

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
February 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, NJ was held on the above date with Mayor Roger Silva presiding. Members present were Aline Dix, Amy Gatto, Rodney Guishard and Judy Link. Also present were Phillip Sartorio substituting for the 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 Law by posting a notice of the meeting on the bulletin board in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ, and by e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda of 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 on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Conifer Realty LLC affordable housing presentation:

Charles Lewis, President of Conifer explained they are a real estate development company that has been in business for over 35 years; they are located in Mount Laurel; they build, manage and continue to own the development; the project has been reduced to 99 units, about half the number of units originally proposed; it is not Section 8 housing; it is to be affordable for a family of 4 possibly making \$42,000.00 per year. He explained they will need township a payment of taxes agreement in order to get financing and a resolution from the Township saying the development is needed. Tom Barton, the project architect, showed conceptual drawings of the buildings; and explained 30% will have 3 bedrooms, 15% will have 1 bedroom and 55% will have 2 bedrooms; it will have 8 buildings, ranging from 2 units to 9 units each; each unit has an private front door; there are no shared common spaces within the building; it is located at the intersection of New York Avenue and Harding Highway; it is part of larger future mixed use development; the main entrance will be off New York Avenue; there is provision for linkage through the future development; it will be a proposed subdivision; they haven't calculated the area needed because it is only conceptual at this time. Mr. Sartorio explained the property is one of the parcels involved in the builders' remedy litigation; it is zoned for inclusionary development with a percentage of the housing to be affordable. Mayor Silva asked if they have a time frame. Mr. Barton explained they applied for funding from the state; state hasn't announced when it will be available for this year, it might be sometime this summer; they would like to coordinate with the Planning Board in the next 90 to 120 days. Mrs. Link asked if the units would be open to seniors. Mr. Barton said they would and that there are income limits. Mr. Guishard asked their estimated starting time after they get Planning Board approval. Mr. Barton explained if they get Planning Board in September, they would still need Pinelands approval and he estimated they could start in June 2015. Ms. Gatto asked if they would have union representation in the construction. Mr. Barton said they typically have some union representation on their developments and they try to encourage local hiring. Mayor Silva commented on there being a lot of hurdles overcome; (Route 40) being heavily traveled and sometimes backed up all the way to Walmart so there may be traffic issues; the Committee being very tough on basins; and said it may prolong their time frame. In response to questions by Mrs. Link, Mr. Barton explained the first floor units are designed for accessibility and that under the funding requirements, the club house has to be completed. Mr. Sartorio explained that once they submit the information on what they need from the Township, he and Mr. Eisdorfer will go through it, work with Mr. Lewis, and communicate to Township Committee what they think is satisfactory is the agreement. Mr. Lewis said he would try to bring them all in at once. Mayor Silva asked if

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Conifer had other projects in Atlantic County. Mr. Lewis said they have two that are fully approved and funded; a 100 unit senior project in Egg Harbor City and a 90 unit family development in Atlantic City. Mr. Guishard asked how far Conifer's property extended and if there were any plans for the large empty area shown on drawings. Mr. Lewis explained he thought it was 33 acres and said a significant portion of the property is wetlands. Mr. Sartorio explained the entire property wasn't shown on the drawing and the balance of the land past the red line at the bottom of the page goes towards the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust dedicated to open space and a lot of it is wetlands. Ms. Gatto commented on assuming the Planning Board will address the traffic at the corner and said there aren't enough lanes there now. Mr. Barton explained that isn't part of their plan; it will be part of the larger submission. Mrs. Dix questioned the height of the buildings. Mr. Barton explained the zoning in that district allows 40' and they are at 36'. Mrs. Link asked if there would be a pool. Mr. Lewis said there wouldn't be. Mayor Silva thanked them for their presentation.

A.U.S. Energy Aggregation proposal:

Mr. Guishard commented briefly on looking into solar energy, contacting Alternative Utility Services (A.U.S.); having discussions with them; discussing it with a previous Committee Person and the Administrator; and A.U.S making their first presentation in December. He said Gus Esher and Michael Erickson were here tonight to address any questions the Committee may have. Mr. Erickson made a power point presentation. The BPU established the rules and regulations for establishing energy aggregation programs; a community aggregation program can include residents, small businesses, non-profits, and government facilities; the Township would decide which ones they wanted to include; as the consultant they would bid it to multiplier suppliers and the Township decides the supplier; it must save money; as the consultant they would recommend the length of term for the program; the programs are safe, fair, flexible; program expenses are reimbursed and there is no cost to anyone; as the consultant AUS would assume the Township's liability and responsibilities under the Act; no one is forced to be in it, they can opt out at any time without penalty; all duties and responsibilities of the Township under The Energy Aggregation Act are transferred to AUS by agreement; AUS knows the aggregation process in New Jersey, have studied it and had their attorneys go over it; it is a step by step process; AUS has been doing aggregation since 1993 and has been in New Jersey since 2000; presentation and discussion was recorded and video-taped; the video can be viewed on the Township website.

There was no executive session and no executive session confirmations.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mayor Silva, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that approval of the February 3, 2014 minutes be and is hereby deleted from the agenda of this meeting.

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

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

VEHICLE FUELING POLCY:

Ms. Gatto 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 policy be and is hereby adopted.

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

Township of Hamilton
Vehicle Fueling Policy
February 18, 2014

Overview:

Fuel tanks available to Township-authorized users are serviced and maintained through an interlocal agreement with the County of Atlantic. The County supplies access through a computerized system which allows users to enter a personal code to activate the fuel pump. This policy is designed to direct the procedures for access to and use of Township of Hamilton fueling sites by Township employees and Emergency Services volunteers.

Locations:

- A. The primary fueling site for Township of Hamilton authorized users is at 5500 Atlantic Avenue adjacent to the Public Works Garage.
- B. In case of emergencies, low fuel supply or other exigent circumstances, fuel may be obtained at any County-operated fueling site including the sites maintained in Hammonton and Northfield.

I. **Authorized Users:**

- A. All Township employees required to drive a Township vehicle in performance of their job duties shall be an authorized user.
- B. All members of Emergency Services organizations such as Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Emergency Management shall also be authorized users subject to written approval of the Chiefs of their respective organizations.
- C. Other users may be authorized by the Township Administrator or the Emergency Management Coordinator as needed.

II. **Authorized Vehicles/Equipment**

- A. All vehicles and equipment owned and operated by the Township shall have a unique identification number to use when fueling.
- B. All vehicles shall be filled completely with fuel and accurate odometer readings shall be entered when fueling.
- C. Small equipment such as chainsaws, blowers and weed whackers shall not be required to have a specific fuel identification number.
- D. A general identification number for filling fuel cans will be established. These cans will then be used to fill the aforementioned smaller equipment.
- E. If an employee uses a generic identification number to fill a can, they shall note the equipment which was fueled on their daily report.

III. **Oversight:**

- A. The Public Works Department shall administer the fueling program for the Township. The Public Works Director or their designee shall be the Program Administrator and will be responsible for the following:
 - 1. Inventory of approved users
 - 2. Addition of new users, vehicles and equipment
 - 3. Removal of discontinued users, vehicles and equipment
 - 4. Monitoring fuel use usage
 - 5. Other recordkeeping and security functions related to the administration of the program
- B. The Program Administrator will regularly review security at the fueling site and recommend improvements or highlight effective procedures.
- C. Department Heads/Chiefs of will be responsible for immediately reporting any suspected abuse of this system to the Township Administrator and the Township of Hamilton Police Department.
- D. Indicators of problems or abuse of the system could include but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Multiple fuel transactions over a short period of time
 - 2. Transactions for amounts in excess of the gallons required to fill the authorized vehicle
 - 3. Same ID used multiple times for different vehicles in a short period of time
 - 4. Inconsistent mileage reporting
 - 5. Same vehicle fueled by several different users in a short period of time

IV. **New Users:**

- A. The Department Head/Chief of the new user's department shall submit a written request for creation of a fuel ID for the user. Only after this is received will an ID be created. All new users shall be assigned a unique identification number by the Program Administrator. This number shall not be shared with others.
- B. New users shall be trained in the operation of the fueling system by a qualified, experienced user.
- C. New users shall sign the agreement in Appendix A indicating that they have received this policy and appropriate training in use of the fueling equipment.

V. **General:**

- A. Township-authorized fuel users shall comply with the following guidelines for use of Township-purchased fuel:
 - 1. Fuel shall be dispensed only into Township-owned vehicles or equipment.
 - 2. Personal fuel access codes will not be shared with any other persons, whether they are authorized users or not.
 - 3. Users shall always use the correct mileage data and the vehicle number associated with the vehicle/equipment they are fueling.
 - 4. Failure to adhere to any of these guidelines could result in progressive discipline up to and including termination, and prosecution.

**APPENDIX A
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
FUEL IDENTIFICATION USE EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT**

1. I have read, understand, and will comply with the Vehicle Fueling Policy.
2. I have been issued a Fuel Use ID which authorizes me to fuel company vehicles only for the purpose of official Township business.
3. I understand that my Fuel Use ID identifies me by name on a fuel report and that I am accountable for all transactions made using my ID.
4. I agree not to share my Personal Identification Number (PIN) with any other person.
5. I will immediately notify my supervisor if I believe that someone else knows my Fuel Use ID.
6. I understand that my Fuel Use ID is not to be used for personal vehicles or non-business purposes. Using the Fuel Use ID for any purpose other than official business will be considered theft of Township property.
7. I understand that each time I use my Fuel Use ID to fill a vehicle I am required to completely fill the vehicle's fuel tank and enter an accurate odometer reading. This will allow the Township to monitor fuel usage and track required maintenance intervals. My failure to do this may result in, loss of refueling privileges, and/or disciplinary action.
8. I understand that any improper use of this Fuel Use ID may result in disciplinary actions, including termination of employment and criminal action.
9. I understand the Township may terminate my Fuel Use ID privileges at any time for any reason.
10. I have been trained in the use of the fueling equipment and my Fuel Use ID.

Employee Signature	Authorizing Official's Signature
Employee Printed Name	Authorizing Official Printed Name
Date	Date

Appointment of 2014 Conflict Solicitor & County Tax Appeals Solicitor:

Mrs. Dix recused herself and left the dais without stating a reason.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Randolph Lafferty of the firm of Cooper Levenson, Attorneys at Law, be and is hereby appointed the Conflict Solicitor for the Township of Hamilton for the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Randolph Lafferty of the firm Cooper Levenson, Attorneys at Law, be and is hereby appointed the County Tax Appeals Solicitor for the Township of Hamilton of Hamilton for the year 2014.

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

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Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mayor Silva, that the following resolution be adopted.

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO PROMOTE
EQUALITY AND TRUE TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT BY AMENDING
PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, N.J.S.A. 47:1A et seq.
(P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 404) SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTIONS THAT APPLY TO
MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, in 2001 the New Jersey Legislature enacted Public Law 2001, c.404 known as the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) which gives the citizenry of the State of New Jersey access to governmental records except for specifically delineated exemptions; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this legislation was to create greater transparency by governmental officials and employees in all areas of government within the State of New Jersey whether state, county or municipal; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the requirements under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) can be at times burdensome for governmental entities, particularly at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the added burdens and expense thrust upon governmental entities in order to comply with OPRA are outweighed by the overarching goals of openness and transparency in government; and

WHEREAS, this same level of openness and transparency does not apply to both branches of the New Jersey⁶ Legislature (Assembly and Senate) as they have seen fit to exempt themselves from the provisions of OPRA which apply to all other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, a critical analysis of the purpose and intent of OPRA does not permit any reasonable explanation as to why the Legislative Branch of the government should be excluded from the reach of the Act since their governmental functions are no more important than the functions performed by the State's Executive Branch and by local government entities; and

WHEREAS, the exceptions which the Legislature created for itself weaken transparency and create inequality, for which there is no rational basis; and

WHEREAS, the original purpose and intent of OPRA would be strengthened and equality among governmental entities would be enhanced if the New Jersey Legislature was subjected to the same burdens and responsibilities under OPRA which bind all other governmental entities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton (Atlantic County) joins the call of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and other representative agencies of the local government and calls upon the New Jersey Legislature to amend the provisions of OPRA to remove the exemptions currently granted to members of the Legislature and to require all members of the New Jersey Legislature to be bound by the same standards of transparency that apply to all other governmental entities in the State of New Jersey.

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

Cotton Mill/Wheaton Project update:

Mr. Sartorio reported they started working on their site design last month; their current proposal is for 140 rental units instead of 180 condos; they will probably go up one story on the existing structure and the add-ons on the north side of that building are being eliminated; they will be coming in to replace structures along the

river; they should be coming in for approval; and something should start in April. Ms. Gatto suggested the residents would be very interested in seeing what is now being planned and asked Mr. Sartorio to have the developer come in and make a presentation. Mayor Silva commented on the building deteriorating and suggested they should clean it up more if they aren't going start the project. Mrs. Dix commented on almost all the windows being broken and reporting in December that the overhead door where tractor trailers used to go in was open and is still open.

HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION POLICY:

Ms. Gatto thanked Lisa Marcolongo for the research she did and putting the policy together.

Ms. Gatto 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 following police for Honorary Street Name Signs be and is hereby adopted.

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

HONORARY STREET NAME SIGN APPLICATION POLICY

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

Township streets are generally not officially renamed unless a need that is critical to emergency service delivery, or the health and safety of the citizens, is demonstrated. However, the *Honorary Street Name Sign Program* allows citizens the opportunity to recognize and honor people who have made significant contributions to the Township, the State of New Jersey, or the United States.

Streets that carry an honorary designation are not officially renamed, but the honor is indicated by an additional or modified street sign.

DURATION AND RENEWALS:

1. Street names will be displayed for a period of ten (10) years (the estimated life of the street sign). Renewals, if desired at the end of the 10-year period, will be handled like new requests with all applicable rules and fees in effect at that time. If a renewal is not arranged, the honorary designation will be discontinued at the end of 10 years.
2. No more than one designation may be awarded to the same street during the 10-year period.

FEES AND COSTS:

1. There is no administrative fee for an Honorary Street Name Sign Application; however, the Applicant is responsible to cover the cost of design, fabrication, installation, and maintenance over the ten-year expected life of the signs.
2. The Public Works Department will evaluate the location(s) and consider the Applicant's suggestions, but Public Works will make the final determination of the appropriate size, color and design of the completed signs to ensure uniformity and consistency.
3. The honorary sign shall be a sign of a similar size and shape as a standard street name sign, but a different color that the normal green-and-white street sign and posted above the standard street sign (similar to example at right). Only one honorary sign will be allowed at an intersection because of the physical limitation of stacking a third sign on top of the other two.



4. Honorary Signs will be ground-mounted signs only.
5. Honorary Signs shall conform to Township ordinances as outlined in the Land Use Code.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Applicant must submit a completed Honorary Street Name Sign Application Form with all required attachments to the Township Administrator. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If all of the required documentation is not received within 30 days, the application will be considered inactive.
2. Applicants must submit the following information with the application form:
 - a. Honorary Street Name Sign requests to be placed on State Highways or County Roads must be first approved by the appropriate authority (approval to be submitted with Township application).
 - b. If the Honorary Street Name request is for a proper name of an individual or organization, the Applicant must submit a biography of the person/organization being honored that lists the accomplishments and/or contributions to the community. If the request is to honor an event, the Applicant must include a summary of the reasons for the name change.
3. Once the Applicant has submitted all required documentation, the Township Administrator shall request a cost estimate for sign fabrication and installation from the Department of Public Works. The Administrator shall provide written notification of the cost estimate to the Applicant. The Applicant must show proof that it has funds available to construct and install the new signs before a Resolution is carried forward. The Applicant shall have 180 days to obtain funding required for the signs.
4. Once funding has been certified, all Honorary Street Names must then be approved by Resolution of the Township Committee. The Township Committee shall have a minimum of 45 days to consider the completed application. The decision of the Township Committee is final.
5. If a request is not approved, the applicant may not reapply for the same honorary street name for a period of one year; nor may the applicant apply for the use of a different honorary name for the same street segment; nor may additional applicants reapply for the same application within a one-year period.

NAMING GUIDELINES:

Here are some guidelines for choosing an appropriate name:

1. A street name should be appropriate and easy to read.
2. Names shall not exceed a total of 30 letters and/or spaces, including street type and direction.
3. A street name may not duplicate an existing street name within the Township.
4. Names which may be offensive (slang, double meanings, etc.) will not be approved.
5. The following types of names should be AVOIDED:
 - a. Sound-alike names (e.g. Maiden Street or Madin Street, Bernard Dr. or Barnard Dr.) or names that have the same pronunciation, but different spellings (e.g. Smith and Smythe, Allen and Alan) as an existing street name within the Township.
 - b. Abbreviations in street names.
 - c. Special characters in street names such as hyphens, apostrophes, dashes or periods.

Remington & Vernick proposal for services for generator project:

Mrs. Dix commented on the proposal for these services being \$18,781.00 in December and questioned what caused it to be increased to \$41,000.00. Mayor Silva suggested it be tables until there is more information.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the Remington & Vernick proposal for engineering services related to the installation of a new whole-building generator at Town Hall be tabled until the March 3, 2014 meeting.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Business Registration License for Pete's Italian Ice, Italian ice and bottled water sales at Hamilton Commons, be and is hereby approved.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, 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 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13); and

Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) was made by Debra Kraus, whose address is 7400 Driftwood Lane, 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 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$7,800.00) made by Debra Kraus for the following described parcel of land be and is hereby accepted and the sale of same to her 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>
103/ 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	24.9 acres	Tenth Avenue

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 Debra Kraus, 7400 Driftwood Lane, Mays Landing, NJ 08030, pursuant to the terms and conditions of sale as set forth in the Notice of Sale published in the January 15 and January 22, 2014 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".

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Ms. Gatto moved, Seconded by Mrs. Dix, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton (Atlantic County) has no objections to NJ DOT approval and/or issuance of permits to Reliance Hose Company #1 (Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company) for coin drops to be held at the intersection of Routes 40 and 50 on June 20 & 21, 2014 (Rain date June 22, 2014), July 18 & 20, 2014 and August 15 & 16, 2014 (Rain date August 17, 2014).

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

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Monitoring Certification:

Mr. Sartorio explained that at the end of the year the Township is required to enter the Affordable Housing fees deposited in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the property location and amount deposited, copies of all the bank records including the reconciliation information into the DCA on-line system; and this is for funds collected and expenditures last year. Mayor Silva asked if this was the funding the State was talking about taking away from various communities. Mr. Sartorio said it was and that they are still looking at it.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mayor Silva, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Philip Sartorio is hereby authorized to submit the Annual Certification of Affordable Housing Monitoring in the CTM System.

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

Approval of minutes:

Mrs. Dix said she felt the minutes submitted February 3rd represented what happened at the meeting; in her opinion second set shows an editing of the minutes; she has past solicitors' opinions in other places that you can't edit minutes; words were added in and words directly said were edited out; and she objected to that. Mr. Guishard asked the Solicitor if his understanding is that minutes don't have to be verbatim of what occurred at the meeting, they can be a reasonable and adequate, comprehensive summary was correct. Mr. Sandman said that was absolutely correct. Mr. Guishard asked Mrs. Dix if she felt the intent of the minutes was changed. Mrs. Dix said she objected to when Mr. Sandman said he didn't give a legal opinion on the legal ad because he was not directed by the Administration to do it. Mr. Sandman explained that any sitting member can read minutes and object for any reason if the minutes don't conform to their recollection. He said "for the record" that what happened was Mrs. Dix asked him for an opinion and that he said he didn't do an opinion because Administration didn't authorize him to and Mr. Jacobs said that was because they already had legal counsel. Mr. Sandman said his recollection means nothing, the Members' is what counts..

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the January 24, 2014 special meeting be and are hereby approved and adopted as published.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH MEMBERS GATTO, LINK AND SILVA VOTING "YES", MEMBERS DIX AND GUISHARD VOTING "NO", NO "ABSTAIN".

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, 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 to be paid, the bill list total being \$916,780.16.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix that the following resolution be adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Samuel Velez be and is hereby appointed a full-time temporary Truck Driver/Laborer at \$15.00 per hour, for a period not to exceed six (6) months effective February 24, 2014.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Rosemarie Hewitt be and is hereby moved from part-time Communications Officer (Dispatcher) to full-time Communications Officer (dispatcher) at \$3,198.83 per year with the effective date to be determined by the Police Chief.

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

Ms. Gatto 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 Cologne Volunteer Company members eligible for 2013 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

Shawn Vallauri, Sr.	201 points	Marcus Treadwell	147 points
Paul Gramm	223 points	Jody Lynd	100 points
Mark Sciore	180 points	Ryan Stouffer	141 points
Zach Pew	109 points	Andrew Rodriguez	114 points
David Blair	183 points	Sam Squire	142 points
Steve Yob	149 points	Tom McKensie	100 points
Bill Will	160 points	Tony Hare	120 points
Mike Aspinwall	101 points	Chris Taylor	110 points
Mike Martin	136 points		

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

Reports:

Mr. Smith said he had nothing to add to his written report. Mrs. Dix questioned the status of the demolitions in Harding Lakes and Mizpah. Mr. Smith explained the contractor doesn't have an order to proceed because he still has to provide insurance.

Mrs. Link congratulated the Police Department on their handling of the bomb threat at Hess and Shaner schools. Mrs. Link reported the Shrek musical will be held at Oakcrest High School on February 27th and 28th. Mrs. Link reported the Hamilton Township Community Education Department recently held a very successful fund raiser.

Mrs. Dix reported speaking to the Egg Harbor Township Fire Chief about the State law that limits the amount of money towns are allowed to give to volunteer fire companies and that they will probably take the lead in lobbying to get the law changed so more money can be given

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to the volunteers. She suggested the Committee has to look at it and see what can be done about it. Mrs. Dix commented on speaking to Mr. Guishard before the meeting about needing a Quality of Life Committee meeting with Mr. Smith about the Road Program and asked Mr. Smith if advertising for it was imminent. He said it was. Mrs. Dix commented on the upcoming County Sugar Hill bridge and River Drive projects; MUA water main replacement projects on Atlantic Avenue and Park Road; and the possibility of doing the parking lot across from Town Hall before December 31st and suggested a meeting with the County and MUA people is needed to coordinate the projects so notices to proceed are timed so the town isn't thrown into gridlock. She said she believes the County is also going to pave Cologne Avenue from Black Horse Pike to the bridge at Holly Street. Mrs. Dix asked how soon Park Road is scheduled to be paved after the water main goes in. Mr. Smith explained he would wait until he gets the MUA schedule to decide when would be a good time to bid that. Mrs. Dix said she understood the Park Road water main is to be done this summer and asked if the triathlon could be done on Park Road if it is torn up or if they need to move it to other side of the lake. Ms. Gatto commented on speaking to Freeholder Pauls who is being on the Roads and Parks Committee about the roads Mrs. Dix mentioned.

Mr. Guishard reported that he has phone numbers for reporting potholes to the county; they are also on their website and William Reinhart, the head of the County Public Works Department, said they are waiting for new equipment to address the pothole problem. Mr. Guishard said Mr. Reinhart mentioned the possibility of sharing some of the he mentioned the possibility of sharing equipment and suggested looked into that. Mr. Guishard reported the annual Science fair at Stockton State College will be held on March 22nd; about 700 students from Junior High and High School participate; and he encouraged anyone who could go to it to attend. Mr. Guishard reported the Veterans' Museum is looking for items veterans may have and explained the items could be loaned to the museum for return at a future date.

Ms. Gatto commented on the upcoming Earth Day that will include a prescription drug disposal program and showed pictures of the new trash and recycling containers the Township purchased for Main Street, bus stops and various other areas around the Township.

Mayor Silva reported the Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District is holding public informational meetings to explain the March 11th bond referendum projects at Cedar Creek High School tonight, tomorrow night in the Absegami High School cafeteria and in the Oakcrest Multipurpose room on the 26th and all meetings will start at 7 PM. He commented on the importance of this election because it will have an impact on the taxes. Mayor Silva reported DDR will be giving the Committee written reports on remediation of their drainage basins from now on.

The Mayor announced the DVD of the 200th Anniversary celebration that was shown in town hall on February 4th will be put on the website.

Public Comment:

Cheryl Fetty asked to see the pictures of the trash and recycling containers reported on by Ms. Gatto and asked if there was Historic Commission approval. Brett Noll explained those are not in the Historic District, they are for bus stops and other areas. Mrs. Fetty commented on the Commission picking out containers for the Main Street Historic District and said there are bus stops in front of the County Library and one on Route 50 alongside of the park. Ms. Gatto explained the Historic District ones cost more and they are ordered.

There being no further questions or comments from the public, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mayor Silva, that the public comment portion be closed.

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

There being no further matters to be considered tonight, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Dix, that this meeting be adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

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