

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Gatto presiding. Members present were Aline Dix, Rodney Guishard and Roger Silva. Judy Link was absent due to personal reasons. Also present were Rita Martino, Deputy Township Clerk, Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor, Robert Smith, Township Engineer and Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator.

The meeting opened with the salute to the flag followed by the Deputy Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by sending a copy of this notice, along with an agenda of this meeting, to The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating that this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on September 16, 2013 at the Municipal Building, Mays Landing, NJ.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Deputy Mayor Silva read the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2013
“CONSTITUTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, September 17, 2013, marks the two hundred twenty-sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a Proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through 23rd as “Constitution Week”;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17th through 23rd, 2013 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

We urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American, with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

PRESENTATIONS

DDR Presentation RE: Drainage Basins

Mr. John O’Rourke, Director of Property Management –Northeast Region reported that the ponds worked over the summer and continue to work even in major rain events. Mr. O’Rourke explained that Property Manager Cindy Ravinski, is looking at what the next steps would be for maintenance. Mr. O’Rourke also stated that a company has been hired to do a dredging of a ½ acre section once there is a plan in place regarding where to put the removed product and then the results will be analyzed.

Mr. O’Rourke stated that there have been increased recycling efforts with code enforcement that will lessen the dumpster amount and increase the Township’s recycling amount.

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Mayor Gatto asked the Solicitor if any action was needed to be taken. Mr. Sandman responded that he will take no further action unless told otherwise by the Committee. Mr. Smith said that the basins seem to be emptying in a reasonable amount of time.

Mayor Gatto asked for a working timeline for the dredging of a ½ acre piece, analyzing and remediation plan. Mr. O'Rourke agreed to send a written report by the end of the year.

Edgewood Properties Presentation RE: Drainage Basins

Mr. Mark Mauriello gave background information on the basin stating that proper care was not taken to stabilize the slopes of the basin and it filled up after Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Mauriello stated that a contract was executed today with J. Souders and Sons in Vineland to work on the basin and re grade the slopes. Mr. Mauriello apologized that it has taken this long but stated that the work would start within two weeks. Mr. Smith explained how the basin works. Mayor Gatto said that the Committee has heard this commitment before and it has fallen flat. Mayor Gatto stated that this is unacceptable. Mr. Sandman explained that the bonding company had been notified and then he was placed on hold due to promises that were received. Mr. Sandman recommended that the Committee remain vigilant especially since this affects property owned by the Township. Mr. Sandman said that the Committee should set a schedule and they should live with it. Mayor Gatto asked for a report from the Engineer at the next meeting confirming that the work has started and what the timing of the next step will be. Mayor Gatto asked that Mr. Mauriello return to a meeting next month.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following items are hereby added to the agenda for consideration and action to be taken thereon tonight:

CHANGES:

11. Change wording to read: Adjourn to Executive Session RE:
1. Finance Dept. CFO Recruiting Process-Personnel
 2. PBA Collective Bargaining Discussion with Labor Attorney-contract
 3. Tax Assessor Staffing Issues-Personnel
 4. Mays Landing Fire Department- Potential Litigation
 5. Pond and Spitz Litigation

ADDITIONS

5F. Discuss authorizing Counsel to file a lawsuit against the bonding company regarding Glen Eyre

6A: Insert names of businesses:

All Done Fencing- sale of Fencing Material- Building Fences

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

Early Public Comment

There was no early public comment.

Discussions:

Request from Industrial Commission- proposed buffer enhancement project/bike path extension

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Mr. Gordon Craig of the Industrial Commission stated that Mr. Sartorio had some money coming in to plant some trees and the Industrial Commission thought of an idea to extend the bike path lined with trees, picnic tables and benches. Mr. Craig stated that they were looking to make this a joint effort with the County but they needed a resolution of support from the Township to take to the County. Mr. Craig said that this would add value to the park. Mr. Sandman stated that this would be an asset from a marketing perspective.

Mr. Sartorio added that the County advised that if there was a worthy project it should be brought to our Freeholders attention to see if it can be funded through the budget.

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to support the Buffer Enhancement Project/ Bike Path Extension as proposed by the Township of Hamilton Industrial Commission.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”. ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

Post Sandy Planning Grant

Phil Sartorio said that 7 proposals had been received for the Post Sandy Planning Grants and the reviewing committee was unanimous in their recommendation of the firm of Clarke Caton and Hintz. Mr. Sartorio said that any action would be subject to the State providing the funds. Mrs. Dix explained that she and Committeewoman Dix are recommending Clarke Caton and Hintz in the amount of \$29,000.00 with a five month turn around. Mr. Sartorio stated that the downside would be that Mr. Caton would have to resign his position as our Special Master on affordable housing.

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

RESOLUTION

Mrs. Dix moved, second of Mr. Silva that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, to retain the firm of Clarke Caton and Hintz to prepare the Strategic Recovery Planning Report, subject to the State award of Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is contingent upon Philip Caton resigning his position as Special Master to Superior Court on Hamilton Township’s affordable housing matters.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING, “AYE”, NO “NAY”, NO “ABSTAIN”. ONE MEMBER ABSENT.

ACUA Proposal for costs if ordinance is amended to allow collection of waste from open plastic bags and/or collections are made available weekly in call-in areas

Mr. Jacobs reported that the ACUA rejected the idea of plastic bags being left open and the ACUA placing the empty bags in a can. Mr. Jacobs said that the cost to allow plastic bags to be picked up would be an increase of \$5,559.00 plus would result in the canceling of our multi-year contract and that a weekly yard waste collection for the westerly sections of the Township would be an annual increase of \$35,315.42 but would not require canceling the contract.

Mr. Silva asked where the money for this would come from. Mr. Guishard stated that he

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didn't think it would buy us much. Mrs. Dix stated that her request was dealing with the plastic bags and through looking into it we learned that the whole Township was not picked up and that has become the larger focus and the larger cost. Mr. Jacobs said there was an average of 7 calls a month in the areas that only get picked up once. Mayor Gatto stated that the bulk collection complaints continue and that needs to be worked on.

No action was taken.

Paving at Underhill Park

Mr. Jacobs reported that we were going to have to go out to bid and that the work would hopefully be completed by the end of October.

Request from Atlantic County regarding proposed Countywide Tax Assessment

The Mayor stated that she didn't feel there was enough information or details contained in the letter to give a response to the County. Mr. Silva said they should do a roadshow to explain the details. Mrs. Dix said the obstacle is that they are in a pilot program and the next step can't happen until that is concluded but the information would be in their minutes. Mayor Gatto recommended that we make no commitments until we know how much it would cost our residents. Mr. Guishard said he would have to see evidence that it would be more efficient. It was the consensus to send a courteous response stating that without more detailed information the Township could not respond and asking about the pilot program.

Authorizing Counsel to file a lawsuit against the bonding company regarding Glen Eyre

Mr. Sandman said that some time ago we were approached by Fox Chase Bank which had taken over a bankrupt development to do a number of things including a bond replacement payment. Mr. Sandman said that this was a win win for the Township because we retained the services of the law firm for the bank. Mr. Sandman said that they gave us a new letter of credit as a replacement bond that protects us so that the improvements get done. Mr. Sandman further stated that by retaining their law firm to pursue the original bonding company the Township saved \$50,000.00 in legal fees. Mr. Sandman said that in the original agreement the law firm has the ability to represent the Township against the former bonding company but they are now asking for authorization to proceed with filing that lawsuit against the original bonding company. Mr. Sandman said he recommends doing this and that there is no down side to the Township.

Resolution

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 to authorize the firm of Specter, Gadon and Rosen PC, who was retained as our attorney, to initiate a lawsuit against American Southern Insurance Co. with respect to the Glen Eyre Subdivision Bond.

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Gatto pulled letter I to be voted on separately.

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Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Business Registration Licenses are hereby approved:

- (1) All Done Fencing

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

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

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SALE OF LAND TO CONTIGUOUS OWNER
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #1749-2013

WHEREAS Ordinance #1749-2013, authorized the right of prior refusal to purchase Lot 2 in Block 1118 to owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto; and

WHEREAS Ordinance #1749-2013 was finally adopted on June 17, 2013 and all contiguous owners affected thereby were notified by certified mail return receipt requested of their right to submit a sealed bid for the purchase of Lot 2 in Block 1118; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Robert P. Valiante, Sr., whose address is 3120 Prague Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, was the only bid received ; and

WHEREAS, the bid sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) was equal to or exceeded the minimum bid set by Ordinance #1749-2013 and included a money order in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which equals or exceeds the minimum twenty (20%) percent deposit required by ordinance,

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

- 1) Acceptance of the bid of Robert P. Valiante. Sr. is hereby confirmed and the sale Lot 2 in Block 1118, to him is hereby ratified.
- 2) The Solicitor is hereby authorized to prepare a quit claim deed conveying the Township's right, title and interest in Lot 2 in Block 1118 to him.
- 3) Upon payment of the balance due on the accepted bid plus Four Hundred Twenty-five (\$425.00) Dollars to off-set the cost of advertising, legal, And recording fees the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the Deed of Conveyance to Robert P. Valiante, Sr. pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Ordinance #1749-2013.

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

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

RESOLUTION RATIFYING SALE OF LAND TO CONTIGUOUS OWNER
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #1751-2013

WHEREAS Ordinance #1751-2013, authorized the right of prior refusal to purchase Lots 1 through 3 and 8 through 21 in Block 1117 to owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto; and

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WHEREAS Ordinance #1751-2013 was finally adopted on June 17, 2013 and all contiguous owners affected thereby were notified by certified mail return receipt requested of their right to submit a sealed bid for the purchase of Lots 1 through 3 and 8 through 21 in Block 1117; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Robert P. Valiante, Jr., whose address is 4630 Memory Lane, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, was the only bid received ; and

WHEREAS, the bid sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) was equal to or exceeded the minimum bid set by Ordinance #1751-2013 and included a money order in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which equals or exceeds the minimum twenty (20%) percent deposit required by ordinance,

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

- 2) Acceptance of the bid of Robert P. Valiante. Jr. is hereby confirmed and the sale Lots 1 through 3 and 8 through 21 in Block 1117, to him is hereby ratified.
- 2) The Solicitor is hereby authorized to prepare a quit claim deed conveying the Township's right, title and interest in Lots 1 through 3 and 8 through 21 in Block 1117 to him in the names of Robert P. Valiante, Jr. and Robert P. Valiante, Sr. as requested by the bidder.
- 3) Upon payment of the balance due on the accepted bid plus Four Hundred Twenty-five (\$425.00) Dollars to off-set the cost of advertising, legal, And recording fees the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute The Deed of Conveyance to Robert P. Valiante, Jr. and Robert P. Valiante, Sr. pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Ordinance #1751-2013.

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

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

**RESOLUTION RATIFYING SALE OF LAND TO CONTIGUOUS OWNER
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE #1750-2013**

WHEREAS Ordinance #1750-2013, authorized the right of prior refusal to purchase Lot 5 in Block 1117 to owner or owners of the land contiguous thereto; and

WHEREAS Ordinance #1750-2013 was finally adopted on June 17, 2013 and all contiguous owners affected thereby were notified by certified mail return receipt requested of their right to submit a sealed bid for the purchase of Lots 5 in Block 1117; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received from the first notification and all contiguous owners were re-notified of their right to prior refusal on August 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Robert P. Valiante, Jr., whose address is 4630 Memory Lane, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, was the only bid received ; and

WHEREAS, the bid sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) was equal to or exceeded the minimum bid set by Ordinance #1750-2013 and included a money order in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) which equals or exceeds the minimum twenty (20%) percent deposit required by ordinance,

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

- 1) Acceptance of the bid of Robert P. Valiante. Jr. is hereby confirmed and the sale Lot 5 in Block 1117, to him is hereby ratified.
- 2) The Solicitor is hereby authorized to prepare a quit claim deed conveying the Township's right, title and interest in Lot 5 in Block 1117 to him.
- 3) Upon payment of the balance due on the accepted bid plus Four Hundred Twenty-five (\$425.00) Dollars to off-set the cost of advertising, legal, and recording fees the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the Deed of Conveyance to Robert P. Valiante, Jr. pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Ordinance #1750-2013.

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

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

RESOLUTION RATIFYING PUBLIC LAND SALE

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton determined the following lands are of no use for public purposes and are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS said lands were advertised for sale at public auction in accordance with statute in such case made and provided (NJSA 40A:12-13); and

WHEREAS at a public auction held on September 5, 2013 an offer of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,120.00) was made by Steven Cahill agent for Country Blues, LLC, whose address is 6872 Third Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; and

WHEREAS NO OTHER BIDS WERE OFFERED,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the offer One Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (1,120.00) made by Steven Cahill for the following described parcel of land be and is hereby accepted and the sale of same to him is hereby ratified subject to all terms and conditions of sale as advertised and as presented at the time of sale:

<u>Block/Lots</u>	<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Location</u>
551/1	1.12 acre	Fourteenth Street

SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED: NONE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper officers are hereby authorized to prepare and execute a Deed of Conveyance for aforesaid parcel to Country Blues, LLC, 6872 Third Avenue, Mays Landing, NJ 08330, pursuant to the terms and conditions of sale as set forth in the Notice of Sale published in the August 21 and August 28, 2013 issues of the Atlantic County Record copies of which were distributed to the public at the time of sale and all bidders acknowledged in writing that they had read and understood same.

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

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

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Malaga Road - Section 4 project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee of the Township of Hamilton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2014-Hamilton Township-00211 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Hamilton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Hamilton and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

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

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF AN IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Hamilton has prepared an In Rem tax foreclosure list and has certified the same to the governing body; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to institute In Rem tax foreclosure proceedings against the properties which were set forth in the list attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, it is not only in the best interest of the Township to institute said proceedings, but also is a duty of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the institution of said In Rem proceeding will result in revenue to the Township of Hamilton either by a redemption of the subject properties or their foreclosure and resale by the Township of Hamilton.

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton do hereby authorize the institution of In Rem tax foreclosure proceedings in regard to the properties set forth in the list attached hereto.

2. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector of the Township of Hamilton and the attorney for the Township of Hamilton.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton has no objection to the Div. of ABC issuance of a Social Affairs Permit to MSKeeters Foundation Benefit October 12, 2013

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

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 to authorize the reassignment of SUV #217 from the Police Dept. to the Rescue Squad as recommended by the ESAB.

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

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 to authorize the purchase of approximately 3,125 tons of Sandy Fill Dirt from Albrecht and Heun Inc., under State Contract #A801912500 at \$14.50 per ton delivered, for the construction of the new football field at Liepe Tract.

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

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 to approve a transient vendor license for Jack Lyon equipment auction to be held at Atlantic City Race Course 10/5/13-/10/6/13.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", ONE "ABSTAIN". ONE MEMBER ABSENT. MAYOR GATTO ABSTAINED.

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 be paid, the bill list total being \$ 2,221,450.52

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

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 to authorize advertising for 1 vacant full-time and 2 vacant part-time Communication Officer positions

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

Chief Tappeiner stated that the pension system had been contacted regarding Mr. Train's pension and they had confirmed that he could apply as long as he was separated from employment with us for 30 days. Mr. Jacobs stated that he would recommend the hiring

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be contingent upon Mr. Train signing a letter that he has been put on notice about the issue and that if there is any conflict with his pension it is his responsibility.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to appoint Arthur Train to fill the vacant part-time Class II Police Officer position at \$14.38 per hour, start date to be determined by the Chief of Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is contingent upon Arthur Train signing a letter stating that any conflict with his pension would be his responsibility.

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

Engineer- Mr. Smith asked for authorization to rebid the Malaga Rd. Section 3 project because no bids had been received.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to advertise for bids for Malaga Rd. Section 3 project.

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

In a response to a question from Mrs. Dix, Mr. Smith stated that the vegetation along Tanglewood would be restored.

Mr. Silva asked about the surface correction on Lenape Ave. Mr. Smith stated that the topic would require a longer discussion with the Administrator.

Township Committee-

Mr. Guishard commended the 911 ceremony and the large turnout. Mr. Guishard said that the litter at the bus stop across from the Woodlands continues to be a problem and that there is not enough room in the trash can. Mr. Guishard reported that he met with Ms. McClay regarding the Farmers Market and she is going to put together a more complete plan for consideration.

Mayor Gatto asked Mr. Jacobs to reach out for a future meeting a possible collaboration with ACCC to do a mural for the Verizon Building as well as the possibility of using Verizon's lawn area for a farm market.

Mayor Gatto also commended the 911 committee and the Deputy Mayor for securing the monument along with the Fire Co., Ambulance Squad and others that joined together to fund the monument. Mayor Gatto congratulated Weymouth for the first place win at the convention. Mayor Gatto also commended the Mays Landing Fire Department for assisting in fighting the fire in Seaside Heights.

Public Comment

Mr. James Kerrigan stated that the branches on Laurel St. are hanging low. Brett Noll was asked to look into this.

Hearing nothing further from the public, Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to close the public portion.

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

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Motion to enter Closed Session

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 this meeting be adjourned to an executive session to discuss the following matters which are exempt from public discussion pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law:

1. Finance Department, CFO Recruiting Process- Personnel
2. PBA Collective Bargaining Discussion with Labor Attorney- contract
3. Tax Assessor Staffing Issues- Personnel
4. Mays Landing Fire Dept.-Potential Litigation
5. Pond and Spitz Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body will not reconvene in public session because no action is expected to result from the discussions at this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of said executive session shall be made known as soon as the basis for confidentiality is no longer confidential.

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

On the motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Dix and carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk