



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilman Pasquale Papero, Jr.
Councilman Rick Tihe
Council Vice President Anthony Carabelli, Jr.
Council President Charles Whalen

ABSENT:

Councilwoman Nancy Phillips

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Jennifer Eugene, Assistant Township Attorney
Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk
Alison Sabo, Deputy Municipal Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

The Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Whalen.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Council Vice President Carabelli.

MINUTES

M1. DECEMBER 6, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING

M2. DECEMBER 20, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve the Minutes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

C1. GIRLS SCOUTS OF CENTRAL & SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONDUCT COOKIE SALES AT VARIOUS APPROVED DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED JANUARY 20, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Council Vice President Carabelli to accept the Communication.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Sabo advised Consent Agenda item CA30 (Resolution 23-053) was removed from the Agenda. Council Vice President Carabelli inquired as to how the grant funding, if approved, would work in conjunction with the capital budget. Ms. Monzo advised that any funding received through the grant would go back into capital funding. When asked about CA28, it was explained that the Tax Assessor and Assistant Tax Collector perform field work by performing inspections, but there are some that they are unable, so the vendor assists in the performance of those inspections.

Councilman Tighe asked for further information as to the ground monitoring wells and it was advised that they would be installed on Township owned property. The purpose of the wells is to delineate contaminated water extending off the site located at 1945 East State Street. The two wells would be installed fifteen feet below grade in the grass between Nottingham Way and Farmingdale Park and that Congoleum has provided permission to install the wells on the site which is a public right-of-way.. This is part of the brownsfield cleanup effort. Relative to Consent Agenda Item CA9 it was noted that at the time of the grant application, the purpose was specified in the application. When asked for clarification as to when an environmental litigation attorney is required, Ms. Eugene advised that anything needed NJDEP approval would require an attorney who specializes in such environmental matters. When asked if Item CA14 dealt with a needed license, Ms. Monzo advised that DEP requires coverage by a licensed (S4) individual, but the DEP allows an individual with the S3 license which would be sufficient.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue asked if the sculpture agreement is new or a renewal and it was advised that those are yearly agreements. There being no further questions or comments, a motion made by Council Vice President Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to approve Consent Agenda items CA1-CA29 and CA31-CA41.

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

Abstention: Councilmember Tighe (Item 3A)

Abstention: Councilmember Carabelli (Item CA26)

Abstention: Council President Whalen (Item CA9)

CA1. 23-024 - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

CA2. 23-025 - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-520 CONSENTING TO THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

CA3. 23-026 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-197 OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING MULE EXTRACTS LLC'S APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR LICENSE AND THE ADDITION OF A CLASS 2 MANUFACTUER LICENSE

CA4. 23-027 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SCULPTURE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE SEWARD JOHNSON ATELIER, INC. FOR THE SCULPTURES KNOWN AS "CONFIRMING PREDICTIONS" AND "LUNCHBREAK" FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023

CA5. 23-028 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT - OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION WITH THE SEWARD JOHNSON ATELIER, INC. FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 ("God Bless America")

CA6. 23-029 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH CLARKE CATON HINTZ; CME ASSOCIATES; AND T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE PLANNING SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING THE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, THE INSPECTION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND APPEARANCES AT PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETINGS WHEN REQUESTED, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$30,000.00 shared maximum)

- CA7.** **23-030** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH STUART LAW/KIMBERLEY STUART, LLC TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR; JOHN A. MOUSTAKAS, ESQ. OF THE FIRM WADE, LONG, WOOD & LONG, LLC TO SERVE AS THE ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR; AND THE LAW OFFICES OF MARCO DI STEFANO, ESQ., LLC TO SERVE AS THE ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$300.00 PER COURT SESSION; \$150,000.00 SHARED MAXIMUM)
- CA8.** **23-031** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HAMILTON GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON KNOWN AS THE GEORGE DICK FIELD SOFTBALL FIELD LOCATED AT 353 ARMOUR AVENUE IN HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY
- CA9.** **23-032** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF 2023 GRANT FUNDING TO CITY OF ANGELS NJ, INC. TO PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR ITS FR. VINCENT R. CAPODANNO VETERAN'S RESEARCH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (Maximum Grant Award: \$35,000.00)
- CA10.** **23-033** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FY23 NEXT GENERATION 911 GRANTS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON'S 911 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE (Requested Grant Amount: \$353,581.97)
- CA11.** **23-034** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE FIRMS OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP AND MALAMUT & ASSOCIATES LLC, TO SERVE AS ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION ATTORNEYS FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$20,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA12.** **23-035** - 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$15,000.00 maximum)
- CA13.** **23-036** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RIGHT OF ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH TTI ENVIRONMENTAL, INC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS
- CA14.** **23-037** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH DeBLOCK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC. AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR A PROFESSIONAL S4 LICENSED OPERATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (\$160,000.00 SHARED MAXIMUM)
- CA15.** **23-038** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE OCCUPATIONAL & CORPORATE HEALTH AT RWJ BARNABAS HEALTH CORPORATION CARE IN HAMILTON (RWJBHCC-HAMILTON) 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$15,000.00 maximum)
- CA16.** **23-039** - 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$13,520.00 maximum)
- CA17.** **23-040** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE FIRM OF MALAMUT & ASSOCIATES LLC TO SERVE AS BOND COUNSEL, AND THE FIRM OF MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC TO SERVE AS CONFLICT BOND COUNSEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$50,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA18.** **23-041** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC SALE OF A CERTAIN TAX SALE CERTIFICATES AS HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-114.2(1)(b)

- CA19.** **23-042** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT FOR TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS WITH TRI-COUNTY TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, INC., VIA STATE OF NEW JERSEY CONTRACT #18-GNSV1-00359 (\$24,104.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA20.** **23-043** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE FIRMS OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP; GLUCK WALRATH LLP; LENOX LAW FIRM; MALAMUT & ASSOCIATES LLC; MCMANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC; PARKER MCCAY P.A.; AND RAINONE COUGHLIN MINCHELLO LLC TO SERVE AS SPECIAL PROJECT ATTORNEYS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$100,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA21.** **23-044** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS; REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS; AND T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECTS PLANNER SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$130,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA22.** **23-045** - 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$27,850.00 maximum)
- CA23.** **23-046** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE LICENSED TREE EXPERT SERVICES FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$10,000.00 maximum)
- CA24.** **23-047** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ACT ENGINEERS AND CLARKE CATON HINTZ, PC TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$20,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA25.** **23-048** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ACT ENGINEERS; 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$100,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA26.** **23-049** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH BRB VALUATION & CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC; MARTIN APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES, INC.; SOCKLER REALTY SERVICES GROUP, INC.; AND WADE APPRAISAL, LLC TO PROVIDE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$25,000.00 shared maximum)
- CA27.** **23-050** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ERIC M. BERNSTEIN & ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES AND DECOTIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE & GIBLIN, LLP TO PROVIDE CONFLICT TAX APPEAL COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$75,000.00 SHARED MAXIMUM)
- CA28.** **23-051** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS, INC. TO SERVE AS THE TAX ASSESSOR FIELD PERSONNEL/DATA COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$20,000.00 maximum)
- CA29.** **23-052** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH MERCADIEN, P.C., FOR ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$78,000.00 maximum; \$77,000.00 for the 2023 Municipal Audit; \$1,000.00 for additional miscellaneous auditing work)
- CA30.** **23-053** - REMOVED
- CA31.** **23-054** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ACT ENGINEERS; ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS; ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC AND T&M ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$60,000.00 shared total contract maximum)

- CA32.** **23-055** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ALAIMO GROUP CONSULTING ENGINEERS/ARCHITECTS AND SPIEZLE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, INC. TO PROVIDE SPECIAL PROJECT ARCHITECT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$15,000.00 shared total contract maximum)
- CA33.** **23-056** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF GERALD J. MULLER, P.C. TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$65,000.00 maximum)
- CA34.** **23-057** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PIAZZA & ASSOCIATES TO SERVE AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$10,000.00 maximum)
- CA35.** **23-058** - 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, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$17,500.00 maximum)
- CA36.** **23-059** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY BRISTOL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SERVICE COMPANY FOR A CONSTRUCTOR LICENSE (\$250.00)
- CA37.** **23-060** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND REPLACEMENT OF A PERFORMANCE SURETY BOND FOR ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 160 BUCKNELL AVENUE (BLOCK 1503, LOTS 18 & 19)
- CA38.** **23-061** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS ENCLAVE II AT HAMILTON (GROVEVILLE-AlLENTOWN ROAD)
- CA39.** **23-062** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE AND REPLACEMENT OF AN IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT (PERFORMANCE BOND) FOR ON-SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 NAMI LANE (BLOCK 1520, LOT 19)
- CA40.** **23-063** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY AHMED EHSAN FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (\$208.00)
- CA41.** **23-064** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS (\$18,790.64)

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

- ORD1.** **23- 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 space for 1224 Deutz Avenue)*

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

- ORD2.** **23-002** - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE ("P.A.L.") FOR THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 392 CHURCH STREET, BLOCK 2663, LOT 12 (DWIER CENTER)

Motion made by Council Vice President Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

ORD3. **23-003** - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21-055, WHICH ADOPTED THE APPRAISAL OF YARDVILLE-HAMILTON SQUARE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AND AUTHORIZED THE ACQUISITION OF YARDVILLE-HAMILTON SQUARE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED IN A PORTION OF BLOCK 2173 LOTS 24.01 and 24.02 FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF ROAD WIDENING

Motion made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

ORD4. **23-004** - ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 536

Motion made by Council Vice President Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

ORD5. **23-005** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 468, TOWING

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

ORD6. **23-006** ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 215, FEES, § 215-1, MUNICIPAL CLERK

Motion made by Council Vice President Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to introduce the above Ordinance on first reading.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Tammy Duffy of 109 Sweetbriar Avenue spoke about the approved warehouse that is slated to be constructed at the Congoleum site and asked that the Township be thoughtful about what goes on during construction because she felt that past construction in the area of American Metro Way was not optimal for the nearby residents. She relayed her experience while attending a Zoning Board meeting where offense was taken by her comments made as the Board felt that had done everything they could to ensure the property looked stellar. She spoke about how other towns where she has traveled are blocked off with a screen. Ms. Monzo advised that for any construction in Hamilton, an inspector ensures that work is done according to plans. In those situations where a complaint is received, someone does go to the site to ensure compliance. President Whalen advised that the Congoleum Project is still before the Planning Board and such items be can addressed with that Board to make the site is kept up. She also complimented the recent rabies clinic provided but suggested that the tables used be wiped sown after each use. She concluded by asking Council to review an email she sent regarding microchipping.

Mr. Steve Clegg of Wolfpack Road stated that he is on his fifth year now of attending meetings and speaking about the lack of ACO response. He voiced his frustration about calls going out for an ACO going unanswered. He provided some instances of which he was aware and asked when something was going to be done. Ms. Monzo stated that at the last Board of Health meeting it was reported that there were not that many calls where an ACO did not respond, and an explanation was provided by the director. She indicated that an agreement will be coming before Council to enter into a shared services agreement with the City of Trenton for after-hour calls to Animal Control. Additionally, the Health Division was going to review with the police dispatchers calls that had come in previously so there can be a better response in the future. While Ms. Monzo was not aware of a situation that he spoke of on January 1st, she advised that there would be a follow-up with Ms. Fitzgerald. When Mr. Clegg expressed his frustration that there is not an ACO on call, it was stated that the ACO's work under a contract, and the terms of the contract

cannot be changed during their employment. Ms. Monzo asked Mr. Clegg to share the information that he had so she could review the matter. Council President asked that the issues be reviewed and Council be advised.

Councilman Tighe asked the status of the Shared Service Agreement with Trenton. Ms. Eugene advised that there have been conversations with Trenton to draft something up for the City to review. Hamilton's Health Officer has been in contact with the City on the matter and was working on the matter. Ms. Eugene stated that Hamilton has received calls from other municipalities about entering into a shared service agreement to help those towns as well. When asked if the agreement with other towns would include a financial consideration, Ms. Monzo advised that it could be done, but currently, Hamilton is not in a position to do an agreement with other towns. Councilman Tighe asked if Council could receive information as to how many requests and are coming and what revenue could be brought in as a result. If it could subsidize the cost of an additional ACO, that would allow them to be spread out over three shifts. Ms. Monzo ended by indicating that she would determine why calls were not being responded to and get back to Council.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue thought that there would be no trash collection on Martin Luther Kin Day because it was a holiday, but was surprised that it was collected. She stated that at the corner of Klockner Road and Sloan Avenue, it is very dark, and asked that lights be put there so people can see where they are going.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Tighe acknowledged Ms. Eugene for being at the Council meeting. He also thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.

Council Vice President Carabelli spoke of attending a home dedication by Habitat For Humanity and attending the Martin Luther King event held at the Faith Baptist Church.

Councilman Papero also thanked all for attending.

Council President Whalen was appreciative of the comments made by members of the public. He assured Ms. Duffy that as the Council liaison to the Planning Board, he would make the suggestion that screens be put in place at the work site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Eileen Gore, RMC, CMC, MMC
Municipal Clerk



Charles Whalen
Council President