

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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 Amy Gatto, Rodney Guishard, John Kurtz and Judy Link. Also present were Rita Martino, Deputy Township Clerk, Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor, Robert Smith, Township Engineer and Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator.

The meeting opened with the salute to the flag followed by the Deputy Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by sending a copy of this notice, along with an agenda of this meeting to The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating that this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on February 2, 2015 at the Municipal Building, Mays Landing, NJ.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

Miss 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 change be made to tonight's agenda:

CHANGES

B. Change starting salary of Deputy Police Chief from \$130,670.14 to \$123,800.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following additions be made to tonight's agenda for consideration and action

ADDITIONS

7A. Business Registrations

- Eva Spa
- Torrid – retail Hamilton Mall
- Francesca's Collections- retail Hamilton Mall

7I. Authorize the bidding of Solid Waste Collection Services

9A. January 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes

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

PRESENTATIONS

Honor and Remember Award presentation to Russell M. Bongiovanni, Sr.

The Honor and Remember Award was presented to Russell M. Bongiovanni, Sr. by Mayor Silva and Committeewoman Gatto.

Resolution promoting Paul Sorrentino to Deputy Chief of Police

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to appoint Paul P. Sorrentino Deputy Chief of Police at \$123,800.00 per year effective February 2, 2015 and authorizing the Mayor to sign his employment agreement.

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

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The Oath of Office was administered to Deputy Chief Sorrentino by the Deputy Township Clerk.

Guest Presentation: Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo

Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo provided an update on proposed legislation regarding a PILOT program for Atlantic City.

Committeewoman Gatto reminded Assemblyman Mazzeo of the ongoing problems with roads in the township, mentioning specifically lights on Route 322, speeding on Route 50 and traffic calming issues on Route 40. A packet of information regarding these issues will be sent to Assemblyman Mazzeo.

Mayor Silva spoke about the need for the utilities tax monies to be returned to the municipalities and asked for Assemblyman Mazzeo's assistance in bringing this about, referencing a bill that was introduced.

Early Public Comment

There was no early public comment.

Discussion:

Tax Collection Rate

Mayor Silva and the Township Committee members commended the Tax Collector and her staff on achieving a 98.31% tax collection rate. It was noted that this was higher than anticipated and the additional amount would go to surplus.

Atlantic County/Hamilton Township All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

An update on the All Hazard Mitigation Plan was given by Phil Sartorio.

Introduction of Ordinance 1784-2015

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that Ordinance #1784-2015 be and is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the February 4, 2015 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held therein in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
ORDINANCE NO.: 1784-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A,
SECTION 1 ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 66 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to move the Tax Collection Office under the Township Administrator; and

WHEREAS, since all added positions have already been approved there is no additional cost associated with this change;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Article II of Chapter 66 of the Township Code, titled Personnel, shall be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend the “CHART OF ORGANIZATION” by moving the tax collection department under the Township Administrator:

Severability and Effectiveness Clause.

- (a) If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
- (b) Any Ordinance inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.

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

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON,
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC and
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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

Roger J. Silva, Mayor

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

ORDINANCE #1784 - 2015 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING FEBRUARY 2, 2015.

Consent Agenda

Miss 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 Business Registration for Eva Spa is approved.

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

Miss 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 Business Registration for Torrid is approved.

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

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Miss 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 Business Registration for Francesca Collection is approved.

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

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

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2015, the Township of Hamilton held a public land sale of Township-owned property known as Block 579, Lots 3, 8 and 9 located on Mizpah Road, Mays Landing, NJ; and

WHEREAS, said property was advertised and sold without special conditions; and

WHEREAS, Shawn Cooke and Patrick Cooke offered a bid of Eighty-two Thousand One Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$82,135.00) and no other bids were received,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the bid of Shawn Cooke and Patrick Cooke be and is hereby accepted.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to approve an amendment to the Streetlight Installation Policy to direct that requests be forwarded to the Administrator's Office instead of Public Works.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to support the Mays Landing Merchants' Association application for use of Lake Lenape Park:

- (1) Saturday, June 27, 2015 and Sunday, June 28, 2015 for the Hometown Celebration
- (2) Saturday, September 26, 2015 and Sunday, September 27, 2015 for the Waterfront Wine & Food Festival

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of The Township of Hamilton to authorize Connor, Weber and Oberlies to be substituted for and replacing Spector, Gadon & Rosen in the matter of Township of Hamilton v. American Southern Insurance Company, et al. Docket # ATL-L 6696-13. All other terms and conditions of the engagement remain unchanged.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton has no objection to the Division of ABC approving and issuing a special permit to Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation for a food and wine tasting event on March 10, 2015 (snow date March 12, 2015)- wine only to be dispensed.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to authorize leasing a postage machine from Francotypo Postalia, Inc. under NJ State Contract #T0200, Addison, IL 60101-5629 in the amount of \$392.60 per month for 63 months.

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

Miss 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 Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company members eligible for 2014 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

DEBIASE, C.	144 POINTS
DELUCCA III, J.	113 POINTS
HEILER, T.	119 POINTS
JARVIS JR., D.	165 POINTS
JARVIS III, D.	129 POINTS
KEPNER, E.	119 POINTS
MORAN, E.	157 POINTS
MORAN, R.	176 POINTS
MULVENNA, B.	119 POINTS
O’BRIEN, V.	149 POINTS
PATTERSON, J.	100 POINTS
SOSHEK, W.	131 POINTS
SUBBOTIN, N.	121 POINTS
TILLEY, C.	174 POINTS
DIMARCO, D.	165 POINTS
WILBERT, C.	141 POINTS
PASE, A.	141 POINTS

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to authorize the bidding of the Township Solid Waste Collection Services for a thirty one month initial with two one year options.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular meeting are approved.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH FOUR MEMBERS VOTING “AYE”, NO “NAY”, MR. KURTZ ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

Miss 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 January 20, 2015 regular meeting are approved.

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

Miss 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 all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills be paid, the bill list total being \$1,275,259.18.

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

Reports

Administrator – no report

Solicitor- no report

Engineer- no report

Township Committee-

Mr. Kurtz stated that what happens in Atlantic City directly affects our community and residents and that he didn't agree with the appointment of an emergency manger in Atlantic City.

Mr. Guishard followed up on Mr. Kurtz's remarks saying that it is not just the people that lost their jobs but all of the support businesses and jobs that are affected. Mr. Guishard said that he was disappointed with the appointment of an emergency manager in Atlantic City.

Mr. Guishard said that he is interested in resuming the Strategic Planning activities and the first activity should be how we communicate and how we get the word out to the public.

Mrs. Link said that she and Mr. Guishard attended a meeting at the Linwood County Club sponsored by the Greater Atlantic County Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Link said that she would like to see more programs taking place at Lenape Park.

Miss Gatto reminded everyone that February 6 is Go Red For Women Day and everyone is encouraged to wear red.

Miss Gatto commented that the Dispatch Office had a busy weekend and did an incredible job.

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Mayor Silva said that he attended a meeting at the Fairways and that they have 170 people come to their meetings and they are very involved.

Mayor Silva said that he talked with Dr. Kesselman a few weeks ago and he said at one point he would like to reconvene the Strategic Planning Committee to go back over it and see how it can be carried forward. Mayor Silva said that hopefully this will happen in the next few months.

Mayor Silva said that he was disturbed that the County introduced a budget of \$201.2 million. Mayor Silva said that he would like to see their budget decrease.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Miss Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz to close the public portion.

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

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

1. Personnel Matter- Maintenance/Carpenter
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement, Teamsters Jan. 1, 2015 - December 31, 2017.
3. Memorandum of Agreement, Teamsters 2014 wages.
4. Teamsters Grievance

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", NO "ABSTAIN".

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM.

On the motion of Miss Gatto, seconded by Mr. Guishard to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to approve the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

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

On the motion of Miss Gatto, seconded by Mr. Kurtz to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, Teamsters 2014 wages.

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

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On the motion of Miss Gatto, seconded by Mr. Guishard and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk