

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
April 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order April 1, 2019 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 1/10/19, and the Atlantic County Record on 1/16/19.

Roll Call:

Present: Rodney Guishard, John Kurtz, Judith Link, Art Schenker
Absent: Roger Silva
Also present: Rita Martino, Township Clerk; Michael Jacobs, Township Administrator;
Robert Sandman, Township Solicitor; Steven Filippone, Township Engineer

Mayor Schenker mentioned that Mr. Silva was not in attendance due to a family medical emergency, and expressed hope for a speedy and positive outcome.

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Proclamation – Girls USA Wrestling Champions

Riley Lerner and Georgia Rowley of Davies Middle School joined Mayor Schenker at the front of the meeting room. Both Lerner and Rowley participated in the Girls USA Wrestling Championship, where they took first place in their respective weight classes.

Proclamation – Cape Atlantic Junior Basketball League 2018

Coach Marcus Lee joined Mayor Schenker at the front of the meeting room, where the Hamilton Township Knights were congratulated for winning the Championship on 3/3/19. Each team member was recognized by name.

Guest Presentations

Mosheh Math – Home Initiative, Inc. – Discussion of mortgage programs

Mr. Math gave a brief presentation of mortgage programs available for rehabilitation of one- to four-family residential properties.

Chief Tappeiner gave an update on Kathleen Elkow, a senior resident with dementia who wandered from her house on Weymouth Road. She was last seen on Thursday afternoon (3/28/19), and they continue the search for her safe return.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

None.

Early Public Comment

None.

Discussions

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 203, Land Use and Development, to Adopt Standards for solar panels, satellite dishes and similar equipment in the Historic District – will be Ordinance #1900-2019 with a Public Hearing Date of April 15, 2019 if introduced.

Mr. Jacobs explained that this Ordinance outlines where such items may or may not be placed. Mr. Kurtz stated that this went before Planning board, who deemed it acceptable as is. At Committee's inquiry, Director of Community Development Hannah Desmond explained that one benefit of the Ordinance is that it establishes guidelines; currently, no guidelines exist for placement of such items.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that the following Ordinance #1900-2019 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held April 15, 2019:

Ordinance #1900-2019 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 203, Land Use and Development, to Adopt Standards for solar panels, satellite dishes and similar equipment in the Historic District.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances

Ordinance #1898-2019 – An Ordinance Amending Exhibit A, Section 1 Article II of Chapter 66 of the Code of the Township of Hamilton, providing for the Maximum Number of Employees.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this Ordinance changes the reporting structure for the Fire Official and Construction Official. It also changes the title of Operations Supervisor in Public Works to Administrative Operations Supervisor and increases maximum salary for same.

James Kerrigan of Mays Landing asked how many employees the Township has. Mr. Jacobs said there are 118; the Ordinance does not change that number.

Hearing nothing additional from the public, on the motion of Mr. Kurtz, second of Mr. Guishard, it was moved to close the public hearing of Ordinance #1898-2019.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Adoption of Ordinance #1898-2019

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mrs. Link, that Ordinance #1898-2019, which was introduced and passed first reading on 3/18/19 and was duly advertised in the 3/21/19 edition of the Press of Atlantic City with public hearing held as advertised and closed be and is hereby adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2019-0157 – Resolution to rescind Resolution #2019-0142 to extend the Animal Control Contract for the period April 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 with Shore Vet Animal Control.

Mr. Jacobs stated that Shore Animal Control declined to provide service monthly.

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0157 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0158 – Resolution authorizing Animal Control of South Jersey to perform Township Dog Warden and Animal Control Officer Services for the Township of Hamilton – April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0158 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0159 – Resolution authorizing the Township Engineer to prepare Engineering Plans and Bid Specifications for ADA Improvements at the Alfred Lundy Community Center.

Mrs. Link moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0159 be adopted.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Guishard, Kurtz, Link, Schenker
Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX
Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0160 – Resolution awarding contract for Turf Management at Hamilton Recreational Facilities to South Jersey Turf Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$22,546.25.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this will provide a full year of service to our playing fields.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0160 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

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. Pinky Deluxe Nails, LLC – 4300 Black Horse Pike

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0161 – Resolution to refund taxes paid on Block 601 Lot 17 and Block 997 Lot 32.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0161 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0162 – Resolution to cancel taxes on Block 353 Lot 34 due to Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0162 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0163 – Resolution approving Armchair Race Raffle License for South Jersey Cancer Fund to be held 5/4/19.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0163 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0164 – Resolution accepting certified list of members eligible for 2018 LOSAP Credit – Cologne Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0164 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0165 – Resolution accepting certified list of members eligible for 2018 LOSAP Credit – Laureldale Volunteer Fire Rescue Company.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0165 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0166 – Resolution accepting certified list of members eligible for 2018 LOSAP Credit – Mays Landing Volunteer Fire Department – Reliance Hose Company No. 1.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0166 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0167 – Resolution accepting certified list of members eligible for 2018 LOSAP Credit – Mizpah Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0167 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0168 – Resolution accepting certified list of members eligible for 2018 LOSAP Credit – Weymouth Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0168 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0169 – Resolution authorizing application for Tonnage Grant funding for materials recycled in calendar year 2018.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0169 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0170 – Resolution accepting Performance Guarantee for Wellspring Church (Block 991, Lot 32) in the amount of \$51,950.40 as required by Township Engineer Steve Filippone in his estimate dated 1/5/19.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0170 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0171 – Resolution of no objection to the NJDOT issuing permits for a Coin Drop to be held at intersection of Weymouth Road (Route 559) and Route 322 (Black Horse Pike):

Weymouth Volunteer Fire Co.: 6/7/19, 6/8/19, 7/12/19, 7/13/19, 9/6/19, 9/7/19
Rain Dates: 6/14/19, 6/15/19, 7/19/19, 7/20/19, 9/20/19, 9/21/19

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0171 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0172 – Resolution of no objection to the NJDOT issuing permits for a Coin Drop to be held at intersection of Routes 40 and 50:

Township of Hamilton Historical Society: 5/25/19, 8/3/19

Rain Dates: 5/26/19, 8/4/19

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0172 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Personnel

Resolution #2019-0173 – Resolution to hire Charles Deal as a Temporary Full-Time Laborer for the Public Works Department at \$15.00 per hour, effective date TBD.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2019-0173 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Approvals:

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the special meeting minutes of the March 11, 2019 special meeting are approved as presented.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the regular meeting minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Resolution #2019-0174 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills – \$977,360.13.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0174 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 4-0.

Reports

Administrator – Nothing to report.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Engineer – Mr. Filippone stated that replacement of the chiller will commence on 4/2/19. He also gave a brief report to supplement his written report. Some discussion ensued regarding the installation of a drain on Tanglewood.

Mr. Guishard asked about the recent meeting with DEP regarding the Wheaton property. Ms. Desmond explained that they are discussing a proposal for 90-100 residential units at that site; the meeting included discussion of the necessary permits and stormwater concerns. Some discussion ensued.

Township Committee:

Mrs. Link mentioned the recent book fair, and discussed the benefits of children reading actual books rather than using ipads. She also further discussed the Wheaton project.

Mr. Kurtz thanked Mayor Schenker for prompting some movement on the Wheaton project.

He also mentioned the upcoming coin drop for the Historical Society. He encouraged everyone to support the Historical Society, which operates on a tight budget.

Mr. Guishard agreed that the Historical Society is indeed a treasure here in Hamilton Township.

He stated that the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee (SCAC) conducted a survey to determine what type of events would interest our Seniors; consequently, a Dessert Night is being planned in May. He also discussed the upcoming Green Day on 4/27/19, which will include document shredding and disposal of electronics.

He mentioned that a wedding was recently held in the newly renovated VFW hall. Most of the renovation came from a Home Depot donation, with beautiful results. He also mentioned that the Veterans' Advisory Board is hard at work on the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony.

Mayor Schenker commented on the Wheaton Project, also known as the Mill. He stated that he is glad to see movement on the project and looks forward to its completion.

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.

On motion of Mr. Kurtz, seconded by Mrs. Link and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk