



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 04, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization Meeting was called to order by Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk at 6:30 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

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

"Adequate Notice of this Remote Public Meeting was provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:39-1.5 and the content required in N.J.S.A 10:4-8"

FLAG SALUTE

The Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Phillips and was followed by the singing of the The Star-Spangled Banner by Miss Makenna Fowler.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilman Carabelli.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Councilman Anthony P. Carabelli, Jr., By Mayor Jeffrey S. Martin

Councilman Rick Tighe, By New Jersey Assemblyman Daniel Benson

Councilman Charles "Chuddy" Whalen", By New Jersey Assemblyman Wayne Deangelo

Ms. Gore advised that at the November 4, 2021 General Election, Hamilton Township had three seats for the office of Township Council that were presented to the residents for election to a four year term beginning January 1, 2022. The number of voters totaled 69,341 registered. The total voter turnout for Hamilton Township was forty-three percent (43%), with two percent (2%) utilizing the newly enacted early voting method, twenty-nine percent (29%) voted at their polling location on Election Day, eleven percent (11%) used the mail-in ballot method, and less than one percent (1%) voted by way of provisional ballot. Upon the tally of the votes, the declared winners were incumbents Anthony Carabelli with 15,282 votes, Charles "Chuddy" Whalen with 14,736 votes, and Rick Tighe with 14,335 votes. Congratulations were offered to all the winners.

It was then announced that the oath of office would be administered to Mr. Carabelli by Mayor Jeff Martin. Holding the bible for Mr. Carabelli was his son, Donte and was also accompanied by his wife, Sharon.

New Jersey Assemblyman Daniel Benson of the 14th Legislative District was present and administered the oath of office to Mr. Tighe. Holding the bible for Mr. Tighe was his mother, Beth.

New Jersey Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo of the 14th Legislative District was also present and administered the oath of office to Mr. Whalen. Holding the bible for Mr. Whalen was his wife, Susan.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Anthony Carabelli
Councilmember Charles Whalen
Councilmember Rick Tighe
Council Vice President Nancy Phillips
Council President Pasquale Papero

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Elissa Grodd-Schragger, Director of Law
Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk
Alison Sabo, Deputy Clerk

DIGNITARIES PRESENT:

Mayor Jeffrey Martin
Senator Linda Greenstein
NJ Assemblyman Dan Benson
NJ Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo
Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes
Janice Mironov, Mayor of East Windsor Township
Nina Melker, Chair Mercer County Commissioners
Lucy Walter, Vice-Chair Mercer County Commissioners
Samuel Frisby, Mercer County Commissioner
Kristin McLaughlin, Mercer County Commissioner
Paula Sollami-Covello, Mercer County Clerk

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 Nomination For The Council Vice-President For A One-Year Term

Election Of Council Vice-President

Ms. Gore proceeded to call for nominations for the office of Council President for the year 2022. A motion was made by Councilmember Papero to nominate Ms. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Tighe. No other nominations were received.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

Ms. Gore then proceeded to call for nominations for the office of Council Vice-President for the year 2022. A motion was made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to nominate Mr. Charles Whalen. No other nominations were received.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

Ms. Gore then proceeded to turn the meeting over to the newly-elected Council President.

MINUTES

Motion made by Councilmember Whalen and seconded by Councilmember Papero to approve the meeting minutes of December 7 and December 21, 2021.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

M1. DECEMBER 7, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

M2. DECEMBER 21, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Whalen to approve Communication Items C1 through C4.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

C1. JOINT COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS RADON ACTION MONTH

Councilman Whalen read the commendation for the members of the audience.

C2. COMMENDATION COMMEMORATING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY (MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022)

Councilman Tighe read the commendation for the members of the audience.

- C3. GIRLS SCOUTS OF CENTRAL & SOUTH NEW JERSEY REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONDUCT COOKIE SALES AT VARIOUS APPROVED DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED JANUARY 14, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 27, 2022
- C4. RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION TO UPDATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-015-010 ESHAAN V. LLC D/B/A DECADES BAR AND RESTAURANT (UPDATE LANDLORD, VENDOR, PHONE NUMBER)

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Phillips gave an overview of the Consent Agenda items listed on the agenda. When asked if there were any members of the public that wished to address Council on any item, no response was received from any audience member.

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve Consent Agenda Items CA1 through CA55.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

- CA1.** **22-001** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DATES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA2.** **22-002** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA3.** **22-003** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA4.** **22-004** - RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA5.** **22-005** - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (BTE) INVENTORY OF 'NO PASSING ZONE' ALONG ROUTE 156, HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
- CA6.** **22-006** - RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA7.** **22-007** - RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA8.** **22-008** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMANTHA BROWN, P.E. TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING
- CA9.** **22-009** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ROBERT W. RUBINSTEIN, ESQUIRE TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND JOSE MIGUEL ORTIZ, ESQUIRE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
- CA10.** **22-010** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT H. YOSTEMBSKI, ESQUIRE TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2022
- CA11.** **22-011** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO MARIN, ESQUIRE TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TERM JANUARY 10, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
- CA12.** **22-012** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022
- CA13.** **22-013** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CLAUDIA SHAUGHNESSY TO THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON GREEN INITIATIVES (SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION) FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

- CA14.** **22-014** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN BIRCH TO THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE
- CA15.** **22-015** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS MILL ONE LOCATED AT 1 NORTH JOHNSTON AVENUE BY ISLES JOHNSON AVENUE/HANN ASSOCIATES, LLC/ARCHIPELAGO CONDO ASSOCIATION
- CA16.** **22-016** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN VINTAGE AT HAMILTON LOCATED AT 2275 KUSER ROAD BY SHARBELL PARKSIDE, LLC
- CA17.** **22-017** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF COVID-19 NURSING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$0 Maximum)
- CA18.** **22-018** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 (\$40,000.00 total maximum for the contract period)
- CA19.** **22-019** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR
- CA20.** **22-020** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE
- CA21.** **22-021** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON
- CA22.** **22-022** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
- CA23.** **22-023** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
- CA24.** **22-024** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EWING
- CA25.** **22-025** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST WINDSOR
- CA26.** **22-026** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2022 SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT FOR HEALTH SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE
- CA27.** **22-027** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC TO SERVE AS THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR MATTERS RELATING TO FISCAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$40,000.00 maximum)
- CA28.** **22-028** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE FIRMS OF MALAMUT & ASSOCIATES LLC AND MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC TO PROVIDE BOND COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$50,000.00 maximum)
- CA29.** **22-029** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO REBID SPECIFICATIONS TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

- CA30.** **22-030** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 185 SAWMILL ROAD, BLOCK 2730, LOT 14.01, AND OFFERING THE COUNTY OF MERCER THE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO LEASE SAID PROPERTY
- CA31.** **22-031** - RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER/PROJECT CLOSEOUT TO CONTRACT 19-186 AWARDED TO BRENNAN BROTHERS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF TWO (2) SINGLE FAMILY HOMES (3949 CROSSWICKS-HAMILTON SQUARE ROAD AND 275 MERRICK ROAD) (\$4,558.25 INCREASE)
- CA32.** **22-032** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT 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 \$44,000.00 BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ. DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA33.** **22-033** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM WITH MERCER COUNTY (CK09-MERCER) CONTRACT VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA34.** **22-034** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS, SERVICE CONTRACTS AND VARIOUS PROPRIETARY MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT WITH VARIOUS PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd)
- CA35.** **22-035** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 VIA THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) CO-OP #65MCESCCPS
- CA36.** **22-036** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL UTILIZATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED CONTRACT VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a)
- CA37.** **22-037** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO RENEW ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND THROUGH AN INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024
- CA38.** **22-038** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH BRB VALUATION & CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC; MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, INC.; AND STERLING DISANTO & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$25,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA39.** **22-039** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF GERALD J. MULLER, P.C.; RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO, LLC; AND THE LENOX LAW FIRM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$65,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA40.** **22-040** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR A FY 2021-2022 DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND (DDEF) GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY, FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 (\$8,113.91)
- CA41.** **22-041** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTA GOEKE, VMD TO PROVIDE VETERINARIAN CONSULTANT SERVICES AND EMERGENCY VETERINARIAN SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$30,000.00 maximum)
- CA42.** **22-042** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PETER J. POLCARI, CPA TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$15,020.00 maximum)
- CA43.** **22-043** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY BRITTANY ROSE FOR TWO (2) 2022 N.J. DOG LICENSES (\$36.00)

- CA44.** **22-044** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY CAITLIN CRUMLING FOR A 2021 N.J. DOG LICENSES (\$18.00)
- CA45.** **22-045** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. FOR A TYPE 1 FIRE SAFETY PERMIT (\$54.00)
- CA46.** **22-046** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY ANN WOLF IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENTAL OF VETERANS PARK (\$100.00)
- CA47.** **22-047** - 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, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$27,850.00 maximum)
- CA48.** **22-048** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN VETRANO, DO TO PROVIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$15,000.00 maximum)
- CA49.** **22-049** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLINE, INC. ("VHB"), FORMERLY BRINKERHOFF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, FOR SITE AND REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1849 EAST STATE STREET, THE FORMER NEARPARA RUBBER FACTORY SITE (\$241,501.00 maximum)
- CA50.** **22-050** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL'S BELT PRESS NO. 3 WITH KOMLINE-SANDERSON FOR THE PORTION OF MATERIALS AND CONSULTING (\$91,334.00) AND MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY FOR THE LABOR PORTION (\$75,256.50) AT A TOTAL SHARED PROJECT MAXIMUM COST OF \$166,590.50
- CA51.** **22-051** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH EPIC SYSTEMS GROUP FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF SEVENTEEN (17) ANALOG BUILDING CAMERAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF POLICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS (\$30,170.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA52.** **22-052** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RWJUHH OCCUPATIONAL & CORPORATE HEALTH TO PROVIDE MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES BY AND THROUGH FRANCISCO JAVIER VILLOTA, MD, CIME, AND TO PROVIDE PEDIATRIC HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES BY AND THROUGH SHANKAR SANTHANAM, MD FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$15,000.00 maximum)
- CA53.** **22-053** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP; HALL & ASSOCIATES; AND PARKER MCCAY TO SERVE AS ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION ATTORNEYS FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$20,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA54.** **22-054** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ACT ENGINEERS; ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS; CENTER STATE ENGINEERING; CME ASSOCIATES; REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS; AND T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$100,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA55.** **22-055** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH UNIVAR USA, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF LIQUID SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PUMPING STATIONS (\$181,050.00 MAXIMUM)

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORD1. 22-001 - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 485, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, PARKING; § 485-19, HANDICAPPED PARKING (Establishing spaces for 1228 Deutz Avenue, 306 Johnston Avenue and 25 Tuttle Avenue)

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to approve on first reading and introduction.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Whalen, Councilmember Tighe, Council Vice President Phillips, Council President Papero

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Lisa Williams, 130 Briner Lane asked the status of the 2020 audit and bank reconciliations. Ms. Monzo advised both items were being worked on presently and that a shared service agreement was established between Hamilton and Robbinsville to assist with the process. Once the reconciliations are finished, the audit will be finalized. When asked how far behind the reconciliations were, Ms. Monzo stated that there are twenty-eight accounts, each of which were at a different stage of the process and that Council has been kept apprised relative to the status.

Mr. Doug Greene commended Council for adding disability parking spaces as they are needed by the residents with mobility and/or breathing issues.

Ms. Victoria Adrian commended the Mayor Martin for his requirement that masks be worn in the senior center along with signage indicating mask requirement and felt it very important because seniors are most vulnerable. She was hopeful that it would be required that individuals be vaccinated before they can go to the senior center.

Mr. Joe Marchicka of 10 Sheffield Road referred to the cannabis ordinance passed at the December 21, 2021 Council meeting, and asked when could they expect updates to be made. His concern was amending the ordinance to allow licenses of each type in the township, in particular, additional dispensaries. Ms. Schragger indicated that at the present time, there were no plans to amend the ordinance unless the governing body or administration had other plans.

He also spoke about a resolution being passed opposing a dock being constructed in Gibbstown for liquefied natural gas and added that the governor has the ability to stop the construction. Once the liquid gas is loaded off the docks, it would be put on trucks and trains to be transported which would go through Hamilton. He indicated that is is hazardous and can be explosive, and encouraged Council to take the matter seriously.

He concluded by asking if Council had plans on staying remote and whether when Council does go back to in-person meetings if there would be remote access for those residents who feel unsafe attending in person.

Ms. Zoey Leach of 810 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrence Township asked whether Council had considered her request for a resolution relative to the transport of liquefied natural gas. Council President Phillips suggested that Ms. Leach follow-up and send Council information on her request.

Ms. Peggy Nicole of 517 E. Brown Street asked that Council recognize Hamilton Township Police Officer Pellegrino who operates the Reassurance Program for Hamilton's senior citizens. Stated that it is a great program which checks in on the senior residents each day.

Council President Phillips stated that due to the high hospitalizations due to COVID, Council chose to conduct this meeting via Zoom and to evaluate future meetings so as to provide a safe environment for all. It is the goal of Council to hold in-person meetings at the Senior Center as long as it is safe to do so. The website would contain updated information for each meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Carabelli thanked all elected officials and dignitaries for being part of the meeting as well as those who supported him during the November Election. A special thanks was given to Mayor Martin for administering the oath the office and expressed his appreciation to serve on Council for another four

years. He congratulated Ms. Phillips on her election as Council President and looked forward to the new year.

Councilmember Papero acknowledged all those in attendance. He extended his congratulations to the re-elected members and looked forward to the coming year with Ms. Phillips serving as Council President. He wished everyone a happy new year filled with good health.

Councilmember Tighe recited a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King: May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership... Leaders of sound integrity. Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause. Mr. Tighe expressed his desire over the next four years to live up to those very high ideals and standards set by Dr. King in that quote.

He also gave thanks to all who were in attendance at the meeting and his supporters and vowed to serve every resident of Hamilton. He gave thanks and congratulations to his running mates, Councilmen Whalen and Carabelli. He looks forward to the coming year.

Councilmember Whalen thanked the elected officials who took the time to be part of the re-organization meeting, especially Assemblyman DeAngelo for administering his oath of office. He thanked the residents of Hamilton for their support and was truly humbled and honored to serve the town he grew up. He also expressed his appreciation to his brothers and sisters in the labor movement as well as in the building trades for their support. He thanked his running mates and looked forward to serving with them all. He gave special thanks to his wife, Sue for all her support.

Council President Phillips thanked all the elected officials who participated in the meeting. She offered her congratulations to Councilmembers Carabelli, Tighe, and Whalen on their win this past year and looked forward to the opportunity to lead the Council during 2022. She gave thanks to Mayor Martin, Administration and the Municipal Clerk and her staff, Ms. Schragger, and Ms. Monzo for all that they do. She thanked the residents of Hamilton for their support and trust. She concluded with a quote by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg which reads "We should learn to do our best for the sake of our communities and for the sake of those for whom we pave the way." She expressed her hope that she along with her fellow Councilmembers will fulfill those words by Justice Ginsburg.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**Eileen Gore, RMC, CMC, MMC
Municipal Clerk**

**Nancy Phillips
Council President**