

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET  
MAYS LANDING, NJ  
MARCH 16, 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 Michael S. Jacobs, Township Administrator, Joan I. Anderson, Township Clerk, Robert S. Sandman, Township Solicitor, and Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer. Township CFO Cynthia Lindsay was present during the budget presentations.

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, March 16, 2015 in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Mayor Silva announced that the presentation by Freeholder Will Pauls had to be rescheduled. He said the presentation was to be about some work that will take place in Mays Landing regarding the County Buildings.

2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Lindsay said the Department Heads presented budget requests and most of them are included in the 2015 budget. Ms. Gatto said that meant the requests were reasonable. Mr. Jacobs made power point presentations of both the 2015 municipal budget and the 2015 capital budget. The presentations were recorded and video-taped and can be viewed on the Township website. Mr. Jacobs said it is a legal balanced budget. The municipal budget slides included an adopted budget history 2009-2015, local tax revenue history & comparisons 2009-2015, Debt history 2006-2015, number of full-time employees budgeted for 2007-2015, how much the budget will cost the average taxpayer, comparisons of what the tax dollars are spent on by categories 2012-2015, what services are included by category, Finance Committee recommendations for operating surplus budgeted 2009-2015, explanation of \$120,000.00 surplus being used for 1-time expenses, Finance Committee recommendations for reduction of debt, Finance Committee recommendations for the "Pay as we go program", Finance Committee recommendations for public safety, an overview of what is in the 2015 budget, an overview of what is not in the budget, appropriations by category, revenues by category, and an 8-year budget analysis. Mr. Jacobs said the 2015 budget continues reducing debt; continues the "Pay As You Go" Plan; funds the Cove; funds 9/11, Veterans' Day, and Memorial Day public events; funds holiday lighting overtime and supplies; budgets a 2% pay increase for most employees excluding Township Committee and some seasonal employees. He said there is no tax increase, no structural deficit, no layoffs or furloughs, no school deferral and no elimination of services in the budget. He explained the process is to introduce the budget tonight; hold a public hearing on April 20<sup>th</sup>; make amendments, if any, on the 20<sup>th</sup>; and adopt the budget on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Silva commented on township debt going down about one-quarter of a million dollars a year and said that frees up money to be used for other things. The Mayor asked what the state allows in municipal debt. Mr. Jacobs explained it is a percentage (of the equalized property valuation) and said that the Township could borrow up to \$4 million right now. Ms. Gatto explained that state and federal grants aren't listed in the budget because the Committee doesn't want to rely on them but the Township does continue to seek them. Mr. Jacobs said that most of them come in during the course of the year but there are 3 included in the local portion of this budget because they came in ahead of time. He said the Township gets a lot of grants, especially the Police Department. Mayor Silva commented on stating at the Reorganization Meeting that being able to sustain the community would be the biggest challenge. He said that budgets like this mean that the Committee not only had a plan to get to this step but they

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but they are looking ahead already and the fact that they are sustaining the community in spite of all the negatives out there bodes well for the entire township; that the residents deserve that kind of consideration; that a lot of the work comes from the staff; that everyone who works in Town Hall is doing a lot more with a lot less that producing a budget where the debt has gone down and continues to go down is significant in this day and age; that the Committee can't control some factors but this is a very strong, healthy budget; that all of the Members are proud to be part of the process; that they understand how the residents are feeling in these tough times; and that they are always trying to take the residents into consideration to make sure their decisions are in the best interests of the community.

2015 CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The Capital Budget was recorded and video-taped and can also be viewed on the Township website. The slides included why the Township has a Capital Budget; that \$1.9 million in new borrowing was proposed and that \$2,026,648.00 of bonded debt will be retired in 2015 so will not increase the Township's debt. It included the following 2015 Bond Ordinance recommendations: Road Paving and Patching - \$500,000.00; Liepe Sports Field Goal Posts, Score Board, Bleachers, Fence - \$100,000.00; Lake Lenape Dam - \$300,000.00; Ballistics Walls for the Police Department and Municipal Court - \$200,000.00; Electronic Sign in the area of a fire company - \$25,000.00; Public Works Equipment - \$285,000.00; Computer Equipment - \$40,000.00; Drainage Pipes under 13<sup>th</sup> Street - \$250,000.00; Fire Company Radio Project Phase I - \$100,000.00; and Town Hall Generator - \$200,000.00. Mr. Jacobs explained the process is to introduce the 2015 Bond Ordinance tonight; hold a public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup>; adopt the Ordinance on April 6<sup>th</sup> and authorize proceeding with the Capital Projects subject to the estoppel waiting period.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance #1786-2015 be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the March 18, 2015 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 6, 2015.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
1786-2015**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2015  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 2% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 416,237.92 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township of Hamilton hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hamilton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 728,416.36 and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Township of Hamilton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

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

ORDINANCE #1786-2015 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING MARCH 16, 2015

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 Municipal Budget for the year 2015 be introduced and that the Clerk is authorized to advertise the Revenue and Appropriation Summaries set forth below in the April 1, 2015 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing thereon to be held April 20, 2015.

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

## **2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET of the TOWNSHIP of HAMILTON, County of ATLANTIC for the fiscal year 2015.**

### **Revenue and Appropriations Summaries**

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2015	2014
1. Surplus	2,220,000.00	2,915,369.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	4,790,364.27	5,009,832.52
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	500,000.00	500,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	17,495,685.91	17,495,721.71
b) Addition to Local School District Tax	0.00	0.00
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	17,495,685.91	17,495,721.71
Total General Revenues	25,006,050.18	25,920,923.23

<u>Summary of Appropriations</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	9,299,400.00	9,325,500.00
Other Expenses	9,370,951.27	9,947,011.52
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,168,197.00	2,062,622.00
3. Capital Improvements	380,000.00	375,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	2,272,450.00	2,695,867.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,515,051.91	1,514,922.71
Total General Appropriations	25,006,050.18	25,920,923.23
Total Number of Employees	117	122

<u>2015 Dedicated</u>		<u>Utility Budget</u>	
<u>Summary of Revenues</u>		<u>Anticipated</u>	
		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1. Surplus		0.00	0.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues		0.00	0.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)			
Total Revenues		0.00	0.00
<u>Summary of Appropriations</u>		<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>Final 2014 Budget</u>
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		0.00	0.00
Other Expenses		0.00	0.00
2. Capital Improvements		0.00	0.00
3. Debt Service		0.00	0.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		0.00	0.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations		0.00	0.00
Total Number of Employees			

<u>Balance of Outstanding Debt</u>			
	<u>General</u>		
Interest	534,357.50		
Principal	12,821,000.00		
Outstanding Balance	13,355,357.50	0.00	0.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, County of ATLANTIC on MARCH 16, 2015. A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING on APRIL 20, 2015 at 6:30 o'clock PM at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2015 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties. Copies of the budget are available in the office of the TOWNSHIP CLERK at the Municipal Building, 6101 THIRTEENTH STREET, MAYS LANDING, New Jersey, 609-625-1511, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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 2015 Capital Budget be and is hereby approved as set forth in the 2015 municipal budget document.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance #1787-2015 be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the March 18, 2015 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held thereon in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 6, 2015.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
ORDINANCE 1787-2015**

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Appropriation for Project-Down Payment.**

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey (the "Township"). For the said improvements or purposes stated in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the sums of money therein stated as the apportionment made for said improvements or purposes, said sums being inclusive of all appropriations heretofore made therefor and amounting in the aggregate to TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000), including the aggregate sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) as the down payment for said improvements or purposes as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11 and more particularly described in Section 3 and now available by virtue of provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Township for down payment for capital improvement purposes, and including also monies received or expected to be received from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey or the County of Atlantic, or agencies thereof, as grants in aid of financing said improvements or purposes.

**Section 2. Authorization of Bonds.**

For the financing of said improvements or purposes and to meet the part of said TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) in appropriations not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Township are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) pursuant to the Local Bond Law of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"). In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount not exceeding ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**Section 3. Description of Projects.**

The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued, the appropriations made for and estimated cost of such purposes, and the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for such purposes, are respectively as follows:

IMPROVEMENT OR PURPOSE	APPROPRIATION AND ESTIMATED COST	ESTIMATE D MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES
(a) Construction of Various Public Works Projects, including improvements to Lake Lenape Dam, drainage improvements, recreation improvements and		

improvements to municipal complexes, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, architectural, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	\$1,050,000	\$997,500
(b) Various Municipal Roadway Improvements, including milling and overlay, paving and curbs, such new roadway pavement to be at least equal in useful life or durability to a road of Class B construction, as referred to in Section 40A:2-22 of the Local Bond Law, together with the construction or reconstruction of drainage facilities, pavement preparation, pavement construction or reconstruction, asphalt concrete resurfacing, driveway, curb, sidewalk and shoulder restoration, handicapped accessible curb ramps, striping, and all other necessary or desirable structures, appurtenances and work or materials, all as shown on and in accordance with plans and specifications heretofore or hereafter filed in the office of the Township Clerk and hereby approved, including the costs of surveying, construction planning, engineering, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents and construction inspection and administration.	\$500,000	\$475,000
(c) Purchase of Various Public Safety and Communications Equipment.	\$100,000	\$95,000
(d) Purchase of Public Works Equipment.	\$285,000	\$270,750
(e) Purchase of Various Management Information Technology Systems and Equipment.	<u>\$65,000</u>	<u>\$61,750</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$1,900,000</u>

The excess of the appropriations made for the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the said down payments for said purposes.

**Section 4. Authorization of Notes.**

In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements, negotiable notes of the Township in a principal amount equal to the said principal of bonds not exceeding ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. All such note(s) shall mature at such time as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer or such

other Financial Officer designated by Resolution for these purposes (both being hereinafter referred to in this Section as Chief Financial Officer); provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its issue date. Such note(s) shall bear interest at a rate or rates and shall be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with any note(s) issued pursuant to this Ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon such note(s) shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell the note(s) from time to time at public or private sale in such amounts as he may determine and not less than par, and to deliver the same from time to time to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof as payment thereof. Such Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to report in writing to the Mayor and the Committee of the Township at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the note(s) pursuant to this Ordinance is made. Such report shall include the amount, the description, the interest rate, the maturity schedule of the note(s) sold, price obtained and the name of the purchaser. All note(s) issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time for periods not exceeding one (1) year for the time period specified in and in accordance with the provisions and limitations of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a) of the Local Bond Law.

The Chief Financial Officer is further directed to determine all matters in connection with said note or notes and not determined by this Ordinance. The signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon said note(s) shall be conclusive evidence of such determination.

**Section 5. Additional Matters.**

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The said purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses and are properties or improvements which the Township may lawfully acquire or make as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of said purposes within the limitations of the Local Bond Law and taking into consideration the respective amounts of said obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is **16.465 years**.

(c) The supplemental debt statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Township Clerk and an executed copy has been electronically signed and filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey, and such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided for in this bond ordinance by ONE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,900,000), and the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) Amounts not exceeding FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) in the aggregate for interest on said obligations, costs of issuing said obligations, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses, a reasonable proportion of the compensation and expenses of employees of the Township in connection with the construction or acquisition of the improvements and properties as authorized herein, and other items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 40A:2-20 of the Local Bond Law have been included as part of the costs of said improvements and are included in the foregoing estimate thereof.

**Section 6. Capital Budget.**

The applicable capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and available for public inspection.

**Section 7. Ratification of Prior Actions.**

Any action taken by any officials of the Township in connection with the improvements described in Section 3 hereof are hereby ratified and confirmed notwithstanding that such actions may have been taken prior to the effective date of this bond ordinance and shall be deemed to have been taken pursuant to this bond ordinance.

**Section 8. Application of Grants.**

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**Section 9. Full Faith and Credit.**

The full faith and credit of the Township is hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the said obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of said obligations and interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**Section 10. Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures.**

The Township reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes. No funds from sources other than the bonds or notes authorized herein has been or is reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Township, or any member of the same "control group" as the Township, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-1(f), pursuant to their budget or financial policies with respect to any expenditures to be reimbursed. This Section is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Township's official intent to reimburse any expenditures towards the costs of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 hereof to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.103-18, and no action (or inaction) will be an artifice or device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements.

**Section 11. Effective Date.**

This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication of a summary thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:

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

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

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ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE #1787-2015 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING MARCH 16, 2015.

There was no executive session and no executive session confirmations.

Mr. Sandman explained that he received a late fax that there were some changes in the Glen Eyre document and asked that the Committee delete the executive item (2) from the agenda.

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 Executive Session (2) Litigation - Glen Eyre be and is hereby deleted from the agenda of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items be added to the agenda of this meeting for consideration and action to be taken thereon tonight.

- 8.A Insert names of businesses: NONE
- 8.N Accept Reliance Hose Co. No. 1 (Mays Landing Fire Dept.)  
Certified list of Members eligible for 2014 LOSAP Credit  
- 18 Members.
- 8.O Accept Cologne Fire Company certified list of Members eligible  
for 2014 LOSAP Credit - 11 Members
- 8.P Authorize preparation of Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance  
for Block 632 Lots 1 & 13 on First Avenue & Belmont Avenue  
(both paper streets) 13.59 acres FA-70 zone Minimum bid  
\$6,500.00.

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

Mr. Sandman explained to the public that the Glen Eyre litigation is still unsettled; that apparently there were some last minute changes made to the settlement document; and that it will be put off until the next meeting.

Early public comment on agenda items not listed for public hearing:

Bruce Strigh said that for all intents and purposes the Township doesn't have a Zoning Officer and asked that before the public hearing on the budget the Committee consider hiring a part-time or full-time person whose primary responsibility would be to address infractions of the developmental and zoning ordinances and the concerns and complaints raised by the public. He said clothing bins are considered accessory structures and that taxpayers and residents are mandated to go before the Zoning Board to have accessory structures or signs. Mr. Strigh commented on illegal signs, junk cars, randomly placed dumpsters and about 50 clothing bins throughout the Township in violation of the ordinances; some bins being on vacant property and becoming an attractive nuisance with TV sets, mattresses and Christmas trees put there; and that there is no enforcement of the Township Ordinance on accessory structures. He said that several years ago the State enabled municipalities several years ago to create Ordinances for the registration of clothing bins for a nominal fee; that many infractions are from businesses that aren't located in the Township, that don't pay taxes in the Township and that don't adhere to the Zoning requirements. Mr. Strigh suggested position could be funded from the salary budgeted for the open position in the Planning Department and that it would benefit the Township. Mayor Silva asked Mr. Jacobs to meet with Mr. Sartorio and the Planning/Zoning liaisons and come back to the Committee with recommendations.

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Introduction of Ordinance #1788-2015:

Mr. Jacobs explained the amendment sets a daily fee of \$9.00 and seasonal fee of \$14.00 for both residents and non-residents. Ms. Gatto explained it also eliminated the paper process that the Township has now. Mr. Sandman said the agenda should have reflected that the Ordinance addresses the COVE in the Code.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance #1788-2015 be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the March 18, 2015 issue of the Atlantic County Record for a public hearing to be held thereon in the municipal building, Mays Landing, NJ at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 6, 2015.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
ORDINANCE # 1788 -2015**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, ARTICLE I OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO CHANGE THE FEES FOR THE USE OF THE COVE RECREATIONAL BATHING AREA IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton deems it to be in the best interest of the Public to change the fees for the use of the Cove Recreational Bathing Area and;

**WHEREAS**, The Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton wishes to create one set fee for both residential and non-residential users of the Cove;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and Sate of New Jersey that Chapter 225 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton shall be amended to read as follows as recommended by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Hamilton, Chapter 225, Article 1, shall be and is hereby amended to include the following;

§ 225 – 2 Fees

[Amended 5-16-1994 by Ord. No. 1167-94; 12-19-1994 by Ord. No. 1188-94; 5-20-1996 by Ord. No. 1239-96; 5-1-2000 by Ord. No. 1365-2000; 5-7-2001 by Ord. No. 1397-2001; 7-21-2008 by Ord. No. 1626-2008; 6-3-2009 by Ord. No. 1650-2009]

A.

Fees for seasonal use of the Cove Area shall be \$14 per person , with a season consisting of the date upon which the Cove Area is officially opened for swimming through the date of its closure that season.

[Amended 5-2-2011 by Ord. No. 1691-2011]

B.

Fees for daily use of the Cove Area shall be \$9 per person per day, during the season consisting of the date upon which the Cove Area is officially opened for swimming through the date of its closure that season.

[Amended 5-2-2011 by Ord. No. 1691-2011]

C.

No fees shall be charged or collected from children under 12 years of age.

**SECTION II SEVERABILITY** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, erroneous and/or incorrect, such decision shall not affect or invalidate the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION III. REPEALER.** All ordinances and parts of the Township of Hamilton heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV . PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS** Any individual, partnership or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance, upon conviction thereof before the proper officer having jurisdiction, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days or both, in the discretion of the Court hearing the same.

**SECTION V. WHEN EFFECTIVE** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

WITNESSED:

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

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JOAN I. ANDERSON, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

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ROGER SILVA, MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE #1788-2015 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING MARCH 16, 2015.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order #3 Final to the 2012 Road Program Phase II contract for as-built quantities for fuel and asphalt price adjustments, a net decrease of \$9,948.10, be and is hereby approved as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, on March 9, 2015.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order #2 to the 2013 Road Program contract for as-built quantities for miscellaneous contract items with the exception of price adjustments, reset castings, HMA driveways, concrete gutter, striping and reset water valve boxes, a net increase of \$10,013.13, be and is hereby approved as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, on March 9, 2015.

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

Consent Agenda items 8.G and 8.M were acted on separately at the request of Mayor Silva.

There were no Business Registration Licenses to be approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Raffle License #4-2015 is hereby approved for the St. Vincent DePaul Knights of Columbus Council #3451 on premise 50/50 to be held on April 30, 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 that Raffle License #5-2015 is hereby approved for the St. Vincent DePaul Knights of Columbus Council #3451 on premise 50/50 to be held on May 2, 2015, 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 list of the Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company members eligible for 2014 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

John Carrigan	100 points	Daniel Lash Sr.	100 points
Gary Carlson	100 points	David Lash	100 points
Jerome Calderwood	100 points	William Wilkison, Jr.	100 points
Brenda (Shwendiman) Sharpe	100 points	Samuel Litzie II	100 points
Charles Eby	100 points	James Rider	100 points
Scott L. Erlich	100 points	Daniel Santos	100 points
Joseph Grasso	100 points	Joseph Tortello Jr.	100 points
William Wilkison Sr.	100 points	Josh Sharpe	100 points
James Kinsey	100 points	Brendan McCall	100 points

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 list of the Reliance Hose Co. #1 (Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Company) members eligible for 2014 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Secretary, be and is hereby accepted:

Mike Errickson	113 points	Bobby Hamilton	130 points
Joseph Rogers	135 points	Rich Arroyo	137 points
Michael Perri	153 points	Robert Debiaso	157 points
Ken Badger, Jr.	184 points	John Sauerwald	202 points
Ward Silcott	112 points	Gene Wellington, Sr.	124 points
George Samuelson	142 points	Gene Wellington, Jr.	185 points
Joshua Day	177 points	Mark Jenigen	114 points
Ted Miller	105 points	Carl Pitale	104 points
Kevin Slater	173 points	Dennis Bakker	105 points

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 list of the Cologne Volunteer Company members eligible for 2014 LOSAP credit, as certified by its Chief, be and is hereby accepted:

Shawn Vallauri, Sr.	216 points	Bill Will	158 points
Paul Gramm	217 points	Chris Taylor	144 points
Mike Martin	194 points	Sam Squires	156 points
David Blair	150 points	Jim Menz	171 points
Steve Yob	134 points	Ryan Stouffer	150 points
Jody Lynd	186 points		

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 Supporting the *2015 Distracted Driving Crackdown*

**Whereas**, Distracted Driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways. In 2012 alone, 3,328 people were killed in distracted driving crashes. An estimated 421,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver. This was a nine percent increase from the estimated 387,000 people injured in 2011.

**Whereas**, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat distracted driving; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *2015 Distracted Driving Crackdown*; and

**Whereas**, the project will involve increased driving enforcement from April 1, 2015 through April 21, 2015; and

**Whereas**, an increase in distracted driving enforcement and a reduction in distracted driving will save lives on our roadways;

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**Therefore**, be is resolved that the *Township of Hamilton Committee* declares its support for the *2015 Distracted Driving Crackdown* from April 1, 2015 through April 21, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

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 Hamilton Township Police Department is hereby authorized to submit an application for a Distracted Driver Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign same on behalf of the Township.

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 authorization is hereby given to enter into a partnership agreement with Vintage Tech Recyclers, LLC for Vintage Tech Recyclers to provide monthly pickup of electronics dropped off at the Public Works Yard by Township residents no cost in accordance with New Jersey State Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ingrid Perez is hereby designated the Township Contact Person for said agreement.

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 Transient Vendor License for Jack Lyon to hold an equipment auction at the Atlantic City Race Track on March 26, 2015 through March 29, 2015 is hereby approved.

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 release of the maintenance guarantee posted by Arawak Paving Company for the FY2011 Municipal Aid Project, Malaga Road-Section 1, is hereby denied due to uncompleted punch list item as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer, on March 9, 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 that the request of TD Bank for release of Lincoln General Insurance Company bond #27531, the site restoration bond for Santore Sand and Gravel Inc., is hereby denied as recommended by Robert J. Smith II, Township Engineer, on March 10, 2015 due to no restoration having been made.

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 Lease Agreement with Cousin Mario's Pizzeria granting Cousin Mario's permission to erect/install a 96 sq. ft. one-sided, non-illuminated sign on Township owned property on the south side of Route 40 near the Mill Street Intersection under provisions of the New Jersey Local Lands and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. is hereby renewed for a five (5) year period effective April 1, 2015 through March 30, 2020.

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 OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF  
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Hamilton Township has opted to participate in the Atlantic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for FY 2012, 2014 and funds repaid; and

WHEREAS, as a participant, Hamilton Township expects to be allocated \$91,239.00 for Fiscal Year(s) 2012, 2014 and funds repaid for the project known as ADA Improvements – Town Hall; and

WHEREAS in order to be allocated CDBG funds, Hamilton Township must enter into an interlocal service agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, the administrator of the Atlantic County CDBG Entitlement Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Agreement by and between the Atlantic County Improvement Authority and Hamilton Township which is attached hereto, is approved and the Chief Elected Official and the Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign said Agreement.

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, a request has been made for Lots 1 and 13 in Block 632 to be offered for sale; and

WHEREAS, the combined lots consist of 13.59 acres in the FA-70 Zone thereby requiring that contiguous owners be offered the right to first refusal to purchase under a sealed bid process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton for preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for sale of Lots 1 and 13 in Block 632 with a minimum bid of \$6,500.000 and with a special condition that the successful purchaser shall be required to consolidate the lots and provide proof of recordation the a deed of consolidation to the Township Clerk within 30 days of receiving the original deed of conveyance of said land from the Township to them.

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

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Proposal for Environmental Engineering Services for 6372 Beacon Avenue:

Mayor Silva explained he asked for this to be taken separately because the property was foreclosed on by the Township; foreclosures have an impact on the community; there is always expense involved when the Township takes property back. He explained that the Solicitor had to get involved because people were still living there. The Mayor said that it was a tragic situation and he hopes there aren't a lot of them because it can levy heavy expenses on the community.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Remington & Vernick Engineers proposal dated January 30, 2015 to provide Environmental Engineering Services for demolition of 6372 Beacon Avenue property at a cost not to exceed \$17,700.00 is hereby accepted and approved.

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

Amendment to 2015 Temporary Budget:

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

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that the governing body may, and if any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made before the adoption of the budget, shall by resolution adopted prior to January 31, of the fiscal year, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, after January 31 any appropriation which becomes necessary before the adoption of the budget, and which has not been included in the Temporary Budget, must be made by adoption of a resolution amending the temporary budget provided for in N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations shall constitute an amendment to the Temporary Budget of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic.

20-110-1	Township Committee S&W	2,000.00
20-120-1	Municipal Clerk S&W	3,000.00
20-130-1	Finance S&W	15,000.00
20-140-1	MIS S&W	2,000.00
20-145-1	Tax Collector S&W	2,000.00
20-150-1	Tax Assessor S&W	2,000.00
25-240-1	Police S&W	100,000.00
25-252-1	Salaries & Wages	900.00
26-290-1	Public Works S&W	60,000.00
26-290-2	Public Works O&E	100,000.00
27-331-1	Registrar Vital Statistics	800.00
36-471-2	PERS	305,536.56
36-475-2	PFRS	764,115.91
36-473-2	DCRP	1,350.00
36-472-2	Social Security	35,000.00
	Total Current Fund	1,393,702.47

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Maureen Mattle be and is hereby appointed a temporary clerk in the Finance Office at \$35.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week, effective March 17, 2015 and until full-time the vacancy is filled with a permanent employee.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills are hereby ordered to be paid, the bill list totaling \$3,169,094.32.

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

Reports:

Administrator: Mr. Jacobs had nothing to add to his written report.

Solicitor: Mr. Sandman had nothing to report.

Engineer: Mr. Smith had nothing to add to his written report.

Mayor Silva thanked Mr. Jacobs and Mrs. Lindsay for all their effort they put into the budget power point presentation.

Mr. Kurtz thanked everybody involved in the budget presentation for a great job.

Mr. Guishard said he reiterated what was already said about the budget presentation. Mr. Guishard reported he and Mrs. Link attended Atlantic County Police Chiefs' banquet and commented on Township Chief of Police Stacy Tappeiner becoming the president of that organization. Mr. Guishard commented the first of the 3 questions on the school referendum held last week being the only one that passed and said he was happy that it did because the State is funding 54% of the cost. Mr. Guishard reported he and Mrs. Link attended a County Administrator's meeting and commented on the low income housing being built for seniors on Philadelphia Avenue in Egg Harbor City that is being built by the same builder who is proposing to build here on the corner of New York Avenue and Route 40. Mr. Guishard reported meeting with Wade Smith, the Township Police Department transportation specialist, today about areas of concern in the Township; that there was a written synopsis that included statistics on 242 accidents and 16 deaths on Route 50 over the past 10 years; and that they will be meeting again this week with the Administrator and Engineer to look into grant resources. He thanked Officer Smith and the Police Department for their help. Mr. Guishard said Atlantic City's problems are a regional problem and said he thinks the Township should get as much input as possible into decisions being made, particularly about the proposed PILOT, Gardner's Basin and the Bader Field plans. He said there is a proposal for a 10 million square foot facility at Bader Field that will be financed by Asian investors; they have a 40 million square foot facility in Hong Kong and want to establish one here; that he has having pictures of it; that one of the first things they do is buy up all the foreclosed properties in the area because they need places for people to live quickly; it will provide 1000 union jobs right now; that they losing patience with the area and that he thinks they have offers from Philadelphia, Atlanta and other areas. Mr. Guishard said that he didn't know if this was one of the proposals being discussed at the meeting that is being held tonight on those two areas. He said he thinks input is needed from the County and the community because it affects all of us.

Mrs. Link reported an in-line racing event hosted by the Keystone League, an organization that encompasses New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware Young's Skating Center on Sunday and the local team took at least 30 medals.

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Ms. Gatto commented on the asphalt plants reopening and suggested the Engineer and Administrator compile a list that the Committee could of what is coming and where and maybe make available on the website. Ms. Gatto commented on being glad the first question on the referendum passed and sad that the second question didn't pass because of how much advantage it would have had for Oakcrest. She said that she thought the referendum spurred a lot of good discussion and debate which is needed; that people need to be aware that there has been an extremely positive change at Greater Egg Harbor Regional with the new Superintendent and Administrator; that she thought he did an outstanding job of educating people and making the referendum easy to understand; and that they should be commended for the work that that they did so that people could make an educated decision. Ms. Gatto congratulated Chief Tappeiner on becoming President of the Chiefs' Association and apologized for not being able to attend the event. She reported the Annual Police Awards are coming up to recognize and honor the police staff, fire departments, rescue squad and citizens who help save lives. Ms. Gatto said the Committee is already talking about 2016 Capital Budget projects; that she is excited about what is coming and looks forward to the Committee continuing its good work.

Public Comment:

Bruce Strigh said that the Township's debt was about \$22 million when Ms. Gatto and Mr. Silva became part of the Township Committee and is now down to about \$13 million; he commented on the finding in the 10 year study of debt done when the Strategic Planning Initiative started that \$7.5 million was paid in interest that didn't benefit the taxpayers. He said that once the debt ids down to zero, which is where the Committee is headed, that \$7.5 million could be put on roads. Mr. Strigh said there is no reason for a municipality to borrow except for large scale projects like a town hall with a long life and payment period. He said things that were on the referendum could have been paid for and the crisis that the Township School Board is experiencing could have been avoided if they had a pay-as-you-go policy like the Township Committee does. Mr. Strigh said he respectfully disagreed with Mr. Guishard on borrowing. Mr. Guishard said he was on the school board for many years; that they worked hard to try to keep the budget down like the people who are on the board do now. He said that this was the third year the board asked for the referendum; that it was turned down the last two years; that he talked with the Superintendent; that what he looked at all seemed to be legitimate items; and the operating budget would be higher if they were in it. Mr. Guishard said that the way it is being done now the state is paying for half of it and he thinks the Township comes out ahead that way. He said that that in fairness to the Board he would not be so quick to knock it unless Mr. Strigh talked to them and knew in detail what it was. Mr. Strigh said he did sit in on some budget discussion meetings. He commented on the Board dividing the nine members into 3 committees; their discussions are done in private meetings that they fight having the public attend; they make decisions and then the issue goes to the full Board and most of the time the members don't understand what the ramifications are. He commented on the local Board granting the teachers increases of 4%, 4% and 4% a few years ago that equaled about \$3.2 million over the 3 year period. Mr. Strigh said he wasn't saying the police didn't deserve it but a few years ago the PBA increase was \$2 million in one year and that started the (financial) melt down. He said the same people on the Board who are calling it a crises now, particularly Mr. Aiken, are blaming a previous school board but they aren't saying that it was Mr. Aiken, Mrs. Kupp and Mrs. Melton that negotiated that 4%, 4% and 4% contract. Mr. Guishard said he didn't know how the Board did it now but when he was on the board everything was discussed in public and done by the Board as a whole. Mayor Silva said the way they have always solved a problem is to raise taxes; that is no longer the solution and they have to seek a different solution.

Jim Kerrigan asked about the 2017 shortfall of \$541,000.00 in the budget presentation. Mr. Jacobs explained it is a projection based on applying increases of 5% for pensions and all insurances, 1% in operating expenses and 2% on salaries multiplied twice. Ms. Gatto explained that the Committee has done that for the past couple of years;

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they watch the revenues and expenses going toward that forecast to see if these things are going up or down to help get to the balance needed so the gap doesn't exist when they get there; that they had the same presentation 2 years ago; and because they monitored attrition, salaries, going to permanent financing, interest payments and other things they were able to avoid the gap and get where they are today with zero tax increases. Mayor Silva commented on the Industrial Commission resolution to have tax abatement for sale and development of properties in the Industrial Park and explained that if there was a sale of a large piece of property it would be a one-time revenue for one-time expenses. He said that wasn't factored in the projection. The Mayor explained what was in the presentation was just a projection for next year and the year after.

Mr. Kerrigan said he would like to see a Fiscal Vitality Committee formed at the regional and local school. Mayor Silva suggested Mr. Kerrigan make that suggestion at the next school board meeting he attends.

Michael Angelo commended the Public Works Department for the work they are doing at Liepe Field and Underhill Park. He also commended Ingrid Perez for what she has done. Mr. Guishard said Ingrid is doing a great job with the Green Team.

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

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

Ms. Gatto explained that she forgot in her comments that she wanted to publically remember that it was 9 years ago today that her uncle Tony passed away; that he was a very dedicated community member; and his birthday was tomorrow. She said she wanted to honor his memory and thanked the other Members for their indulgence in letting her do that.

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 this meeting be adjourned to an executive session to discuss the PBA Rank and File Collective Bargaining Agreement which is exempt from public discussion pursuant to the New Jersey Open Meetings Law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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 "NO" AND NO "ABSTAIN".

Public session adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Executive session adjourned at 7:58 PM

Mayor Silva recalled the meeting to order at 8 o'clock. There were no members of the public present.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Hamilton and the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association Mainland Local #77 dated January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 is hereby approved and the Mayor is 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 considered, 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:

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