

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET  
MAYS LANDING, NJ  
APRIL 2, 2018

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order April 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm with Mayor Art Schenker 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 1/5/18, and the Atlantic County Record on 1/10/18.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Rodney Guishard, John Kurtz, Judith Link, Art Schenker

Absent: Roger Silva

Also present: Rita Martino, Township Clerk; Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Schenker asked that everyone remember a local fallen hero named Benjamin, who passed away at age three after a brave battle with cancer.

**Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items**

None.

**Early Public Comment**

None.

**2018 Budget**

**Resolution #2018-0168 – Resolution authorizing the Budget to be read by title only.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0168 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget**

James Kerrigan of Mays Landing stated that this year's budget is a good one. He further stated that he believes in austerity.

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to close the public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Adoption of 2018 Municipal Budget.**

Upon motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mrs. Link it was moved to adopt the 2018 Municipal Budget.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Discussions**

None.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances**

None.

**Introduction of Ordinances**

**Introduction of Ordinance #1876-2018 – Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and Authorizing the Issuance of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) in Bonds or Notes of the Township of Hamilton for Capital Improvements or**

**Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.**

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Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that the following Ordinance #1876-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held April 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1876-2018 – Bond Ordinance Appropriating One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and Authorizing the Issuance of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) in Bonds or Notes of the Township of Hamilton for Capital Improvements or Purposes Authorized to be Undertaken by the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this Ordinance contains the ability to borrow \$950,000.00, for a total of \$1,000,000.00 when combined with a 5% down payment. This is included in the Budget. Projects scheduled as a result include road paving and patching (\$500,000.00), Lake Lenape Dam maintenance, and a salt storage building at the Public Works facility.

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**Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders**

**Resolution #2018-0169 – Resolution authorizing purchase of Watch Guard Body Worn Cameras and required supporting equipment/hardware from Advanced electronics Design DBA Patrol PC for a purchase price not to exceed \$55,000.00, purchased from State Contract A81300T0106.**

Mrs. Link asked and confirmed that enough cameras would be purchased for the entire force. At Mr. Guishard’s inquiry, Chief Tappeiner explained that they are to be worn at all times, for all calls, with specific guidelines.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2018-0169 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0170 – Resolution rejecting bids for the Demolition of 5908 and 5916 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Bid #2018-01) pursuant to the recommendation of Kevin J. Dixon, Alternate Township Engineer.**

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0170 be adopted.

Township Solicitor Robert Sandman stated that it became known (after the bids went out for this project) that there were foreclosure actions pending against each of the properties. Therefore, destruction of the properties may not commence, as foreclosing entities could argue that it impairs the value of their security. It is recommended that the job be re-bid after notification of foreclosing entities. Some discussion ensued.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0171 – Resolution approving Change Order #1, for Liepe Tract Hockey Court (Bid #2017-05).**

The Change Order represents supplemental item Hot Mix Asphalt. There is no change to contract amount.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0171 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Schenker requested to remove item 8E from the consent agenda to allow for a separate vote.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to approve Consent Agenda items 8A-8D, and 8F.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Motion to Approve Business Registration Licenses.**

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

1. Columbus Sports – Hamilton Mall
2. The Bra Boudoir – 6024 Main St.
3. Go Wireless Verizon – Hamilton Mall
4. Laundry & Sweets – Festival at Hamilton

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Approve Request from Historic Preservation Commission to purchase supplies for April 11, 2018 Open Forum and HPC Training Session.**

Upon motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to approve Request from Historic Preservation Commission to purchase supplies for April 11, 2018 Open Forum and HPC Training Session.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0172 – Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off-Setting Appropriation for Community Development Block Grant ADA Improvements Lundy Center in the amount of \$15,400.00.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0172 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0173 – Chapter 159 Resolution to Insert Item of Revenue with Off-Setting Appropriation for Distracted Driving Grant in the amount of \$6,600.00.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0173 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0174 – Resolution of no objection to the NJDOT issuing permits for Coin Drops to be held at the intersection of Weymouth Road (Route 559) and Route 322 (Black Horse Pike):**

Weymouth Volunteer Fire Co. – 6/8, 6/9, 7/27, 7/28, 9/7, 9/8.  
Rain Dates – 6/15, 6/16, 8/3, 8/4, 9/14, 9/15

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0174 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**Resolution #2018-0175 – Resolution Accepting 2016 Body Worn Camera Assistance Grant. This Resolution will amend Resolution 2018-0115 (Amount of Federal funds \$20,000.00 with a local cash match not to exceed \$35,000.00).**

Mr. Jacobs explained that the total cost is \$55,000.00; the Chief obtained a grant for \$20,000.00, leaving a balance of \$35,000.00, half of which will come from his operating budget and the other half of which will come from his forfeiture funds.

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0175 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Personnel**

**Resolution #2018-0176 – Appoint Adrienne Carman as Deputy Tax Collector at \$55,000.00 annually effective 4/30/18, contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment/post-offer physical and background check. Salary increase of \$3,000.00 after 6 months pending a successful performance evaluation.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0176 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0177 – Appoint Charles Wilbert as a Temporary Full-time Laborer at \$15.00 per hour effective April 16, 2018 not to exceed 11 months. Employment contingent upon successful physical and background checks.**

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0177 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Appointment to fill an unexpired one year term, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Member vacancy, term ending 12/31/18.**

Mr. Guishard stated that he would like to recommend Nancy Galini, a longtime West End resident of the Township. Mr. Kurtz agreed that Ms. Galini is well qualified, but due to the absence of Mr. Silva, he moved to table the matter until all Committee members are present. Mr. Guishard inquired if that would be setting a precedent for these matters; some discussion ensued. Mrs. Link stated that Ms. Galini would indeed be a great choice for the SCAC.

Upon motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mayor Schenker it was moved to table appointment.

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

Motion Carried 3-1.

**Approvals:**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the regular meeting minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Resolution #2018-0178 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$969,110.25.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0178 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Reports**

Administrator – nothing additional.

Solicitor – Mr. Sandman stated that April 3 is the last day for filing of tax appeals. Our County Tax Appeal date is set for April 25; it is predominantly residential tax appeals.

He also addressed the Tavistock residents in attendance, stating that since the last meeting, he has gotten a response from Tavistock counsel. Mr. Sandman has reviewed it, and the Mayor has requested that Mr. Sandman get everything done by Friday in terms of the documents, which he intends to do. There are still some issues, and he is reluctant to speak any more on that, because the Tavistock residents are represented by counsel. He just wanted them to know that we will work as fast as we can from the Township end.

Engineer – Steve Filippone stated Main Street was completed last Wednesday, curblin to curblin as promised, full pavement thickness, milling, paving, cleanup, etc. Additionally, it was done in one day. Mr. Filippone had also requested additional paving at Linwood to alleviate ponding.

He also reported that McDonald’s is scheduled to open in a couple of weeks; some lingering driveway issues have been resolved.

Additionally, Underhill Park Bathrooms have received a Certificate of Occupancy. The floor is being repainted and a final punchlist will be resolved this week.

Township Committee:

Mr. Kurtz attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Intex, one of the Township’s newest businesses. The owner conducted tours through the plant, which does composite mill working for historical applications. There were also refreshments and activities for the children. He further stated that the owner is very employee and community minded, and the Township is happy to have Intex here.

Mr. Guishard stated that he also attended the Intex ribbon cutting, and agreed that the owner of Intex is both employee and community minded, having donated generously to Habitat for Humanity. He also stated that while Intex does look to employ people with a carpentry background, much of the training is conducted on the job.

He also mentioned that a detox facility has opened on Route 40 in Atlantic City, in a former bus terminal building.

He stated that Mr. Filippone has compiled a list of considerations in completing a typical road project, in an attempt to streamline the process in the future.

Mrs. Link further commented on the detox facility; the property was owned by the Hansens, who are committed to helping people in recovery. This particular building displays the words, “Enlightened Solutions.” Many steps are involved in recovery, with detox being the very first step.

She also commented that Intex has donated to Habitat for Humanity, and spoke favorably of the ribbon cutting event.

Mayor Schenker also spoke favorably of Intex, although he was unable to attend the ribbon cutting.

He also spoke about young fallen hero Benjamin, and his participation in honorary Firefighter activities with the Mizpah Fire Company. He was a bright young three year-old, and Mizpah’s works should be applauded.

Mayor Schenker then opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment**

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

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

**Executive Session**

**Resolution #2018-0179– A Resolution To Adjourn to Executive Session:**

**Personnel – Joe Rogers**

**Collective Bargaining – Teamsters**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Resolution #2018-0179 be adopted.

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

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Township Committee met in Executive Session at 7:13 pm.

On the motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to reconvene at 7:40 pm.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

The public was invited to return; no members of the public returned.

**Resolution #2018-0180 – A Resolution to Terminate Employment of Joseph Rogers.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that Resolution #2018-0180 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

On motion of Mr. Kurtz, seconded by Mr. Guishard and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk