

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2023

Mayor Todd Shaner called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. and gave the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The notice of this meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 12, 2023. The notice was posted on the public bulletin board and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Shaner Rob Celentano
Doug Rega Carroll Swenson
Jeff Tampier Rob Wotanowski

Absent: John Drummond (Excused)

The following people were also present: Matt Lyons, Attorney, Kathy Olsen, CFO, Alan Brower, CPWM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Celentano to approve the Minutes of the June 19 2023 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Karen Cunningham – Had a question regarding the Bond Ordinances on the Agenda.

Ryan Nelson – Chief, Hampton Fire Company asked if the Council members had any comments, questions or concerns relating to the Fire Company.

Communications:

Request from Diane Malanga, Rolling Thunder to name a Street after 100-year-old resident. Cm. Tampier explained that there is a celebration being planned as well.

Motion by Cm. Rega second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the secondary naming of New Street to honor Bob Gibson’s 100th Birthday.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

Absent: Drummond

All ayes: Motion carried.

It was explained that the actual name of the street will not be changed.

Tax Collector Collection Report June 2023 Received

Zoning Officer Second Quarter Report Received

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lumberyard – Alan Brower reported that he spoke with the engineers and whether capping the lumberyard property would be an option and they noted that the DEP would need to inspect it every year and that would become costly. Remediation and removal appear to be the best option.

Municipal Liens – Borough Attorney Lyons recommends that the Borough Council determine which properties are the most valuable and are likely to sell and begin the foreclosure on those first. The cost to close on each individual property is between \$3500-\$6000.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson – Alan Brower, Water Operator reported that the hydrant on Route 31 has been fixed. Mr. Brower also reported that water usage is down.

Mr. Brower also indicated that there is a possible Eagle Project in the planning stages to paint the fire hydrants in the Borough.

The Foss Avenue Improvement project is moving along.

Cm. Tampier – Reported that the Hunterdon Medical Center Paramedics are no longer housed in Glen Gardner and will be housed at South Branch in Hampton beginning Wednesday.

Cm. Wotanowski, Cm Rega and Cm. Celentano– no reports.

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S REPORT:

Borough Clerk Leidner reported that the water Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) are on the website and posted as required by law.

Water bills have been mailed. Tax bills will be mailed once the Tax Rate is struck and additional time for payment will be granted.

New Business:

The following Ordinance were Read by Title and Public Hearing and Adoption will be held on August 21, 2023:

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Rega to approve the following Ordinance on First Reading and to set Public Hearing for August 21, 2023:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 04-2023 – PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON APPROPRIATING \$155,300 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$147,535 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

Absent: Drummond

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the following Ordinance on First Reading and to set Public Hearing for August 21, 2023:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023 – PROVIDING FOR THE EAST GRAND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$81,324 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

Absent: Drummond

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the following Ordinance on First Reading and to set Public Hearing for August 21, 2023:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 06-2023 – PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, APPROPRIATING \$105,600 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$105,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

**Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
Absent: Drummond
All ayes: Motion carried.**

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to approve the following Ordinance on First Reading and to set Public Hearing for August 21, 2023:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023 - PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$125,000 FOR THE FOSS AVENUE PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THEREOF

**Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
Absent: Drummond
All ayes: Motion carried.**

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to adopt the following Resolutions No. 53-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2023

Resolution: Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the MacKenzie Road and Dutch Hill Road Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Borough of Hampton formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2024-MacKenzie Road and Dutch Hill Road I-00435 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Hampton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hampton and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
Absent: Drummond
All ayes: Motion carried.**

RAFFLE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Rega to approve the following Raffle License Application:

Raffle License Application received from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary to hold an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle on August 15, 2023.

Abstain: Tampier

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Celentano to authorize the CFO to pay bills listed on the July 17, 2023 Bill list and to pay bills between meetings.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski

Absent: Drummond

All ayes: Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm. Rega to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk