

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON  
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET  
MAYS LANDING, NJ  
May 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm with Mayor Art Schenker presiding.

Flag Salute.

Township Clerk Rita Martino certified that 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, 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.

**Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that the following be added to the agenda:

Additions:

7A. Business Registrations:

(2) Ideal VR Lab- Hamilton Mall

(3) Absegami Pet Grooming – 6167 Harding Hwy

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Early Public Comment**

None.

**Discussions**

None.

**Public Hearing/Adoption of Ordinances**

None.

**Introduction of Ordinances**

None.

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

**Resolution #2019-0212 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 Tradesman 4x4 Quad Cab 6'4" Pickup Truck for Code Enforcement from Hertrich Fleet Services through State Contract, cost not to exceed \$22,834.35.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0212 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2019-0213 – Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of Telephone Equipment and Upgrade, under State Contract from IPG Telecom, in the amount of \$25,785.91 and authorizing the Mayor to sign the proposal.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0213 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. Guishard it was moved to approve the following Business Registration Licenses:

1. Funny Farm Rescue – Craft Show 6/2/19 – Conditional upon Administrative Review
2. Ideal VR Lab – Hamilton Mall
3. Absegami Pet Grooming – 6167 Harding Highway

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Motion to authorize preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 207, Lot 31 – a 3.26 Acre Lot located on Woodbury Road – Minimum Bid \$1,600.00.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to authorize preparation of a Contiguous Owner Land Sale Ordinance for Block 207, Lot 31 – a 3.26 Acre Lot located on Woodbury Road – Minimum Bid \$1,600.00.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2019-0214 – Resolution authorizing Public Land Sale – Block 207, Lots 8 & 9 – 10.45 Acres on Woodbury Road – Minimum Bid \$5,200.00, date of sale to be determined by the Township Clerk and Administrator.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0214 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Motion to authorize Solicitor to prepare a Street Vacation Ordinance for a Portion of Portland Avenue between Block 865, Lot 21.01 and Block 867, Lot 1.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to authorize Solicitor to prepare a Street Vacation Ordinance for a Portion of Portland Avenue between Block 865, Lot 21.01 and Block 867, Lot 1.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Resolution #2019-0215 – Resolution authorizing participation in the South Jersey Co-Operative 2019 Bid Process for Natural Gas and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Participation Response Form.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0215 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Motion to approve the request of the Veterans’ Advisory Board for payment of \$200.00 rental fee for VFW Hall on May 27, 2019 for reception following the Memorial Day Ceremony.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to approve the request of the Veterans’ Advisory Board for payment of \$200.00 rental fee for VFW Hall on May 27, 2019 for reception following the Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

**Personnel**

**Resolution #2019-0216 – Resolution appointing Kristen Slagle as a Part-Time Communications Officer for the Police Department at a rate of \$15.92 per hour, with a start date TBD pending a background check.**

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2019-0216 be adopted.

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

**Resolution #2019-0217 – Resolution to terminate the employment of Charles Deal, Temporary Full-Time Laborer, effective 5/21/19.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that Resolution #2019-0217 be adopted.

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

**Resolution #2019-0218 – Resolution appointing Samantha Spica as a Beach Badge Checker for the 2019 Cove season at \$10.00 per hour, effective 6/15/19.**

Mr. Jacobs explained that Ms. Spica is a stepsibling of this year's Cove Manager; however, this does not violate nepotism rules, as said rules do not affect seasonal employees.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0218 be adopted.

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

**Motion to authorize the Township Administrator to advertise in-house for the position of Chief of Police; applicants must hold the rank of Lieutenant and above.**

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard to authorize the Township Administrator to advertise in-house for the position of Chief of Police.

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 6, 2019 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 meeting minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting are approved as presented.

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

**Resolution #2019-0219 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills – \$5,910,693.19.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0219 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

**Reports**

Administrator – Nothing to report.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Engineer – Mr. Filippone gave a brief report to supplement his written report.

Township Committee:

Mrs. Link spoke briefly of many positive local items in our newspaper, including Oakcrest High School activities and awards received by residents.

Mr. Kurtz mentioned that it is great to see our Road Program moving forward.

He also complimented the Mayor and Township Engineer for their work in accomplishing Verizon landscape improvements.

Mr. Silva had no comments.

Mr. Guishard seconded Mr. Kurtz' comments regarding the Verizon property. He also expressed sadness over the recent passing of resident Daniel DeRose, a Korean War Veteran; he will be greatly missed. He spoke briefly about the opening ceremony for the Research Park at the Technical Center. Mr. Guishard also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Boys' BBQ will be held again this year at Davies School; Mr. Guishard stated that this is a very beneficial mentoring event for our young people.

He and Mrs. Link recently attended a meeting of the Association of Township Officials, which included a presentation on Energy Aggregation. Electric bill savings of 8-10% can be achieved with this program; additional participants could result in even greater savings. Mr. Guishard stated that he would like to have a presentation about this at the next meeting.

Mayor Schenker spoke briefly about an unfortunate incident in the Township, in which a memorial to young Christian Clop was defaced. He stated that several of our local residents immediately took action to clean the memorial and restore it to its original state, which reflects positively upon our community. Mayor Schenker stated that it is sad to see incidents like this happen, but it is good to see other residents step up and do the right thing.

Mayor Schenker encouraged everyone to observe Memorial Day by honoring those who have given so much for us.

Mayor Schenker then opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment**

Hearing nothing 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, Silva  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Kurtz and carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR  
Township Clerk