



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 05, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THERE WAS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING. THIS SUMMARY WAS CREATED BY THE NOTES OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AND THE DEPUTY CLERK.

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 Anthony Carabelli
Councilmember Rick Tighe
Councilmember Pasquale Papero
Council President Nancy Phillips

ABSENT

Council Vice President Charles Whalen

FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Councilman Papero.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilman Carabelli

MINUTES

M1. MINUTES - MARCH 1, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve Communications C1 and C2.

Voting Yea (C1): Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Tighe, Council President Phillips

Abstaining: Councilmember Papero

Voting Yea (C2): Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Tighe, Council President Phillips.

C1. RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION TO UPDATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-042-006 LTD, INC OF HAMILTON T/A BLIZ'S TAVERN (UPDATE TO EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY J. BLIZNAWICZ)

C2. COMMENDATION - RECOGNITION OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Council President Phillips read the Proclamation for the members of the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Phillips gave a brief overview of the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Bonnie Tillery, 389 Sawmill Road requested that the Township consider joining the Mercer County Library System. When asked the benefit to Hamilton, she, stated that it would provide better access to many library books that Hamilton does not have within their system and locations so people can join. Council President Phillips asked who else does not belong. Ms. Tillery replied Trenton, Princeton and Hamilton.

Mr. Joseph Leist, 389 Sawmill Road expressed his agreement with the opinion of Ms. Tillery.

Ms. Lisa Williams, 130 Briner Lane requested to know the new dollar amount for CA4. It was advised by Ms. Monzo that the new amount of the contract was an increase of \$10,000 from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

There being no further comments from the public, a motion was made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero.

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

- CA1.** **22-156** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY CIMINO TO THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- CA2.** **22-157** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AWARDED BY THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY THROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 47th PROGRAM YEAR (Arm in Arm of Mercer County, Inc.; \$25,000.00; IDIS#379)
- CA3.** **22-158** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SCULPTURE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 FOR VARIOUS SCULPTURES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
- CA4.** **22-159** - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-398 WHICH AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FINANCE SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF ROBBINSVILLE FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
- CA5.** **22-160** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT (15-290) BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR FOR CERTAIN SERVICES OF THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ECOLOGICAL FACILITY AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-302
- CA6.** **22-161** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-035 AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM APPROVED COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 VIA THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) CO-OP #65MCECCPS
- CA7.** **22-162** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-032 AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA8.** **22-163** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-036 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)
- CA9.** **22-164** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH THE KNOX COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) NEW KNOX KEYSECURE 5 RAPID ACCESS SYSTEMS FOR THE VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF FIRE (\$37,365.36 MAXIMUM)
- CA10.** **22-165** - RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BID WITHDRAWAL AND AWARD A TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT TO UNITEMP, INC. FOR AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00)

- CA11.** **22-166** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH R3M ENGINEERING, INC. (21-313) TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN THROUGH CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CONCRETE FLOW CHANNELS AT THE HEADWORKS FACILITIES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (+\$19,214.00; Total contract not to exceed \$90,666.50)
- CA12.** **22-167** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY DANIEL LIN FOR THE USE OF SAYEN HOUSE AND GARDENS (\$1,000.00)
- CA13.** **22-168** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY RON GARCIA FOR ANIMAL ADOPTIONS (\$150.00)
- CA14.** **22-169** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENTAL OF THE BROMLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC CENTER PAID BY PATRICIA WALKER (\$100.00)
- CA15.** **22-170** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY DONNA BRANDYS FOR DEPOSIT PAID FOR AZALEAFEST REGISTRATION (\$60.00)
- CA16.** **22-171** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2021-2022 REAL ESTATE TAX AND SEWER TAX OVERPAYMENTS AND REFUNDS (\$2,281.70)
- CA17.** **22-172** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ADJUST TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2021 ON BLOCK 2712, LOT 120 (193 CARLISLE AVENUE) DUE TO INCORRECT ASSESSMENT
- CA18.** **22-173** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF A CERTAIN TAX SALE CERTIFICATE HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-114.2(1)(b) (Block 1504, Lot 33; Basin Road)
- CA19.** **22-174** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF INACTIVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LIQUOR LICENSE 1103-33-037-008 FROM RUBY TUESDAY INC., DEBTOR IN POSSESSION TO RUBY TUESDAY OPERATIONS, LLC.
- CA20.** **22-175** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF 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)
- CA21.** **22-176** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING TO THE NOTTINGHAM AMBULANCE SQUAD, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (Maximum Grant Award: \$80,000.00)
- CA22.** **22-177** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING TO RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF AMERICA, INC. TO PROVIDE COST ASSISTANCE FOR ITS OPEN ACCESS TO RECOVERY SERVICES INITIATIVE PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (Maximum Grant Award: \$35,000.00)
- CA23.** **22-178** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA LOCAL 1040 (LOWER-LEVEL SUPERVISORS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORD1. 22-012 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN NAME OF THAT CERTAIN ROADWAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON WHICH IS PRESENTLY KNOWN AS HORIZON CENTER BOULEVARD WHICH SHALL HEREAFTER BE NAMED AS FIRST RESPONDERS WAY

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 Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero.

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

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORD1. 22-014 - 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 Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction.

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE CY 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

RES1. 22-179 - RESOLUTION OF INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero. Voting Yea: Councilmember Carabelli, Councilmember Tighe, Councilmember Papero, Council President Phillips

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Bonnie Tillery, 389 Sawmill Road expressed her disappointment with the Planning Board. She stated that someone from the Hamilton Partnership said, "there won't be too much more flooding". She then went on to say that with the war in the Ukraine, the people will need food and the Planning Board wants to give away our prime agricultural soil. Ms. Tillery asked what would happen if the Township were to cave to every developer that came into town and that Council should leave the RRC zone alone and not approve and send back to the Planning Board.

Mr. Joseph Leist, 389 Sawmill Road voiced his opinion on the downfall of Hamilton Township if Council were to approve the zoning change.

Ms. Lisa Williams, 130 Briner Avenue spoke about not having Animal Control coverage on Saturday's and Sunday's. She provided some statistical information to substantiate her request that the dog license law be enforced and hire another ACO to help with the enforcement of the laws. She also suggested that someone select a neighborhood and walk a shelter dog wearing an "Adopt Me" vest. She said that this would assist in getting attention to adoption and also to get information as to where dogs are living and if they're licensed. Councilman Tighe asked about on-call coverage? There is less Animal Control coverage than what was three years ago. Add an ACO to the budget. Ms. Monzo said they are good in job filling staffing vacancies and maintain a large census at the Animal Shelter which takes away from "patrolling". There is no requirement to have coverage on weekends, but with budget constraints we have not hired additional personnel.

Councilman Tighe asked if there are there gaps in our coverage 24/7. Ms. Monzo said not 24/7 but we do have after hours coverage.

Ms. Janice Glonek, 432 Trinity Avenue, thanked the Administration and Council for the full explanations. She asked if the town has to pay for the sculptures referred to in CA3. Ms. Monzo advised that this is a loan agreement and sometimes sculptures get swapped out.

Mr. Leroy Ames of Ridge Avenue inquired if there are any updates since the last Council meeting in regards to the issues brought up about Lida and Pitman Avenues and speed bumps. Councilman Papero told him he had spoken to Director Fred Dumont and someone will be getting back to you. Councilman Papero was in agreement that the matter needs to be cleared up and that the good thing is the six neighbors on the street are all in agreement of speed bumps.

Mr. Joseph Leist, 389 Sawmill Road advised that in early March or April a raccoon was in their yard that seemed to be in pretty bad shape. He called Animal Control and a Police Officer came out and the animal was shot and advised that Animal Control would retrieve it.. The Officer was nice and efficient and he did the humane thing. He was later advised by Animal Control that they don't test for rabies unless the animal bites someone.

Mr. Steve Clegg advised that Animal Control is required to pick up the animal and it's to be tested and in no way should the animal been shot and left there.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilman Papero thanks everyone for coming out and all the issues that were brought up. He wishes everyone a great holiday season.

Councilman Carabelli said it's good to be back in Council Chambers. He said that the Hamilton Township Economic Development Commission and Hamilton Partnership did a nice job at the job fair fifty-eight (58) vendors attended and it was very well received. Appreciates the efforts of the Administration and Economic Development Commission.

Councilman Tighe is happy that the budget has a flat tax this year and commended the Administration on the proposed budget. This Saturday there is a community cleanup event sponsored by the Hamilton Township Environmental Advisory Commission on Saturday April 9th from 9AM to 12PM. Volunteers will be going to different areas within the township for a stream cleanup. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Council President Phillips said it's nice to be in Chambers again and thanked the residents for their input on matters. Great day at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Things are coming back with the many things that Spring brings such as the upcoming Azaleafest, opening day of baseball for all the leagues, Memorial Day parade, proms, recitals, etc. She wishes everyone good luck and a great holiday season.

Mr. Leroy Ames added before the adjournment that his daughter Brittany was elected the first African American Head Soccer Coach of her team. Everyone congratulated him.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Eileen Gore, RMC, CMC, MMC
Municipal Clerk

Nancy Phillips
Council President