



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 04, 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:

Councilmember Pasquale "Pat" Papero, Jr.
Councilmember Nancy Phillips
Councilmember Richard Tighe
Council Vice President Anthony Carabelli, Jr.
Council President Charles Whalen

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Elissa Grodd-Schragger, Township Attorney
Eugenia Poulos, Director of finance/CFO
Alison Sabo, Municipal Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

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

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Council Vice President Anthony Carabelli.

DISCUSSION

1. EUGENIA POULOS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CFO TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CY 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Ms. Eugenia Poulos who is the Township CFO was at the meeting to speak about the Township budget. She stated that this is the third year in a row in which there is no tax increase on the municipal level. The budget was challenging because there were increases by the State of New Jersey in certain areas like the PERS and PFRS. There was a 19.13% increase in the PFRS and the PERS increased by 8.41% this year. There was also a 9% increase in the group insurance. Due to COVID, solid waste increased by 50% this year over last year. The Township has no control over the library tax which is provided by the State of New Jersey and increased by 10.21%. Ms. Poulos then continued with an overview of the Hamilton Township budget.

Councilmember Papero asked if we had notice of the increases or if they were just thrown at us. Ms. Poulos stated we had no notice of the increases. Councilmember Papero commended Ms. Poulos on the job she did in preparing the budget. Relative to the library tax increase, Councilman Papero noted that no matter what library system we would be associated with, we would still be hit with the tax increase. Ms. Monzo added the library tax increased a large amount throughout the state not just in Hamilton. Ms. Poulos added that in February, the Township had gone out for a Bond Anticipation Note, and because of the large amount of the Bond Anticipation Note, TD Securities who are the ones who won the bid, required that the Township go out for a rating. Hamilton was not planning to do this, but they went for a rating with S&P. They did not increase Hamilton's rating, but they were happy with what Hamilton is doing. If Hamilton continues to go in the same direction, they could get a rate increase in two years.

Council Vice President Carabelli gave thanks to Ms. Poulos for her budget presentation. He asked if there was any way we could forecast what the pension payments are going to be in the future. Councilmember Papero noted the rate of returns did not come back as expected, so the increase

was passed to the towns. Relative to the library fees, Council Vice President Carabelli asked if this was a one time increase or if we should expect to be hit again in 2024. Ms. Monzo thought this is done routinely. Councilmember Tighe asked what happens with the library tax revenue and was told by Ms. Poulos that it is turned over to the library. Ms. Monzo stated that the Township collects the money just like they do with the county and school tax.

Councilmember Phillips was glad the Township is going into a new bank arrangement, and will be gaining \$1 million.

Council President Whalen went over the dates of the budget workshops and what departments would be covered at each.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue asked if the money from the library tax goes back to our library to buy books. Ms. Monzo stated they have their own budget from which they expend money. Councilmember Tighe added all of their expenses come out of that budget. Ms. Monzo stated that a few years ago, the state required that the library tax be shown separately on the tax bills.

Ms. Alisun Dixon of 190 Wilfred Avenue asked for more detail on the increase in the fees in the police department. Ms. Monzo asked for Ms. Dixon's contact information so that she could get back to her with the information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion made by Council Vice President Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to accept Communication C1 and C2.

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

C1. JOINT COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Councilmember Tighe read the Proclamation into the record for the members of the audience.

C2. RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION TO UPDATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE ON FILE 1103-33-048 G&A ASSOCIATES LOCATED AT 3800 QUAKERBRIDGE ROAD, UNITS 3 & 4 (UPDATE OF LENDING INSTITUTION ON FILE)

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Whalen gave a brief overview of the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Relative to Consent Agenda items CA16 and CA17, Council President Whalen stated they are projects for Water Pollution Control that are necessary work that had to be done at the pump stations. Ms. Monzo stated the ordinances for the projects have already been done. This is so that the Township can make applications through the IBank in order to finance them. Relative to Consent Agenda items CA11 to CA14, Councilmember Tighe asked if the administration was looking at any grant programs for electric vehicles. Ms. Monzo stated that the Township was looking to do that. The Township is also looking to do RFP'S for a contractor to come in and see if when replacing vehicles, they could be replaced with electric vehicles. It is necessary to first have the infrastructure to be able to maintain and charge the vehicles. She added there are also plans to have charging stations at the new municipal building. Councilmember Tighe was hopeful that several green initiatives will be used in the construction of the building. Council Vice President Carabelli noted the event for the EV charging unveiling was moved from April 5th to April 12th because of the ordinance not being in effect.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue asked if the land on Basin Road was going to stay as open space, and asked where on Basin Road this was. Council Vice President Carabelli stated that one was a former tree farm, half of the other property was a wooded area, and both of the properties are connected. Relative to Consent Agenda item CA10, Ms. Glonek asked if Rusling Firehouse was getting water proofing services, and was told that they were. Ms. Glonek asked if Rusling was the newest firehouse, and was told by Council President Whalen that the new Hamilton Firehouse was newer than Rusling.

Motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Papero to approve Consent Agenda items CA1-CA21.

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

- CA1.** **23-165** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MERCER COUNTY OPEN SPACE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Basin Road, Block 1504, Lots 35 and 37; 40% Grant)
- CA2.** **23-166** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2023 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH RUTGERS (RCE) FOR HAMILTON TOWNSHIP STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,725.00
- CA3.** **23-167** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND MONIES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 2040 GENESEE STREET (3 BEDROOMS) IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-448 (\$100,000.00 Total Grant Amount)
- CA4.** **23-168** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027
- CA5.** **23-169** - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF VARIOUS BUS STOPS ALONG ROUTE NJ 33, BETWEEN DICKINSON AVENUE, WARD AVENUE, AND SCULPTORS WAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
- CA6.** **23-170** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 23-012 AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL UTILIZATION OF NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED CONTRACT VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(a) (ASBESTOS & MOLD SERVICES CORP.)
- CA7.** **23-171** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 23-017 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS, SERVICE CONTRACTS AND VARIOUS PROPRIETARY MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT WITH VARIOUS PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) (ADDING - SPATIAL DATA LOGIC)
- CA8.** **23-172** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 23-015 AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 (ADDING FOLEY)
- CA9.** **23-173** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY SUNNYMAC, LLC FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (\$450.00)
- CA10.** **23-174** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT WITH EKO CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR EXTERIOR WATERPROOFING SERVICES OF FIRE STATION NO. 13 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF FIRE (\$47,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA11.** **23-175** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH HALDEMAN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD SD250 XL 4X4 REGULAR CAB PICKUP WITH AN 8' WESTERN PRO-PLUS SNOWPLOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS (\$53,071.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA12.** **23-176** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH HALDEMAN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD SD250 XL 4X4 SUPER CAB PICKUP WITH AN 8' BED AND 8' WESTERN PRO-PLUS SNOWPLOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS (\$56,527.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA13.** **23-177** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH HALDEMAN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD SD350 XL 4X4 REGULAR CAB PICKUP WITH AN 8' WESTERN PRO-PLUS SNOWPLOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS (\$55,024.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA14.** **23-178** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH HALDEMAN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD SD350 XL 4X4 REGULAR CAB PICKUP WITH AN 8' WESTERN PRO-PLUS SNOWPLOW AND BEDLINER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS (\$55,289.00 MAXIMUM)

- CA15.** **23-179** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT TO SANOFI PASTEUR FOR THE PURCHASE OF 2023-2024 INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR THE DIVISION OF HEALTH (\$47,749.67)
- CA16.** **23-180** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$4,150,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM
- CA17.** **23-181** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,600,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM
- CA18.** **23-182** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENTAL OF THE BROMLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC CENTER PAID BY JASSANNA WEATHERS (\$100.00)
- CA19.** **23-183** - RESOLUTION FOR CONDUCTING ANNUAL BUDGET EXAMINATION
- CA20.** **23-184** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COVID-19 AND INFLUENZA VACCINE UPTAKE INITIATIVE SUB-AWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD TO SUPPORT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DIVISION OF HEALTH'S VACCINATION EFFORTS FOR SENIORS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES (Grant Funding Amount: \$62,264.37)
- CA21.** **23-185** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CAPITAL HEALTH TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

- ORD1.** **23-012** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 167, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, § 167-2, FEES*

After the above Ordinance had been read by title, the President declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard concerning same.

There being no response, a motion was made by Council Vice President Carabelli and second by Councilmember Tighe to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

- ORD2.** **23-013** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 268, HOUSING STANDARDS, § 268-3, INSPECTION PRIOR TO CHANGE IN OCCUPANCY; CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL*

After the above Ordinance had been read by title, the President declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard concerning same.

Ms. Alisun Dixon of 190 Wilfred Avenue stated she owns multiple rental buildings and asked for an explanation of the ordinance. Councilmember Tighe stated this ordinance clarifies some safety measures such as the requirement for smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers being installed. Also, if the dwelling contains a fire place, that must be inspected. Ms. Schragger added the ordinance differentiates the requirements for obtaining a certificate of occupancy between single family homes and rental properties.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

ORD3. 23-014 - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 268, HOUSING STANDARDS*, TO ADD § 268-19 ET SEQ. FOR LEAD-BASED PAINT TESTING

After the above Ordinance had been read by title, the President declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone wished to be heard concerning same.

Ms. Alisun Dixon of 190 Wilfred Avenue stated she used to live in Jersey City where it was a housing requirement. She asked if this was a requirement in the past in Hamilton. Ms. Schragger stated that it was a requirement, but there was a new state law that made the requirements stricter and certain equipment was required to do the testing. Ms. Schragger also stated that since specialized equipment is required to do the testing, the Township decided to hire an outside company to do the work. Councilmember Tighe stated this was designed to protect the tenants in Hamilton, and we were obligated to do this by the State of New Jersey.

There being no further comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORD1. 23-015 - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 150, BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, REGISTRATION OF, § 150-3, REGISTRATION*

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

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

ORD2. 23-016 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON'S ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ON BASIN ROAD AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 1504, LOTS 35 AND 37, HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY (Purchase price: \$188,000.00; Estimated closing costs: \$3,500.00 +/-; Total amount of funding: \$191,500.00)

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

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

ORD3. 23-017 - AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND EXTINGUISH ANY AND ALL EXISTING OR PROPOSED SIGHT RIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 1799, PART OF LOT 4 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

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

ORD4. 23-018 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

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

ORD5. 23-019 - ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 228, FIRE PREVENTION, ARTICLE IV, PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS*

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

INTRODUCTION OF THE CY 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

ORD1. 23-186 - RESOLUTION OF INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Papero to introduce the 2023 Municipal Budget.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Alisun Dixon of 190 Wilfred Avenue stated that all of the streets surrounding Wilfred Avenue have been repaved. She requested that Council consider having that street repaved as well. She has made requests with HamStat about the street, all that had been done was areas were repatched. There is also standing water at the end of her driveway as a result of the road being so bad. Council President Whalen stated this was the first time he was hearing about the issue, and added he would look into it. He added that this Council and administration wants to make sure all cutouts have been done before a road is repaved. Relative to the standing water, Councilmember Tighe requested that someone go out and take a look at that.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue asked the status of the concern she had raised at the previous Council meeting regarding the trash on Sweetbriar Avenue. Ms. Monzo stated that several staff members had gone out to the site the day after the March 21st Council meeting. Council President Whalen stated he had driven past the site earlier that day, and it was clean. He added that it does not take much for trash to go on the road since there is so much truck traffic.

Mr. Steve Clegg of Wolfpack Road asked if the system to map our roads, which was purchased in 2020 is still being used. He also asked if the public would be able to view the map. Councilmember Tighe stated that was a one time service. Ms. Monzo stated it was a one time service which rated all the roads in the Township. She did not remember if a reassessment was going to be done in three or five years.

Ms. Michele Turansic of 64 Crest Avenue stated she had heard that the Kuser Road warehouse was under consideration again and asked if that was true. Council President Whalen stated that it might be coming in front of the Planning Board again. Ms. Turansic stated this was a bad place for this type of project. Councilmember Papero stated he sat on the Planning Board when this matter was first brought in front of them and it was turned down. Ms. Schragger stated the Township had been taken to court regarding the matter and it was overruled by the Judge. Councilmember Papero stated the only part which the Township won was the exception where the fire trucks could not get from one side of the building to the other. We lost all of the other parts. They are supposed to bring this back to the Planning Board. They claim the plan has been changed, but nothing has been presented to the Planning Board yet. Ms. Schragger added that if the issue was in active litigation, nothing could be done. She is at a disadvantage because she does not represent the Township with this matter. She does though have an

email stating the developer had appealed the matter. Ms. Schragger added she was not sure something could have been done with the Master Plan or the zoning because the application had already been put in. There is pending litigation on the application and the application is only valid at the time it is made. The only reason why the matter could come to Council would be if a zoning change needed to be done. Councilmember Tighe added that Council was not aware of what agenda of the Planning Board this would be on. Ms. Schragger stated that if it is being appealed, it would have to go before the Appellate Court before it comes back to the Planning Board. Councilmember Tighe told Ms. Turansic he would contact her to let her know on which Planning Board agenda the matter would be on, and also what documents are available to view

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Phillips thanked all for attending and bringing some new issues to Council's attention. She gave thanks to Ms. Glonek for following up with the trash issue. Ms. Phillip also thanked Councilmember Tighe for reminding her about the art show at the library. She gave a reminder of the Azalea Festival taking place on May 13th.

Councilmember Tighe stated that Sayen Gardens is a very beautiful place located within the Township. He noted that on Saturday, April 8th, the Easter Bunny would be at Kuser Mansion and urged families to bring their children there to see him. Mr. Tighe noted that over the next few weeks, there were going to be several Patriot games at Veterans Park highlighting several high school athletes. At the opening game which took place on April 3rd, several veterans and high school graduates were honored.

Council Vice President Carabelli thanked all for attending the meeting. He noted that the Mercer County Economic Development office is offering a small business grant. Mr. Carabelli spoke of attending the promotion ceremony for the Hamilton Township Fire Division with Councilman Papero.

Councilmember Papero, also congratulated all of the firefighters on their promotions. He congratulated and thanked the Finance Department on all of their hard work preparing the budget. Mr. Papero noted that on Thursday April 6th at Limewood Park, opening ceremonies would be taking place for the playground which was built. He stated he was able to participate in the construction of the park. Where Angels Play, is an organization made up of retired and active police officers as well as retired and active firefighters who travel to different towns affected by tragedy and assist with building these parks. The one in Hamilton is the 60th park which they have helped build.

Council President Whalen spoke of the confirmed tornado which hit parts of Hamilton Township and other parts of Mercer County going towards Chesterfield and Burlington County. He also stated that the Miracle League was damaged from the tornado. Thanks was given to all for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Alison Sabo, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Charles F. Whalen
Council President