

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET  
MAYS LANDING, NJ  
MAY 18, 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.

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 on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the municipal building, Mays Landing, New Jersey.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

There was no executive session and no executive session confirmations.

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

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

16. Adjourn to Executive Session RE: Chief Financial Officer Position.

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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal from Remington & Vernick to provide Engineering and Construction Phase Services for the Proposed Goalposts at the Liepe Tract Football Field for a sum not to exceed \$7,200.00 is hereby accepted and the contract for same awarded to them.

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 that the proposal from Remington & Vernick to provide Engineering and Construction Phase Services for the Proposed Scoreboard at the Liepe Tract Football Field for a sum not to exceed \$9,800.00 is hereby accepted and the contract for same awarded to them.

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

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Introduction of Ordinance #1791-2015:

Mr. Jacobs explained the Township is losing Officers and they want to attract new ones; they did a survey and municipalities around ours are paying about \$20.00; the next one hired will be at \$19.00 per hour; and \$20.00 will be the new maximum.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance #1791-2015 be and is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and the Township Clerk is authorized to advertise same in the May 20, 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, June 1, 2015.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
ORDINANCE #1791-2015**

**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 Chief of Police has recommended an increase in the hourly rate paid to Special Police Officers Class II; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to increase the hourly rate of Special Police Officers Class II in order to attract and keep qualified employees; and

WHEREAS, these changes will increase the hourly rate of the Special Police Officers Class II, but the Township's ability to attract and keep qualified employees will result in a savings to the Township;

**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. Create Position**

Amend Exhibit "A" Section #1, entitled PART-TIME AS NEEDED changing the maximum hourly rate for the following position:

Special Police Officer Class II .....\$20.00 per hour

**SECTION 2. 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 3. Effective Date.**

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

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

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

ATTEST:

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

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Roger Silva, Mayor

ORDINANCE #1791 - 2015 INTRODUCED AND PASSED FIRST READING MAY 18, 2015.

ACIA Economic Development/Redevelopment Initiative grant application:

Mr. Jacobs explained the these are two Projects that the Township has been working ton; the ACIA has grant opportunities available now; they weren't sure they would get selected but thought they would submit them; there is also some low interest loan money that would be helpful to the Landfill; and the other is the American Legion Building.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for an submission of an application to the Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) for an Economic Development/Redevelopment Initiative Grant to facilitate the redevelopment activity at the Landfill Redevelopment Area (Block 994 Lot 57) and the Hope Fire Company #1 building (Block 758 Lot 7).

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for purchase of the following police vehicles and equipment totaling \$85,355.83 with funding from Police Operating Expenses:

- 2 Chevy Tahoe PPV vehicles from Mall Chevrolet Cranford Coop contract #47CPCPS - \$67,000.00,
- 2 mobile video systems equipment from L3 Mobile-Vision contract #AB1311 - \$11,780.83.
- 1 MDT system from Patrol PC contract #A81300 T0106 - \$6,575.00.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is hereby given for purchase of the following police vehicles and equipment totaling \$90,734.06 with funding from Police Operating Expenses:

- 2 Dodge Charger vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. State contract #A88729 - \$54,614.00.d
- vehicle equipment and parts from Winner Ford NJ State contract #81336, #81327, and #81165 - \$36,120.06.

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 that authorization is hereby given for purchase of the following police vehicles and equipment totaling \$65,097.50 with funding through the Safe Corridors Grant:

- 1 Dodge Charger from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. State contract #A88729 - \$27,307.00
- 1 emergency light/equipment package from Winner Ford NJ State contract #81336, 81327, 81165 - \$6,462.92
- 2 mobile video systems equipment from L3 Mobile-Vision State contract #AB1311 - \$11,602.58;
- 3 MDT systems from Patrol PC State contract #A81300 T0106 - \$19,725.00.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order #1 for the Design Collaborative Architect Public Works Garage Alteration Project contract for reimbursable Expenses is hereby approved for a net increase of \$521.76.

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.

WHEREAS sealed bid proposals for Solid Waste Collection Services, Bid #2015-02) were received from the following and opened on April 28, 2015:

- Waste Management, 1164 Route 53, Williamstown, NJ
- Gold Medal Environmental, 426 Madison Avenue, Woodbine, NJ

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Waste Management proposal for "Residential Collection with Automated Containers Provided" be and is hereby accepted and the contract awarded to them at a cost of \$1,460,010.00 (\$292,002.00 for the remainder of 2015 and \$584,004.00 per year for 2016 and 2017).

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

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There were no Business Registration Licenses to be approved.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Veterans' Advisory Board request for funding not to exceed \$140.00 for supplies and rental fee for the Memorial Day Services is hereby approved with funding from the Administrator's Miscellaneous Expenses budget.

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 AUTHORIZING A PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF  
PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE #0112-33-021-009

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #0112-33-021-009, heretofore issued to Tokyo Sushi Buffet & Hibachi, Inc. to Baker & Carlson LLC for premises located at 2300 Wrangleboro Road, Unit 29, Consumer Square, Mays Landing, NJ 08330; and

WHEREAS, the application form submitted is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated hereunder, as well as pertinent local Ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the authorized municipal authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, does hereby approve the person to person transfer of aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License #0112-33-021-009 to Baker & Carlson LLC for premises located at 2300 Wrangleboro Road, Unit 29, Consumer Square, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 effective May 20, 2015 and the Township Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: **"This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Baker & Carlson LLC for premises located at 2300 Wrangleboro Road, Unit 29, Consumer Square, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 effective May 20, 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 following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2015 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: NJ DOT FY2015 Municipal Aid Program for Reconstruction of Malaga Road Sec. 4	\$190,000.00
Appropriation title: NJ DOT FY2015 Municipal Aid Program for Reconstruction of Malaga Road Section 4	\$190,000.00

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 the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2015 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program	\$2,000.00
Appropriation title: Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program	\$2,000.00

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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2015 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: 2015 Click It or Ticket	\$4,000.00
Appropriation title: 2015 Click It or Ticket	\$4,000.00

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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2015 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant	\$5,000.00
Appropriation title: Distracted Driving Statewide Crackdown Grant	\$5,000.00

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2014 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$5,000.00
Appropriation title: FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency	\$5,000.00

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.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the following item of revenue with off-setting appropriations be inserted into the 2014 Municipal Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87:

Revenue Title: 2009 Community Wildfire Protection Plan Project	\$5,000.00
Appropriation title: 2009 Community Wildfire Protection Pan Project	\$5,000.00

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton has no objection to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control approval and/or issuance of a social affair permit to the Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for their annual chicken BBQ being held from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on June 13, 2015, wine and beer only to be dispensed.

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

Mr. Kurtz said this is National Public Works Week and he thanked all of the Public Works Employees for the great job and hard work that they do.

Lacrosse Club request to Place a storage shed at Liepe Recreation Complex:

Mr. Kurtz explained this was tabled at the last meeting to allow for more discussion; that they had a meeting; and he believes it will be approved tonight with conditions. Mr. Kurtz explained the reasons for putting the stipulations on the approval were that there are other sheds in that area; they want to avoid hodge-podge of different color buildings there; the Township is planning a 30 X 50 storage and snack stand facility is so they put the temporary condition on it so that it would be removed once other facilities are put in. Mrs. Link questioned the size of the shed how sharing the shed with the HYA was going to be done. Mr. Kurtz said it is 12 x 20; there will have to be discussion of sharing; and they will invite the user groups to hash it out. Mrs. Link said HYA was there for a while before Lacrosse appeared. Ingrid Perez explained the Lacrosse Club said that their storage needs are not going to take up the entire shed right now and they are amenable to working with the HYAA. Mr. Guishard commented on having to get together with the users and Recreation folks to talk about a long term solution. He said that Ingrid Perez is working on a list of things that have to be accomplished and they will prioritize them. Ms. Gatto commented on the need to continue having regular dialogue because sometimes they want to expand their programs and the Township doesn't have space for it.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lacrosse Club request for permission to place a 12 X 20 storage shed at the Liepe Recreational Complex is hereby approved with the following conditions:

- . They will paint the shed to match the newest shed at the site.
- . They will share space in the shed with the Hamilton Youth Athletic Association (HYAA) if necessary.
- . They agree this is a temporary solution for storage and that it will be moved when other storage becomes available.
- . They will agree to be responsible for maintenance and repair of the shed.

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

Ms. Gatto commented on the various grants received that were included in the Chapter 159 Resolutions approved as part of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Link commented on the Sustainable Jersey grant included in the Chapter 159 Resolutions being the first of those grants that the Township Green Team has received.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Chad Speicher is hereby appointed as a Maintenance/Carpenter II at \$36,909.26 annually per the (Teamsters) Collective Bargaining Agreement with the condition that he must obtain his CDL A License within ninety (90) days of hire as a condition of conditioned employment and the effective date of employment is to be determined.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Christopher Ayer is hereby appointed a part-time Communications Officer (Dispatcher) at \$15.00 per hour effective May 18, 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 that authorization is hereby given to advertise for one (1) full-time temporary Laborer and one (1) full-time Communications Officer (Dispatcher).

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

Mrs. Link said that she understood the VAB request for supplies and rental should actually be \$240.00; that the cost of the Hall was quoted as \$200.00; and that Mr. Guishard was in on the conversation about the \$200.00 cost. Mr. Guishard said the request from the Board Chairman was \$140.00; it should have been \$240.00; it was a communications problem; the Chairman will send a letter correcting it. Mr. Sandman explained that a motion should be made to remove Consent Agenda 11.B from the former Consent Agenda vote and then a second motion made to approve the request at \$240.00.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Ms. Gatto, that Consent Agenda Item 11.B be and is hereby removed from the former Consent Agenda vote.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that that the Veterans' Advisory Board request for funding not to exceed \$240.00 for supplies and rental fee for the Memorial Day Services is hereby approved with funding from the Administrator's Miscellaneous Expenses budget.

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 that the May 4, 2015 regular meeting minutes are hereby approved and adopted as published.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 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 that the May 4, 2015 executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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 that the May 13, 2015 special meeting executive session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

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 total being \$1,556,423.21.

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

Reports:

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

Mr. Sandman reported the draft PILOT Program for tax abatement in the Industrial Business Park District as authorized by the Township Committee is done; he will have it on the June 1<sup>st</sup> agenda; and whether or not it is introduced, he would like the Committee's permission to address it with the Industrial Commission at their meeting two days after the Committee's June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He explained that if the Committee introduces it, he can get comments from the Commission because there are some nuances in the Statute. There were no objections from Members of the Township Committee.

Ms. Gatto asked if Mr. Guishard and Mrs. Link should have abstained on approval of the May 13, 2015 special executive session minutes because neither one was there. Mr. Sandman explained the Committee should revoke the former approval of those minutes and take a separate vote on approving them.

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz, that former approval of the May 13, 2015 special executive session minutes, Item 13.C, be and is hereby revoked.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the May 13, 2015 Special Executive Session minutes are hereby approved and adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH MEMBERS GATTO, KURTZ AND SILVA VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND MEMBERS GUISHARD AND LINK ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING PRESENT AT THAT MEETING.

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

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Mrs. Link commented on having a relative in the Navy and one in the Army during World War II; one of them lost his life during a reconnaissance flight. She said her grandmother kept everyone in her area informed of where their son or daughter was and said that it was a labor of love.

Mr. Kurtz reported the Merchants' Association Hometown Celebration will be held at Lake Lenape Park on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; the Wine Festival at Lake Lenape Park on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; and movie nights will be held in War Memorial Park during July and August. Mrs. Link said the Pooch Parade application and bulletin is on the Merchants' Association website.

Mr. Guishard reported the Memorial Day ceremonies in War Memorial Park on May 25<sup>th</sup> and there will be refreshments at the V.F.W. afterward; groups that will be participating include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Veterans' Advisory Board; and he encouraged everyone who could to attend. Mr. Guishard reported he attended the Township Officials meeting and everyone was concerned in the impact the County tax increase and Schools' tax increases will have on local taxes. Mr. Guishard reported the Green Team talked about a community garden, rain barrel workshop, storm drain effort, prescription drop off, and a film series that will probably be held at the Library; that they meet on the first Thursday of the month in town Hall at 6:30; a lot of enthusiastic people are involved and he encouraged people to come out. Mr. Guishard commented on participating in a 100 mile bike ride on Saturday; having met the D.C. Mayor's General Counsel; and bike rides taking place in this area almost every weekend. He said this is a fantastic area for bike rides and he encouraged people to participate.

Ms. Gatto commended the Township fire, police and rescue volunteers, the Tech Center, the Sheriff's Department and all those who participated in the Public Safety Awareness day event at Hamilton Mall on Saturday. Ms. Gatto reported she and Mayor Silva have been having subcommittee meetings to talk about fire apparatus and ambulance purchases over the next couple of years now that the Capital Budget has been passed. Ms. Gatto reported that May 28<sup>th</sup> is Youth In Government Day where 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from William Davies School "shadow" the elected officials and department heads and learn how government works; the topic at the mock Committee meeting will be road programs and how to prioritize them. She commented on "shadowing" Joe Nickels when she participated in it in the 90's; being inspired to get into public service after participating in the event; running for Township Committee with Mr. Nickels 15 years later. She said Mr. Nickels was a great mentor. Ms. Gatto commented on being informed last week that the K-8 School District didn't approve its budget with the 9.9 cent tax increase; on Mayor Silva and Mr. Jacobs asking the Acting County Superintendent to take a close look at their budget to see what could be done; on understanding that the Acting County Superintendent approved that budget today with no change. Ms. Gatto said she hopes that next year the School Boards will make the hard decisions necessary. Ms. Gatto commented on each candidate interviewed for the CFO position saying that they were surprised at the Township's budget, what great shape it is in and remarking on the clean audits, paying down debt and the pay-as-you go program. She said she thought it reiterates all the good work the Committee is doing.

Mayor Silva reported he relayed to the Interim County Superintendent the comments he had heard from the public that she would just rubber stamp and pass the budget and that she indicated she would go through the budget line by line. The Mayor said it was disappointing to hear that she passed the school budget. He commented on there being no less than 18 pages of foreclosures in the newspaper every Monday for the past 12 or 13 weeks; the public going through very difficult times; and people in the Township and other communities not being able to afford any more tax increases. The Mayor said that was why Ms. Gatto made her remarks about the Township passing its budget without any tax increase and the Township Committee always has the residents in mind. Mayor Silva reported receiving the Standard & Poor bond rating of AA minus for the bond sale tomorrow; the biggest negative comment in the report being the high unemployment in the County as a result of Atlantic City; the report pointed up all of the strong points

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and was all positive about this community, how strong its outlook is, and how the Committee manages its finances. Mayor Silva commented on disappointment that the Committee isn't able to pass the good on to its residents; that when the tax bills go out people will think the Township raised their taxes when it didn't; out of every dollar, the Township only spends 29 cents, the schools spend 53.3 cents and the County approximately 17 cents. The Mayor commented on waiting to hear what is going to happen with Atlantic City and there being no action from Trenton on the PILOT for Atlantic City. Mayor Silva reported he, Rev. Ash and Charlie Pritchard met to start planning for the 9/11 event on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Silva reported attending the event honoring Dr. Kesselman and commented on Dr. Kesselman's service to the Township as a member of the School Board, as a Township Committee Member during the years when they eliminated the budget structural deficit, and being the primary force for the Strategic Planning Committee to lay out plans 4-5 years ahead. He said Dr. Kesselman is becoming President of the University of Southern Maine on July 1<sup>st</sup>; he is the interim President at Stockton University now; and he will be hard to replace. The Mayor said Mrs. Link made some interesting comments about Pearl Harbor Day; that he was born on Pearl Harbor Day and his uncle who was stationed there had left the day before to come stateside to visit the Mayor's mother who was his sister and he would probably have lost his life if he had been there on Pearl Harbor Day.

Public Comment:

Robert Wallace, the new President of the HYAA, said he has spoken with Ingrid Perez about working with other organizations; HYAA has been in existence for about 9 years and moving around trying to find a home; they service kids that don't make the weight class of some other leagues or can't afford to play sports at other levels. He said he has spoken with Mr. Kurtz and Mayor Silva and thanked them for always being ready to help. He said HYAA wants to be more involved in the Liepe Facility and have a say in what is happening there; they want to work with the Township to make it successful; and HYAA has been waiting for two years to be able to play on the field. Mr. Wallace commented on there being a concept that HYAA is not so a good organization and not wanting to see another child bullied in school because the HYAA isn't taken seriously. Mr. Wallace explained that HYAA asked to put their own shed at the end of the football lighted field; that they would be happy to pass the shared shed they have now to the Lacrosse Team; Lacrosse doesn't need as much room as football; and said that the helmets and pads Oakcrest donated to the HYAA are laying on the ground because they have no place to put it. Mr. Wallace said the field is in no condition to play on because of rock and sand; they need the Committee to work diligently to get the field ready for them; and suggested the Committee Members go look at it. Mr. Guishard said he worked closely with Mr. Wallace's predecessor; he looked forward to working with Mr. Wallace; he didn't know where some of the things Mr. Wallace said about the impression people have of the team came from; that this was the first he heard about the condition of the field and the shed offer; that a user feedback group will be set up; and he doesn't think that any promises made so far weren't kept. Mr. Wallace commented on a lot of money being spent on lights at the field and said that they don't play night games; they would rather have had the field (done). He commented on NFL offering \$250,000.00 towards AstroTurf for the field as long as they are the servicer but there was some concern that Pinelands might not allow it. Mr. Guishard said it should be easy to find out.

Mr. Sandman explained the comments made about Memorial Day reminded him of his father. He said 70 years ago today was VE Day and the prisoner of war camp where his father was a prisoner was liberated. He explained that his father was a 23 year old navigator flying his 21<sup>st</sup> mission; they were shot down and thought they made it to Switzerland; they were taken in by a farmer who turned them into the gestapo the next day and they were taken to Stalag 3. Mr. Sandman said his father never talked about it; when he asked about it his father said he knew what it was to be hungry and cold. He said

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that is the kind of men who May fought in that war. Mr. Sandman said he is proud of every human being he sees in uniform and everyone should be proud of them regardless of what part of the world they live in. Mr. Sandman said that what he has seen the Committee do in the last 8 years doing away with the structural deficit the way that they did and making the community what it is should serve as a model not just for every town in the State of New Jersey, but for every state in the country. Mr. Sandman said what they have accomplished is nothing short of remarkable and that the people in the community owe the Committee, Charlie Pritchard, Mr. Palmentieri, Mr. Kesselman and Aline Dix a debt of gratitude. He said if the rest of the Country could do what the Township Committee has it would be a better place. Ms. Gatto said the Committee appreciates everything Mr. Sandman does in representing the Township Committee and the Industrial Commission, his support of Veterans and his contributions to the Honor and Remember Award program.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that this meeting be adjourned to an executive session to discuss the Chief Financial Officer position which is exempt from public discussion pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law.

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 7:32 PM.

Public session reconvened at 7:54 PM. There was no one from the public present. Lisa Marcolongo checked outside and confirmed that no one was waiting to return to the meeting room.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator be authorized to make an offer to the potential Chief Financial Officer Candidate with the terms to be discussed with the Administrator pursuant to the executive session discussions.

MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING "YES", NO "NO" AND NO "ABSTAIN" ON ROLL CALL VOTE.

ATTEST:

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