

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
June 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order June 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm 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;
Evan Labov, Township Solicitor; Kevin Dixon, Township Engineer

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed; Mayor Kurtz made special mention of Jeffrey Weiss of Mays Landing, who passed away in a motor vehicle accident the previous Saturday.

Presentation: Mayor's Proclamation to Emilia Perez and Jacob Weber – ACIT Valedictorians

Mayor Kurtz and Deputy Mayor Schenker read the proclamations aloud and highlighted the many academic achievements of Emilia Perez, who will be majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Jacob Weber, who will be majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Both students were invited forward and congratulated by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Certificate of Recognition –Municipal Alliance of the Year

Mayor Kurtz announced that the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders had awarded a Certificate of Recognition congratulating Hamilton Township on being named Atlantic County Municipal Alliance of the Year. He stated that the award is largely due to the hard work of the Alliance Chairperson, Lisa Catalano.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

On motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to approve the addition/deletion of late list items as follows:

Additions:

7F. Change wording to read as follows:

Resolution to rescind Brett Noll's resignation as Director of Public Works and to set his annual salary at \$90,000.00, effective date TBD.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Early Public Comment

Mayor Kurtz stated that since several concerned residents of Woods Landing were present, it would be appropriate to address their concerns now rather than during public comment.

Director of Community Development Phil Sartorio stated that he met with Bob Kahrman, president of the Woods Landing Homeowners' Association, to discuss their proposal that the Township take over their streets as municipal streets. Woods Landing was originally approved by the Planning Board as a gated community with private streets. Removal of the gates was later approved, while the streets remained private. Dr. Kahrman cited the Condominium Act provision of the law which states that if the roads are built to municipal specifications, the municipality should take responsibility for them.

Township Solicitor Evan Labov stated that he had only briefly reviewed the matter, and more time would be needed to render an advisory opinion.

Bob Kahrman, president of the Woods Landing Homeowners' Association, stated that the main problem in this matter is with the Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and dates back to 2007. He pointed out a portion of the Master Plan that states that the project would be serviced by public water and sewer. There is also a list of items that are the responsibility of the Homeowners' Association, in which there is no mention of water or sewer.

In 2007, a house fire in another development revealed that the corresponding fire hydrant was not working, resulting in complete destruction of the house. This prompted Woods Landing residents to question the MUA about the serviceability of their own hydrants. The MUA stated that their streets are private and therefore not the responsibility of the MUA. Dr. Kahrmann pointed out that Woods Landing residents pay taxes at the same rate as any other Township resident. He also cited New Jersey Title 40, which states that a Municipality shall be required to accept public use of streets and roads if they conform to specifications for public roads. He further cited upcoming Assembly Bill #4123, which requires MUAs to service, inspect, maintain and repair fire hydrants and the water that services them. He also briefly outlined a Memorandum of Understanding between the MUA and the Homeowner's Association which states that when the roads are topcoated, the MUA will service them. Dr. Kahrmann questioned what would happen if a catastrophic event occurs in the interim.

Mayor Kurtz thanked Dr. Kahrmann and agreed to pass the information on to our solicitor for careful consideration. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Discussions

Proposed resolution establishing and adopting a Township of Hamilton Complete Streets Policy.

Mayor Kurtz stated that while he does agree with the intent of this resolution, he would like to refer it to Planning Board before voting on it. It is something the Planning Board has worked with in the past, so inclusion of their input is appropriate.

On motion of Mayor Kurtz, second of Mr. Silva, it was moved to refer the proposed resolution establishing and adopting a Township of Hamilton Complete Streets Policy to the Planning Board for review.

Mr. Guishard stated that the Federal Highway Safety Administration is responsible for establishing rules, laws, etc. for most of the Federal Highway System. It was recognized long ago that said highways and roads were largely automobile-oriented, so consideration was largely given to automobiles. In 2010, Complete Streets guidelines were developed to address pedestrians, bicyclists, and other purposes aside from automobiles. The proposed resolution asks that Complete Streets guidelines be observed when fixing roads, renovating roads, or establishing new roads. Mr. Guishard further mentioned that adherence to these guidelines will be helpful in obtaining future grants.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution supporting Freeholder Gatto's proposed amendments to County Code in Chapter 97.

Freeholder Gatto thanked Committee for their time. She stated that through discussion with the Mays Landing Merchants' Association, a vendor has expressed interest in bringing more festivals and events to Lake Lenape Park. Doing so would require some amendments to the current Ordinance as it applies to alcohol usage in the park. The proposed amendments would expand upon the current language for wine tasting and the catering hall to allow for the additional events. Freeholder Gatto further stated that the County Freeholder Board has indicated that they are receptive to the amendments, and have sent it to their co-committee to be reviewed before introduction to the full Freeholder Board and public. The support of Hamilton Township is also sought, as the resulting events would occur there. Some discussion ensued. Mr. Schenker asked and confirmed that the vendor involved is John Henderson of Good Time Tricycle. Mr. Guishard questioned whether Green Acres regulations would allow for such expansion of alcohol usage in the park. Mrs. Link pointed out that expanded alcohol use could cause great liability issues in the swimming areas. More discussion ensued. It was confirmed that some events would be for profit and others would be non-profit.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding what role the Township would have in approving and being notified of proposed events. Mrs. Link asked to see something in writing stating that Green Acres is agreeable to the proposed changes. Mr. Schenker expressed the need for the Township to oversee more than just the ABC process of events; Mr. Guishard agreed that the Township should have some level of oversight. Mr. Silva stated that the County made a major investment in the park area, and it would be great for the area to be used in a beneficial way. The issue of parking was also discussed. Solicitor Labov clarified that the Ordinance does not limit alcohol use to beer and wine; it allows for hard liquor as well. He recommended against Committee approval of the proposed amendments, and further stated that in his opinion, the amendments really do not accomplish what the County is hoping to accomplish. Solicitor Labov explained that in its current form, the Ordinance only allows for alcohol use in conjunction with use of the Catering Hall, or in other specified areas in Lenape Park East with permission. The proposed amendment will add the phrase "special events" to these two specified use areas; the problem is, those two uses are governed by other sections of the County Code, and those two sections have not been amended enough to actually change the required process.

After additional lengthy discussion, the consensus was to table the matter pending further discussion between the Township Solicitor and the County.

On motion of Mayor Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to table the resolution supporting Freeholder Gatto’s proposed amendments to County Code in Chapter 97.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0253 – Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare and mail estimated tax bills for third quarter 2017.

Mr. Jacobs explained that we were notified by the County Tax Assessor that due to some issues with the Borgata and the refund settlement, issuance of estimated tax bills has been suggested. Committee members expressed concern over the cost of having two third quarter mailings; however, it was concluded that there was no other option.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0253 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance #1850-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits for the entire length of Grand Avenue.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that the following Ordinance #1850-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 3, 2017:

Ordinance #1850-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits for the entire length of Grand Avenue.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance #1851-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits for the entire length of Township Avenue.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1851-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 3, 2017:

Ordinance #1851-2017 – An Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits for the entire length of Township Avenue.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2017-0254 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Dodge Chargers from Beyer for a total of \$55,009.50 from the Cranford Cooperative #47-CPCPS, Item #8.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0254 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0255 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of two (2) Ford Interceptors (SUV) from Beyer for a total of \$58,147.50 from the Cranford Cooperative #47CPCPS, Item #2.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0255 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0256 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) Ford F150 from Winner for a total of \$29,880.00 under State Contract #A88728.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0256 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0257 – Resolution authorizing the upfitting of two (2) Dodge Chargers from Major Police Supply, for a total of \$19,144.46 under State Contract #A81330.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0257 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0258 – Resolution authorizing the upfitting of two (2) Ford Police Interceptors (SUV) from Major Police Supply, for a total of \$22,443.94 under State Contract #A81330.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0258 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0259 – Resolution authorizing the upfitting of one (1) Ford F150 Pickup from Major Police Supply, for a total of \$10,172.15 under State Contract #A81330.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0259 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0260 – Resolution authorizing purchase of TC06 Enforcer Pumper from Houston-Galveston Area Council National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, not to exceed \$688,186.31.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0260 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

It was confirmed that Laureldale fire district would be receiving this item.

Resolution #2017-0261 – Resolution accepting the proposal of Warriner’s Construction to install a new epoxy floor system in the Public Works facility, cost not to exceed \$22,550.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0261 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0262 – Resolution authorizing purchase of an Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Winner Ford Fleet Sales under State Contract #88728, in the amount of \$27,716.00 – Fire Dept.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0262 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0263 – Resolution authorizing the award of Malaga Road Restriping to Zone Striping, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,232.20.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0263 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0264 – Resolution Authorizing Agreement between FireGrantsHelp and Township of Hamilton in an amount not to exceed \$3,250.00.

