tax Collector and they asked her to help out for a while going through the different cycles. He explained she is helping train the person who is filling her job on all the end of the year reports that are coming due now. Mr. Jacobs said they will not be asking for another extension. Mrs. Dix said this will make it 10 months and it is the end of the line.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Bonnie Cherry's appointment as a temporary part-time assistant in the Construction Office be and is hereby extended to March 31, 2013.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Resignation of Lou Green from VAB:

Mayor Gatto explained the resignation was tabled at the previous meeting. Mr. Silva said he and Mr. Guishard had a lengthy discussion with Mr. Green. He commented on there always being some upset when someone resigns after being with a Board a dozen or more years; it doesn't demean Mr. Green in any way because of the work he does with veterans; Mr. Green is a dedicated individual but he wanted to resign. Mr. Guishard said it is unfortunate and he didn't think it had to end in that manner. He said he hoped the Members are aware of the services Mr. Green provided to the Township and surrounding area for 18 years, 12 of them at the Mall. Mr. Guishard said Mr. Green is well recognized for his expertise; testified before Congressional hearings; contributed to a book the Veterans' Administration published; is a real expert; helped hundreds if not more people over the years; and provided a real service. He said he has always been proud that Mr. Green represented the Township. Mr. Guishard commented on trying to talk Mr. Green out of resigning and said it is unfortunate. Mrs. Link said anyone who serves in that capacity for years really wants to be appreciated by the people they represent and she thinks Mr. Green's feelings were hurt many, many times. She commented on Mr. Campbell being on the Veterans' Board for 15 years and said the Committee has to encourage the volunteers as much as they can because that is what the community is made up of.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva, that the resignation of Louis Green from the Veterans' Advisory Board January 7, 2013 be and is hereby accepted.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO", NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

Mayor Gatto asked Mr. Jacobs to send Mr. Green a letter of appreciation for his dedication and service.

Reports:

Administrator: None. Mr. Jacobs wished the Township a happy birthday.
Solicitor: None.
Engineer: None

Mrs. Link reported she and Mr. Guishard were given a tour of the MUA building and organization by Mr. Blankenship and said it is par excel ante.

Mr. Silva reported the Budget Finance Committee had its first meeting last week; they are in the process of putting everything together; and may be able to give a power point presentation on it later this month or early March and get the information out to the other members in the meantime.

Mr. Silva commented on tomorrow being the 200th anniversary of the Township; there having been a lot of meetings with the Committee that is planning the celebration; excellent input from all those involved; they believe the events are going to be very positive as the year goes on; a lot has been planned as far as decorating the town and things should start going up on Main Street in the next 30 days.

Mrs. Dix reported planning and fundraising for the 200th anniversary celebration is well underway.

Mr. Guishard said the tour of the MUA was very interesting; there is a lot to it and many things most of us don't think about; and he appreciates having a competent staff working on it. He referred to the cost of repairing the failing infrastructure in Philadelphia and New York City and said it appears Mr. Blankenship is thinking strategically which is to his credit.

Mr. Guishard said he played Mr. Underhill in a Township play directed by Reverend Ash several years ago and suggested something like that should be done as part of the 200th anniversary celebration.

Mr. Guishard reported the task force is meeting with the MLAA and HYAA tomorrow and would like to get together with the others as soon as they can arrange it to talk about what their overall plans are; what the issues are; to hear from the various groups on what their requirements are; to get feed back from them on the Task Force plans; to have something they all understand on where it is going; and to have a long term plan. Mr. Guishard said they initially have a short term problem that they want to solve and look strategically for how to solve it in the future.

Mayor Gatto reported she and Mr. Silva attended the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Department installation dinner on Saturday and congratulated their new linemen and administrative officers.

Mayor Gatto announced the official ribbon cutting on the Gaskill Point welcome and information board will be held at 12 (noon) on February 12th. She reminded everyone that the next meeting is on Tuesday, February 19th because Monday is the Presidents' Day holiday.

Waiver of permit fees for Hurricane Sandy storm damage repairs:

Mayor Gatto reported receiving a letter from the State regarding the municipality's ability to waive permit fees for work made necessary by Sandy storm damage. She said some residents who have gone through the demolition phase and ready to begin building are starting to come in. The Mayor asked if the Committee wanted to memorialize that the Township will waive the fees and said the State permit fees would then also be waived. Mrs. Dix said it is important that people get permits so the inspections are done and it makes a paper trail that shows any future owner of the property that proper repairs were made. Mr. Silva said some residents who had extensive damage to their homes along the river have already had the repairs done and asked if the resolution could include that the Township will reimburse them if they already paid for it. Mr. Jacobs said he was going to suggest that it be done for everyone if the Committee is going to do it. He explained it is only for the Sandy storm related work and said they may only get part of the money back if they did extra work. Mr. Guishard asked how the Township will assure that what is claimed is only due to the storm. Mr. Jacobs explained the Construction Office will have to determine that and the property owner will have to list what the repairs were. Mrs. Dix commented on it being for a roof, siding, plumbing and those kinds of repairs. Mrs. Link asked if they want to put in a generator if that would be included. Mr. Jacobs said it wouldn't; it is just repairing damage from the storm.

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Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that permit fees for Hurricane Sandy storm damage repairs only shall be waived; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fees for any Hurricane Sandy storm damage repair permits paid prior to adoption of this resolution shall be refunded.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Public comment:

Russell Bongiovanni, Sr., as Chairman of the Veterans' Advisory Board asked if there was any problem with the Board being made aware of who the candidate or candidates are to be a member of the Board. Mayor Gatto explained people interested in applying for any volunteer Board or Commission have to submit the Township's application form and they would kind of go into a rotating list. She said she didn't know if notification officially goes out when someone applies for a Board. Mr. Jacobs said that in his experience the Boards don't participate in the selection process for members. Mr. Bongiovanni said he is just suggesting they be informed, not participation. He commented on being used to certain protocols and courtesies and said maybe government is exempt from that. Mayor Gatto said she thought it was a good idea but the question was who would do it and how much time it would take. Mr. Bongiovanni suggested and requested the Chairman be informed when a person on an ad hoc committee puts in their resignation. He said he wouldn't have known about the resignation of one member if he wasn't at the meeting and he thinks being informed would be appropriate. Mr. Guishard asked if the pre-notification or notification would be for the purpose of influencing their decision or just to be aware of a selection before the person shows up. Mr. Bongiovanni asked if there would be a problem with contacting a person if they put in a resignation to see what is wrong or why they are resigning. Mr. Guishard explained his question was that Mr. Bongiovanni mentioning he would like to be made aware of the selection wasn't for the purpose of influencing that. Mr. Jacobs said he thinks it is imperative that the Chairman know when someone resigns and the Committee accepts the resignation. He said the Township always sends them a letter and the Chairman should be sent a copy of it in the future if they aren't getting it now. Mr. Jacobs said he had a concern about them participating or being informed and he thinks the Committee should discuss it before committing to it because so many appointments are almost like hiring employees anymore with the different issues that you could have to litigate and the workload is also an issue. He commented on getting very careful because it is embarrassing if someone is turned down. Mr. Guishard explained he interpreted it to be a request to be notified after the selection is made but before the person reports. Mayor Gatto said it sounded to her like it is for when people apply. Mr. Bongiovanni said he is only asking for the name of the candidate. Mayor Gatto said she thinks the request to be informed when someone resigns or is active and wants to become inactive is an easy one but the Committee has to discuss the other one. Mr. Jacobs said letters for appointment or accepting resignations should be sent and copied to the Chairman. Mr. Bongiovanni commented on Mr. Guishard being the new VAB Liaison and asked if there was a guideline for the Liaison so that as the Chairman he can better understand Mr. Guishard's position as it relates to the Board. Mayor Gatto explained it is a way to create a line of communication between all the different entities the Members have to touch as the Township Committee to make sure they can stay informed, help with issues, or be advocates for a Board or Commission if they need it. She said she didn't think there is anything formal in writing but any Ordinance for a Board or Commission would indicate whether or not the Liaison is a voting member; that she thinks they aren't in pretty much every case; and they are there simply as a communication point.

Robert J. Campbell, Sr., commented on being on the Veterans' Advisory Board for 15 years and being Chairman for all but one of them. He commented on the Board accomplishing many things including bringing back the 4th of July service after a 7-8 year hiatus and raising over \$18,000.00 to do it including fireworks. He said Lou Green is an outstanding citizen and veteran; did an outstanding job on the Veterans' Advisory Board; did an outstanding job at the Mall; and he is going to continue there backed by the Fleet Reserve Association of America and some other organizations. Mr. Campbell said the award given to the fire chiefs tonight was great and he didn't know how they do it and risk their lives without pay. Mr. Campbell commented on his participation in the 250th anniversary of Mays Landing in 1960; on suggesting, recommending and getting the Township Committee to agree that the Township should have a History or Historical Commission when he was Mayor; on appointing the first Historical Commission in 1978; and being one of the founding members of the Hamilton Township Historic Society. Mr. Campbell commented on 2013 being the 150th anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg; on it coming to his attention how much the Township was involved in the Civil War; on what is now the American Legion Building on Second Street being the Town Hall and the post home of the General Sewell Grand Army of the Republic; on many Civil War veterans being buried in the cemetery along side the building; and on there being many Civil War Veterans in Hamilton Township. He commented on trying to get the Mall to do an exhibit on the Civil War and re-enactors to come do a 150 year replica and anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. He said his fiancée's grandfather was wounded the first day of the battle and he is doing a story on it. Mr. Campbell commented on Farragut Avenue being named after Admiral Farragut, veteran of the Battle of Mobile Bay, and Pennington Avenue being named after his Chief Aide, Captain Pennington. He thanked the Township Committee for the many years he spent on the Veterans' Advisory Board and said they have a lot of good things they want to suggest for the future, a Civil War Exhibition possibly being one of them. Mr. Campbell explained the Fleet Reserve is made up of the United States Marines, United States Navy and United States Coast Guard and said he was just appointed to the Memorial Committee for the new \$500,000.00 memorial honoring veterans of the United States Coast Guard that is being built in Cape May.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix that the public comment portion be closed.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

Mayor Gatto reported she contacted the school about the possibility of taping the Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings; getting the heavily engaged in the 200th anniversary celebration, possibly doing some exhibits in the rotunda; and eventually a video documentary in partnership with the Historic Society and the Historic Commission.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that this meeting be and is hereby adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", NO "ABSTAIN".

ATTEST:

JOAN I. ANDERSON, R.M.C., TOWNSHIP CLERK