



**MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 16, 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 President Charles Whalen

ABSENT:

Council Vice President Anthony Carabelli, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Elissa Grodd Schragger, Township Attorney
Alison Sabo, Municipal Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

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

INVOCATION

Councilmember Papero asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Council Vice President Carabelli's mother.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to accept Communications C1-C4.

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

- C1. RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION TO UPDATE MAILING ADDRESS INFORMATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-039-004 - B&R HAMILTON, LLC T/A OLDE NOTTINGHAM TAVERN
- C2. JOINT PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

Councilmember Tighe read the proclamation into the record for the members of the public.

- C3. JOINT COMMENDATION PROCLAIMING JUNE 19, 2023 AS JUNETEENTH "FREEDOM DAY"

Councilmember Phillips read the proclamation into the record for the members of the public.

- C4. JOINT COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING MAY 20, 2023 AS ARMED FORCES AWARENESS DAY

Council President Whalen read the proclamation into the record for the members of the public.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Whalen advised that there are updates to the agenda which are different from what was posted on the Township website Resolution 23-231 was removed and replaced with another Resolution. Also, Ordinance 23-023 was removed from the Agenda. Resolutions 23-051 through 23-253 were added to the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Papero to amend the Agenda. Voting Yea: Councilmember Papero, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Tighe, Council President Whalen

Council President Whalen gave a brief overview of the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Relative to Consent Agenda item CA14.

Councilmember Tighe asked if the logistics have been figured out with that. Ms. Monzo advised it will be very short-term storage because there are a lot of nonprofits that need some of these supplies. In response to Councilmember Tighe's question on Consent Agenda item CA33 (Resolution 23-253), Ms. Monzo stated the Township goes with an outside broker who conducts a reverse auction for the Township for their energy needs and Resolution 23-253 is a result of that. The price which the Township received was the best from all over the country.

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to approve Consent Agenda items CA1-CA33.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Papero Voted No on CA8, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Tighe, Council President Whalen

- CA1.** 23-218 - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF NICOLINA CONTARDO AND WILLIAM WALL TO THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON GREEN INITIATIVES (SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION) FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- CA2.** 23-219 - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF ABBIE WISNIEWSKI AND DAVID EDWARDS TO THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- CA3.** 23-220 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO EXECUTE A FIRST AID SQUAD CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH NOTTINGHAM AMBULANCE SQUAD, INC. FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 (\$40,000.00 MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION)
- CA4.** 23-221 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AWARDED BY THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP HOUSING AUTHORITY THROUGH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 48th PROGRAM YEAR (Arm in Arm of Mercer County, Inc.; \$25,000.00)
- CA5.** 23-222 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MICHELE BADO AS THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT (QPA) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO AWARD CONTRACTS OVER \$17,500.00 AND UNDER THE BID THRESHOLD OF \$44,000.00
- CA6.** 23-223 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPECIAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.3
- CA7.** 23-224 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SPECIAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.3
- CA8.** 23-225 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AETNA-MERITAIN ASO IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ACTIVE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES UNDER AGE 65 FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024 (Expected Liability: \$16,429,631.00 and Maximum Liability: \$19,874,131.00)
- CA9.** 23-226 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS AT VETERANS' PARK ON JUNE 30, 2023 (RAIN DATE: JULY 1, 2023)
- CA10.** 23-227 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS FOR PYROTECHNIC DISPLAYS FOR THE JULY 4TH COMMUNITY EVENT (\$24,500.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA11.** 23-228 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FIVE (5) YEAR CONTRACT WITH INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES OF NEW JERSEY FOR SINGLE STREAM

RECYCLING COLLECTION AT VARIOUS COMPLEX LOCATIONS (\$411,798.00 MAXIMUM)

