



MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 AT 6:30 PM

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilman Anthony Carabelli
Councilman Richard Tighe
Council President Nancy Phillips

ABSENT:

Councilman Pasquale Papero
Council Vice President Charles Whalen

ALSO PRESENT:

Kathryn Monzo, Business Administrator
Elissa Grodd-Schragger, Township Attorney
Eileen Gore, Municipal Clerk
Alison Sabo, Deputy Municipal Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

The Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Nancy Phillips.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Councilman Anthony Carabelli.

MINUTES

M1. AUGUST 16, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

C1. COMMENDATION OBSERVING GOLD STAR FAMILIES DAY 2022 IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Councilman Tighe read the Proclamation for the members of the audience.

C2. PROCLAMATION OBSERVING SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

Councilman Carabelli read the Proclamation for the members of the audience.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

RES1. 22-367 - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL J. GATTI TO THE POSITION OF TAX ASSESSOR

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

RES2. 22-368 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF PREQUALIFICATION REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 FOR CONTRACTORS TO APPLY TO THE ANTICIPATED BID FOR THE ROOF, CHIMNEY AND STRUCTURAL STABILIZATION AT THE HISTORIC ISAAC PEARSON HOUSE LOCATED ON HOBSON AVENUE

PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Phillips advised that the resolution is relative to the preservation of the Isaac Pearson House which is part of the Hamilton Township Historical Society and also is recognized by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. She also noted that the Township will be paying a percentage of the cost while the remaining funds will be paid utilizing a grant.

Councilman Carabelli noted that this project has been an ongoing project for several years and that the building was getting closer to becoming functional so that additional events and programs can be held at the Isaac Pearson House.

Ms. Monzo indicated that the Isaac Pearson House is listed on both the National and State Historical Registers, and a specific process must be followed in order for it to remain so. Therefore the approval process is done in stages which accounts for the project's long timeline.

Council President Phillips opened the public hearing and asked if anyone from the audience wished to speak on the matter. There being no response, a motion was made by Councilman Carabelli to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Tighe.

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

RES3. 22-369 - RESOLUTION APPROVING A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN PREPARED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON IN RESPONSE TO THE JULY 7, 2022 STATE COMPTROLLER REPORT ENTITLED "A REVIEW OF SICK AND VACATION LEAVE POLICIES IN NEW JERSEY MUNICIPALITIES"

Ms. Monzo advised the Township was required to provide a corrective action plan in order to rectify the few violations noted by the NJ State Comptroller. She indicated that necessary steps have already been taken, but additional action is still needed which will be detailed in the plan and submitted to the state by the required deadline of September 30.

Mr. James Walters inquired as to whether the corrective action plan was being offered to each municipality or are there steps relative to the tiers for individuals participating legally or illegally. Ms. Monzo advised that by way of the resolution, it provides the action being taken by the Township to comply with state law. Other municipalities within Mercer County had similar findings. While the Township is for the most part, compliant with the 2007 and 2010 laws, there were some areas that needed to be corrected. She anticipated that the Township would be fully compliant by early 2023.

Mr. Steve Clegg of Wolfpack Road stated that the laws of 2007 and 2010 affected sick time payouts and comp time. He noted that while comp time was not part of the study, he asked if it could be reviewed to ensure compliance by the Township. Ms. Monzo stated the Township has been compliant with regard to state and federal regulations, and that Hamilton is always reviewing with the comp time in regard to the new state laws and added there are also some comp time regulations at the federal level. She voiced the Township is always reviewing the regulations to make sure they are in compliance.

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to approve.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Phillips gave a brief overview of the items listed on the Consent Agenda for the audience members. It was noted there was a typographical error on Item CA4 that needed to be corrected. Information to Item CA16 which authorized the creation of a master plan for the Water Pollution Control Facility which will help develop a twenty year plan for necessary capital improvements. Council inquired as to whether the liquor license surrendered would then allow the Township to sell the

license. It was advised that the license is a club license and it could not be sold as a retail consumption would. Councilman Tighe indicated that he would be abstaining on the vote for Item CA3. It was suggested that the item be tabled to a future meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to table Consent Agenda Item 3A until the October 18, 2022 meeting.

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

Ms. Gore requested that Item CA33 also be tabled to the October 18, 2022 meeting because the transfer would be contingent upon a future action which cannot be granted by law.

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to table Consent Agenda item CA33 until the October 18, 2022 council meeting.

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

When asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on any item on the Consent Agenda, no comments were received.

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items CA3 and CA33.

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

- CA1. 22-370** - RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF LISA KONOPKA AS THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS
- CA2. 22-371** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MERCER TO ENABLE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT FUNDS AWARDED BY A FY23 DIVISION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES ("DMHAS") YOUTH LEADERSHIP GRANT AND TO DEPOSIT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,597.00 INTO THE PROPER ACCOUNTS TO ASSIST THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2023
- CA3. 22-372** - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-483 OF HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING TRENTON EQUITY HOLDINGS LLC'S APPLICATION TO THE CANNABIS REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATOR AND/OR A CLASS 2 MANUFACTURER LICENSE
- CA4. 22-373** - RESOLUTION ENABLING THE ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS AWARDED THROUGH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000.00 TO BE USED FOR PAST OPEN SPACE PURCHASES
- CA5. 22-374** - RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 22-032 AUTHORIZING ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- CA6. 22-375** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN UPDATED PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH AETNA HEALTH, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF VACCINE BILLING AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DIVISION OF HEALTH (\$0)
- CA7. 22-376** - 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) (MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, \$50,000.00)
- CA8. 22-377** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CALENDAR YEAR 2022 CONTRACT WITH GABRIELLI TRUCK SALES FOR PARTS & REPAIRS, HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES UTILIZING THE SOMERSET COUNTY CO-OP CONTRACT #CC-0129-21 (CY 2022 NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00)
- CA9. 22-378** - RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-111 AUTHORIZING AN ALTERNATE AWARD/FULL DISCLOSURE CONTRACT WITH GT MID ATLANTIC FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TINK CLAW AND COUPLERS WITH HARDWARE FOR FRONT-END LOADERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (+\$3,600.00 INCREASE)

- CA10.** **22-379** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH BIOSAFE SYSTEMS, LLC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ODOR CONTROL OXIDIZER (POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE AND ALTERNATIVES) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL (\$27,900.00)
- CA11.** **22-380** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH INLINER SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR TO AN UNDERGROUND CONCRETE STORM WATER PIPE LOCATED AT VALLEY VIEW ROAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF ENGINEERING (\$36,910.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA12.** **22-381** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT WITH D.P. BROWN FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) DODGE WALKER DRIVE UNITS FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL'S ROTATING BIOLOGICAL CONTACTORS (RBC) (\$42,800.00 MAXIMUM)
- CA13.** **22-382** - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 TORO INFIELD PRO 3040 SANDPRO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF PARKS WITH TURF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY VIA THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NJ (ESCNJ) CO-OP #65MCESCCPS (\$24,232.12 MAXIMUM)
- CA14.** **22-383** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERTS ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE SURVEY/MARK-OUT SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER UTILITY SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAINS FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 (\$123,275.00 maximum)
- CA15.** **22-384** - RESOLUTION APPROVING FIRST AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER (PROJECT CLOSEOUT) TO CONTRACT 22-108 AWARDED TO A. TAKTON CONCRETE CORPORATION FOR THE 2020 PHASE 2 MISCELLANEOUS CURB, SIDEWALK, DRIVEWAY APRONS AND ACCESSIBLE RAMP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS (-\$12,630.45 DECREASE)
- CA16.** **22-385** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KLEINFELDER, INC. TO PREPARE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMP STATIONS (\$481,520.00 maximum)
- CA17.** **22-386** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A THREE (3) YEAR AGREEMENT WITH LEXISNEXIS COPLOGIC SOLUTIONS INC. (LEXISNEXIS CLAIMS SOLUTION, INC.) FOR THE PROVISION OF ONLINE SERVICES FOR ELECTRONIC CRASH (ECRASH) REPORTING AND ECOMMERCE SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DIVISION
- CA18.** **22-387** - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF TWO (2) TAX SALE CERTIFICATES HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 54:5-112 ET SEQ. TO CARE HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC
- CA19.** **22-388** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 1841, LOT 25 (129 MIRY BROOK ROAD)
- CA20.** **22-389** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2027, LOT 19 (2144 LIBERTY STREET)
- CA21.** **22-390** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2027 LOT 18 (2146 LIBERTY ST)
- CA22.** **22-391** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2531, LOT 4 (341 WHITE HORSE AVE)
- CA23.** **22-392** - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2538, LOT 3 (751 WHITEHORSE-MERCERVILLE ROAD)

