

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
JULY 13, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, was held on the above date for the purpose of approving an Emergency Appropriation For Repairs To A Fire Truck. Mayor Roger Silva presided. 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, and Robert S. Sandman,

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 on the bulletin Board in the municipal building and e-mailing a copy of the notice along with the agenda for this meeting to the Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Camden Courier and Newark Star Ledger stating that this meeting would take place at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2015 in in the Municipal Building, 6101 Thirteenth Street, Mays Landing, NJ.

Mr. Sandman explained it came to his attention that a 2400 gallon tanker/pumper fire truck was out of commission and is unrepairable. Mr. Sandman explained that based on the testimony he took from Fire Chief Hamilton by phone on July 9th that it is the first piece of equipment out of the building for every fire; that it is a critical piece of equipment; and that in the Chief's opinion, not having it available was an actual immediate emergency, he recommended that the CFO declare that a state of emergency existed; the CFO has the authority to do that under the Township Ordinance; and that she did it. Mr. Sandman explained the Mayor's authority under the law; that he relayed Chief Hamilton's testimony to Mayor Silva; and the Mayor affirmed that it was an emergency. He explained the company that is to replace the tank was authorized to proceed on an emergency basis; that will be ratified at the next Township Committee meeting; and the CFO was directed to send the necessary form to the State. Mr. Sandman explained the Committee now had to authorize the emergency appropriation and it would require 4 affirmative votes to pass. Mr. Sandman asked the Township Clerk to place ratification of the declaration of emergency by the Mayor and CFO on the next agenda. Ms. Gatto explained her concern about the appropriation being outside of the budget. She explained an Appropriation Ordinance will be on the next agenda; the emergency appropriation will be outside of the budget; the Township will pay itself back through the Appropriation Ordinance and that the plan is to put an appropriation Ordinance on the next agenda; and that process will start at the next meeting.

Mayor Silva read the resolution in full.

In response to Mr. Guishard's question, Mr. Sandman explained it was to replace the tank itself. In response to Mrs. Link's comment about having a fund for all the fire companies, not just one, Mr. Jacobs explained money is budgeted for repairs but this one was extraordinary. In response to Mr. Guishard's question about the significance of the 3%. Dorothy Gallagher, the CFO, explained it is required by statute and the D.C.A. process.

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

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Major Repairs to the Fire Engine and, no adequate provision was made in the 2015 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the emergency appropriation created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2015 is \$625,156.45 and

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WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJS 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Fire Department Other Expenses in the amount of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars)
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full from a Capital Ordinance intended to be adopted by the Township forthwith, which Capital Ordinance will appropriate the aggregate amount of \$560,000 (five hundred sixty thousand dollars) inclusive, of the sum of \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to fund the cost of the Major Repairs to the Fire Engine
3. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, this 13th day of July, 2015.

Recorded Vote

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
GATTO	NONE	NONE	NONE
GUISHARD			
KURTZ			
LINK			
SILVA			

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

Public Comment:

Robert Hamilton, Chief of Mays Landing Fire Department, said Mr. Sandman explained it very well; the only other option would be to replace the whole truck. He said they appreciate the Committee recognizing that it was a real emergency. In response to Mrs. Link's question Chief Hamilton explained their back-up plan.

Bill Will complimented the Committee for their action tonight. He asked that the number 18-19 be put into the Ordinance as that is the number of the vehicle being repaired.

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

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

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that this meeting be adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

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