

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
October 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order October 16, 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: John Kurtz, Rodney Guishard, Judith Link, Art Schenker, Roger Silva.

Absent:

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.

Presentation: Complete Streets – Patrick Farley

The presentation was given by Patrick Farley, Senior Land Use and Transportation Planner at Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association (TMA). Mr. Farley assists local communities in exploring and adopting Complete Streets policies to address traffic congestion and air quality issues. He stated that he spoke previously to the Planning Board, who asked him to speak with Township Committee.

He stated that Complete Streets is not a policy that places requirements on a community; rather, it requests that all modes of transportation (pedestrian walks, bicycle lanes, ramps, etc.) be considered in new roadway projects. It is completely based on context, so transportation needs can be determined by individual project. A Complete Streets policy is created through a resolution of support, with program details for that community, including such things as engineer review, working with developers to include crosswalks, curb ramps, discussions of project cost, etc.

Mr. Guishard stated that at the request of the Green Team, Mr. Farley had previously briefed us, as well as the South Jersey Transportation Program Office (SJTPO). He further stated that Complete Streets is a nationwide policy; 167 New Jersey communities participate, including 10 in Atlantic County. Mr. Guishard also said that he previously proposed adoption of a Complete Streets policy, which is a short, non-binding resolution of support. Doing so would earn points for future Grant applications. He stated that his previous proposal before Township Committee resulted in referral to the Planning Board, who discussed the matter and requested that Mr. Farley discuss the matter before Township Committee and answer any questions. Mr. Guishard also stated that the Planning Board, concerned with liability issues, had questioned why the Township should adopt such a policy, as they currently do a thorough job. Mr. Farley stated that one reason to adopt would be the points for Grant applications; other reasons include improved safety, equity of transportation networks, and better navigation for people with disabilities. He also stated that there have not been any cases of local community liability in relation to Complete Streets. Mayor Kurtz stated that it was thought that the current Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan addresses most of the issues of Complete Streets policies, and implementing additional guidelines may create an overlapping benchmark to be met. Mr. Farley stated that the Township could reference the existing plan when creating the Complete Streets policy. Some discussion ensued.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

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

Additions:

- 6I. Resolution authorizing Dixon Associates to apply for a Grant under the NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund, for a fee not to exceed \$1,500.00.
- 7L. Liquor License Renewal with Special Ruling – Seghal Enterprises, Inc.

Early Public Comment

Bruce Strigh (re: items 6C.-6E.) of Mays Landing expressed concern regarding the total cost of environmental remediation and demolition of three properties included on the agenda. Township Engineer Kevin Dixon stated that determining total cost would be part of his proposed services in this matter. Mr. Strigh asked who would pay the cost; Administrator Mike Jacobs stated that the Township would pay, and liens would be placed against the properties; he further confirmed that the

plan is to demolish all three properties. Mr. Strigh questioned whether this could have been avoided, as we now have to pay \$11,000.00 just for cost estimates. Mayor Kurtz stated that the Township has absorbed costs even getting to this point. Mr. Strigh said that the Township has a property maintenance Ordinance specifically to avoid such things, and the Township should have been more proactive.

Susan Lazarchick (re: Guest Presentation) of the Green Team, stated that the Green Team wholly supports Complete Streets, and that it is specifically suggested in the Downtown Plan. The issue is important particularly since Michael Dare-Gentile had died, and even a member of the Green team has been hit by a car.

Discussions

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Green Acres grant agreement for the 2nd Street Park acquisition (Block 809 Lot 6).

Director of Community Development Phil Sartorio stated that the Township had partnered with the Watershed Association for Green Acres grants to acquire the property at the end of Second Street. In July, the Township and the Watershed Association were awarded funds totaling 75% of projected project costs. The proposed resolution would update the previous resolution to show the actual amount of award funds received. Mr. Sartorio confirmed that any required matching funds will be paid by the Watershed Association. A brief discussion ensued.

Resolution #2017-0400 – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Green Acres grant agreement for the 2nd Street Park acquisition (Block 809 Lot 6).

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0400 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Rescind Introduction of Ordinance #1856-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I, Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Maximum Number of Employees – Additional Public Works Operations Supervisor.

Mr. Jacobs explained that Ordinance #1856-2017 did not include deletion of a laborer position; therefore, rescission of introduction of same is recommended.

On the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to rescind introduction of Ordinance #1856-2017, an Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I, Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Maximum Number of Employees – Additional Public Works Operations Supervisor.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance #1858-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Section 203 of the Township Code, Land Use and Development.

Director of Community Development Phil Sartorio stated that this Ordinance implements several recommendations from the Neighborhood Plan, including rezoning and expanding the uses permitted in the Village Commercial areas. Some discussion ensued.

Bruce Strigh of Mays Landing stated that the amendment is generally good. He expressed concern regarding Village Commercial designation of the Sugar Hill area, specifically the Paragon property, which is currently zoned as residential, with the businesses there being non-conforming. He stated the the lot between Kneble’s and the bar may now be a good candidate for shared parking; he asked whether this idea would be required to go through the Planning Board. Mr. Sartorio said yes.

Mr. Strigh also expressed concern regarding the use of commercial dumpsters in front yards of properties, and asked if any action had been taken on that. Mr. Sartorio stated that the new Ordinance will prompt many property owners to seek Planning Board Approval for new projects, and this issue could be addressed at that level.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1858-2017.

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

Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1858-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Ordinance #1858-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 9/18/17 and was duly advertised in the 9/22/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City, was amended on 10/2/17 with amendment published on 10/5/17 and public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance #1862-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I of Ordinance #1730-2012 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for Maximum Employee Salaries.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the hourly rate for a part-time Electrical Inspector is being raised from \$25.00 to \$35.00, which is consistent with area standards.

Mr. Silva stated that with the scarcity of qualified inspectors, it may become necessary to look to a third party for inspections in order to keep construction projects moving. Some discussion ensued, and it was decided that Mr. Jacobs would look into the use of a third party and report back.

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1862-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1862-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Ordinance #1862-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 10/2/17 and was duly advertised in the 10/5/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance #1863-2017 – An Ordinance Dedicating and Accepting for Permanent Maintenance certain portions of Volunteer Way located in the Township of Hamilton.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the road has been completed from the existing dead end out to the circle. Paving and curbing is complete, as well as the punchlist. At Mayor Kurtz' inquiry, Solicitor Sandman confirmed that there is a drive that goes into the new development of Gravelly Run, which is not part of what is being adopted here.

Jim Kerrigan of Mays Landing stated that the Township should be responsible for the entire road, not just portions thereof. Solicitor Sandman stated that the Ordinance is only accepting the portion addressed by the related metes and bounds description. Some discussion ensued.

John Percy of Mays Landing expressed relief that this is complete; the project started many years ago and is a good example of government working together. He further stated that the need for street lights there must be addressed, as well as signage to stop traffic and avoid accidents. Some discussion ensued.

Hearing nothing from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Schenker, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1863-2017.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1863-2017

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker, that Ordinance #1863-2017, which was introduced and passed first reading on 10/2/17 and was duly advertised in the 10/5/17 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Introduction of Ordinances

Ordinance #1864-2017 – An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Lot 1 in Block 240 as Shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton Granting to the Owner or Owners of Said Real Property Contiguous to Same the Right of Prior Refusal to purchase such land in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this is 2.61 acres on Elwood Road with a minimum bid of \$2,100.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that the following Ordinance #1864-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held November 13, 2017:

Ordinance #1864-2017 – An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Lot 1 in Block 240 as Shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Hamilton Granting to the Owner or Owners of Said Real Property Contiguous to Same the Right of Prior Refusal to purchase such land in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Ordinance #1865-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Maximum Number of Employees – PW Dept.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this will add a supervisory position to Public Works, while eliminating a truck driver/laborer position so that the staffing number stays the same.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1865-2017 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held November 13, 2017:

Ordinance #1865-2017 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section I Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Maximum Number of Employees – PW Dept.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2017-0401 – Resolution approving Change Order #1 – Action Janitorial, Inc., for cleaning services for Public Works Garage – increase of \$3,570.00 annually.

Mr. Jacobs clarified that we would pay a prorated amount for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0401 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0402 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of Public Works Equipment from Cherry Valley Tractor Sales, Marlton, NJ – not to exceed \$161,681.60.

Mr. Jacobs confirmed that this was included in the Public Works Operating budget; the item is a tractor with a sidearm mower for mowing along the roadways.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0402 be adopted.

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

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0403 – Resolution awarding contract to Dixon Associates for environmental remediation and demolition specification services regarding 5908 7th Street, demolition specification not to exceed \$2,000.00, environmental assessment not to exceed \$2,600.00.

Mr. Jacobs explained that the first step is the environmental audit, which will tell us the scope of remediation requirements, and then the bid specifications can be made. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0403 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0404 – Resolution awarding contract to Dixon Associates for environmental remediation and demolition specification services regarding 5916 7th Street, demolition specification not to exceed \$2,000.00, environmental assessment not to exceed \$2,600.00.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0404 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0405 – Resolution awarding contract to Dixon Associates for demolition specification services regarding 142 Knights Bridge Way, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Mr. Jacobs stated that the bank has indicated that they may do the demolition themselves. It was agreed that the resolution would include the condition of waiting for authorization of the Township Administrator in order to begin work.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0405 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0406 – Resolution awarding contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers for services regarding the approval and oversight of replacement plant material for Hamilton Reforestation Plan – Contract #2, maximum of 24 hours @ 98.00/hr. for a total amount not to exceed \$2,352.00.

Mr. Jacobs stated that nearly 1,000 trees, about 30% of which died, must be replanted pursuant to the grant agreement. This contract would be for Remington & Vernick to inspect the replanting. Prior to this, there was no expense to the project; it was a full grant. However, there are no more grant funds to pay for this inspection. The new trees are covered under the contract.

An unidentified member of the public asked where the trees are located. Mr. Jacobs explained that they are throughout the Township, in places such as the municipal parking lot, around the schools, the Industrial Park, and Liepe Park.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2017-0406 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0407 – Resolution authorizing the trade of a 72” Woods BrushHog Mower Deck for an allowance of \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of Public Works equipment from Cherry Valley Tractor Sales.

Mr. Jacobs stated that approval is sought to trade the BrushHog Mower, in order to get a blower that is compatible with the pending new tractor purchase.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0407 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0408 – Resolution authorizing purchase and delivery of shed for Liepe Park from Billy Perryman Farm Equipment, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Mayor Kurtz stated that the need for a shed was researched by Special Projects Manager Ingrid Perez; the current shed is full and has no room for the additional storage needed. The sheds will be removed when the new building is constructed.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0408 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0409 – Resolution authorizing Dixon Associates to apply for a Grant under the NJDOT Local Freight Impact Fund, for a fee not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Solicitor Sandman stated that this grant became available to allow for construction of roadway surfaces that sustain high-volume truck traffic. The thought was to apply for this grant to resurface Cantillon Boulevard, and possibly to connect that street to an industrial park parcel, as outlined in the contract of sale for said parcel.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0409 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2017-0410 – Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Inactive Liquor License with Special Ruling of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control – Greenwood ACRA, Inc., (0112-33-034-006) 2017-2018 License Term.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0410 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0411 – Resolution to rescind approval of 2017-2018 Liquor License for Seghal Enterprises, Inc. – Special Ruling Required.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0411 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0412 – Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off Setting Appropriation for Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0412 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0413 – Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off Setting Appropriation for Body Armor Fund Grant.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0413 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Motion of no objection to the Division of ABC granting a Special Liquor License to Atlantic Cape Community College for the Nouveau Beaujolais wine and food tasting to be held 11/17/17 from 6pm-10pm – wine to be dispensed.

Upon motion of Mr. Guishard, second of Mr. Silva it was moved that there is no objection to the Division of ABC granting a Special Liquor License to Atlantic Cape Community College for the Nouveau Beaujolais wine and food tasting to be held 11/17/17 from 6pm-10pm – wine to be dispensed.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0414 – Resolution approving Raffle License #28-2017 – Jersey Shore Parents' Association – On Premise 50/50 – 12/10/17.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0414 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0415 – Resolution approving Raffle License #29-2017 – Jersey Shore Parents' Association – On Premise 50/50 – 12/17/17.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0415 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0416 – Resolution approving Raffle License #30-2017 – Jersey Shore Parents' Association – On Premise 50/50 – 4/8/18.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0416 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0417 – Resolution approving Bingo License #5-2017 – Laureldale Volunteer Fire Rescue – Designer Bag Bingo – 11/4/17.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0417 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0418 – Resolution approving Raffle License #32-2017 – Laureldale Volunteer Fire Rescue – Tricky Tray – 11/4/17.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0418 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0419 – Resolution cancelling taxes due to Totally Disabled Veteran Status: Block 865 Lot 39 – \$825.16.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0419 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2017-0420 – Resolution cancelling taxes due to Totally Disabled Veteran Status: Block 941 Lot 7 – \$1,839.67.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0420 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0421 – Resolution approving Raffle License #31-2017 – St. Vincent de Paul Parish – Off Premise Draw Raffle – 12/10/17.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0421 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0422 – Resolution of no objection to the NJDOT issuing permits for the following Coin Drops to be held at the intersection of Routes 40 and 50:

Police Unity Tour – 10/28/17, 10/29/17, 11/25/17, 11/26/17, 12/9/17, 12/10/17

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0422 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0423 – Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Inactive Liquor License with Special Ruling of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control – Seghal Enterprises, Inc., (0112-44-038-007) 2017-2018 License Term.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0423 be adopted.

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

Personnel

Resolution #2017-0424 – Resolution appointing Patricia Campbell as Deputy Court Administrator IV at \$43,262.00 annually, effective 10/17/17.

Mr. Jacobs stated that there was a vacancy when we promoted our Court Administrator, and there are two vacant Violations Clerk positions as well, so we are backfilling existing positions.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0424 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0425 – Resolution appointing Deniece Blue as Violations Clerk II at \$31,567.86.00 annually, contingent upon successful completion of the background check and physical, effective date TBD.

Mr. Schenker moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2017-0425 be adopted.

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

Resolution #2017-0426 – Resolution appointing Tina Chiari as Violations Clerk I at \$30,075.31.00 annually, effective date TBD.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Schenker that Resolution #2017-0426 be adopted.

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

Approvals:

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that the regular meeting minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

Mr. Guishard abstained, as he was not present at the October 2, 2017 meeting.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that the Executive Session meeting minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting are approved as presented.

Mr. Guishard abstained, as he was not present at the October 2, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2017-0427 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$5,701,665.68.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2017-0427 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – Mr. Jacobs stated that he attended a pre-construction meeting regarding the NJDOT installation of 740 linear feet of 14-inch pipe on Main Street. Main Street will be closed from Farragut Avenue to Route 40 for about thirty days, to begin the first or second week of November. Mayor Kurtz asked when NJDOT would be announcing this to the residents and businesses on Main Street. Mr. Jacobs stated that they would post signs and notify the businesses two weeks prior. Some discussion ensued.

Solicitor – Mr. Sandman stated that the Thelma Avenue resurfacing is complete, and there was no cost to the Township. He also stated that with regard to Tavistock and the related 3-1/2 year litigation, the bonding company has agreed to pay \$650,000.00, which will be used to resurface the roads that are not yet resurfaced. There are still some basin and landscaping issues, but the main issue was completion of the roadways therein.

Engineer – Mr. Dixon stated that a great job was done on Thelma Avenue; he was able to check it in the rain, thereby addressing a slight ponding issue, which was promptly solved.

He also stated that they are currently awaiting some paperwork from Arawak regarding the Road Program, and that a pre-construction meeting is expected this week.

Township Committee:

Mayor Kurtz stated that the Fall Festival was another great event, with the largest amount of crafters seen in some time. He praised the Merchants' Association for all of their hard work.

He also mentioned that he recently attended an event at the Funny Farm in Mizpah. He stated that the Funny Farm is a very nice operation which houses many rescue animals, and recommended it as a great place to visit.

Mr. Schenker similarly stated that the Fall Festival was a very nice event and well-attended. He congratulated the Merchants' Association on a job well done. He also stated that he attended the Lakers Homecoming Game, which was also very well-attended.

Mr. Schenker also mentioned the Halloween Parade, which is a favorite event of his. The Merchants' Association and the Rotary do a great job with it, and he encouraged the community to come out and enjoy it.

Mr. Silva stated that he had recently learned that the Route 50 Branch of Bank of America would be closing its doors on January 23, 2018. He expressed sadness at the loss of the community landmark, with its distinctive clock out front.

Mrs. Link echoed the previous comments regarding the Fall Festival, and said she was overwhelmed at how many vendors were in attendance. She observed that many families were there, and the children especially enjoyed the rides and activities, which is a great reflection on our community.

Mrs. Link also stated that she has visited the Funny Farm with her grandchild, and wondered if the Funny Farm may be able to assist some local animals who may be living in questionable circumstances.

She mentioned that she is also looking forward to the Halloween Parade. She further stated that Fred Kneble, President of the Mays Landing Merchants' Association, would welcome any donations to help with the parade.

Mr. Guishard stated that he too enjoyed this year's Fall Festival, which had a great community feeling. In addition to the vendors, there were also some community organizations in attendance, such as the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee.

He also stated that the Funny Farm is indeed a fantastic and little-known resource for the Township. The owner, Laurie Zaleski, does a tremendous job, and he recommended it as a great place to visit with one's family.

He further mentioned that he had recently been on a cruise with his family, where he met people from various countries, and was very impressed at how well-informed they were on American culture and politics.

He reminded everyone that Mr. Farley was still in attendance and available for any questions regarding Complete Streets.

Mr. Silva expressed concern over the pending purchase of over 3,000 acres of Township property by the DEP, which would bring Hamilton Township close to having more exempt property than taxable property. He stated that this makes it very difficult for a municipality to meet its obligations, and it is important for people to be aware of this.

Mayor Kurtz then opened the floor to the public.

Public Comment

Suzanne Marx, Treasurer of the Green Team, stated that a Complete Streets recommendation is included in the Neighborhood Master Plan, and that is why they asked Mr. Farley to be in attendance tonight. She further asked what the intent was going forward. Mr. Guishard stated that he planned to bring it up for a vote at the next meeting. Mr. Silva inquired whether the Planning Board had made a decision about it, and Mr. Guishard stated that Planning Board's decision was to bring it before the Committee and have Mr. Farley present to answer any questions.

Ms. Marx also expressed a need for parking signage on Main Street. Mr. Jacobs stated that some signs were recently installed. A brief discussion ensued.

Harry Rogers of 1069 Morningside Drive stated that as a member of the Planning Board, he disagreed with Mr. Guishard's interpretation of the outcome of the Planning Board's discussion of Complete Streets. Mr. Rogers asserted that the vote and resolution of the Planning Board was against adoption of a Complete Streets program, but that they had no objection to a presentation of same at a Township Committee meeting. Mr. Silva stated that this could be cleared up by obtaining a copy of the minutes. A brief debate ensued.

Susan Lazarchick, a Green Team member, stated that the Green Team tries to do good things and work together toward sustainability. She expressed frustration at people's opposition to something as beneficial as the Complete Streets program. Mayor Kurtz stated that there is no question that the Green Team is doing a great job; the Township will do their best to work with the Green Team, but this particular topic requires additional discussion.

Patrick Farley of Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association stated that a Complete Streets resolution is a common first step and it is non-binding. Mr. Guishard added that adopting a Complete Streets Policy is acknowledging that streets should be designed, built, and retrofitted for all users- motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles, transit users, and people with disabilities. There is no cost and no liability, and the Township would receive an additional point for grants. Mr. Silva stated that we have heard from two members of the Planning Board this evening, and they are a good example of how effective the Planning Board is. Mayor Kurtz stated that one concern was for the Planning Board applicants, and how this may affect them.

Hearing nothing additional from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mrs. Link it was moved to close the public portion.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Link and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk