

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, with Mayor Roger Silva presiding. Members present were Charles Cain Jr., Amy Gatto, Dr. Harvey Kesselman and Thomas Palmentieri. Also present were Edward M. Sasdelli, 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 Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by faxing or e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda of this meeting to the Atlantic City Press, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ on September 20, 2010.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Silva requested those present to remember the families of the two people who died as a result of an accident on Route 50 on Friday.

Mr. Palmentieri moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted.

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

7.A Insert names of businesses:

(1) BoBo's Grill Inc. t/a Chicken Now - fast food at Hamilton Mall

9.C Amend July 6, 2009 minutes to correct roll call vote of Charles Pritchard on the motion to consider the request of John Pucci for reconsideration of the December 1, 2008 denial of his request for an extension of time to comply with Condition E and rescinding prior approval of a Use Variance to read as follows: **"NO because he isn't convinced the applicant made the necessary arrangements to have the pile removed and it may not have been removed in the proper manner as the Committee dictated".**

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

There were no executive session confirmations to be made.

Proposed 2010 Road Program

Ms. Gatto said she, Mr. Cain and the Public Works Committee have been discussing the road program all year. She explained the Township Pavement Management Plan has been in place for three years and they are trying to stick to it. Ms. Gatto said the Township Committee made it very clear that roads are a priority, especially after this year's winter. She said there are many problems they want to address but the resources are very limited. Ms. Gatto said Mr. Smith helped the Township get grants to fund some of them. She apologized for not including information on the mileage for each road and said she would get it to the members. Ms. Gatto explained they selected roads with the highest priority roads all over town; trying not to give more or less attention to any one area; and trying to spread the resources as best they can.

Mr. Smith said grants were applied for a Tiger II grant for full reconstruction of Malaga Road, Park Road, Strand Avenue and East Walnut Street. He said Municipal Aid Funding was applied for Malaga Road as priority #1 and West Jersey Avenue Phase II as priority #2. Mr. Smith explained if the Township gets the Tiger II funding for Malaga Road, the Municipal Aid funding for that would be shifted to West Jersey Avenue. He said he thought cost estimates were submitted for all except Knight Avenue because that was added to the proposed list late.

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Ms. Gatto explained part of the Pavement Management Plan takes into consideration the number of houses, condition of the road and different types of risks. She explained that while there aren't many homes on Knight Avenue, it was bumped up on the priority list because there is a recreation field at the end of it; it is a heavily traveled street; it is in a heavily populated development; and it is in need of repair.

Mayor Silva asked Mr. Smith if he had any idea when he would hear on the grant applications. Mr. Smith said he understood that they would hear something on the Tiger II Grant in September and that it could be a couple of months for the Municipal Aid grant. He explained the Tiger Grant application for Malaga Road was for full reconstruction of the entire road and as priority #1 on the Municipal Aid grant to do the worst end starting at the Buena Vista boundary line and going as far as possible with the typical allotment. Mr. Smith said he believes Park Road to be full reconstruction and that it was his understanding that Strand Avenue and East Walnut Street were to be recycling/resurfacing, not full reconstruction. Mayor Silva questioned the possibility of any paving getting done this year. Mr. Smith said it will be tough. He explained they are working with Churchill to go out to bid on New York Avenue and he believes it will go to construction this year. Mr. Smith said West Jersey Avenue may not get done this year because they are still dealing with utility issues on it. He said the other roads would be spring of 2011 projects because they still have to be surveyed and designed. Mayor Silva said they are in the pipe line and it is a good program.

Mr. Sasdelli explained if the township wanted to lower the hump in West Jersey Avenue it they would also have to lower the water lines and gas lines that are there. He said after talking to Mr. Blankenship, the cost to lower the water lines could \$50,000.00 and the gas company could charge \$100,000.00 to lower their line. Mr. Sasdelli said he didn't know that the Township wanted to get into moving all those utility lines and asked if a design exception could be applied for. Mr. Smith explained it is called a substandard crest vertical curve and the sight distances required are based on the speed limit. He said the initial proposal was to lower the curve and avoid the design exception but Mr. Blankenship said it would cost them about \$50,000 to lower the water main and the ball park figure to move the gas line was \$100,000. He said the gas company said they would do it at their cost but the question is whether the Township Committee wants to expend in the neighborhood of \$150,000 of Gas Company and MUA resources to do that or they have the option of applying to the D.O.T. for a design exception. Mr. Smith explained to apply for an exception a report is submitted to D.O.T. explaining why you aren't going to meet the roadway standard and D.O.T. will then accept or reject the design exception. Mr. Sasdelli asked if it was a reasonable exception to ask for. Mr. Smith said it is. Mayor Silva asked how long it would take to get the project done if they didn't get the waiver. Mr. Smith said it was hard to guess but it would be a lengthy process by the time both utilities relocated their lines. Mr. Sasdelli recommended applying for the exception.

Mr. Palmentieri asked for an explanation of why the road couldn't be raised. Mr. Smith explained two sections of West Jersey Avenue come into a crest and to improve sight distance the road has to be raised on either side of the crest and then drop the crest. He said just raising the road would exacerbate the problem. Mr. Palmentieri suggested just raising the approaches to the crest. Mr. Smith said the crest would still have to be dropped to meet the standards even if the approaches were raised. Mr. Palmentieri asked how high the crest is. Mr. Smith explained it is a vertical rise of a few feet over a distance of several hundred feet. He said they were looking at having to drop the crest about 1.6' and raising the approaches to meet the standards.

Mr. Sasdelli recommended the Engineer be authorized to proceed with the plan and the design exception for West Jersey Avenue.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the proposed 2010 Road Program be approved and that the Engineer be authorized to proceed with the plan and design exception for West Jersey Avenue.

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

Amending Fees Ordinance re: exemptions pursuant to 40:55D-8c and 8d

Mr. Sasdelli said this would only apply to residential homes. He explained a person who wants to put in any kind of ADA accessible ramp or wheelchair accessibility in a residential home they live in has to pay Planning, Zoning and Construction fees. Mr. Sasdelli explained this Ordinance would waive those fees. He said the Statute says the municipality may do this by Ordinance and that he, Mrs. Anderson and the Construction Department think it should be done.

Dr. Kesselman moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that the following resolution be adopted,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that preparation of an Ordinance amending the Township Fees Ordinance to exempt charitable, philanthropic, fraternal and religious non-profit organizations holding 501(c) or 501(d) tax exempt status from payment of any fees charged under the MLUL and exempt a disabled person or parent or sibling of a disabled person from payment of any fee charged under the MLUL in connection with application for development which promotes accessibility to his own living unit.

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

Public Hearing/Adoption - Ordinance #1675-2010

Mr. Sasdelli explained the emblems are only for commercial buildings; the Township is required by law to sell them; and this will raise the fee to cover the current cost the township has to pay for them.

There being no questions or comments on the Ordinance, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the public hearing be closed.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be adopted.

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1675-2010 was introduced and passed first reading on September 7, 2010 and was duly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City for a public hearing to be held on September 20, 2010; 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 #1675-2010 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 #1675-2010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, 170-22 OF CHAPTER 170 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON CODE ENTITLED FIRE PREVENTION, TRUSS EMBLEMS.

WHEREAS, the Fire Official is required to have Truss Emblems available for sale to members of the community pursuant to terms and provisions of P.L. 1991, c.188; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Office has had to order additional Truss Emblems in order to comply with P.L. 1991, c.188; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for Truss Emblems has increased since the Ordinance was last updated; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton deems it appropriate to increase the cost for Truss Emblems to rectify the current price deficiency and allow for future increases in the municipal cost of Truss Emblems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 170, Article IV, 170-22 be and is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IV
Truss Emblems**

170-22. Availability to community; cost.

In accordance with the terms and provisions of P.L. 1991, c.188, approved July 2, 1991 and effective January 6, 1992, the Fire Official for the Township of Hamilton shall have available truss emblems in the form approved under the Uniform Fire Safety Act and issued through the Department of Community Affairs. The aforesaid truss emblems shall be available for sale to members of the community at an amount of money to be established by the Fire Official, not to exceed the sum of \$30 per emblem.

SECTION 2. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Hamilton heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. Severability. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of same and, to this end, the provisions of each section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:

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

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: CAIN "YES"
GATTO "YES"
KESSELMAN "YES"
PALMENTIERI "YES"
SILVA "YES"

ORDINANCE #1675-2010 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.
ORDINANCE #1675-2010 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.

Introduction of Ordinance #1676-2010

John Pucci had agreed to defer making early public comment on this until the Matter came up on the agenda at the request of the Mayor. Mr. Pucci thanked the Township Committee, Solicitor and Administrator for being part of the process when a resident sees something he or she thinks should be corrected. He said it took longer than he would have wanted but it has come to a conclusion and he thanked them for the correction to the Township Ordinance.

Mr. Sandman explained the fines and penalty portion had to be determined before the vote to introduce the Ordinance took place. He said he and the Judge recommend the fines be the same as the State's: \$100.00 to no more than \$300.00 for the first offense and \$300.00 to no more than \$1,500.00 for second and subsequent offenses.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1676-2010 be and is hereby introduced and passed first reading with the fines/penalty as recommended by the Solicitor and that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the September 22, 2010 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ on October 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow.

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

ORDINANCE # 1676 - 2010

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

SECTION I. PURPOSE.

To establish regulations controlling the discharge of firearms within the boundaries of Hamilton Township, Atlantic County and to establish penalties for the violation of this regulation.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.

1. Firearms.

Any rifle, shotgun, revolver, pistol, hand gun, muzzle loader, and black powder rifle or any other similar mechanism by whatever name known which is designed to expel a projectile through a gun barrel by the action of any explosive, gas, compressed air or spring.

2. "Hand Gun".

Means any pistol, revolver or other firearm capable of being concealed on a person.

3. Rifle.

Means a weapon designed or re-designed, made or re-made, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and made or re-made to use the energy of an explosive in a fixed, metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore.

4. Shot Gun.

Means any weapon designed or re-designed, made or re-made, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and made or re-made to use energy of the explosive in a fixed shot gun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of balls shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger.

5. Place of Public Assembly.

A "place of public assembly" is a government or privately-owned park; place of worship; elementary or secondary school; school playground; public library; government-owned or privately-owned recreational facility; a fair ground. A place of public assembly shall include all property associated with the place, such as a parking lot or grounds of a building (See illustration below).

6. Building.

A structure as defined by N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, et seq. and the applicable provision of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

7. Shopping Mall and Centers.

This shall include, but is not limited to, the Hamilton Mall; the Festival Mall; the Hamilton Commons; any commercial establishment which contains four or more retail stores open to the general public. This shall include all malls or shopping centers which are approved and constructed after the effective date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

8. Boundary Lines.

This means the outermost division lot line, as shown on the official tax map, upon which lot and/or lots a structure or parking lot has been constructed (See illustration below).

SECTION III. DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.

1. No person shall cause the discharge of a firearm within 450 feet of any building.
2. No person shall discharge a firearm across any municipal, county or state highway within Hamilton Township.
3. No person shall allow or cause the discharge of a firearm within 450 feet of the boundary line of any place of public assembly.
4. No person shall allow or cause the discharge of a firearm within 450 feet of the boundary line of any shopping center or mall contained within the Township of Hamilton or any that shall be developed after the date of the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. EXCEPTIONS.

A person may discharge a firearm closer than 450 feet to a building if and only if:

1. The person is a police officer within the scope of his duties and consistent with all practices and procedures governing the police department.
2. When necessary to protect life.
3. To kill a dangerous animal that is threatening harm to a person.
4. Solutes by firing squads at Military funerals.
5. Discharge of blank cartridges in a musical or theatrical performance, parade or sporting event.
6. That person has written permission of the owner of the land in hand.

SECTION V. PENALTY.

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not less than \$100.00 nor to exceed \$300.00 for the first offense and not less than \$300.00 nor to exceed \$1,500.00 for any second or subsequent offenses.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY.

If a Court should hold that part of this Ordinance is invalid, the invalidity does not affect other parts of the Ordinance.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication.

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

ATTEST:

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: GATTO "YES"
 CAIN "YES"
 PALMENTIERI "YES"
 KESSELMAN "YES"
 SILVA "YES"

ORDINANCE #1676-2010 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.

ILLUSTRATION: For Section II, Clause 5, and Clause 8.

Owner of place of public assembly owns Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8. The boundary line and/or the outermost boundary line is the division line between Lots 1 and 2 and Lots 5 and 6.

Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4
	<u>Play</u>	<u>Ground</u>	
Lot 5	Lot 6	Lot 7	Lot 8

Boundary Line

Introduction of Ordinance #1677-2010

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1677-2010 be and is hereby introduced and passed first reading and that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the September 22, 2010 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ on October 4, 2010 at 6:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow.

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

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ORDINANCE # 1677 - 2010

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 228 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ENCAPTIONED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER", REPEALING SECTIONS 228-1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING 228-12

WHEREAS, Chapter 228, encaptioned "Peace and Good Order", Sections 228-1 through and including 228-12, shall be and are hereby repealed and therefore are declared null and void;

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

Ordinance Chapter 228-1 through and including Chapter 228-12 shall be and is hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication.

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

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: CAIN "YES"
GATTO "YES"
PALMENTIERI "YES"
KESSELMAN "YES"
SILVA "YES"

ORDINANCE #1677-2010 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Registration License for BoBo's Grill Inc. t/a Chicken Now, a fast food business at Hamilton Mall be and is hereby approved.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that release of Boardwalk Bank letter of credit #2005-15 in the amount of \$2,759.00, a stormwater management system maintenance guarantee for Grandma's Oak N' More project (Block 994/Lot 46) be and is hereby denied due to uncompleted punch list items as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer letter dated September 3, 2010.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue be inserted in the 2010 Municipal Budget with off-setting appropriations:

Revenue Title: Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant \$30,243.47
Appropriation Title: Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant \$30,243.47

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the September 7, 2010 regular meeting are hereby approved and adopted as published.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed payrolls and bills are hereby ordered paid, the bill list total being \$1,412,449.81 as of September 16, 2010.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Cain, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the July 6, 2009 minutes are hereby amended to correct roll call vote of Charles Pritchard on the motion to consider the request of John Pucci for reconsideration of the December 1, 2008 denial of his request for an extension of time to comply with Condition E and rescinding prior approval of a Use Variance to read as follows: **"NO because he isn't convinced the applicant made the necessary arrangements to have the pile removed and it may not have been removed in the proper manner as the Committee dictated"**.

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

Reports:

Administrator: None

Solicitor: None

Engineer: Mr. Smith said the Township got 1.56" of rain last Thursday according to the Cape Atlantic Conservation District office. He reported finding the basin at Wexford Lane bone dry on Friday. He said he also went to Timber Glen and found the infiltration area was still holding water. Mr. Smith said Timber Glen was supposed to start work there today but didn't. He reported the Victoria Pointe basins were bone dry before the rain and there was a little water in them on Friday but the larger one was dry this morning when he checked. He said they have improved but he thinks some work is still needed. Mayor Silva asked if Timber Glen gave Mr. Smith any idea of what they are going to do. Mr. Smith said they will clean the bottom of the area behind the tennis courts. He said most of the vegetation there has died. Mayor Silva asked if they will pump the water somewhere. Mr. Smith said there is no easy place to send it.

Mr. Smith reported he hopes to get New York Avenue construction started in the near future.

Mr. Sandman said the maintenance guarantee for Grandma's Oak N More expires November 20th so if the punch list isn't completed by then he will have to start calling the bond. He explained the Clerk has to issue a letter for the Engineer to do inspections the 60 days prior to expiration of the bond. Mr. Sandman said after the inspections are done there is often a punch list that can't be completed in 60 days so they want to change that to 90 days. Mr. Sandman said he doesn't want to start calling maintenance bonds because it is expensive but there is a very narrow window on some of them. He suggested a follow-up letter be sent to Grandma's Oak N More. Mr. Smith said the problem is that the developer of that project no longer owns it. Mr. Sandman said the Committee would have to vote by the second meeting in October to authorize calling the bond in order for formal action to be taken. Mr. Palmentieri asked if the occupant of the property and the developer were the same. Mr. Smith said they aren't because the developer built it and then sold it. He said this is a minor drainage issue and has nothing to do with a drainage basin. Mr. Sandman said a 90-day procedure would be better for the Township. He said he thinks changing the notification time 90 days could be done administratively and that the Ordinance wouldn't have to be amended because the time is being increased not decreased.

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Township Committee Members: Dr. Kesselman reported the Strategic Planning Steering Subcommittees have been meeting regularly and keep him apprised with summaries of their meetings. Mr. Cain said things are going well with his subcommittee. He reported they met in town hall on Friday morning and had the opportunity to review the Master Plan, and the numerous updates and additions to it. Mr. Cain said they came up with a quick punch list of recommendations they want to move forward with and talk to Administration about. He said they expanded their goals and are looking to finalize them this week and to getting a clear cut way of achieving them. Mr. Cain said that unfortunately some of their ideas were changed when they looked at the volume of information that had to be reviewed. He said Wayne Choyce is keeping them organized and keeping notes. Dr. Kesselman said several of the subcommittees have expanded their goals and want to add more people. He said they are all meeting regularly and he thinks the end product will be significantly beneficial to the Township. Dr. Kesselman said as the subcommittees get into it they see the need for more input but there is no rush. He commented on having witnessed these things on a number of occasions and said Hamilton Township should be very proud because they are moving forward in an incremental and methodical way.

Ms. Gatto extended her condolences to the families of the gentlemen involved in the accident on Route 50 on Friday. She said it happened a block from where she lives and she actually witnessed it because she was on her way to the 9-11 and MIA/POW services. Ms. Gatto said one of them was a member of the Laureldale Fire Department, one was another Laureldale resident and one was a resident of Peach Street. She said there were two fatalities and she commended the first responders because it makes it harder when it is one of their own. She said the professionalism, swift action, sense of urgency and organization exhibited by the fire department, rescue squad and police was phenomenal. Ms. Gatto said some of the first to respond were volunteers that weren't even on duty. She said it was incredible to see everybody come together to help the families and save as many lives as possible. Ms. Gatto said the services for the firefighter, John Stafford Jr., will be on Thursday.

Ms. Gatto commented on the firemen's Convention being held in Wildwood over the weekend and said many of the firemen honored John at the parade as soon as they heard. Ms. Gatto said she believes Hamilton Fire and Rescue teams took two awards. Mr. Cain said everyone knows the Township has fantastic volunteer and emergency services.

Mr. Cain reported he attended the POW/MIA memorial ceremonies in Gaskill Park on Friday with Mayor Silva. Mr. Cain said it is a very nice service ceremony and it is a shame it isn't better attended.

Mr. Cain reminded the public the Merchants' Fall Festival is this weekend. Mayor Silva reminded the public that the time capsule will be opened at 11 AM in War Memorial Park as part of the Festival.

Mayor Silva reminded the public Cologne Fire Department will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this Saturday. He said he thinks a lot of people will attend to commemorate not only their service to Cologne but to the entire community.

Mayor Silva commented on the 9/11 and MIA/POW remembrance services being held the past week and said he agreed with Mr. Cain about the remembrance ceremonies being very touching. He commented on the significance of remembering what happened on those days and remembering the men and women representing us abroad whether you attend one of the ceremonies or just think about them so you don't forget.

Public Comment

Mayor Silva opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the public, Mr. Cain moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, that the following public comment portion be closed.

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

Adjournment to executive session

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Palmentieri, 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. Collective Bargaining Strategy re: PBA.
2. JIF Insurance Contract Renewal for 2011.

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 know as soon as the basis for confidentiality is no longer confidential.

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

ATTEST:

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