- CA24.** 22-393 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL ERRONEOUS TAXES ON BLOCK 2020, LOT 9 (19 CHARLOTTE AVE)
- CA25.** 22-394 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEES PAID DUE TO CANCELLATIONS, RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS AND SUMMER CAMP PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022 BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE USE OF KUSER PARK AND VETERANS PARK COURT GAMES PAVILION (NORTH AND SOUTH LOCATIONS) - \$3,455.00 TOTAL)
- CA26.** 22-395 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEES PAID DUE TO LESSON CANCELLATIONS AND THE RETURN OF SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022 BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR THE USE OF KUSER PARK AND VETERANS PARK COURT GAMES PAVILION (NORTH AND SOUTH LOCATIONS) - \$1,445.00 TOTAL)
- CA27.** 22-396 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY ELIZABETH FAUNTLEYROY-HUGHLEY FOR THE CANCELLATION OF A WEDDING CEREMONY (\$50.00)
- CA28.** 22-397 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF FEE PAID BY AMERICAN RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, LLC T/A A.J. PERRI PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING FOR A CONSTRUCTION PERMITS (\$82.00)
- CA29.** 22-398 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF 2022 REAL ESTATE TAX OVERPAYMENTS AND REFUNDS (\$203,058.72)
- CA30.** 22-399 - 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; \$1,000,000.00)
- CA31.** 22-400 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE PSE&G TRENTON SWITCHING STATION LOCATED AT 1325 KLOCKNER ROAD (\$135,000.00)
- CA32.** 22-401 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF INACTIVE/POCKET ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-33-010-013 FROM SM & D, INC. (FORMERLY SAVOY'S) TO HAMILIQUOR, LLC.
- CA33.** 22-402 - REMOVED
- CA34.** 22-403 RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE SURRENDER OF INACTIVE/POCKET ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSE 1103-31-067-002, ITALIAN-AMERICAN SPORTMENS CLUB, INC.
- CA35.** 22-404 - RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS RECEIVED TO ESTABLISH A CONTRACT FOR THE VAN HORN BALLFIELD PARK RESTORATION PROJECT

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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

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 inquired if this had to do with the current Hamilton Township Noise Ordinance. President Phillips stated the Township is just updating the definition of noise.

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli, and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to close the public hearing and adopt the above Ordinance on second reading.

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

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

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 made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to close the public hearing and adopt on second reading.

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

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)

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 made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to close the public hearing and adopt the on second reading.

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

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

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 made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to close the public hearing and adopt on second reading.

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

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

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 made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to continue the public hearing until the October 18th Council meeting.

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

FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

ORD1. 22-043 - 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 1312 William Street by Ordinance No. 16-019)

Motion made by Councilmember Tighe and seconded by Councilmember Carabelli to approve the ordinance on first reading and introduction.

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

ORD2. 22-044 - ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 485, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, PARKING; § 485-19, HANDICAPPED PARKING (Establishing Space for 9 Mervine Place)

Motion made by Councilmember Carabelli and seconded by Councilmember Tighe to approve on first reading and introduction.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Bill Daily of Fort Lee, NJ stated that in 2003, he had a hemorrhagic stroke which he was able to pull through quite well. After recovering, he volunteered at the Atlantic Health Institute where he had rehabilitated. While volunteering, he realized that not many people were educated on strokes, so he began reaching out to senior groups around the state. Even though COVID was still somewhat active last year, he reached out to Ms. Fitzgerald to possibly make a presentation at Hamilton's Senior Center, but had not heard back from her. He requested assistance in being able to contact Ms. Fitzgerald to explain his program. Ms. Monzo stated she would speak to Ms. Fitzgerald about the matter.

Mr. James Walters is a former police officer with over thirty years in law enforcement. He cited numerous police case files relative to his time as an officer of the HTPD. He relayed an incident that dealt with an officer placing his knee on a woman's throat which cut off her oxygen and blood supply. He indicated that he gave several orders for the officer to stop, but the orders were not obeyed. The incident resulted in disciplinary action being taken against him. He alleged that false accusations were placed in his file which have prevented him from ever working in law enforcement again and has put his current occupation in jeopardy. He felt that his internal affairs file is one hundred percent false and has for the past eight years, tried to clear his name in the matter. While he has nothing but gratitude to the individuals who gave him opportunities along with respect and admiration for all the officers who provide protection to our citizens. It was his hope that the information he provided Council would help to have the matter corrected.

Ms. Janice Glonek of 432 Trinity Avenue spoke about someone in her neighborhood who was making excessive noise after 10:00 pm which prevents her neighbor who is ill from sleeping. The individual is hesitant to call the police and have them intervene. Ms. Schragger advised that the proper ordinance to make reference to when contacting the Police Division would be the nuisance ordinance. She went on to give a brief overview between the noise and nuisance ordinances for the audience members. Ms. Glonek also indicated that there is high grass between Bucknell and Carlisle Avenues between the curb and sidewalk. Council President Phillips advised that the matter would be addressed by the proper department. When asked if plans to build a WaWa at the corner of Sloan Avenue and Quakerbridge Road were still in the works, Councilmember Tighe indicated that originally, the plan was denied because the lot would contain a liquor store and Wawa. The liquor store relocated across the street and therefore the Wawa would be the sole business. Councilmember Carabelli stated that the original plan was reduced as it presented with entrance and exit issues. The plan was revised and ultimately approved.

Ms. Barbara Tkaczuk of 1780 Klockner Road asked if anything can be done with the current cable company. Ms. Schragger stated that Altice is still being investigated by the BPU and that Hamilton keeps in contact with the BPU regarding the status. Ms. Schragger advised there are negotiations with Verizon who placed wires through fire walls and that is very close to being complete. Once that is complete it will allow Verizon to come back into Hamilton. She asked that she contact her office and the contact information and document number will be provided. Ms. Tkaczuk knew that years ago, there was rent control, but no longer. She recently received a notice that her rent would increase \$80.00 per month and felt that was too much and asked if anything could be done. Councilmember Carabelli stated this would be taken under advisement and felt that a solution needs to be found.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Carabelli noted that September is Recovery Month and that the City of Angels Organization will be honoring individuals in October. He thanked such organizations who help individuals with recovery. He gave thanks to all for attending. He noted that there were certain items on the agenda that were removed this evening and inquired whether a meeting would be scheduled to act on those matters. Ms. Monzo advised that there would be a possibility of an October 3rd meeting.

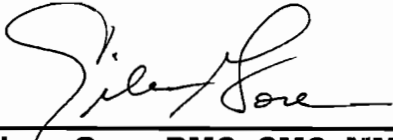
Councilmember Tighe stated there are several organizations in the Township who work with individuals with substance abuse issues that also work with Hamilton's Police Department. He noted that organizations such as City of Angels not only works with the individuals, but their families as well. He offered his congratulations to the Hamilton Police for their reaccreditation from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police and added that only twelve percent of police department achieve this distinction. He also noted that the upcoming weekend is a free shredding event and that further details are on Hamilton's website.

Council President Phillips noted that Councilman Carabelli spoke about suicide prevention. Many people find it difficult to find help. The Hamilton Health Division will be working to invest in education and prevention. She also mentioned that the Hamilton Animal Shelter was empty during COVID, but there are several animals at the shelter that need adoption and encouraged everyone to go to the PetFinder

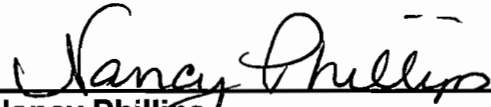
website to see those currently available. She also expressed her delight that the Hamilton Township Library has gone fine free as of September 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.



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



**Nancy Phillips
Council President**