- CA12.** 23-229 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH INTERSTATE WASTE OF NEW JERSEY, INC. AND MERCER GROUP INTERNATIONAL OF NJ, INC. FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (NOT TO EXCEED \$36,393,180.30)
- CA13.** 23-230 - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION TO SHARED CONTRACT 20-330 FOR CATERING AND CONCESSION SERVICES FOR EVENTS HELD AT THE SAYEN HOUSE AND GARDENS WITH NJ WEDDINGS & EVENTS, LLC AND D&D CATERING SERVICES
- CA14.** 23-231 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ACCEPTANCE AND STORAGE OF PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS AND HOTEL GOODS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (\$0)
- CA15.** 23-232 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT WITH RUSLING PAVING FOR THE 2023 ALLEYWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR ALLEY'S 24, 25 AND 27 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING (\$92,050.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA16.** 23-233 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ROTARY SPO10 LIFT WITH TURF PACKAGE AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING LIFT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH STERIL-KONI USA, INC UTILIZING THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) CO-OP #21/22-17 (\$19,184.10 MAXIMUM)
- CA17.** 23-234 -RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH CW SOLUTIONS, INC.TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE/TITLE SERVICES INVOLVED IN THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT (\$70,400.00 maximum)
- CA18.** 23-235 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-354 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH APRUZZESE, MCDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY, P.C. TO SERVE AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON WITH REGARDS TO PENSIONS MATTERS (EXTEND TERM FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 - NO MONETARY CHANGE)
- CA19.** 23-236 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-355 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LOECKE, CORREIA & BUKOSKY LLC TO SERVE AS SPECIAL PROJECTS ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON WITH REGARDS TO PENSIONS MATTERS (EXTEND TERM FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023 - NO MONETARY CHANGE)
- CA20.** 23-237 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 23-040 WHICH AUTHORIZED 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 (+\$25,000.00, for a new shared maximum of \$75,000.00)
- CA21.** 23-238 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN WEAR, INC. FOR UNIFORM CLEANING AND RENTAL FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (\$70,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA22.** 23-239 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR ON -SITE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS MERLINO PROPERTIES, LLC LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH BROAD STREET AND WEST PARK AVENUE
- CA23.** 23-240 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO DONALD J. O'BRIEN FOR PROPERTY EVIDENCE RECOVERED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF POLICE INVESTIGATION
- CA24.** 23-241 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT TO NANCY JORDAN FOR PROPERTY EVIDENCE RECOVERED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF POLICE INVESTIGATION

- CA25.** 23-242 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEES PAID IN MARCH AND APRIL BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE USE OF THE BROMLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC CENTER (\$200.00 TOTOAL @ \$100.00 EACH)
- CA26.** 23-243 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY VIOLET BUTLER AND RYAN RUSSELL FOR A WEDDING CEREMONY (\$50.00)
- CA27.** 23-244 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSIT FEES PAID FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE USE OF KUSER PARK, VETERANS PARK, COURT GAMES PAVILION (NORTH AND SOUTH LOCATIONS) AND A CANCELLATION OF AN AZALEAFEST VENDOR - \$435.00 TOTAL)
- CA28.** 23-245 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY KEYSTONE NOVELTIES DISTRIBUTERS LLC FOR A TRANSIENT MERCHANT PERMIT (\$550.00)
- CA29.** 23-246 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF INACTIVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-012-006 FROM PALOMBI LIQUORS LIMITED LIABILITY CO. (FORMERLY T/A HAMILTON TAVERN) TO JAYRAM LIQUORS, INC T/A M & M LIQUORS
- CA30.** 23-250 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT WITH JERRELL'S LANDSCAPES & NURSERIES, INC. FOR VAN HORN PARK RESTORATION PROJECT-PHASE II/REPLANTING AND SEEDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (\$44,816.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA31.** 23-251 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A THIRTY-SIX MONTH CONTRACT WITH UGI ENERGY SERVICES, LLC (UGIES) FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GAS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON (\$510,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA32.** 23-252 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SIXTY MONTH CONTRACT WITH SHELL ENERGY SERVICES TO PROVIDE STREET LIGHTING ELECTRCITY TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON (\$582,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA33.** 23-253 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TWENTY-FOUR MONTH CONTRACT WITH MARATHON ENERGY SERVICES TO PROVIDE MAIN LOAD ELECTRICTY TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON (\$0.13000/KwH - \$850,000.00 MAXIMUM)

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

- ORD1.** 23-020 - 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* (*Repealing space established at 136 Emanuel Street by Ordinance No. 06-036*)

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 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 President Whalen

- ORD2.** 23-021 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VINCE PADALINO, HIS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1760 EAST STATE STREET, AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 1637, LOT 10, HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY (Purchase Price: \$75,000.00; Estimated closing costs: \$4,000.00 +/-; Total amount of funding: \$79,000.00)

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.

Councilmember Tighe asked if the Township was going to have any more acquisitions as a result of this and was told by Ms. Schragger that this is one of the last acquisitions. There are two other houses on the end. One is the treehouse which she is in the process of foreclosing on (1764). On the other end, there is one that is up against the hole, and that is under eminent domain proceedings. That will be an acquisition once the commissioners are chosen and there is a trial on the cost.

Council President: So there will be more buildings that will be able to be redeveloped.

Ms. Schragger: There will be four (4) the right of the hole and one (1) to the left of the hole.

Councilmember Tighe commended the administration for keeping up with this.

Ms. Janice Glonek asked the location of this and was told by Council President Whalen that it is on East State Street. Ms. Schragger advised about ten years ago, there was a fire there. Three or four structures have already been knocked down, but there are still a few structures which are standing. There are one or two structures which the Township may take over and redevelop the whole section into something nice.

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 President Whalen

ORD3. 23-022 - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MERCER FOR A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 2163, LOT 5 (REAR LOT LOCATED IN THE ECOLOGICAL FACILITY)

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.

Council President Whalen recognized that Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri was at the Council meeting and asked him if he wished to speak.

Mr. Onofri thanked Mayor Martin, Council, Ms. Schragger, and Ms. Eugene for all of their work on this lease agreement.

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 President Whalen

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORD1. 23-023 – REMOVED

RESOLUTIONS

RES1. 23-247 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO READ THE STATE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION BY TITLE ONLY

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCED BUDGET

Ms. Lisa Williams asked if this was the time to ask if anything had been added to the budget to cover ACOs. Councilmember Tighe stated he had requested to get a headcount for that department. Ms. Monzo advised that she did not know if anything was changed from the introduced budget. The staffing which was originally put in there is still there. Ms. Monzo stated that at the last Council meeting, Ms. Williams raised a lot of questions, and she had answers for her. Ms. Monzo had emailed her just before the Council meeting and also had a copy of the information for Ms. Williams. Ms. Monzo added that what was in the introduced budget and at the budget workshop is the same thing as what is recommended to be adopted. Ms. Williams then asked who is responsible for responding to calls when animal shelter staff do not respond. Councilmember Tighe clarified that off-duty employees are not required to respond to calls. The Administration has reallocated the person-hours among the animal control officers. There is now increased coverage, but not at 100%. When ACOs are not on duty, the calls are responded to by the police. Councilmember Papero stated that one of the fulltime ACO officers is back on duty. He then asked the progress in possibly going into a shared service agreement with the City of Trenton. Ms. Monzo stated they are working on taking care of some of the details. As part of a grant the Township received through the Health Department, a retired ACO will be hired part time to do the follow-up on the animal licenses for animals who were licensed in a previously year and are not currently licensed. That ACO has agreed to be available for calls which come in during after-hours. Ms. Monzo clarified that not all calls which come in require an ACO to respond.

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Phillips to close the public hearing and approve the Resolution.

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

RES2. 23-248 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 CURRENT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The Municipal Clerk reads the budget amendment in full.

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to adopt the Resolution.

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

RES3. 23-249 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 CURRENT MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion made by Councilmember Phillips and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to adopt the budget.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brian Meara expressed his condolences to Council Vice President Carabelli. He was at the meeting as a concerned citizen representing the Traditions at Hamilton Crossing which is an adult community in the Township. There was a statement made that the roads in his community would be turned over to the Township. Relative to this, there had been several meetings between Mr. Meara and Mr. Williams before Kelly Yaede had become Mayor. During the meetings, it was understood that the roads would be dedicated. After Kelly Yaede became Mayor and she had heard about this, she stated that Traditions should not be paid for because the roads at Society Hill were not being paid for which was where she lived. The reason given for the roads not being dedicated was that they did not meet state standards. When the current administration had taken over, Mr. Meara had a meeting with Mr. Dumont, at which time, Mr. Dumont felt there would be no problem. Mr. Meara added that to this date, the Township has not come out with a statement indicating that the roads would not be taken over. Mr. Meara could not understand why the roads in his community did not meet state standards, but the roads at Hamilton Villages did. He had gone out and measured the roads, and Traditions roads were two feet wider than the ones at Hamilton Villages.

In response to Councilmembers Tighe and Papero question, Mr. Meara was requesting that the roads in his community be maintained by the Township. Ms. Schragger stated that she had several meetings with the association's attorney and the Township engineer where everything was explained. She was hopeful that the attorney gave an explanation to the HOA. Mr. Meara felt that his community was being discriminated against because Hamilton Villages and the Woodlands were taken over. Ms. Schragger stated she could only speak to his development and her interpretation of the law. Mr. Meara stated that in 2004, the Township Council and the Planning Board accepted responsibility of maintaining the roads. Councilmember Papero asked if the Planning Board decision was available to Council to view and see for themselves.

Ms. Lisa Williams stated the schedule for animal control coverage does not make any sense. She referred to the annual report from the Health Department where it stated that 47 summonses were issued. She asked how many of them were for unlicensed or unleashed dogs, and asked if the Health Officer ever provided Council with the breakdown. Ms. Monzo stated she did not recall seeing the request. Ms. Williams could not understand why the animals she had reported eight months ago for not having a license are still not licensed. Ms. Monzo stated that this will be one of the roles of the new hire at the shelter. Council President Whalen stated they would like to find out why it's been eight months and the matter with the unlicensed dog has not been taken care of.

Councilmember Phillips asked if it was also going to be implemented that if a dog is found, that it must be licensed before it is returned to its owner. Ms. Monzo stated she would get the information and report back to Council.

Ms. Janice Glonek asked why the fireworks are so many days ahead of the 4th of July. Council President Whalen felt it was a timing issue. Councilmember Phillips added the companies are in such high demand. Ms. Glonek then stated she had heard a rumor that the shopping center where the new municipal complex is going will be knocked down the first week of June, and asked if the plans of the design of the building had been shown. Council President Whalen stated it is still under design, but they are pretty far along. Ms. Monzo stated the concept was in the works. She added there are plans to also get public input at a meeting sometime in June.

Mr. Terry spoke of the donation of trees throughout the country. Last year, he had met with someone

regarding the donation of trees to be planted outside of his development. The ash trees throughout the country are dying, and many in his development have been taken down. Since trees have been removed, there is now more room for trees to be planted. He asked if requests for trees to be planted is still going on. Ms. Monzo stated she would look into it and let him know. Councilmember Tighe asked that Mr. Terry give Alison, the Municipal Clerk his contact information.

Mr. Brian Meara followed up with the street lighting which the Township does not pay for. There is 1.1 miles of roadway on their main roads. There is area lighting around the lake and parking lot which they do not expect the township to pay for. There are three lights on Estates Boulevard that do not belong to the Association, they are the Township's, but the Association has been paying for them because of the meter setup. The reason the Township gave for not paying for the street lights is because they are too close together, at three hundred feet apart. In meeting with the Township. they were told that they would only pay for 20 lights. Mr. Meara could not understand why in other developments, the Township is paying for more than 20 lights and are restricting the amount they are paying for in his development. Ms. Monzo stated that the Township has a professional services agreement with the Traditions Association which specifies what the Township pays for under the Condo Act. The Township pays for snow and leaf removal and for lighting. In 2019, the Township took over some of the lighting bills. In the agreement which has been in place for many years, but has been updated the Township took over all of Traditions lighting. They are not required to pay for all of the lighting. They are only required to pay for a certain number of street lights. So the Township pays for all of the lighting, but sends the association a bill for the lights which they are not required to pay for. There are similar agreements according to law with all of the other associations. Councilmember Papero stated he would like to see what is in writing regarding this. Mr. Meara requested that they get something in writing stating the Township will not accept their roads. Councilmember Papero stated that they would like to see everything in writing before coming up with a decision. Councilmember Tighe stated he would also like to see the 2004 Ordinance pertaining to this matter.

Mr. Steve Clegg spoke about coverage at the Animal Shelter. He stated that a few days prior to the meeting, he had received a response to an OPRA request for the ACO schedule. He stated that it had not changed. He wanted to confirm that there is no coverage on Sundays. Mr. Clegg stated at the budget hearing, the Health Officer was asked if more help was needed, and he stated that there were enough people working at the shelter. Mr. Clegg stated that there are four ACOs on the schedule, but only three go out on calls. Mr. Clegg asked the difference between having an ACO work on a Monday and working on a Sunday. Councilmember Papero stated he is still waiting for the agreement with Trenton providing mutual aid. If we can provide mutual aid to someone else, we can also be provided with mutual aid. He added that Council cannot dictate that someone works on a Sunday because of accountability, and employees have rights. Councilmember Tighe stated that relative to coverage at the shelter the hours and shifts are being reallocated. Ms. Monzo stated that it had been talked about, but she was not sure if anything had been put into action. It had also been talked about to extend hours to 10pm, but they wanted to do research to see how many calls actually come in between 8:00pm and 10:00pm. Councilmember Papero raised concern again with having three year dog licenses instead of one year. Ms. Monzo stated that it's something worthwhile to look into for a three year license, and want to get them on board with that, I'm not going to take any excuse for that. Councilmember Tighe stated that if the shelter is not expanding their hours, he would like to know the reason for that. Councilmember Papero clarified that statutorily, they are not mandated to provide 24-hour coverage at the shelter. Mr. Clegg confirmed that the next Board of Health meeting was on June 20, 2023. He asked if they could be provided with the number of calls which come in. Ms. Monzo stated that at the last meeting, stats were provided as well. Councilmember Papero suggested that the stats be put on the Township website instead of people having to submit OPRA requests to get the information. Councilmember Tighe stated if we can have garbage collection on Sundays why can't we have ACO's scheduled on Sundays?

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

All members of Council spoke of the Carabelli Family for the loss of their mother.

Councilmember Papero was praying for Council Vice President Carabelli and his family and was hopeful they would find peace in this difficult time.

Councilmember Tighe stated the Animal Shelter is a work in progress. Council appreciates the accountability that citizens bring to the Council's attention. He also thanked the residents from Traditions for attending the meeting. Councilmember Tighe thanked the CFO, Administration, and all who work in the Finance Department for all of the hard work they did with the budget. He felt this was the smoothest budget process.

Council President Whalen was appreciative to all members of the public who came out to the meeting. He was hopeful that information could be brought back for how the shelter is operating. Council President Whalen was also appreciative to the residents from Traditions for also attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**Alison J. Sabo, RMC
Municipal Clerk**

**Charles F. Whalen
Council President**