

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
DECEMBER 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey 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 Michael S. Jacobs, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert S. Sandman, Township Solicitor, and Robert J. Smith, 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 Monday, December 15, 2014 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Silva asked the public to keep the Mr. Guishard and his family in their prayers because Mr. Guishard's brother had passed away.

There was no adjournment to executive session or conformation of executive sessions.

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 item deleted from the agenda as recommended by the Solicitor:

8.0 Request of Aline Dix for legal representation in the matter of Jacobs vs. Dix & Township of Hamilton pursuant to Chap. 17 §17-4 of the Township Code. (Per Solicitor)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agenda Item 9.D, appointment of Samuel Velez, be corrected to read "effective "December 16, 2014".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following item be added to the agenda for consideration and action to be taken there on tonight:

8.C (1) Authorize cancellation of certain balance sheet items in the Township Financial Statements as recommended by the Auditor.
8.K Add name of additional driver: Harpal Singh.

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

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

Hamilton Township Municipal Authorities Update on Park Road Construction by Steven Blankenship, Executive Director:

Mr. Blankenship explained the bulk of the water project is finished; the main is completed; they still have to tie in from Lenape Avenue at the 5 points where the bridge is and into the Tanglewood main; they are switching from the old main to the new one now; 11 of the 38 homes needing service transferred are done as of today and the contractor is trying to bring a second crew in next week to get that done; they will probably be done some time after the first of the year; the contractor is trying to keep the road open and move out of the way to let school buses and traffic through; ad he hopes the contractor will finalize their project by the middle of January. Mayor

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Silva asked what the time frame for settlement is. Mr. Blankenship explained all contracts contain a maintenance period and that the contractor is going to mill both sides of the trench and tie-in areas; they will put in base paving and be responsible for the maintenance period, probably 2 years. Mayor Silva asked how much paving the MUA will be responsible to do. Mr. Blankenship explained the plans call for them doing the areas being disturbed; they may be able to do a little more where there is only a little bit of space between the trench and the edge of the street; full restoration of the road isn't in their budget; the Township did some work there and he thinks the Gas Company is still doing work; the MUA Project is being done under a New Jersey Environmental Trust Grant through the NJDEP and they have to authorize anything the MUA does. He said he wants to meet with the Township when the contractor is done to see what shape the road is in and what more could be done. He explained there may be some money left over from the contract and they might be able to use some of it but that would be contingent upon getting State approval. Mr. Blankenship said the State comes periodically to check on the work but not as much as in the past and they will probably come down when the project is finished. The Mayor commented on getting inquiries about it and especially the condition of the roadway. Mr. Blankenship explained it is usually good to let it settle for 6 months. Mayor Silva asked about restoration on Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Blankenship said the contractor is supposed to be there this week. Mrs. Link questioned what is happening with the several areas that are still only gravel. Mr. Blankenship explained the contractor has done some patching but there are still some areas where patching has to be done. Ms. Gatto commented on how the MUA and Township work together to maximum both of their resources. Mr. Blankenship commented on trying to get all the work done before the curbs are redone and hoping all the utility companies get their infrastructure done so they don't have to come back once the road is done and the moratorium is put on. Mr. Smith said once the roadway is resurfaced it is under a moratorium for 3 years. He asked what the contract calls for in final restoration. Mr. Blankenship said it just calls for base paving. Mr. Smith commented on it all coming down to where Park Road is going to fit into the next Township Road Program; how long the MUA has to maintain the trenches; and maintenance in the contract being 2 years after the work is completed and accepted by the MUA. Mr. Blankenship explained the MUA is taking advantage of this loan because it doesn't have the same amount of money they had in the past; it allows them to borrow at less than 1% interest; and they are trying to maximize what the loan allows. Mrs. Link commented on the Gas Company still having old lines there. Mr. Smith explained they will need road opening permits and that he just issued one for them to replace a main in the shoulder of the road from the Bridge to Lenape Avenue and tie into Lake Drive. Mrs. Dix said there is about 1000' from where the Gas Company replaced the line the new house next to hers 4-5 years ago to the bridge about and that they don't have to tie into Lake Drive because they already have plastic pipe there. Mr. Smith explained they are replacing the plastic pipe behind the curb from the bridge to Lake Drive and the main on Rundle; it will be in the roadway; and they will be required to mill and repave it. Mayor Silva asked Mrs. Dix if she would like to bring up the item she put on the agenda regarding Park Road while Mr. Blankenship was still present. Mrs. Dix explained the Sidewalk Ordinance was her first issue because the Township forces it on other people; that the Township has an obligation to put sidewalks along the paving at the Cove; that a lot of people think the Township should put sidewalks the entire length of Park Road because there is a lot of foot traffic there but she can't advocate that at this point because of the cost; she thinks the Township should do it by property that it owns. Mrs. Dix said her second issue is that she understood Park Road was going to be in the 2015 Paving Program but was now told it will be in the 2016. She asked how the Township can plan a Triathlon with foot and bike racing on the entire length of Park Road because of the hazardous condition and liability on the Township that would exist if it hasn't been fully repaved. Mrs. Dix said the Township has to evaluate the condition and make a decision soon so the Triathlon (people) know whether or not they have to shift it to another location; it is a safety issue; it is usually the second week in July; they usually start advertising and sign people up in February; and she doesn't think the MUA is going to

she doesn't think the MUA will be completely done by July 1st. Mayor Silva asked Mr. Jacobs to contact the people from the Triathlon and let them know what is happening with Park Road and that they may have to consider an alternate route. Mr. Blankenship said he expects to be done in January and that he would like to sit with the Township Engineer and Administrator to review where they are, what kind of funding the MUA has left, what kind of permission they can work out with State and try to assist in the endeavor, but he won't do it until they are done and see what they run into. Mrs. Dix suggested they may be able to partner with the Gas Company too. Mr. Guishard asked if the County is involved. Mr. Blankenship said it isn't a County road. Mrs. Dix said she got a complaint about the condition of Mill Street and asked Mr. Blankenship if he would contact the contractor to see if they can put some cold patch in. Mr. Blankenship said the MUA put some in for them a couple of weeks ago but he will follow up on it. He said the County requires a 5 year maintenance bond; that they gave the okay to stop the temporary paving; and he hopes they will finish in the spring. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Blankenship to notify him when the contractor is going to repave Atlantic Avenue. The Mayor and Committee members thanked Mr. Blankenship for the update.

West Bay II Partners/D'Anastasio Corp. correspondence re: Tavistock:

Mr. Sandman explained he received a letter from the attorney for West Bay Partners II and D'Anastasio Corporation, developers of Tavistock at Mays Landing offering to allow the Township to lien the other lots owned by them for the cost of snow plowing and maintenance of the streets in the development because they are no longer operating. He said that the Township position in the past has been not to take any maintenance or snow plowing obligations until the developments are completed, the performance bonds released and the streets are accepted except for unusual circumstances and it is his opinion that they should continue that process. Mr. Sandman explained that the Township doesn't own the roads; the top coat hasn't been put on them; there is a 2 inch gap between water mains and protrusions in the street; and snow plowing would make them susceptible to further damage. He explained the Township is in the process of negotiating with the bonding company to improve and complete the development and he believes any damages caused by the Township maintaining or plowing would hinder those negotiations. Mr. Sandman explained that if the offer was accepted, the attorney fees and costs would exceed the cost of snow plowing; that his opinion is that the Committee should continue the past practices; decline the offer; treat the development the same as they do any other one; and take on no maintenance or snow plowing responsibilities until they have to. Mr. Silva suggested they might be better off consulting their attorney and lien the properties themselves. Ms. Gatto sked if the responsibility will fall on the ones who sent the letter or the Homeowners because the roads have to get plowed. Mr. Sandman said that how that happens is the function of some sort of negotiation between the developer who is no longer in the picture and the Association and that the Association will probably have to pay for it up front and seek remedies elsewhere.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton does hereby decline the West Bay Partners II LLC and D'Anastasio Corporation proposal that the Township assume road maintenance and snow plowing in Tavistock and lien the remaining nine (9) improved building lots in Tavistock owned by them for the cost of all required snow plowing and road maintenance as set forth in correspondence received from their attorney, from E. Richard Dressel, dated November 19, 2014.

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

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Appointment of Green Team:

Mr. Guishard explained the purpose of the Sustainable New Jersey Program; that creation of a Green Team is required for participation in the Program; a majority of the municipalities in the State are participating in the Program or have filed applications to participate; a group of interested people who have been active for months requested the Township establish a Green Team; the Committee has discussed the Program and participation in it at several meetings and concluded at the last meeting the Committee concluded they wanted to give other interested people the opportunity to submit applications; there was a proposal to make 1 year, 2 year and 3 year terms at first but Mr. Sandman has determined that the terms can only be for 1 year because it is being done by a resolution (not an Ordinance). Ingrid Perez explained the membership categories were recommendations; the Committee could change them if they wanted to; that she would be a voting member but Mr. Guishard would not. Mrs. Dix said the resolution was clear that there were t of the resolution read the portion of the resolution regarding membership and said that if Ingrid is to be a voting member, one of the others have to come off. Ms. Gatto suggested that the categories designations in parenthesis be deleted and that the Committee categorize the positions at a future date. Ms. Gatto said she would move the resolution with the six names Mr. Guishard read into the record, Ingrid Perez and Mr. Guishard as shown on the resolution with the understanding that there is one (Citizen)opening. Mr. Guishard commented on wanting members of the public to attend the Green Team meetings and give their input and suggestions.

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

Township of Hamilton

Resolution to Establish a Green Team Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Township of Hamilton has passed a resolution supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program, and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Hamilton strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments and build a community that is economically, environmentally and socially sustainable well into the new century and;

WHEREAS, the Township of Hamilton wishes to build a model of government that benefits our residents now and into the future with green community initiatives that are easily replicated and affordable, and;

WHEREAS, participation in the Sustainable New Jersey Program can have many benefits for the Township including grant funding, support for Community Events, State level recognition and overall community wellness and resiliency, and;

WHEREAS, participation in these and other activities require dedicated volunteers and, more specifically, the mandatory establishment of a Green Team to advise regarding these activities, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a significant interest in the program shown by members of the public, residents, business and other community members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that we do hereby establish the Sustainable Township of Hamilton Green Team consisting of a total of nine (9) members. Seven (7) members shall be residents of the Township of Hamilton and will include at least one representative of commercial/business interests and one (1) representative for education interests. One (1) member shall be the official municipal employee designated by resolution to represent the Township and one (1) shall be a sitting Township Committee member. Both the municipal employee and the Township Committee person shall be "ex officio" members and will not have voting powers. Members shall be appointed annually on or about January 1 by resolution but the initial term of appointment shall be through December 31, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Sustainable Township of Hamilton Green Team until December 31, 2015.

NAME	POSITION
Suzanne Marx	Citizen Representative
Suzanne Lazarchik	Citizen Representative
Michele Bellinger	Citizen Representative
Carol Dupras	Citizen Representative
Fran Saravia	Citizen Representative
Jennie Ayres	Citizen Representative
Vacancy	Citizen Representative
Ingrid Perez, Special Project Manager	Municipal Official
Rodney Guishard	Township Committee Representative

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH MEMBERS GATTO, GUSHARD, LINK AND SILVA VOTING "AYE", NO "NAY", AND MRS. DIX ABSTAINED.

Reassessment Update by William Johnson, CTA:

Mayor Silva explained that he would allow generic questions not specific to a particular letter from the public when Mr. Johnson was finished. Mr. Johnson explained that the values in some of the condominiums and single family developments continued to decline drastically after the 2010 reval went on the books in 2011; that the Township continued with its compliance plan so adjustments could be done because there were enough tax appeals to cause alarm; that the Township has to refund all of the money if there is a (successful) tax appeal; that the County gives the Township a credit for their part through equalization the following year but the school doesn't give anything back. He said that he thought it would be better to reassess the entire Township and when he made a presentation to the governing body, they approved it. Mr. Johnson explained that the letter that went out shows the 2014 tax assessment, the actual taxes paid in 2014 and the new assessment; they used the 2014 budget number and applied the new assessment to it to get the 2015 taxes shown in the letter because they don't know yet what the 2015 budget will be yet. Ms. Gatto said she didn't think people understood that the taxes will be different based on the new tax rate. Mayor Silva asked what impact Atlantic City and the County will have on it. Mr. Johnson said he won't know that until the 2015 budgeting process is completed and the biggest factor will be the County Tax Board adjustments when they are applied through the equalization. Mrs. Dix commented on the Tax Court being able to continue making decisions until December 31st that will affect the Atlantic City tax base and the budget. Mr. Johnson explained he won't know that for some time to come. Mrs. Dix said the Township would have some idea if all 23 municipalities file their books by January 10th because the Book of Ratables will show the increases or decreases in their ratable base and the percentages assigned to each. Mr. Johnson said that is only part of it, the biggest factor will be the tax court judgments that are applied to the equalization. Mr. Johnson said that most property values in the township declined so if the total ratable base was \$4 million the tax rate was \$2 and the average home was assessed at \$175,000, the taxes would be \$3,000 but if the total value declined 50% and no reassessment was done the ratable base would be reduced to \$2 million, the average assessment would be \$75,000, the rate would be \$4 but is the budget stayed the same as the year before, the taxes would be the same for the township as a whole but individual amounts might change. Mrs. Dix commented on decrease in the value of 1 penny on the tax rate declining from \$238,000 in 2012 to \$227,000 in 2014 after the Compliance Plan was done and decreasing to \$210,000 in 2015 based on numbers that aren't final yet. She said she didn't know how much the Township will have to add in ratables to hold the same lever of budget dollars and that they have to wait until after January 10th to see what the ratable sharing is. Mr. Johnson said he hoped the values will be good and hold for a couple of years as ratables are added. Mrs. Dix said the amount of added assessments are insignificant compared to tax

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the amount of tax appeals. Mr. Johnson said it has off-set it for the past couple of years and that if the Compliance Plan wasn't done, the Township would be borrowing to pay tax refunds. He said Hamilton Township is one of the few municipalities in the County that hasn't had to do that. Mr. Sandman commented on the Township having \$40 million - \$50 million in added assessments a year from 2000 through 2010 and asked what happened in terms of added assessments in 2009. Mr. Johnson explained the amount was \$40 million-\$50 million a year until 2009 when the market declined; that it declined to about \$13 million last year; and the tax appeals wiped that out. He explained that the reassessment reached about 95% because he anticipated a continuing decline in the market, and foreclosures that will have an impact. Mr. Sandman said that by doing the reassessment market values were changed to market value to avoid subsequent tax appeals; the Assessor was being fair to the people; that by budgeting the way the Committee did, they still have a reserve which other towns in the County do not; and through its initiative the Township remained stable at 95% in spite of the decline in values and rampant foreclosures. Robert Campbell Sr. asked if a taxpayer or homeowner till has the opportunity to appeal if they aren't happy with the new assessment. Mr. Johnson explained they can still call Professional Property Appraisers for an appointment to have an informal review of the assessment; that the December 12 deadline stated in the letter was because they wanted the people to act now, not wait until January or February; if they still aren't happy they can file a tax appeal; the deadline for filing it has been extended to May 1st for 2015 only; and they would use sales from October 2013 to October 2014 in their appeal. In response to a question about not receiving the letter, Mr. Johnson explained they were mailed to the owners of record the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and that if the man called his office with the block and lot number they can check to see if it was one that was returned to his office by the post office as undeliverable. Mayor Silva thanked Mr. Johnson for coming and for the update

Public Hearing/Adoption - Ord. #1779-2014:

There being no questions or comments on Ordinance #1779-2014, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that the public hearing be closed.

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

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1779-2014 was introduced and passed first reading on December 1, 2014 and was duly advertised in the December 3, 2014 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held on December 15, 2014; 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 #1779-2014 be and is hereby adopted.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ
ORDINANCE 1779-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 238, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE,
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE:
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, ATLANTIC COUNTY NJ

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

Section 1. Amend the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Chapter 238, Property Maintenance as follows:

- 1) Amend §238-2, Changes to the published text; code revisions specific to Township, by re-identifying existing subsections J through M to be subsections L through o and inserting the following as new subsections J and K:

J. Section 202. Add to the definition Person: “Person shall also include a creditor filing the summons and complaint in an action to foreclose..”

K. Section 302. Add to section: “Pursuant to NJSA 40:48-2.12s a creditor filing the summons and complaint in an action to foreclose shall be responsible for the care, maintenance, security and upkeep of the exterior of a vacant and abandoned property and, if located out-of-State, shall be responsible for appointing an in-State representative or agent to act for the foreclosing creditor.”

- 2) Amend §238-3, Notice of failure to comply, by amending the third sentence to read: “The person or entity shall correct the violation within 30 days from the date of receipt of the notice, or within 10 days if the violation presents an imminent threat to public health and safety.”

- 3) Insert the following as new §238-4.1:

“238-4.1. Violation for failure of an out-of-State creditor to appoint an in-State representative; failure of a creditor to abate property maintenance violations.

A. An out-of-State creditor filing the summons and complaint of foreclosure that is found by the municipal court or by any other court of competent jurisdiction to be in violation of the requirement to appoint an in-State representative or agent as required by the provisions of NJSA 40:48-2.12s and this Chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$2,500 for each day of the violation. Any fines imposed shall commence on the day after the 10-day period set forth in NJSA 46:10B-51 for providing notice to the municipal clerk that a summons and complaint in an action to foreclose has been served.

B. A creditor subject to the provisions of this ordinance that is found by municipal court, or by any other court of competent jurisdiction, to be in violation of the requirement to correct a care, maintenance, security or upkeep violation cited in a notice issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$1,500 for each day of the violation. Any fines imposed pursuant to this paragraph shall commence 31 days following receipt of the notice, except if the violation presents an imminent risk to the public health and safety, in which case any fines shall commence 11 days following receipt of the notice.”

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

Section 3. Severability. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance, or other ordinance enacted together with 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 this Ordinance, and of the ordinances enacted together with this Ordinance, are hereby declared to be severable.

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Section 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

ATTEST

TOWNSHP COMMITTEE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

ROLL CALL: DIX “YES”
 GUISHARD “YES”
 LINK “YES”
 GATTO “YES”
 SILVA “YES”

ORDINANCE NO. 1779-2014 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING ON
DECEMBER 1, 2014
ORDINANCE NO. 1779-2014 ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2014.

Public Hearing/Adoption - Ord. #1781-2014:

There being no questions or comments on Ordinance #1781-2014, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the public hearing be closed.

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

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

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1781-2014 was introduced and passed first reading on December 1, 2014 and was duly advertised in the December 3, 2014 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held on December 15, 2014; 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 #1781-2014 be and is hereby adopted.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NJ

ORDINANCE NO. 1781 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE RELEASING, EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN A PORTION OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH STREETS, BLOCK 785, CONSOLIDATING LOTS 2-5 OF BLOCK 785, AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AUXILIARY PARKING LOT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey ("Township") is of the opinion that the public interest would be best served by abandoning, vacating, releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights in and to a portion of the alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, also known as Block 785, which is no longer needed for a public street or right-of-way purposes; and

WHEREAS, the alley is more particularly identified by the description prepared by Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers, dated October 15, 2014, which documents are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined it is in the public interest that lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the current Tax Maps of the Township of Hamilton be consolidated pursuant to the plan entitled "Lot Consolidation Plan, Block 785, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5, Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey," prepared by Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers, dated October 2014, more particularly identified by the description prepared by Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers dated October 15, 2014, which documents are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Township is of the opinion that the public interest would be best served by constructing an auxiliary parking lot for Town Hall on the consolidated lots pursuant to the plan entitled "Town Hall Auxiliary Parking Lot, Township of Hamilton," prepared by Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers, dated May 19, 2014, which document is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

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

Section I: All public easements, rights and interests in and to a portion of the fifteen (15) foot alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets within the Township of Hamilton, as set forth in the attached description annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, be and is hereby vacated, abandoned and released for street or right-of-way purposes.

Section II. Any and all rights and privileges pursuant to easements, conditions or restrictions of record, except those which may have expired by their own limitations, shall be and are hereby expressly reserved and excepted from this vacation.

Section III. Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5 of Block 785 on the current Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton shall be and are hereby reconfigured and shall henceforth be known as Consolidated Lot 2. Due to the within vacation, the alley limit lines and lot lines shall be eliminated, as depicted on the plan entitled "Lot Consolidation Plan, Block 785, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5, Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey," annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

Section IV. The official Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton shall be and is hereby amended and revised to reflect: (a) the vacation of the said alleyway between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, as described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B; (b) the elimination of the lot lines for Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5 and the consolidation of the aforesaid lots so that hereafter they shall be merged into Block 785, Consolidated Lot 2 as described in Exhibit A and depicted on the plan entitled "Lot Consolidation Plan, Block 785, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5, Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey," annexed hereto as Exhibit B; (c) the elimination of the alley limit line, so that hereafter the vacated portions of the subject alley shall be merged into Block 785, Consolidated Lot 2 as depicted on the plan entitled "Lot Consolidation Plan, Block 785, Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5, Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey," annexed hereto as Exhibit B.

Section V. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to record a certified copy of this Vacation and Consolidation Ordinance and Exhibits directly with the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk.

Section VI. The Township Committee is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents to perfect the vacation and consolidation recited herein, which documents shall be in the form approved by the Township Solicitor and shall be recorded in the Office of the Atlantic County Clerk.

Section VII. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the construction of an auxiliary parking lot for Town Hall on Consolidated Lot 2 as depicted on the plan entitled ""Town Hall Auxiliary Parking Lot, Township of Hamilton," annexed hereto as Exhibit C.

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Section VII. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in accordance with Law.

ATTEST:

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

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

ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1781-2014 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING ON
DECEMBER 1, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 1781-2014 ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2014.

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

WHEREAS, the following bids were received on December 2, 2014 for the 2014 Milling and Patching Program:

Landberg Construction, LLC Base Bid: \$154,596.40
P. O. Box 280
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Arawak Paving Company, Inc. Base Bid: \$158,000.007503
Weymouth Road
Hammonton, NJ 08037

and,

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Township Engineer and Chief Financial Officer,

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the bid of Landberg Construction, LLC is hereby accepted and the contract for the 2014 Milling and Patching Program is hereby awarded to them in the amount of \$154,596.40 as recommended in writing by Robert J. Smith, III, Township Engineer on December 4, 2014 with funding from Capital Bond Ordinances #1748-13 as certified by the CFO on December 5, 2014.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND 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 purchase of Radio Equipment for the Township's Radio P25 Project from Tactical Public Safety, 199 Edgewood Avenue, Suite A, West Berlin, NJ 08901 under State Contract #A83932 at a cost of \$506,374.10 is hereby authorized with funding from Capital Bond Ordinance #1766-2014 s ce4rtified by the CFO on December 5, 2014.

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

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

WHEREAS, Bid #2014-14 for Janitorial Services was restricted to Veteran Owned Businesses pursuant to Ordinance #1765-2014; and

WHEREAS, the bid from Shawn's Cleaning Service, 119 East Kings Highway, Maple Shade, NJ in the amount of \$94,900.00 was the only bid received; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 annual contract price is \$34,570.92,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, that the bid of Shawn's Cleaning Service is hereby rejected on the basis of an unreasonable price in accordance with Ordinance #1765-2014 §14-5 (C) as recommended by the CFO on December 5, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CFO/QPA is authorized to bid Janitorial Services on an un-restricted basis.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with Tri-County Animal Control, Tuckahoe, NJ, for Animal Control Services (Bid #2011-06) on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amount of \$2,000.00 per month with funding from the 2015 Temporary Budget as certified by the CFO on December 5, 2014.

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

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 authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with GE Mechanical Inc., Vineland, NJ for Licensed Plumber Services (Bid #2011-14) on a month-to-month as needed basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amount of \$110.69 per hour for Journeyman and \$110.69 per hour for Apprentice with funding provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 Purchase Orders as certified by the CFO on December 5, 2014.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND 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 authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with Warriner's Construction Inc., Egg Harbor Township, NJ, for Skilled Carpentry Services (Bid #2011-07) on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amount of \$98.70 per hour for Journeyman and \$75.84 per hour for Apprentice funding provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 Purchase Orders as certified by the CFO on December 15, 2014.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND 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 authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with Warriner's Construction Inc., Egg Harbor Township, NJ, for Property Maintenance Services (Bid #2012-13) on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amounts set forth below funding provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 Purchase Orders as certified by the CFO on December 5, 2014:

L-1 rate \$35.00 minimum 6 hours/\$210.00
E-1 rate \$13.00 per hour
E-2 rate \$13.00 per hour
E-3 rate \$33.00 per hour
E-4 rate \$35.00 per hour
E-5 rate \$20.00 per hour
E-6 rate \$15.00 per hour
Total Base Bid \$339.00

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with Stanch's, Sewell, NJ for Tree and Stump Removal and for Tree Trimming Services (Bid #2012-18) on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amounts set forth below funding provided in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5 Purchase Orders as certified by the CFO on December 5, 2014:

Part A Tree Removal 12"-18" \$255.00; 24"-30" \$637.00; >36" \$1,275.00;
<12" \$96.90; 18"-24" \$408.00; 30"-36" \$912.90.
Part B Stump Grinding 12"-18" \$71.40; 24"-20" \$127.50; >36" \$204.00;
<12" \$40.80; 18"-24" \$96.90; 30"-36" \$142.80.
Part C Emergency Tree Removal \$395.00 per hour.
Part D Tree Trimming (Elevating \$250.00 per hour.

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

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 authorization is hereby given for extension of the contract with Action Janitorial Inc., for Janitorial Services (Bid #2013-04B) on a month-to-month basis effective January 1, 2015 or until a new contract is awarded for said services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension shall be in the amount of \$3,304.66 per month with funding from 2015 Temporary Budget account #5-01-26-290-420-215 as certified by the CFO on December 15, 2014.

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

There were no Business registration Licenses to be approved.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SPECIAL RULING OF THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

WHEREAS, Koi Fish Café, LLC, a corporation of the State of New Jersey trading as Koi Fish Cafe, is the owner of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0112-33-026-006; and

WHEREAS, aforesaid PRC License #0112-33-026-006 has been inactive since December 16, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Koi Fish Café, LLC filed the required application for renewal and paid the renewal fees for the 2014-2015 license year which was accepted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton on June 16, 2014 for filing only and with no action taken to approve or deny its renewal pending receipt of the required Alcoholic Beverage Control Special Ruling for renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control issued a Special Ruling pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 on November 25, 2014 under Agency Docket No. 09-14-8925 which authorized the Township of Hamilton, at its discretion, to renew said PRC License #0112-33-026-006 for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 license years subject to the condition that no further renewals of this license shall be granted unless the licensee is being actively used at an approved site on or before June 30, 2016, except if good cause for reconsideration is shown; and

WHEREAS, the required Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate for renewal purposes was issued May 16, 2014,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic that, pursuant to the terms, provisions and conditions set forth in the aforesaid Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Special Ruling, Plenary Retail Consumption License #0112-33-026-006 is hereby approved and issued for the 2014-2015 license year to Koi Fish Café, LLC, trading as Koi Fish Café with an address for mailing purposes of c/o Thomas Lacovara, Lacovara Associates, 1704 West Avenue, Linwood, NJ

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the license certificate shall be retained in the office of the Township Clerk until said license is transferred and/or reactivated at a location approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton.

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

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

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO CANCEL 2014 TAXES**

WHEREAS, Block 1132.18 Lot 41 was formerly tax exempt; and,

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WHEREAS, taxes were assessed and paid which were already refunded by resolution and now the taxes assessed must be cancelled and,

WHEREAS, the taxes must be cancelled as follows:

Block/Lot	Owner	Amount
1132.18/41	Golding, Richard J.	\$ 3,774.08

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that 2014 taxes be cancelled in the amount of **\$3,774.08**.

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

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

WHEREAS, no bids were received on December 2, 2014 for Veteran Owned Business Contracts for Animal Control Services, Licensed Plumber Services, Skilled Carpentry Services, Property Maintenance Services or Tree & Stump Removal & Tree Trimming Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CFO/QPA is hereby authorized to receive sealed bid proposals for the aforesaid Services on an un-restricted basis at 11 Am on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

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

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 Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to release \$7,803.00 from the funds being held in escrow for Phase 2 of the Boakes Funeral Home Expansion Project and to retain the escrow balance of \$1,377.00 for 2 years as a maintenance guarantee for said project.

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

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CANCELLATION OF CHECKS ISSUED

WHEREAS, certain checks are outstanding and can be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said checks so that the unexpended amounts may be returned to each respective Fund.

WHEREAS, these checks shall be returned to their respective Escrow Accounts as recommended by Township Engineer.

WHEREAS, Mayor and Committee can authorize the Chief Financial Officer to cancel said checks;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to cancel the following outstanding checks:

Fund	Bank	Acct#	Check No.	Amount
Escrow	Bank of America	X9801	3162	158.75
Escrow	Bank of America	X9801	3171	500.00

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

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS BALANCE SHEET ITEMS IN THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, there exists various balance sheet items in the Township's financial statements;

WHEREAS, the Auditor recommends that these balances be cancelled;

WHEREAS, Mayor and Committee can authorize the Chief Financial Officer to cancel said balances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to cancel the following balance sheet items:

	Debit	Credit
Grant Fund		
2012-2013 Municipal Alliance Reserve Approp	2,603.10	
2012-2013 Municipal Alliance Reserve Rec'v		2,603.10
Due to/from Current Fund		5,586.74
2012-2013 Municipal Alliance Reserve Rec'v	5,586.74	
NJHS Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Campain Resv	2,000.00	
NJHS Drive Sober Get Pulled Over Campain Recv		2,000.00
DOT - NY Ave. Reserve	25,752.50	
DOT - NY Ave. Receivable		25,752.50
Current Fund		
Due to/from Current Fund	5,586.74	
Fund Balance		5,586.74
*canceling Estelle Manor Matching Share		
Totals	41,529.08	41,529.08
To cancel the balance of these reimbursable grant		

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

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

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WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year,

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 Business Registration License for United Cab Company is hereby approved for one (1) yellow 2005 Ford Freestyle with VIN #1FMDK01185GA64428 and ONE (1) yellow 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis VIN #2MEFM74W9WX636057 effective December 16, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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

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 Taxicab Driver Licenses are hereby approved for Gurminder S. Sidhu and Harpal Singh as Drivers for the United Cab Company effective December 16, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

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

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 Annual Reorganization Meeting and first Regular Business Meeting for 2015 shall be held in the Municipal Building, Mays Landing, NJ at 6 PM on Monday, January 5, 201q5.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the effective date in the resolution appointing Dennis Bakker a full-time Police Officer adopted on November 10, 2014 be and is hereby amended to read "effective January 5, 2015".

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

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

WHEREAS, the following bids were received on December 2, 2014 for Pump Testing and Maintenance for Pump Testing and Maintenance for the Township's Fire apparatus (Bid #2014-19):

Kaler Motor Co. 2880 Bergey Rd., Suite U Hatfield, PA 19440	Part A, Maintenance	\$94.00 per hour
	Part B, Testing	\$200.00 per hour

Fire Apparatus Repair 2740 Kuser Road	Part A, Maintenance	\$74.00 per hour
	Part B, Testing	\$195.00 per hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that award of Bid #2014-19, Pump Testing and Maintenance for the Township's fire apparatus to Fire Apparatus Repair, 2740 Kuser Road, Hamilton, NJ 08691 is hereby authorized as recommended by all Five Volunteer Fire Company Chiefs, with funding through purchase orders in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:305.5.

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

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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 a Transient Vendor License is hereby approved for Jack Lyon for an equipment auction to be held at the Atlantic City Race Track on December 20 and 21, 2014.

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

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 Stephen Jensen be and is hereby appointed a full-time Police Officer at the pre-academy salary of \$30,600.00 effective January 5, 2015.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND 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 Joseph Wilsbach be and is hereby appointed a full-time Police Officer at the pre-academy salary of \$30,600.00 effective January 5, 2015.

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

Appointment of Township of Hamilton Municipal Alliance Coordinator:

Mrs. Dix said what was on the agenda didn't match what came in from the County. Mrs. Lindsay explained the (\$2,000.00) salary is for a whole year and the letter was authorizing payment for the first and second quarter as it has been done since the Program started; it is with the understanding Susan is going to be the Coordinator; and it will be until June 30, 2015. She explained the Township Committee has to appoint her. Mrs. Dix asked if it is the first time a Township Employee was appointed Coordinator. Mrs. Lindsay said it has been an outside person until now; that they don't want to be appointed; and that the Township has to do something or lose the grant money. Mrs. Dix suggested there could be an outside person who is unemployed that would like to do it.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Susan Baldosaro be and is hereby appointed the Township of Hamilton Municipal Alliance Coordinator effective July 1, 2014 at \$2,000.00 annually to be paid quarterly from the 2014 Municipal Alliance Grant as recommended by the Atlantic County Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

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

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, 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 eleven (11) months effective December 16, 2014.

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that the resignation of Michael Petuskey as Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2015 is hereby accepted with regrets.

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

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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 minutes of the December 1, 2014 regular meeting are hereby approved and adopted as published.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved bills are hereby ordered paid, the bill list total being \$1,056,164.82.

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

Reports:

Mr. Jacobs said he had nothing to add to his written report.

Mr. Sandman said he had nothing to report. Mrs. Dix said that she has been reviewing Financial Disclosures; that she urged Mr. Sandman to counsel all Boards and Commissions on properly filling out Financial Disclosure regarding people that live in their house and work and all real estate owned in New Jersey; that it all has to be listed; that a number of disclosures she has reviewed are incomplete; and she will allow that there may be some misunderstanding of what is required. Mayor Silva asked Mr. Sandman who is responsible for reviewing them. Mr. Sandman said it goes to the State but if people have questions they can call him. Mrs. Dix commented on asking in September if the Township gets a copy of the Coin Drop Permits; that NJDOT does not permit coin drops on holiday weekends so there can't be a permit if a coin drop is held on a holiday weekend; she is concerned about liability falling back on the Township if there is an incident; it is only a matter of minutes to stop and ask to see a permit because it is supposed to be on site.

Mr. Smith said he had nothing to add to his written report.

Mrs. Link commented on the level of the lake being under control and congratulated Brett Noll on keeping it under control and for meeting it head on each time there is going to be a big storm. Mrs. Link commented on an article in the Press about an Atlantic County rule being violated by Sheriff Ballas receiving a \$4,600 contribution from Ford Scott. She said she knows the Township had Ford Scott in the past; that she hopes that the problem can be addressed whatever happens after January 4th; and apparently Ford Scott can't represent Atlantic County for 4 years.

Mr. Guishard thanked everyone who expressed condolences to him on the sickness and death of his brother. Mr. Guishard commented on Assemblyman Brown mentioning his efforts to bring the Township concerns about roads to the State Department of Transportation (DOT)

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at recent Township Committee meeting; that the Township is looking at the form that was provided; that the Township is encouraged to work with the South Jersey Transportation Planning Authority Citizens Advisory Committee; citizens can input through the Citizens Advisory Committee by filling out and submitting a form that covers just about any question or problem that the Advisory Committee gives their consideration. Mr. Guishard suggested that anyone who submits a form to the Advisory Committee also talk about it with the Township. He said Bob Campbell, a local resident, was selected Chairman of the Advisory Committee that represents 4 counties in South Jersey. Mr. Guishard said this being Mrs. Dix's last meeting; that she had an impact, made a contribution and had a number of good ideas; that he thanked her for her efforts; and that he wished her the best in the future.

Mrs. Dix said the Township adopted a Pay to Play Ordinance; it was never filed with the Secretary of State; so in her opinion it is not in effect. Mrs. Dix then read the following statement: *On December 31, 2014, I will conclude over 37 years of public service as a sworn public official serving on five different boards. Add to that the years of attending meetings and asking questions of the sitting officials of many more boards. Each of us has our own thought process, way of thinking through and reaching conclusions. I come from the baby boom era. Our President assassinated in 1963. The Assassination of national figures of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy are other tragic events in our memory. It is those events early in life which influenced our later actions. Words clear in my memory were spoken in the eulogy of Robert Kennedy: "some men see things as they are and say why. I dream of things that never were and say why not?" To me, these words tell us to keep trying to make things better for all our people. In spite of the hurdles and obstacles placed before us, don't give up. I have tried to make a difference. Many will say I have. Now it is your turn to step up and participate in your government. You too, can make a difference. It has been an honor to represent the people of Hamilton Township. Thank you!"*

Ms. Gatto reported Deputy Chief Petuskey retired and said that he has been an asset to the Township. Mr. Guishard said he echoed that. Ms. Gatto wished everybody happy holidays, Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Ms. Gatto said it was an interesting time with Mrs. Dix on the Committee and that the Members wanted to recognize her. Mrs. Dix said she wouldn't accept it. Mayor Silva said he thought Mrs. Dix brought an interesting perspective and challenge to the Committee and it would be wrong not to recognize it. He read the plaque and presented it to her. Mrs. Dix said "thank you". Ms. Gatto said it was tradition to give something to every out-going Committee Person and she wished Mrs. Dix good luck in the future.

Mayor Silva reminded everyone the Reorganization meeting will be at 6 PM on January 5, 2015.

Public Comment:

Robert Campbell Sr. explained the Citizens Advisory Committee that Mr. Guishard mentioned is a subcommittee of the South Jersey Transportation Authority that determines where the money spent by the Federal Government is spent within states and counties; it represents Salem, Cumberland, Cape May and Atlantic County. He explained what each Subcommittee does; commented on hearing about safety issues on Park Road tonight; and explained how the Township can submit them to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Campbell commented on knowing Mrs. Dix for almost 40 years; that some things she does are not good things in his opinion; that she brings up too many things that are minutia; that she is the hardest working woman he ever met; he has had many disagreements with her over the years and probably will continue to have them; she has served the Township and the MUA for many years; that she deserves credit for that and many good things that she brought up; he wished her the best of luck; that he wished the newly elected Committeeman John Kurtz good health and good luck; and that he thinks Mr. Kurtz will make a fine Committee member.

Ana Schleifer encouraged people to go to the new Café on Main Street that is owned by a Marine Veteran and commented on wanting all the businesses on Main Street to prosper. She thanked Mrs. Dix for her service.

A resident of Drosera Street commented on there being a discrepancy in boundaries of his property and 21 trees being cut down that were either on his or his neighbor's property, only two were on the golf course property. He said the rear property line is also the border with the Galloway Township boundary line and asked what could be done to confirm the boundaries. Mayor Asked if he had a survey with markers. The gentleman said he has a survey; it shows where the nail and concrete marking the boundary are. Mr. Sandman said the gentleman is entitled to damages; urged him to get counsel; and that it doesn't involve the Township. The gentleman said the people are using the vacant lot next to him as a dumping ground. Mrs. Dix said he could report it as illegal dumping.

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

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

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 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:

- Collective Bargaining Agreement with Mainland P.B.A. Local 77 (Sergeants).
- Teamsters' Collective Bargaining update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body will reconvene in public session and confirm the results of the executive session if there is a majority consensus for action to be taken on the matter tonight.

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

Public Session adjourned at: 8:21 PM
Executive Session called to Order at 8:30 PM
Executive Session adjourned at 8:39 PM
The governing body reconvened in public session at 8:41 PM

Mr. Sandman opened the doors to the meeting room and announced that the Committee was back in public session. He confirmed that there were a number of people outside the room; a number of them had returned to the room; and that he made a public announcement loud enough for all to hear and there was no further responses.

Mayor Silva recalled the meeting to Order.

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 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Mainland P,B,A,, Local 77, Sergeant's Unit for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 be and is hereby approved and the Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

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

There being no further matters to be discussed tonight, Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that this meeting be adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Joan I. Anderson, R.M.C., Township Clerk