

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET  
MAYS LANDING, NJ  
June 4, 2018

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order June 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm with Mayor Art Schenker presiding.

Flag Salute.

Deputy Township Clerk Jane Bash 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, Roger Silva

Absent:

Also present: Jane Bash, Deputy Township Clerk; Philip Sartorio, Director of Community Development; Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor; Steven Filippone, Township Engineer

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

**Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items**

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

**Additions**

**7A(3) – Business Registration** – Country Farms, 565 Route 50

**7A(4) – Business Registration** – Scoop-a-Licious Ice Cream Parlor, 800 Cape May Avenue

**7E – Approve Raffle Licenses for St. Vincent de Paul Parish to be held on 10/20/18.**

1. Off Premise 50/50 Raffle License
2. On Premise 50/50 Raffle License

**Early Public Comment**

None.

**Discussions**

**Estimated Tax Bills**

Director of Community Development Philip Sartorio explained that the County has not yet established the 2018 tax rate. If the tax rate is not established before June 30<sup>th</sup>, this action will allow us to send estimated tax bills in order to maintain our quarterly schedule.

**Resolution #2018-0244 – Resolution of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills in accordance with P.L. 1994, C72.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2018-0244 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

**Resolution #2018-0245 – Resolution to Rescind Resolution #2018-0169 for purchase of WatchGuard Body Worn Cameras under State Contract #A81300 T0106.**

Mr. Sartorio explained that the proposal to rescind Resolution #2018-0169 is due to the fact that an opportunity exists to purchase the same equipment with an upgrade for a lower price.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0245 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0246 – Resolution Awarding Contract for purchase of Body Worn Cameras from Enforcement Video, LLC (WatchGuard) through Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program in the amount of \$51,514.00.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2018-0246 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0247 – Resolution Awarding Contract for purchase of equipment for the upfitting of police vehicles from Advanced Electronics under State Contract #A81300 T0106 (six (6) Patrol PC Mobile Data Terminals - \$32,286.00) (seven (7) WatchGuard Mobile Video Recorders - \$37,121.00).**

Mr. Guishard expressed hope that the units will be worth the cost thereof.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2018-0247 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0248 – Resolution Accepting proposal for West Jersey Avenue NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant – Survey, Design and Construction Management Services with Dixon Associates Engineering, LLC, not to exceed \$75,500.00.**

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0248 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion to Approve Business Registration Licenses.**

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

1. TNT Fireworks – Hamilton Commons
2. TNT Fireworks – Consumer Square
3. Country Farms (New Owner) – 565 Route 50
4. Scoop-a-Licious – 800 Cape May Avenue

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0249 – Resolution Cancelling Grant Fund Accounts Receivable and Appropriated Reserve Balances.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0249 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0250 – Resolution Authorizing the Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License #0112-33-032-008 from Michael Mallin, Executor of the Estate of Howard J. Robinson to Riverside Tavern & Grill, LLC for premises at 5397 Somers Point Mays Landing Road.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0250 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Motion Approving Senior Citizen Advisory Committee request to host a Senior Health Fair at the Hamilton Mall on 9/22/18.**

Upon motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Silva it was moved to approve the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee request to host a Senior Health Fair at the Hamilton Mall on 9/22/18.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0251 – Resolution Approving Raffle License #11-2018 – On Premise 50/50 Raffle License for St. Vincent de Paul Parish.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0251 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0252 – Resolution Approving Raffle License #12-2018 – Off Premise 50/50 Raffle License for St. Vincent de Paul Parish.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0252 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Personnel**

**Resolution #2018-0253 – Resolution approving the transfer of Samantha Arrasmith from Regular Full-Time to Regular Part-Time Communications Officer for the Police Department at \$15.92 per hour, effective 6/4/18.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0253 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0254 – Resolution appointing Mackenzie Hankins as a Part-Time Communications Officer for the Police Department at \$15.92 per hour, effective date TBD contingent upon successful completion of the background process.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2018-0254 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0255 – Resolution appointing Robert Lerner as a Part-Time Communications Officer for the Police Department at \$15.92 per hour, effective date TBD contingent upon successful completion of the background process.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0255 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Approvals:**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that the regular meeting minutes of the May 21, 2018 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 May 21, 2018 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0256 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills-\$855,796.14.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0256 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Reports**

Administrator – Mr. Sartorio stated that there was nothing additional to Administrator Mike Jacobs’ report.

Solicitor – Solicitor Sandman introduced his grandson, Zachary Sandman, who was attending the meeting as a special guest. Mayor Schenker welcomed Zachary and invited him to attend the next meeting as well.

Mr. Guishard inquired about the item of Abatement Programs from Administrator Jacobs’ report. Mr. Sartorio explained that the Redevelopment Counsel is looking at our adopted Ordinances and identifying areas that may qualify as Areas of Redevelopment or Areas in Need of Rehabilitation, either of which would require Township Committee approval. The possibility of going Township wide with a rehabilitation designation has been discussed. Mr. Guishard stated that he hopes careful analysis is made regarding the tax revenue that would be potentially lost. Mr. Sartorio agreed that there may a short-term minus, but it could result in a long term plus. Some discussion ensued. Mayor Schenker stated that Redevelopment Counsel M. James Maley would be providing us with an a la carte list of things that can be done; he also clarified that abatements would be on improvements. Additional discussion ensued.

Engineer – Steve Filippone stated that survey field work is complete for Tavistock.

He also stated that survey work has begun for the 2018 Road Program, which will involve about ten roads. The intersection of Babcock and Somers Point-Mays Landing Road is of particular interest.

Several projects are under construction, including Buffalo Pike Associates; inspections have been done at Parmar Liquor Store, Zyndorf Construction, and Artists Walk.

Communication continues with Anne Marie Leone, as well as analysis of reports from Ms. Leone’s engineer. Ms. Leone currently has three inches of water in her basement after the latest round of rainfall; her sump pump still runs continuously as always.

He discussed Volunteer Way in relation to adjacent housing communities.

Alternate Township Engineer Kevin Dixon is working on the adjustment of the painted stop bar on New York Avenue.

Mr. Guishard asked about the status of rumble strips on Route 50. Mr. Filippone stated he will look into it. Some discussion ensued.

Township Committee:

Mrs. Link commented on Youth in Government Day, and stated that the students engaged in a lively discussion resulting in a split vote on an Ordinance. She further stated that the students were fantastic and the day worked out very well.

Mr. Kurtz stated that he, along with Mr. Silva, attended a hockey tournament at the newly resurfaced hockey courts this weekend. He thanked Engineer Steve Filippone for his diligent work on this project.

He also commented on the Benderson Project and Renaissance Drive, which would be the first part of the project.

He reminded everyone that the Hometown Celebration is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Main Street.

Mrs. Link stated that she would like to see a ribbon cutting ceremony at the hockey courts. Mr. Filippone stated that he can set something up.

Mr. Silva agreed that a ribbon cutting is a good idea, and should happen soon, as the courts become worn quickly.

Mr. Silva also stated that Youth in Government Day brought forth a very spirited group of students, resulting in an impressive debate regarding safety in Hamilton Mall.

He also commented on the Police Awards Ceremony that recently took place in this room. He encouraged everyone to attend future ceremonies and see the many awards given. He further stated that most of us are unaware of the ways our Police Officers help people every day.

He also stated that this year's Memorial Day Service was a very nice day, with Mr. Guishard as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Guishard echoed the comments of Mrs. Link and Mr. Silva regarding Youth in Government Day. The group was an excellent one, and he stated that some of the students may very well become involved in government as adults.

He recently attended the Annual Boys Barbecue at Davies School, where male students are selected to attend based on achievement. Mr. Guishard was invited as a male Community Leader, along with Police and other fellow Community Leaders. He also stated that this year's presenter was a Navy SEAL Trainer.

Mr. Guishard further mentioned that there will be a Science Fair on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Davies School.

He complimented all of the organizations involved in this year's Memorial Day Ceremony. It was a nice and well-attended community event.

Mr. Guishard attended a NJDOT meeting and stated that grant money is available for programs and projects. He also attended the FAA STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) meeting.

Mayor Schenker stated that it is good to see the hockey courts completed, and agreed that they will become worn quickly.

He stated that the Memorial Day Ceremonies were very touching and well run. Many gold star families were in attendance, and Mr. Guishard did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies.

Mayor Schenker also stated that he looks forward to the Police Awards Ceremony each year, as he believes that our Police Department is one of the best in the County, if not the State. He thanked Chief Tappeiner and stated that the entire Police Department is appreciated every day for their work.

Mayor Schenker then opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment**

Hearing nothing further from the public, on the motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Kurtz 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 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bash, RMC, CMR  
Deputy Township Clerk