

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
MAY 16, 2016

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 Art Schenker. Also present were Lori Friddell, Deputy Township Clerk, Evan Labov, Township Solicitor, Steven Filippone, Township Engineer and Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator.

The meeting opened with the salute to the flag followed by the Deputy Township Clerk certifying compliance with the New Jersey Open Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by sending a copy of this notice, along with an agenda of this meeting to The Press of Atlantic City, Atlantic County Record, Record Journal and Current newspapers stating that this meeting would take place at 6:30 PM on May 16, 2016 at the Municipal Building, Mays Landing, NJ.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

None.

Early Public Comment

None.

Discussion

Resolution Authorizing Local Examination of the Municipal Budget

Mr. Jacobs explained the process of qualifying for Local Examination of the Municipal Budget.

Mayor Silva stated that qualifying shows sound fiscal responsibility.

On motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to approve the following Resolution:

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCAL EXAMINATION
OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Hamilton has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2016 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Hamilton that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance #1822-2016 – Capital Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of Various Emergency Equipment by the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey and Appropriating \$450,000 Therefor

Mr. Jacobs stated that the purchase is part of the “pay as you go program”, he further explained purchase distribution.

Comments: None.

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Miss Gatto, it was moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance #1822-2016.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance #1822-2016

Ms. Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz, that Ordinance #1822-2016; which was introduced and passed first reading on 5/2/16 and was duly advertised in the 5/4/16 edition of the Atlantic County Record with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

Recorded Roll Call Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2015 Road Program as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer on May 6, 2016 – net increase of \$52,590.70.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the change order pertains to the New York Avenue refurbishment.

Mayor Silva stated that he has received positive feedback regarding the improvements.

Miss Gatto confirmed budgeting with Mr. Jacobs.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2
FOR THE 2015 ROAD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee by previous resolution awarded a contract to Landberg Construction, LLC for the 2015 Road Program; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated May 6, 2016, Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer recommended approval of Change Order No. 2 which increases the contract amount by \$52,590.70 to allow for supplemental cost for the milling and resurfacing of a section of New York Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hamilton, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of increasing the contract amount, said certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, to approve Change Order No. 2 to the 2015 Road Program contract for an increase of \$52,590.70 as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer.

Recorded Roll Call Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Approve Change Order No. 3 for 2014 Milling and Patching Program as recommended by Robert J. Smith, III, Township Engineer on May 6, 2016 – net decrease of \$19,419.56.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3
FOR THE 2014 MILLING AND PATCHING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Committee by previous resolution awarded a contract to Landberg Construction, LLC for the 2014 Milling and Patching Program; and

WHEREAS, by correspondence dated May 6, 2016, Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer recommended approval of Change Order No. 3 which decreases the contract amount by \$19,419.56; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, to approve Change Order No. 3 to the 2014 Milling and Patching Program contract for a decrease of \$19,419.56 as recommended by Robert J. Smith III, Township Engineer.

Recorded Roll Call Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Award Bid #2016-05 – Town Hall ADA Ramp to MB Markland, Mays Landing, NJ in the amount of \$79,980.00 funding from 2013 CDBG Allocation - \$28,569.00 and CDBG ADA Improvements Town Hall 2014 - \$51,411.00

Mayor Silva stated that the ramp will allow access to the rear building entrance.

Mr. Guishard inquired on the project completion schedule.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
 RESOLUTION AWARD OF BID CONTRACT (#2016-05)
 TOWN HALL ADA RAMP

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, NJ, has determined to provide for the Town Hall ADA Ramp same being more particularly described in specifications which are on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there has been public advertisement for bids, and the Township Clerk has received and opened bids on May 4, 2016 for the purpose of awarding a contract for the aforementioned purpose; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received on May 4, 2016:

M.B. Markland	Mays Landing, NJ	Base Bid - \$79,980.00
R. Maxwell	Pleasantville, NJ	Base Bid - \$92,449.00
Roof Management, Inc.	Wall, NJ	Base Bid - \$99,000.00
Ocean Construction	Marmora, NJ	Base Bid - \$83,000.00
WJ Gross	Sewell, NJ	Base Bid - \$95,700.00

WHEREAS, after review by Linda Viventi, AIA, NCARB, Design Collaborative, Township Architect, of all bids submitted, M.B. Markland, 120 Marlin Lane, Suite A, Mays Landing NJ 08330 was determined to be the lowest, qualified responsible bidder for said contract. Linda Viventi, Design Collaborative has recommended by correspondence dated 5/6/16 that the Township Committee award said contract to M.B. Markland in an amount not to exceed \$79,980.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Hamilton, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.1, has certified that there are sufficient funds available for the purpose of awarding a contract to said entity, said certification being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that the contract for the Town Hall ADA Ramp is hereby awarded to M.B. Markland, 120 Marlin Lane, Suite A, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 in the amount of seventy-nine thousand nine-hundred eighty dollars (\$79,980.00).

Recorded Roll Call Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
 Nay: XXX
 Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Silva requested to remove items 6B. and 6C. from the consent agenda to allow for a separate vote.

Approve Business Registration Licenses

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to approve the following Business Registration Licenses for:

- Pantry 1 Foodmart – 6298 Harding Highway
- FLEECE – retail shoes/clothes – 4403 Black Horse Pike

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
 Nay: XXX
 Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Approve Raffle License Application #12-2016, Rotary Club of Mays Landing-Egg Harbor City – Off-Premise Draw Raffle to be held on July 5, 2016

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to approve Raffle License Application #12-2016 for the Rotary Club of Mays Landing – Egg Harbor City – Off-Premise Draw Raffle to be held on July 5, 2016.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolutions removed from consent

Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off-Setting Appropriation for 2016 Click It or Ticket Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-159-2
INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

WHEREAS, 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of additional amounts as items of revenue in the budget of the year 2016 under the captions and sums of

- 3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations

2016 Click It or Ticket Grant - \$5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like additional sums be and the same are hereby appropriated under the sums and captions of:

- GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS
(A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS” Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues –

2016 Click It or Ticket Grant - \$5,000.00

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off-Setting Appropriation for CDBG ADA Improvements Town Hall in the amount of \$20,991.93

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-159-3
INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET
CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

WHEREAS, 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation of an equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby requests that the Director of Local Government Services approve the insertion of additional amounts as items of revenue in the budget of the year 2016 under the captions and sums of

- 3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written consent of Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations

CDBG ADA Improvements Town Hall - \$20,991.93

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that like additional sums be and the same are hereby appropriated under the sums and captions of:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

- (A) Operations – Excluded from “CAPS” Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues –

CDBG ADA Improvements Town Hall - \$20,991.93

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel:

Resolution to Ratify PBA Mainland Local #77 Agreement – January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Same on Behalf of the Township

Miss Gatto stated with regard to the three PBA agreements on the agenda, that she wished to recognize the negotiation process between the PBA and the Governing Body and acknowledge the success of the mutual respect and partnership between all parties.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION TO RATIFY PBA MAINLAND LOCAL #77
AGREEMENT – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Hamilton and the New Jersey State Policemen’s Benevolent Association Mainland Local #77, dated January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 is hereby ratified and that the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

Comments: Mr. Guishard echoed prior comments stating that all parties had the best interests of the Township in mind.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution to Ratify PBA Mainland Local #77 Sergeants Unit Agreement – January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Same on Behalf of the Township

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION TO RATIFY PBA MAINLAND LOCAL #77
SERGEANTS UNIT AGREEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Hamilton and the New Jersey State Policemen’s Benevolent Association Mainland Local #77 Sergeants Unit, dated January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 is hereby ratified and that the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution to Ratify PBA Mainland Local #77 SOA-Lieutenants Agreement – January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019 and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Same on Behalf of the Township

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION TO RATIFY PBA MAINLAND LOCAL #77
SOA-LIEUTENANTS AGREEMENT – JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township of Hamilton and the New Jersey State Policemen’s Benevolent Association Mainland Local #77 – SOA-Lieutenants, dated January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 is hereby ratified and that the Mayor is authorized to execute same on behalf of the Township.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Appoint Michael Hughes Electrical Sub Code Inspector at a salary of \$50,000.00 effective date to be determined

Mr. Jacobs explained that inspections are currently behind and will improve quickly with the hiring of the inspector.

Discussion followed on status of inspections.

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

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT
ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE INSPECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to appoint Michael Hughes as Electrical Sub-Code Inspector at an annual salary of \$50,000, effective date to be determined.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Authorization to advertise for a Truck Driver/Laborer (Mason)

Mayor Silva confirmed with Mr. Jacobs that this is to fill a vacancy, not a new position.

Miss Gatto moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to authorize the advertisement for a Truck Driver/Laborer (Mason) in accordance with the budget.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Appoint the following as Cove Staff for the 2016 Season (June 16 – September 5, 2016)

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT
COVE STAFF FOR THE 2016 SEASON
(JUNE 16 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2016)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton to appoint the following individuals as Cove Staff for the 2016 Season (June 16 – September 5, 2016):

Alexander Hand	Day Manager	\$13.50 per hour
Karly LoSasso	Alternate Day Manager	\$13.25 per hour
Karly LoSasso	Lifeguard	\$10.00 per hour
Van Logan	Lifeguard	\$ 9.25 per hour
Serena Scattone	Beach Badge Checker	\$ 8.38 per hour

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Miss Gatto stated that the Township is still accepting applications for Lifeguards.

Discussion followed on demand for lifeguards in the area.

Approvals:

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Miss Gatto that the regular meeting minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting are approved as presented.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Miss Gatto that the Executive Session meeting minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting are approved as presented.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
APPROVED PAYROLLS AND BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton that all properly executed and approved payrolls and bills be paid, the bill list total being \$1,852,867.64.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – None.

Solicitor- None.

Engineer- Mr. Filippone informed Committee members of recent inspections for Final Certificates of Occupancy on Darby Way.

He provided the status of site clearing at the Buffalo Pike Associates Gravelly Run Major Site Development and anticipates construction of the Volunteer Way connector to begin in June.

Mr. Filippone stated that concerns regarding damage to Jackson Road during the replacement of the gas main are being addressed with South Jersey Gas Company.

He stated that he is working with the design engineer for stormwater modifications at Victoria Pointe and discussing stormwater basins at Tavistock.

Mayor Silva suggested Mr. Filippone speak with Township Solicitor Sandman regarding the basins at Tavistock.

Mr. Filippone informed Committee of recent approvals and upcoming projects including the Festival Shopping Center and Home Goods retail store. He stated that the Festival Shopping Center has agreed to repairing the stormwater basin and adding sidewalks and landscaping.

Miss Gatto commended the owners of the Festival property as being great corporate citizens and for their willingness to upgrade and bring in fresh and new ideas.

Mr. Kurtz said that from a Planning Board perspective the applicant was receptive to what was needed and to improvements.

Mayor Silva stated that the center looks good and is refreshed.

Township Committee:

Mayor Silva congratulated Mr. Schenker on his daughter's graduation from Rutgers University.

Mr. Schenker thanked Mayor Silva and welcomed Steve Filippone back.

Mr. Kurtz stated that Mr. Filippone provided the Planning Board project update and noted that new businesses are set to open in town in the near future.

Mr. Guishard congratulated Mr. Schenker's daughter and noted that President Obama was speaking at Rutgers graduation this year.

Mr. Guishard stated that Malaga Road is heavily traveled, especially with truck traffic. He stated that home owners along the road are concerned. He further stated that the Township is responsible for road maintenance although it is mostly thru traffic and suggested that the matter be further investigated.

He provided an update on the South Jersey Transportation Policy Office meeting and presentation which he attended. He stated that only 4.7% of State funding is spent in the southern NJ counties. He expressed concern with ongoing projects such as the Tuckahoe bridge construction, stating that a temporary bridge was not constructed. He noted that in the upcoming summer months, with additional traffic, a 15 minute or more wait is anticipated at the bridge which is unacceptable for fire and emergency vehicles.

He suggested pushing to change contracts to include terms for completion with penalty clauses.

Mr. Guishard informed Committee that he attended the Township Officials meeting and that other communities are having problems as a result of the Verizon strike.

Mayor Silva stated it is hard to communicate with NJDOT in Trenton and that there is no money in the State transportation trust fund.

Mr. Guishard said that the State indicated that money remains for local projects and that they are looking for ideas for pre-approved projects.

Mayor Silva mentioned considering the Somers Point/Mays Landing Road bridge.

Discussion continued on roads, bridges and incomplete projects.

Miss Gatto provided an update on the safety meeting with the Chief and Deputy Chief regarding long term succession planning. She commended the Police Department for looking ahead. She stated that background checks are being conducted on new candidates. She said they are applying for grants that may require matching funds, which can be reviewed if the applications are successful.

Miss Gatto stated she is pleased that Hamilton Township is attracting new business and remarked on the positive impact of tax abatements and the efforts of the Mays Landing Merchants Association.

Miss Gatto continued, stating that the Township should look at affordability data and be forward thinking to meet the demands of new development from a safety perspective.

She recommended the Township work on succession plans for all departments.

Miss Gatto noted the sidewalk gaps on Rt. 50 from about Thirteenth Street to Main St.

She congratulated the three Hamilton Township honorees from the Rotary Club dinner; Mike Collazo, Businessperson of the Year, Matthew Traa, First Responder of the Year and Alexandra Peters, Selfless Student of the Year. Miss Gatto noted that Alexandra Peters was a Youth in Government Day alumni.

She stated that the annual Youth in Government Day was held 5/5/16 and was a great success.

Miss Gatto provided an update on upcoming events including; Laureldale Fire Company Beef and Beer on 5/21, the Police awards on 5/26, and the Cologne Fire Company Chicken BBQ on 6/4.

She stated that Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, 5/30/16 with the dedication of the Wall of Honor to Joe Nickels.

Mayor Silva stated he attended the Atlantic County Opiate Task Force meeting which presented a panel to discuss the opiate drug problem in the County.

Mayor Silva offered his insight to the ongoing problem and encouraged the public to attend future panels and discussions offered, noting that it is one of the top problems that the Police Departments are dealing with both in Hamilton Township and the County.

Public Comment

Josephine Bellina, Summersweet Drive, thanked Township Committee for the completed road improvements on New York Avenue.

Mayor Silva thanked Ms. Bellina for her comments.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Miss Gatto, second of Mr. Schenker it was moved to close the public portion.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Gatto, Guishard, Kurtz, Schenker, Silva

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Ms. Gatto, seconded by Mr. Kurtz and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Friddell, RMC, CMR
Deputy Township Clerk