

TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
6101 THIRTEENTH STREET
MAYS LANDING, NJ
August 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hamilton, Atlantic County, New Jersey was called to order August 19, 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 (arrived at 6:54pm), Art Schenker, Roger Silva

Absent:

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

A moment of silence for private reflection was observed.

Guest Presentations

Jeff Dey, Resource Renewal, LLC – Update of Landfill Closure

Mr. Dey stated that we are in the process of securing our first remedial action portion grant funding from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF), and gave a brief update regarding same. Mr. Dey estimated that the closure should be finished by the end of next year. Some discussion ensued.

Paul Miola, Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund – Overview

Mr. Miola thanked the Township for renewing its membership in the Joint Insurance Fund. He gave a brief presentation about the benefits of JIF Membership. Some discussion ensued.

Harry Rogers of 1069 Morningside Drive discussed cybersecurity, and asked if there were guidelines for dealing with ransomware. Mr. Jacobs confirmed that our IT Department has begun to take the recommended measures for protection.

Addition/Deletion of Late Agenda Items

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

Deletions:

Executive Session

12. 1. – Personnel – Anthony Bucca – employment status

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Early Public Comment

None.

Discussions

None.

Introduction of Ordinances

NOT INTRODUCED – Ordinance #1908-2019 – An Ordinance of the Township of Hamilton Establishing an Electric and/or Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this Ordinance would allow the Township to enter a program and hire a consultant to go out to bid for energy supply for all of our citizens who do not opt out. The estimated savings is 8-12%. Some discussion ensued, with particular concern for the procedure to opt out.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link that the following Ordinance #1908-2019 be introduced on first reading with public hearing to be held September 3, 2019:

Ordinance #1908-2019 – An Ordinance of the Township of Hamilton Establishing an Electric and/or Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

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

Motion Defeated 3-2.

Award of Bids/Contracts/Change Orders

Resolution #2019-0336 – Resolution approving purchase and installation of fencing around Liepe Tract Football Field from All Vinyl Fencing for an amount not to exceed \$32,850.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0336 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0337 – Resolution authorizing the purchase of Turnout Gear from Nat Alexander Company, total cost not to exceed \$19,166.00.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0337 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0338 – Resolution to award Bid #2019-07 for Emergency Generator Service and Maintenance to Atlantic Switch and Generator for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Mr. Jacobs stated that this would cover a monthly startup and service of all the generators, along with funding set aside to cover any additional issues. Some discussion ensued.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0338 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. City Facilities Management FL, LLC – Out of State Contractor
2. Astrology Reading by Samantha, LLC – 4404 Black Horse Pike

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0339 – Resolution approving response form from the Federal Housing Finance Agency and authorizing Township Solicitor to sign same.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2019-0339 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0340 – Resolution accepting and ratifying Public Land Sale – Block 207, Lot 31 (Woodbury Road).

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2019-0340 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0341 – Resolution to cancel 2019 taxes and refund taxes paid on Block 997, Lot 21 due to Totally Disabled Veteran status.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2019-0341 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0342 – Resolution to amend LOSAP Resolution #2019-0220 to add additional language.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that Resolution #2019-0342 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Personnel

Motion to accept the resignation of John Kurtz as Class III Planning Board Member.

Mr. Silva stated that he was sad to see this resignation, and that Mr. Kurtz has done a fantastic job on the Planning Board.

Mr. Guishard agreed that Mr. Kurtz has done a fine job on the Planning Board, and he thanked Mr. Kurtz for his service.

Similarly, Mayor Schenker thanked Mr. Kurtz for his years of service on the Planning Board, and stated that he is sorry to hear that he will be stepping down from the Planning Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Silva, second of Mr. Guishard it was moved to accept the resignation of John Kurtz as Class III Planning Board Member.

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

Motion Carried 4-1.

TABLED – Resolution appointing Class III Member of the Planning Board for an unexpired one-year term expiring 12/31/19.

Mayor Schenker confirmed that this was to fill the vacancy created by the previous item, and inquired as to why this item was appearing on the same agenda.

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mrs. Link to table Resolution appointing Class III Member of the Planning Board for an unexpired one-year term expiring 12/31/19.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0343 – Resolution appointing Adriane Ohnemuller as Part Time Dispatcher for the Police Department at \$16.24 per hour, effective date 8/20/19.

Mr. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard that Resolution #2019-0343 be adopted.

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

Nay: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Approvals:

Mr. Guishard moved, seconded by Mr. Silva that the regular meeting minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting are approved as presented.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution #2019-0344 – A Resolution authorizing payment of approved payrolls and bills – \$879,077.87.

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Kurtz that Resolution #2019-0344 be adopted.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Reports

Administrator – Mr. Jacobs stated that he was contacted by the Chief of Mays Landing Fire Department about temporary relocation of one of their fire trucks during the bridge construction. There is discussion with a property owner on Bainbridge; the goal is to have a fire truck on both sides of the bridge during the bridge project.

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Engineer – Mr. Filippone gave a brief report to supplement his written report, including an update on the pending bridge projects. Some discussion ensued regarding start dates.

Township Committee:

Mrs. Link stated that there are two conflicting activities on September 21st: The Wine Festival and Art in the Park. She hoped that this would not happen in the future.

She also commented on the Rehabilitation and Redevelopment Plan, and asked if there was any movement regarding the racetrack. Mr. Jacobs stated that Mr. Maley is handling that, as well as Mr. Polistina from the Planning Board, and Committee will be notified of any updates.

She stated that she and Mr. Guishard will be visiting Collingswood to see how the rehabilitation process is unfolding there.

Mr. Kurtz also commented on the upcoming conflicting events on September 21st. He stated that he believes the Historical Society scheduled their date first, and the Wine Festival scheduled that date in an attempt to stay compliant with their permits. He stated that is unfortunate, as the Historical Society is greatly in need of funding, and hopefully people will visit both events.

He stated that he has received positive comments from residents regarding our new animal control contractor, Animal Control of South Jersey.

Mr. Silva stated that National Night Out was a success with a phenomenal turnout.

He recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the John R. Brooks Recovery Center, which was well-attended. They are looking at an approximate move-in date of April 2020.

He also attended the Mizpah Car Show, which also had a sizable crowd and very hot weather.

Mr. Guishard discussed an article about health code violations at a local farm, involving employee housing areas and sewage. He asked and confirmed that this was not located in Hamilton Township. Some discussion ensued.

Mayor Schenker commended everyone involved in National Night Out; it was a great community event that gets better each year.

He also attended the Mizpah Car Show, which is always a good time, with good food and lots of people despite the extremely hot weather.

He discussed the upcoming 9/11 ceremony, and emphasized the importance of attending this very well-done event.

Mayor Schenker then opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment

Aline Dix of Park Road said that Mr. Sandman stated that someone else in his office handles Seventh Street, and she asked if Mr. Sandman had sent a report with Mr. Labov. Mr. Labov stated that he will check with Mr. Sandman.

Ms. Dix also asked who is responsible for cleaning the courtroom in which they are standing. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is the cleaning company. She stated that they need to be fired, as fingernail clippings have been on the floor for two weeks. Mayor Schenker asked Mr. Jacobs to speak with our cleaning service.

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.

**Resolution #2019-0345 – A Resolution to Adjourn to Executive Session:
Santore Gravel Pit/Lincoln Litigation Resolution Discussion**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Resolution #2019-0345 be adopted.

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

Township Committee met in Executive Session at 7:39 pm.

On motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Kurtz, Township Committee reconvened at 8:07 pm.

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

**Resolution #2019-0346 – A Resolution Approving Proposed Settlement – Santore Gravel
Pit/Lincoln General Matter.**

Mr. Silva moved, seconded by Mr. Guishard, that Resolution #2019-0346 be adopted.

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

On motion of Mr. Kurtz, seconded by Mrs. Link and carried the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Martino, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk