

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

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order July 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, Roger Silva

Absent:

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

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed. Mayor Schenker asked that everyone please remember Frank DeFeo, who passed away this week.

**Guest Presentation: Proclamation to Mays Landing Lightning 16U Softball Team**

Mayor Schenker invited the coaches forward along with the team, who won the 2018 Babe Ruth 16U Softball Championship. He complimented their achievements and teamwork and read the Proclamation aloud. Each team member was acknowledged by name and presented with a copy of the proclamation.

**Guest Presentation: Proposed Eagle Scout Project by Luke Johnson**

Mr. Johnson, an Oakcrest Senior and a Life Scout with Troop 126, gave a brief presentation regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project. He plans to resurface the main floor in the PAL Building, and he will be working in conjunction with the Township, PAL volunteers, and fellow Troop members. He estimates that the project will take approximately one week. The Committee wished Mr. Johnson well and agreed to waive the permit fee involved in the project.

**Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items**

**Deletion(s)**

7D. Resolution authorizing the release of Performance Guarantee for JSM at Timber Glen IV in the amount of \$671,922.62 (International Fidelity Insurance Company Bond #0350951), as recommended by Township Engineer Steven Filippone in his correspondence dated 6/26/18.

**Early Public Comment**

None.

**Discussions**

**Introduction of Ordinances**

**Introduction of Ordinance #1878-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Chapter 169 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Discharge of Firearms.**

Township Administrator Mike Jacobs explained that the Township owns a piece of property on which people have been firing guns. An adjacent resident has stated that bullets have whizzed past his home. This Ordinance would allow the Township to post a notice prohibiting the discharge of firearms there. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that the following Ordinance #1878-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1878-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Chapter 169 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, Providing for the Discharge of Firearms.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Introduction of Ordinance #1879-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 203, Land Use and Development of the Township Code of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey – Amendments to Performance/Maintenance Guarantees and to the Pinelands Comprehensive Plan.**

Director of Community Development Phil Sartorio stated that this Ordinance will bring the Township into compliance with the new state standards for Performance and Maintenance Guarantees, as well

as clarifying some procedural elements of Pinelands Applications. The Ordinance has been determined to be consistent with the Master Plan. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1879-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1879-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 203, Land Use and Development of the Township Code of the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey – Amendments to Performance/Maintenance Guarantees and to the Pinelands Comprehensive Plan.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Introduction of Ordinance #1880-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section 1, Article II of Chapter 66 of the Township of Hamilton, providing for the Maximum Salary of Employees – Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police.**

Mr. Jacobs explained that this Ordinance will increase the maximum salary for the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police from \$50,000.00 to \$55,000.00. While it does not change the salary, it allows Committee to set the salary as high as \$55,000.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that the following Ordinance #1880-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1880-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section 1, Article II of Chapter 66 of the Township of Hamilton, providing for the Maximum Salary of Employees – Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Introduction of Ordinance #1881-2018 – An Ordinance Establishing the Speed Limits for the Entire Length of Cates Road Situated in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.**

Mr. Jacobs stated that this Ordinance changes the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph, as is currently posted on the road.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1881-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1881-2018 – An Ordinance Establishing the Speed Limits for the Entire Length of Cates Road Situate in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Introduction of Ordinance #1882-2018 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Memory Lane, a Public Street Situated in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey and to Release and Relinquish the Public Rights Therein.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following Ordinance #1882-2018 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held July 16, 2018:

Ordinance #1882-2018 – An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Memory Lane, a Public Street Situate in the Township of Hamilton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey and to Release and Relinquish the Public Rights Therein.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders**  
**Resolution #2018-0290 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of Video Wall Equipment from CDW Government, Inc. through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (Cooperative Purchasing) in the amount of \$53,710.38.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2018-0290 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0291 – Resolution authorizing Option Year 2 of the Extension of Award of Bid #2016-08, Emergency Generator Service & Maintenance Contract to Atlantic Switch & Generator, 4108 Sylon Boulevard, Hainesport, NJ, in the amount of \$7,050.00, hourly rate \$95.00 with 20% parts markup for the period September 19, 2018 through September 18, 2019.**

Mr. Jacobs clarified that this is an extension of an existing bid.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2018-0291 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0292 – Resolution authorizing award of Bid #2018-06, Furnish and Install an Electronic Sign for the Township of Hamilton, to Forman Signs located at 10447 Drummond Road, Philadelphia, PA, award amount not to exceed \$22,990.00.**

Mr. Jacobs stated that this is the third electronic sign we will be installing, and it will be in the Weymouth area of the Township.

Mrs. Link inquired if this allows commercial entities to have an electronic sign as well. Mr. Jacobs explained that it does not affect what other properties may or may not have; this is strictly an authorization to purchase a sign.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0292 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Consent Agenda**

**Resolution #2018-0293 – Resolution Encouraging the Use of Reusable Cloth Type Shopping Bags or Biodegradable Bags as Opposed to Single Use Plastic Bags.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0293 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0294 – Resolution to renew Liquor License #0112-33-026-007, Outback Steakhouse of Florida, LLC, for 2018-2019.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0294 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0295 – Resolution to renew Liquor License #0112-33-021-009, Baker and Carlson, LLC, for 2018-2019.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0295 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0296 – Resolution to renew Liquor License with Special Ruling, #0112-33-013-002, Finnerty’s Hut, for 2018-2019.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2018-0296 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Personnel**

**Resolution #2018-0297 – Resolution appointing William Sorshek II as a Regular Part-Time Fire/Code Enforcement Inspector, not to exceed 24 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour, effective date TBD.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0297 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0298 – Resolution appointing Kristen Cortes as a Regular Full-Time Fire Prevention Inspector at \$45,500.00 annually, effective 7/16/18. Eligible for a \$3,000.00 increase upon obtaining Fire Official Certification.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2018-0298 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Approvals:**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that the regular meeting minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2018-0299 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills - \$5,942,268.12.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2018-0299 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Reports**

Administrator – Mr. Jacobs stated that the new Fire Truck will be delivered on Thursday at 10:30am.

Solicitor – Mr. Sandman introduced his summer law clerk, Shelby Scheffler, a first year law student at Widener University. Mr. Sandman stated that there are three other summer law clerks, and he hopes to introduce all of them over the summer.

Engineer – Mr. Filippone stated that a Stormwater Training Video is required to be viewed by Public Officials and Planning/Zoning Board members. The video is available for viewing online.

Work continues on road and drainage design for the 2018 Road Program.

The John Brooks Recovery Center was approved by the Planning Board on 6/21/18. St. Paul Coptic Church is scheduled for public hearing on 7/5/18.

He also stated that Alternate Township Engineer Kevin Dixon is working with Fire Inspector Chris DeBiase on the relocation of the stop bar on New York Avenue. He is working to make sure that the Right of Way at Volunteer Way is satisfactory to affected homeowners.

He has a conference call with James Maley (Redevelopment Counsel) to finalize some items on the rehabilitation portion of the Redevelopment Plan they have been working on.

Township Committee:

Mrs. Link stated that she enjoyed attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Big Lots. She further stated that the new store will be an asset to our Township.

She also stated that the Hometown Celebration was well enjoyed by all, with one of the Pooch Parade contestants attempting to cool off in the fountain.

Mr. Kurtz agreed that the Hometown Celebration was a great success, particularly in its relocation back to Main Street. The Police Department and Public Works did a great job in making the event possible.

Mr. Silva recently attended an event at Recovery Centers of America called “United Against Drug Addiction.” It was a great event, and the addition they are building is spectacular. He complimented the Recovery Center Employees for their professionalism and compassion.

He also stated that the Lake Lenape Dam Committee met this week, where the main topic was repair of the powerhouse. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva was also impressed with the opening of Big Lots in our Township.

He mentioned that it has been some time since we have had an Active Shooter Program put on for Committee. In light of recent national events, it would be a good idea to do some training again. Chief Tappeiner agreed and stated that Sergeant Guerrier has recently completed an instructor course in Active Shooter training, and he is working to ensure that all employees in the building have had Active Shooter training. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Guishard echoed the comments on Big Lots, having also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

He also commented on the successful Hometown Celebration, and the convenience of the new parking lot for attendees. He heard many positive comments about the relocation back to Main Street.

He expressed deep condolences for the family of the late Frank DeFeo.

Mayor Schenker asked and confirmed that Outback Steakhouse has received final approval from the Pinelands Commission, and Mr. Filippone is organizing a pre-construction meeting.

He also commented that the Hometown Celebration was very successful, despite the heat. He complimented the Merchants’ Association, Public Works Department, and Police Department for all of their hard work in organizing the event.

Mayor Schenker then opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment**

Bonnie Moore of Tavistock asked for a status update on Tavistock. Solicitor Sandman stated that he has received the signed documents from the bonding company as well as the signed documents from Tavistock’s attorney, and has accordingly written a letter to Judge McClain asking him to schedule a hearing. He will contact the Judge’s Chambers tomorrow to follow up. When a hearing is scheduled, the residents may attend to express their position on the subject. The Judge will then approve or not approve the settlement. The three attorneys involved feel confident that the settlement will be approved. Mr. Filippone’s engineering firm has been conducting preliminary surveys to expedite the bid process when that time comes. Some discussion ensued.

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 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk