

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
May 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order May 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor John Kurtz presiding.

Flag Salute.

Township Clerk Rita Martino certified adequate notice of this meeting was provided pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the municipal building and by publication in The Press of Atlantic City on 1/9/17, and the Atlantic County Record on 1/11/17.

Roll Call:

Present: Rodney Guishard, John Kurtz, Judith Link, Art Schenker, Roger Silva.

Absent: XXX

Also present: Rita Martino, Township Clerk; Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator;
Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor; Kevin Dixon, Township Engineer

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Guest Presentation – Legislative Update from Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo

Mr. Mazzeo thanked Mayor Kurtz and spoke regarding the Pilot Bill and the percentages involved therein. He stated that he is the primary sponsor of the Pilot Bill, and that he comes from the municipal level, where the two entities of Atlantic City and Atlantic County should have negotiated a deal as to what the percentage should be. He further stated that when the bill came to the floor, the percentage of 13.5 was never in the bill itself; it was in the statement that if the County pursues more services, they could be paid up to 13.5%. Assemblyman Mazzeo reviewed numbers from past years, and said that even if the casinos were taxed the old way, they would not have gotten the 13.5% anyway. At the meeting of the Mayor's Association in Brigantine, there was discussion of what needs to be done, including talk of legislation for a County Tax Assessor. The Pilot Bill was intended to stop the tax appeals, and a long term plan of economic development will result in brighter days for Atlantic County. He closed by stating that he was open to suggestions and questions at any time.

Mr. Silva stated that the local newspaper is filled with foreclosure notices. He further stated that most municipalities have already approved their budgets; meanwhile, the issues remain. If a lawsuit results, municipalities are faced with additional legal bills. He stated that he believes Atlantic City has grave debt trouble regardless, and the other municipalities are tired of hearing about it. The result will be more homes lost because their owners can no longer afford them. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Guishard cited the Borgata casino as evidence that the assessed values may be on the rise. Mrs. Link cited a recent article regarding the amounts of money received by the County. More discussion ensued. Mayor Kurtz discussed new development possibilities and expressed hope that the situation in Atlantic City can be turned around.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

None.

Early Public Comment

None.

Discussions

Public Hearing on 5 year Tax Exemption/Abatement Agreement – Charles and Marie Cain – Block 753, Lot 18.

Mayor Kurtz opened the floor for public comment.

Marie Cain and Charles Cain were sworn in by Solicitor Sandman. She stated that three rooms were rebuilt in the same way as they were, and a new foundation was installed. A contractor did the foundation, and the Cains did the remainder of the work themselves, which is now complete. Solicitor Sandman stated for the record that this matter has been approved by the Municipal Tax Assessor.

James Kerrigan asked and confirmed that the home is in the Historic District.

Mrs. Link asked about some of the technical details of the agreement. A brief discussion ensued.

Hearing nothing additional from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing on 5 year Tax Exemption/Abatement Agreement – Charles and Marie Cain – Block 753, Lot 18.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0206 – Resolution Approving the Granting of a 5 year Tax Exemption and Abatement to Charles and Marie Cain for Improvements to an Existing Dwelling Located at Block 753, Lot 18.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0206 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance #1846-2017 – Capital Ordinance Providing for the Purchase of Emergency Equipment by the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, New Jersey, and Appropriating \$405,000 Therefor.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this is appropriating funds that we put in as our pay as you go program; it is simply appropriating the money from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Hearing nothing additional from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance # 1846-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1846-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Ordinance #1846-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 4/17/17 and was duly advertised in the 4/19/17 edition of the Atlantic County Record with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance #1847-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Articles II and IV of Chapter 269, Regarding Five-Year Tax Exemptions in the Industrial Business Park Zone and Historic District, and Creating Article VI regarding Five-Year Tax Exemptions and Abatements in the Tunney Property Area in Need of Rehabilitation.

Director of Community Development Phil Sartorio explained that the properties added are three lots on Route 40; he specified that the additions are strictly for the Area in Need of Rehabilitation designation, they are not being added to the Historic District itself. It also includes the Tunney Property Area which was designated by Township Committee last August. Some discussion ensued.

Hearing nothing additional from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance # 1847-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1847-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Ordinance #1847-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 4/17/17 and was duly advertised in the 4/21/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Introduction of Ordinance

Ordinance #1848-2017 – An Ordinance Authorizing a Tax Agreement Between Clayton’s Self Storage at Mays Landing and the The Township of Hamilton, Providing for a Five Year Exemption from Taxation and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Regarding the Construction Project Described Herein Located on Block 991, Lot 3.01.

Mr. Silva asked and confirmed that this Exemption applies only to Phase 5 of the project.

Mrs. Link asked questions regarding the wording of the Ordinance. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1848-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held May 15, 2017:

Ordinance #1848-2017 – An Ordinance Authorizing a Tax Agreement Between Clayton’s Self Storage at Mays Landing and the The Township of Hamilton, Providing for a Five Year Exemption from Taxation and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Regarding the Construction Project Described Herein Located on Block 991, Lot 3.01.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Business Registration License.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to approve the following Business Registration Licenses:

1. Mid-Atlantic Hurricane Shutters, LLC
2. Devine’s Martial Arts, LLC
3. Molato, LLC
4. HomeGoods

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Authorizing the preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 280, Lots 36-39, a 50x200 lot located at 1293 Galveston Ave., Minimum Bid \$200.00.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to Authorize the preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 280, Lots 36-39, a 50x200 lot located at 1293 Galveston Ave., Minimum Bid \$200.00.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion of no objection to the Div. of ABC granting a Special Liquor License Permit to Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for their Annual BBQ to be held on June 3, 2017 from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm, beer and wine to be dispensed.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to confirm no objection to the granting of a Special Liquor License Permit to Cologne Volunteer Fire Company as outlined.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0207 – Resolution Cancelling 2017 Taxes on Block 996.02, Lot 15 due to Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0207 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Approving request of Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for 30 yard dumpster for Chicken BBQ to be held June 3, 2017.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to approve request of Cologne Volunteer Fire Company for 30 yard dumpster for Chicken BBQ to be held June 3, 2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resolution #2017-0208 – A Resolution to Appoint Mackenzie Hankins as part-time Communications Officer for the Police Department at a rate of \$15.30 per hour, contingent upon successful completion of the background process.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0208 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0209 – A Resolution to Appoint Karly LoSasso to Cove Staff – Day Manager at a rate of \$14.50 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017).

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0209 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0210 – A Resolution to Appoint Horace Connelly to Cove Staff – Beach Badge Checker at a rate of \$9.00 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017), contingent upon obtaining CPR Certification.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0210 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0211 – A Resolution to Appoint Daniel Hartey to Cove Staff – Beach Badge Checker at a rate of \$9.25 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017).

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0211 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0212 – A Resolution to Appoint Abigail Haugan to Cove Staff – Beach Badge Checker at a rate of \$9.25 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017).

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0212 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0213 – A Resolution to Appoint McKenna Labastida to Cove Staff – Lifeguard at a rate of \$10.25 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017).

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0213 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0214 – A Resolution to Appoint Andrea Seeger to Cove Staff – Lifeguard at a rate of \$10.25 per hour for the 2017 Season (June 16-September 4, 2017).

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0214 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Silva asked if the Cove employees would be in place for the new six day per week schedule. Special Projects Manager Ingrid Perez confirmed that they would be, and also that they are still accepting applications for the Cove.

Approvals:

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that the regular meeting minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the Executive Session minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0215 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$9,107,680.30.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0215 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – none at this time.

Solicitor – Solicitor Sandman stated that he attended the April 17th meeting in Egg Harbor Township regarding the proposed shooting range. The application is still pending; testimony of numerous experts was placed on record. The Planning Board ended the meeting by directing the applicant’s attorney to ensure that all the experts were back for the next meeting date which will be May 8th.

Engineer – Mr. Dixon stated that Volunteer Way opened one week ago. He stated that the motorists are getting used to it. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Township Committee:

Mayor Kurtz stated he recently attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Volunteer Way, which was a very nice event despite the light rain. He complimented the Planning Board for all of their diligent work. Some discussion ensued.

He also mentioned the CDC National Health Project taking place at Atlantic Cape Community College. He praised ACCC for doing a great job hosting the CDC.

Mayor Kurtz also reminded everyone that the Green Fair will be held on May 6th at Oakcrest High School. At the Mayor’s request, Special Projects Manager Ingrid Perez gave a brief overview of the event, which will include shredding from 10am – 2pm, electronics recycling, vendors, concessions by Smokey’s BBQ, and free trees.

Mr. Schenker had no comments at this time.

Mr. Silva inquired as to the Polling Place Accessibility Checklists. Township Clerk Martino explained that the Board of Elections had a few minor comments regarding updated signage; updates

are being made with the help of the Public Works department. The fire departments have also been asked to help in darkening the blue painted parking stripes at their facilities.

Mr. Silva also mentioned that he drove to Mizpah to view the new Rose Quarterman sign at the park. He complimented Public Works for their hard work.

He expressed deep concern about when the County is going to pave Weymouth Road, and spoke about the current safety issues there. He also expressed concern that the Township was not informed of the work taking place on Cologne Avenue. Chief Tappeiner also spoke about issues with Criminal Justice Reform, Bail Reform, and Electronic Monitoring Devices. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva also said that while speed limit signs have been posted on Malaga Road, he is also anxious to see the double line striping completed there as well. Administrator Mike Jacobs stated that quotes are being gathered, and the striping may be completed in the next month.

Mrs. Link stated that she was happy to be at the opening of Volunteer Way. She is aware that the project was a long time in the works, as far back as 2004, and she was happy to see it completed.

Mr. Guishard stated that the name “Volunteer Way” had been long ago suggested by Tom Palmentieri to recognize volunteers, just as many of our local streets are named after veterans.

He also recently attended a bike ride that departed from and finished at the Lake Lenape Park; there were nearly 100 participants. He encouraged Mays Landing residents to participate in future events.

Mayor Kurtz then opened the floor to the public.

Public Comment

Lisa Avis distributed invitations to the Clubhouse Recreation Center on Main Street, which Andre Vincent, Pastor Ragland, and she have started. Activities there will include Career Days, NFL Flag Football and Summer Camp.

Mr. Guishard asked who was sponsoring this. Ms. Avis stated that Andre has the building, and everything else is being done with grants and fundraisers; the summer camp will also generate funds. She further stated that she is certified through the Community Food Bank as a feeding facility. They are also working with Coalition for a Safe Community, and Exclusive of Atlantic City. Mr. Guishard inquired whether this was an extension of what was done last year; Ms. Avis said no, this is totally different. Mr. Guishard further inquired and confirmed that the name of the nonprofit is Clubhouse Recreation Center, the overall purpose of which is to educate children in the area and keep them productively occupied. They also intend to have a computer where people can apply for food stamps, etc. Some discussion ensued.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to close the public portion.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Guishard and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk