



**MINUTES**  
**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 16, 2022 AT 6:30 PM**

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**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 Vice President Charles Whalen

**ABSENT:**

Council President Nancy Phillips

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

The Flag Salute was led by Council Vice President Whalen.

**INVOCATION**

The Invocation was given by Councilman Carabelli.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve the following minutes:

- M1. May 3, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- M2. May 17, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- M3. May 31, 2022 - Special Meeting
- M4. June 21, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- M5. July 19, 2022 - Regular Meeting

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Vice President Whalen gave a brief overview of the items listed on the Consent Agenda for the members of the audience. Relative to CA27, Ms. Gore stated the amount of the original resolution dollar amount was incorrect, and this provides for the necessary correction to same. Item CA24 allows for additional needed work to complete the project of the 2021 bank reconciliations for approximately another eighty hours of needed work. Item CA6 indicated that the dollar amount of the grant is somewhat higher than what has been received in the past. When asked for any public comments, Ms. Bonnie Tillery of Sawmill Road questioned (CA8) money being paid to Project Freedom. Councilman Tighe stated it is an annual contribution which the Township makes in order to assist with disabled individuals. There were no further comments from the public.

A motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to approve Consent Agenda Items CA1-CA29.

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

Abstention: Councilman Carabelli (Item CA14)

- CA1.** **22-338** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER J. TOZZI TO THE POSITION OF OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
- CA2.** **22-339** - 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, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 (\$40,000.00 MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION)
- CA3.** **22-340** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FOR A 2022 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN GRANT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY, FOR THE TERM AUGUST 19, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2022 (\$8,750.00)
- CA4.** **22-341** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2022 (Grant Amount: Up to \$75,000.00)
- CA5.** **22-342** - RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NJ DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES
- CA6.** **22-343** - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CY2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND - \$623,290.00)
- CA7.** **22-344** - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE CY2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET FROM DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER STATEWIDE LABOR DAY CRACKDOWN GRANT FUND; (\$8,750.00)
- CA8.** **22-345** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE ITEM PAYMENT TO THE PROJECT FREEDOM, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,396.00
- CA9.** **22-346** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE McDONALD'S CORPORATION LOCATED AT 2603 S. BROAD STREET (BLOCK 2414, LOT 5; \$178,994.20; \$20,000)
- CA10.** **22-347** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE LYNWOOD COMMUNITY LOCATED ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND LYNWOOD AVENUE (HOMES BY TLC, INC.; \$109,000.00)
- CA11.** **22-348** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS HAMILTON MARKETPLACE LOCATED AT 550 MARKETPLACE BOULEVARD (JDN REAL ESTATE HAMILTON LP; \$5,400)
- CA12.** **22-349** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF INACTIVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-053-009 FROM M-V-GRAZIANO LLC. (FORMERLY PALERMO'S) TO LACASONA BAR, LLC T/A LACASONA RESTAURANT
- CA13.** **22-350** - RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023
- CA14.** **22-351**- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT TOWING LICENSE AND ROTATION LIST FROM AUGUST 31, 2022 PURSUANT TO §468-11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

- CA15.** **22-352** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO ENTER INTO THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM WITH OMNIA PARTNER, PUBLIC SECTORS, NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NCPA)
- CA16.** **22-353** - RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-032 AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA17.** **22-354** - 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) 9 (RICH'S TREE SERVICE; +\$100,000)
- CA18.** **22-355** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 FOR LANDSCAPE CHEMICAL APPLICATION AND FERTILIZATION TRUGREEN ACTION PEST CONTROL (TRUGREEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP) UTILIZING THE SOMERSET COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #CC-0110-20 (NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00)
- CA19.** **22-356** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR HAULING OF SLUDGE, GRIT & SCREENINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL WITH CHAMPION DISPOSAL SERVICES, LLC. (\$300,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA20.** **22-357** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH WSG & SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPRIETARY PARTS FOR THE LINK-BELT GRIT COLLECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (\$65,000.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA21.** **22-358** - RESOLUTION OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE
- CA22.** **22-359** - RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER (PROJECT CLOSEOUT) TO CONTRACT 21-365 AWARDED TO RUSLING PAVING AND CONCRETE, LLC FOR THE 2020 PHASE I MISCELLANEOUS CURB, SIDEWALK, DRIVEWAY APRONS AND ACCESSIBLE RAMP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT (-\$15,173.00 DECREASE)
- CA23.** **22-360** - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST CHANGE ORDER TO CONTRACT 21-429 WITH NORTHEAST ROOF MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS LOCATED AT 13 RENNIE STREET VIA MERCER COOPERATIVE CONTRACT PURCHASING SYSTEM (\$5,722.00 INCREASE)
- CA24.** **22-361** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY (RES. NO. 22-285) FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND AUDIT SERVICES WITH REGARDS TO BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2022 IN PREPARATION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL AUDIT (+\$12,000.00)
- CA25.** **22-362** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC SALE OF A CERTAIN TAX SALE CERTIFICATES AS HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-112 AND/OR N.J.S.A. 54:5-114.2(1)(b)
- CA26.** **22-363** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2020-2022 REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS (\$122,545.10)
- CA27.** **22-364** - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-333 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2021-2022 REAL ESTATE TAX AND SEWER TAX OVERPAYMENTS (\$132,193.91) AND CORRECTING THE TOTAL TO REFLECT (\$81,188.33)
- CA28.** **22-365** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2739, LOT 91 QFARM (SAWMILL ROAD)
- CA29.** **22-366** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO ADJUST TAXES ON BLOCK 1564, LOT 13 (614 PAXSON AVENUE) DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE

**ORDINANCES**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORD1. 22-030** - ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A GRANT OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION EASEMENT (2780 Kuser LLC – Old: Block 2596, Lots 5 and 6; New: Block 2596, Lot 5.01)

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 from the public, a motion made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to close the public hearing and adopt on second reading.

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

**ORD2. 22-031** - ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR ROAD WIDENING PURPOSES (2780 Kuser LLC – Old: Block 2596, p/o Lots 5 and 6; New: Block 2596, p/o Lot 5.01)

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 from the public, a motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

**ORD3. 22-033** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 270, HUNTING AND FIREARMS

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. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue asked for an explanation of the ordinance and it was stated by Councilman Papero that this will determine where firearms will be prohibited in the Township. This is due to a recent Supreme Court decision.

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

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

**ORD4. 22-034** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$16,860,900 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,199,836 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME

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 from the public, a motion was made by Councilmember Papero and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

**ORD5. 22-035** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWNSHIP'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$10,522,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,522,000 IN SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME.

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 from the public, a motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

**ORD6. 22-036** - BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR DEMOLITION AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1750 WHITEHORSE-MERCERVILLE ROAD IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,800,000 IN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME

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 from the audience, a motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Papero to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

**ORD7. 22-037** - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EAST STATE REALTY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1762 EAST STATE STREET, AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 1637, LOT 9, HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY (Purchase Price: \$55,000.00)

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. There being no response from the public, a motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Papero to close the public hearing and adopt the Ordinance on second reading.

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

### **FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

**ORD1. 22-038** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY*, CHAPTER 311, *NOISE*, § 311-2, *DEFINITIONS*

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

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

**ORD2. 22-039** - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MANDATORY DIRECT DEPOSIT OF NET PAY FOR TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON EMPLOYEES IN SPECIFIC BANKING INSTITUTIONS BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SUCH EMPLOYEES

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

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

**ORD3. 22-040** - 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 23 Lillian Avenue by Ordinance No. 18-016)*

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

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

**ORD4. 22-041** - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE *CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY*, CHAPTER 485, *VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*, ARTICLE II, *PARKING*, § 485-17, *RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING*

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

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

**ORD5. 22-042** -AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, *NEW JERSEY*, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWNSHIP'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING \$6,750,000 THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,750,000 IN SEWER UTILITY BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE SAME

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

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RES1. 22-337** - RESOLUTION OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING VIOLET GENETICS APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR AND/OR CLASS 2 CANNABIS MANUFACTURING LICENSE

Appearing before Council were the owners of Violet Genetics, Christian and Emily Chavez. The company is composed of eleven professionals, many of which are Cannabis experts from the New Jersey medicinal side or out of state. The company was awarded a conditional license by NJ CRC and have since submitted their business plan to the Township. It was anticipated that they would be appearing before the Cannabis Regulatory Commission within the next thirty days to request the conditional license be converted to an annual license with a secured location in Hamilton Township. While their original planned business address was slated to be 1000 Nottingham Way, they have determined to relocate the business to 3638 Thomas J. Rhodes Industrial Drive. The parcel does not currently have an existing building, so the facility would be constructed. The company will employ approximately seventy individuals with thirty-five working at each of the two shifts planned. After confirming the revised address, a motion was made by Councilman Papero and seconded by Councilman Carabelli to amend the business address and approve the resolution.

Ms. Bonnie Tillery asked as to the proposed location. Ms. Schragger advised that it was closer to the Hamilton/Lawrence border. There being no further public comment, a motion was made by Councilman Papero and seconded by Councilman Carabelli to amend the resolution to reflect the new address of 3638 Thomas J. Rhodes Industrial Drive, Block 1519; Lots 20 and 21, closed the public hearing and take formal action to approve.

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

Abstention: Councilmember Tighe.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Prior to public comments being received, Council President asked the new owners of Lacasona Restaurant if they wished to speak relative to CA12. Mr. Mark Shane of Shane & White Law Firm who represented the owners thanked Council for their action on the resolution. Ms. Marjorie Rodriguez also spoke of their wish to bring Spanish cuisine to the community. They plan on opening sometime in November.

Ms. Tammy Duffy of 109 Sweetbriar Avenue voiced frustration at not receiving a response to emails sent to the members of Council. The first email was with regard to an injury that had taken place at a playground in Cornell Heights where the equipment had not been inspected for two years. It was indicated that the equipment had been removed from the playground. She did indicate that Councilman Carabelli did reach out to her, but they never connected to the end. Councilman Carabelli indicated he would speak with her after the meeting. The second issue dealt with an ordinance adopted renaming a particular street, but she did not elaborate on the subject. The last item dealt with a skunk that was found to be suffering on a sidewalk. When she called the Animal Shelter, she was told to call the Police Department who advised her that they could not come out for that type of animal. She also reached out to Trenton Animal Control as she is a volunteer there for assistance. Knowing that they could not cross town borderlines, she took it upon herself to take the animal in her personal vehicle to wildlife. She felt that state law was not being followed relative to suffering animals. Ms. Schragger advised that she would review the law on the matter. Ms. Monzo indicated that there is a policy in place to be followed and felt that the involved parties were following that policy as required. She asked that in the future, if Ms. Duffy had a question or issue, to please include her in the email so she can follow up with Council.

Mr. Leroy Ames of Ridge Avenue thanked the Council for Club 10 being torn down, and asked what were the future plans for the vacant property. Ms. Schragger stated that now that the property was torn down, she contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office who had placed a lien against the property because of a federal criminal case which they were found guilty. She believes they would like to turn it into a park. Mr. Ames requested that it not become a parking area. Ms. Schragger stated that it could be a possibility, but the idea was to make it a more natural space because of the amount of ground coverage. Councilman Tighe asked if there was a parking issue in the neighborhood, and was told by Mr. Ames that Friday and Saturday nights were an issue. Mr. Ames thanked the Council and Councilman Papero for getting speed bumps on his street. He added that on the corner of Pitman Avenue and Lida street the trees were cut down as far as they could without going onto people's properties. Ms. Ames stated that his son was trying to purchase property located at 22 Borden Avenue which was zoned incorrectly. Paperwork was turned into the zoning office for the property to be rezoned and asked how long the process would take to make the correction. Councilman Papero stated they would find out and get back to him.

Ms. Bonnie Tillery of Sawmill Road felt that Justice samuel A. Alito, Jr. Way should be renamed because of Justice Alito's position on certain issues in our country. She suggested that it be renamed as Harriet Tubman Way after someone who stood up for the rights of human beings.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue spoke about the rumored three warehouses that were slated for the American Cyanamid site located on Route 1 at the end of Quakerbridge Road. She questioned whether the trucks will be going down Route 1 or Quakerbridge Road. She also heard that a warehouse is going to be built on East State Street to allow 147 trailers to park there and asked for any information known about either. Relative to the West Windsor development, Councilman Carabelli stated they still have to go through a review process by the Mercer County Planning Board which involves the analysis of storm drains and county roads which would be impacted. There are concerns about this development throughout the county. Councilman Carabelli added that there was a legal decision rendered by West Windsor indicating that property was a compliant use for warehouse and distribution which would make it more difficult to fight. He stated he would keep everybody posted on the matter, and added it was scheduled to go before the Planning Board during the month of September.

Mr. Steve Klegg of 96 Wolfpack Road stated the matter which Ms. Duffy spoke about had been brought up for four years, so he did not understand why she was told that the law had to be reviewed. He also indicated that there still is no coverage at the shelter overnight, weekends, or holidays. He suggested that people should be scheduled to work at the shelter on Sundays as part of their five-day work week. Relative to Ms. Duffy placing a call to the police department, he stated that he reviewed the police call log and there was no records of Ms. Duffy's call. He noted that the health officer had stated that 90% of the calls to the shelter are responded to, but could not understand how that was known since not all calls are also not logged at the shelter. Councilman Papero stated that during the budget hearing, he asked if there were enough animal control officers was advised there were sufficient personnel. Ms. Monzo noted there is no requirement to have an ACO on duty 24/7. The process which was put in place is that if there is a call during after hours, the police are called, who then will reach out to the health officer for determination and then if necessary, go down a list of ACO's to respond to the matter. A part time attendant was also hired to work at the shelter. This individual also has his ACO license and could be called after hours. She added that sometimes it happens that calls are not handled according to that protocol and they do their best to follow up on making sure the calls are handled. Councilman Tighe asked Mr. Klegg if there were any municipalities in New Jersey who have people working at the shelter

24/7. Mr. Klegg stated that he knew of Bordentown, Trenton, and Bloomfield. He added they have been pushing for it in Hamilton as well and for two years, they were assured it would be rectified, but nothing has yet to be done. Councilman Papero inquired if the Township could ask for mutual aid from a neighboring town when we do not have coverage. Councilman Tighe stated the Township had been making an effort to address the matter. They had hired a contractor which did not work out, and are always looking at options. If there is a budgeting issue, Councilman Tighe stated it is something he is opened to looking at during budget time. The goal is to provide as much as possible with as little tax money as possible. Councilman Papero stated that not all calls to dispatch get logged in and gave examples of such occurrences, in order for the public to understand the differences and reasoning behind it, so to simply say that something wasn't logged in is inaccurate.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL**

All members of Council thanked everyone for attending and their comments. Councilman Tighe mentioned that Assemblyman Benson was at the recent groundbreaking for the portal bridge which is going to have a positive impact for Hamilton commuters. He added that Assemblyman Benson is on the Transportation Committee and is working to improve transportation infrastructure throughout the state. He also added that the Watershed Institute will be having an Assunpink Roundtable to discuss the flooding along the Assunpink Creek.

Councilman Carabeli noted the Hamilton Township Economic Development Advisory Commission Awards Dinner is scheduled for October 27 and provided the list of awardees being honored. He also gave an update on the local sports teams and their recent accomplishments in the world of baseball. Many teams were participating in tournaments and were very successful. The Council will be recognizing the local teams once the season ends.

Councilman Papero welcomed all the new businesses in the area, and wished them good luck with their ventures.

Council Vice President Whalen referred to Councilman Tighe's comments about the watershed. He was hopeful something positive would come out of the roundtable. The dredging of the creek had been talked about for years and he was hopeful that would be discussed at the meeting and that the Army Corps of Engineers would be there as well. He offered his best wishes to the new businesses coming into town.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

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**Charles Whalen**  
**Council Vice President**