It was confirmed that this grant would be for radios.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0264 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0265 – Resolution Authorizing Awarding Bid #2017-03 Underhill Park Restrooms to R. Maxwell Construction Company for the Base Bid in the amount of \$220,000.00.

Mayor Kurtz expressed enthusiasm over seeing this project begin.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0265 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0266 – Resolution Authorizing the Upfitting of a Ford Utility Interceptor for a total of \$7,963.75 from Birch’s Communications – Fire Dept.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0266 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

It was confirmed that Laureldale fire district would be receiving this item.

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve Business Registration License.

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

1. Karina Boutique, LLC
2. Farpoint Toys and Collectibles
3. Bimbo Bakeries, USA

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0267 – Renewal of 2017-2018 Liquor Licenses.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0267 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion Approving request of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to host a Senior Health Fair at the Hamilton Mall on September 16, 2017.

Upon motion of Mr. Schenker, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to approve request of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to host a Senior Health Fair at the Hamilton Mall on September 16, 2017.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0268 – Resolution Accepting the Performance Guarantee for Harding Homes Development (Conifer Realty, LLC) – Block 1131, Lot 5.01 in the amount of \$1,552,254.50 (Cash Escrow-\$152,254.00; Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. Bond #837069180-\$1,370,290.50) as required by Township Engineer Kevin Dixon in his correspondence dated 5/19/17.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0268 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel

Resolution #2017-0269 – A Resolution to Appoint Lisa Marcolongo the Township of Hamilton Municipal Alliance Coordinator effective July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 at \$2,000.00 annually to be paid quarterly from the 2017 Municipal Alliance Grant as recommended by the Municipal Alliance Chair.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0269 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0270 – A Resolution to Appoint Edward Hyman as a Truck Driver/Laborer II at \$33,848.78 annually effective June 20, 2017.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0270 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0271 – A Resolution to Appoint Jason Kepner as a Truck Driver/Laborer I at \$32,356.23 annually effective June 20, 2017 contingent upon obtaining a CDL A within one year.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0271 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0272 – A Resolution to Authorize a \$2,870.27 pay increase to Mary Teresa Dreager, Administrative Assistant in the Construction Code Office, as per recommendation of the Township Administrator effective January 13, 2017.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0272 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0273 – A Resolution appointing Lisa Catalano as a member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0273 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0274 – A Resolution appointing John Cressey as a member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0274 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0275 – A Resolution appointing Laylaa Muhammad as a member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0275 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0276 – A Resolution appointing Sherrie Snyder as a member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0276 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0277 – A Resolution appointing Lisa Yaccarino as a member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0277 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0278 – A Resolution appointing Juliana Morales as an Alternate I member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0278 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0279 – A Resolution appointing Paul Sorrentino as an Alternate II member of Hamilton Township Municipal Alliance for a one-year term effective 7/1/17 – 6/30/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0279 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker, Silva
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0280 – A Resolution to rescind the resignation of Brett Noll as Director of Public Works and to set his annual salary at \$90,000.00, effective date TBD.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0280 be adopted.

Mr. Schenker expressed concern over setting a precedent regarding pay increases; he stated that such an increase should be done at the end of the year, when a new budget is formed. He also stated that Mr. Noll does a great job, and the Township is glad to have him back.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Silva
Nay: Schenker
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-1.

Approvals:

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that the regular meeting minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that the Special Executive Session meeting minutes of the June 2, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the Executive Session meeting minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

Resolution #2017-0281 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$1,228,978.67.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0281 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – none.

Solicitor – none.

Engineer – Mr. Dixon gave a brief update of the Road Program; they are in the specification stage and have surveyed the roadways. They are hoping to stretch the road budget even further than originally thought.

He also stated that he will be attending a preconstruction meeting with South Jersey Gas regarding street openings. Some discussion ensued.

Township Committee:

Mayor Kurtz stated that a good meeting was conducted with Benderson Properties that day. Some discussion ensued. He directed the Administrator to make note of the need for a traffic and speed study.

He also stated that June 24th is the Hometown Celebration. It is expected to be a great one-day event, including a model train exhibit, music, food, vendors, a pooch parade and a K-9 demonstration by our Police Department. He also stated that the Fire Department will oversee parking, and thanked Chief Tilley accordingly. The event will be held rain or shine.

Additionally, he mentioned that the Championship Baseball Games at Underhill Park are also held this weekend. A significant number of people are expected, and a jitney will be available to transport spectators to the Hometown Celebration between games.

Mr. Schenker asked for a timeline on completion of the Underhill Park bathrooms; Mr. Jacobs will check on same.

Mr. Silva asked about the status of the hockey courts project. Mr. Jacobs will check on same and provide an update before September.

Mr. Guishard attended the Oakcrest High School graduation, along with Mrs. Link and Mayor Kurtz. He stated that he was impressed with the diversity of the class, and that the ceremony was very well done.

He reminded everyone about the upcoming Health Fair hosted by the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, and encouraged all to attend. He further stated that anyone interested in becoming a

member of the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, as well as Veterans' Groups and the Green Team, may sign up at the Hometown Celebration.

Mr. Guishard also spoke briefly regarding a traffic safety presentation conducted by South Jersey Transportation Program Office (SJTPO).

Mrs. Link echoed Mr. Guishard's comments regarding the Oakcrest graduation. She also recently attended the Hanson House concert at Harrah's, which benefits recovering addicts.

Mrs. Link also stated that she had recently been approached with concerns over soccer field maintenance, and requested that Public Works follow up on same.

Mayor Kurtz then opened the floor to the public.

Public Comment

Harry Rogers of 1069 Morningside Drive stated that Hamilton Township could be the victim of its own success if alcohol use is expanded at Lake Lenape Park. Opening public property to commercial use could create an unmanageable and irreversible situation, and it may be better to limit the use to non-profit organizations and fundraisers.

Mr. Rogers also expressed agreement with Mr. Schenker's opinion regarding the rescission of the Public Works Director's resignation. He stated that it sets a terrible precedent and should not be done mid-year, and he also stated that the Committee has made a significant mistake in this decision. Mr. Silva asserted that Mr. Rogers' opinion is debatable.

Bruce Strigh of Mays Landing stated that it would be advisable to review the original purchase of Lenape Park and research the conditions upon which those Green Acres monies were spent; this may be helpful in determining what is permitted under the original agreement. Mayor Kurtz agreed that this is the direction they have agreed upon tonight.

Solicitor Labov recommended that we submit the proposed changes directly to Green Acres for their review.

Mr. Strigh also requested that the proposed ordinances and resolutions be placed online prior to the Township Committee meetings.

Mr. Strigh also supported Mr. Schenker's opinion regarding the rescission of the Public Works Director's resignation. He stated that Mr. Noll does a good job for the Township, but that the budget was set for the year.

He also spoke briefly regarding the possible relocation of the MUA to Old Egg Harbor Road, and requirements for business registration in the Township.

Jack Percy of Mays Landing asked about the Complete Street Policy. Mr. Guishard outlined the highlights of the policy and its benefits.

Mr. Percy also inquired as to the definition of "upfitting" with regard to the vehicle purchases approved that evening. Mr. Jacobs explained that it refers to lights, sirens, and the like.

He stated that public safety is important, and while a great deal of money is spent on public safety, very little is spent on the emergency management portion of the equation. He requested that more funds be dedicated to emergency management. Mayor Kurtz recommended that the request be put in writing and presented to the committee for proper consideration.

Chris Tilley, Chief of Laureldale Volunteer Fire Company, thanked Committee for the new Fire Truck and stated that he appreciates their support.

Hearing nothing additional 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.

Executive Session

Resolution #2017-0282 – A Resolution To Adjourn to Executive Session:

Dispute Regarding Ownership of Block 1132.01, Lot 30 and Payment of Taxes – Attorney Client Privilege and Anticipated Litigation

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Resolution #2017-0282 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Township Committee met in Executive Session at 8:55 pm.

Township Committee reconvened at 9:11 pm.

On the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to reconvene.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Administrator Jacobs invited the public to return; two members of the public returned.

Resolution #2017-0283 – A Resolution Authorizing Preparation of a Quitclaim Deed for Block 1132.01, Lot 30.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0283 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Schenker and carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk