



**AGENDA**  
**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON**  
**COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 06, 2026 AT 6:30 PM**

Hamilton Township Municipal Building - 2090 Greenwood Avenue - 3rd  
Floor - Council Chambers

---

**CALL TO ORDER**

*"The Re-Organization Meeting of the Council of the Township of Hamilton by Alison Sabo, Municipal Clerk"*

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT**

*"This meeting is being held with the benefit of public notice as required by the Open Public Meetings Act"*

**FLAG SALUTE**

**INVOCATION**

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE**

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY P. CARABELLI BY MERCER COUNTY COMMISSIONER NINA MELKER

COUNCILMAN RICK TIGHE BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN TENNILLE McCOY

COUNCILMAN CHARLES "CHUDDY" WHALEN BY ASSEMBLYMAN WAYNE DeANGELO

**ROLL CALL**

A. CARABELLI, P. PAPERIO, JR., N. PHILLIPS, R. TIGHE, C. WHALEN

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MUNICIPAL CLERK WILL CALL FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MUNICIPAL CLERK WILL CALL FOR THE NOMINATION FOR THE COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- C1. JOINT PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
- C2. JOINT COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS RADON ACTION MONTH

**RESOLUTIONS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- CA1.** **26-001** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DATES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2026
- CA2.** **26-002** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE YEAR 2026
- CA3.** **26-003** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE YEAR 2026
- CA4.** **26-004** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 SEWER UTILITY BUDGET (\$6,428,000.00)

- CA5.** **26-005** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (\$56,463,585.00)
- CA6.** **26-006** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ELISSA GRODD SCHRAGGER, ESQUIRE AS THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY
- CA7.** **26-007** - RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
- CA8.** **26-008** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ABBIE WISNIEWSKI TO THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- CA9.** **26-009** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM - BERGEN COUNTY COOPERATIVE #CK-04 PURCHASING PROGRAM VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- CA10.** **26-010** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (CK09-MERCER) VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- CA11.** **26-011** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE #2-SOCCP PURCHASING PROGRAM VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- CA12.** **26-012** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL UTILIZATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED CONTRACT VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a)
- CA13.** **26-013** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS, SERVICE CONTRACTS AND VARIOUS PROPRIETARY MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT WITH VARIOUS PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd)
- CA14.** **26-014** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED HUNTERDON COUNTY COOPERATIVE #34HUNCCP PURCHASING PROGRAM VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- CA15.** **26-015** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 VIA THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) CO-OP #65MCESCCPS
- CA16.** **26-016** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS OVER THE \$17,500.00 PAY-TO-PLAY THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 ET SEQ. AND UNDER THE \$53,000.00 BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- CA17.** **26-017** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. TO PROVIDE TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES, AND HOAGLAND, LONGO, MORAN, DUNST & DOUKAS, LLP TO PROVIDE CONFLICT TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$70,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA18.** **26-018** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH KG LAW GROUP LLC TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR (POLICE LEGAL ADVISOR) AND THE LAW OFFICE OF BRIAN R. CLANCY, LLC TO SERVE AS THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$175,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA19.** **26-019** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, INC. AND SOCKLER REALTY SERVICES GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$60,000.00 shared maximum; not to exceed \$20,00.00 from each account)

- CA20.** **26-020** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO SERVE AS THE HOUSING CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$35,000.00 maximum)
- CA21.** **26-021** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PETER J. POLCARI, CPA TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ("HCV") PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$20,740.00 maximum)
- CA22.** **26-022** -RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH TRI-STATE ARCHITECTS, P.C./ ALAIMO GROUP AND SPIEZLE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECT ARCHITECT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$5,000.00 shared total contract maximum)
- CA23.** **26-023** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS; CME ASSOCIATES; REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS; ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC; AND T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$50,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA24.** **26-024** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ACT ENGINEERS; ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS; CME ASSOCIATES; REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS; AND ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECT SURVEYOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$152,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA25.** **26-025**  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES TO SERVE AS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 (\$10,000.00 maximum)
- CA26.** **26-026** - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-131 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BUCHART-HORN, INC. TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING A SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EVALUATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (+\$1,535.58)
- CA27.** **26-027** - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-475 AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PARKER MCCAY AND RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Original total shared maximum cost: \$65,000; Increase request: +\$30,000.00; New total shared maximum cost: \$95,000.00)
- CA28.** **26-028** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH NORTH STAR VETS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OF ANIMALS LOCATED AT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHELTER ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, RECREATION, SENIOR & VETERAN SERVICES (NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00)
- CA29.** **26-029** - RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER/PROJECT CLOSEOUT TO CONTRACT 25-161 AWARDED TO DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2022 LOCAL AID INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECT ON WHITEHORSE-MERCERVILLE ROAD ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING (-\$6,864.00 DECREASE)
- CA30.** **26-030** - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 25-514 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES TO CME ASSOCIATES FOR THE KUSER ROAD AND KLOCKNER ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO CORRECT TOTAL MAXIMUM COST (Original total maximum cost: \$98,500.00; Corrected total maximum cost: \$98,550.00)
- CA31.** **26-031** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEES PAID BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS AND AMOUNTS FOR THE USE OF GRAFTON HOUSE, SAYEN HOUSE & GAZEBO, THE NOTTINGHAM BALLROOM AND THE BROMLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC CENTER REPRESENTING RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS FOR EVENTS – TOTALING - \$2,800.00

**CA32.** **26-032** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX SALE CERT #25-00053 ON BLOCK 1554, LOT 24 (5 DOLPHIN LANE)

**CA33.** **26-033** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISING OF THE FIFTH ONE (1) YEAR OPTION FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND SCOTT ELLIS FOR A PORTION OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2714, LOT 24 (275 MERRICK ROAD)

**CA34.** **26-034** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISING OF THE FOURTH ONE (1) YEAR OPTION FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND SCOTT ELLIS FOR A PORTION OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2714, LOT 24 (275 MERRICK ROAD)

## **ORDINANCES**

### **FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

**ORD1.** **26-001** - AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC RIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR PORTIONS OF BENSON AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**ORD2.** **26-002** - AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC RIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR PORTIONS OF HOVEY AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**ORD3.** **26-003** - AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE, RELEASE AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC RIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR PORTIONS OF PHINNEY AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

## **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

## **ADJOURNMENT**