

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

June 10, 2019

Mayor Cregar called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. The Open Public Meetings Act Statement was read by the Municipal Clerk. The notice of this meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 10, 2019. The annual notice has been posted on the public bulletin board and has been filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mayor Cregar	Bob Baker
		John Drummond	Doug Rega
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	

The following people were also present: Alan Brower, CPWM, Kathy Olsen, CFO, Richard Cushing, Borough Attorney, Rick Allen, Fire Chief and Linda Leidner, Deputy Borough Clerk.

The minutes of the Regular Session meetings of May 13, 2019 were approved as presented by the Municipal Clerk by a motion that was made by Cm Drummond second by Cm Wotanowski. Voice Vote: All ayes motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Tom Carpenter requested to address the Council on behalf of the NJ Fireman’s Relief Association. Mr. Carpenter gave a brief history of the association. Mr. Carpenter explained that Assemblyman Anthony M. Bucco introduced Concurrent Resolution #232 with the purpose of placing a question on the next general election ballot to amend the State Constitution to require that tax imposed on certain fire insurance premiums be paid to the New Jersey State Fireman’s Association. If approved by voters it would prevent any current or future administration from taking their funds for use in the State Budget. Mr. Carpenter is requesting that the Borough Council pass a resolution in support of Concurrent Resolution #232 at its next meeting. The Council asked Deputy Clerk Leidner to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

New Jersey State Police Trooper O’Dell provided information pertaining to Hampton for the month of May. Trooper O’Dell reminded everyone that when working outside try to always have someone around in case of an emergency. Stay hydrated and remember to be sure that kids and pets stay hydrated as well. Trooper O’Dell was thanked for her service and left the meeting to return to patrol.

Chief Allen provided an update on the EF Recovery program for the billing of certain types of calls for the fire company. The program has not been as beneficial as it was hoped to have been. The fire company has had a couple of new members join. They will be working on recruiting additional members. Chief Allen left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Communications:

Letter from Lynn McGeough re: Code Enforcement – Lawn Maintenance.

Councilman Baker explained that the Council is going to take a look at the entire code. The Council would like work with the Prosecutor to make the First Offense payable by mail instead of being a mandatory court appearance. Currently the ordinance does not have a fine schedule so that would need to be amended as well.

Councilman Rega recommended placing verbiage in the ordinance regarding weather related issues that may cause lawns to not be able to be properly maintained especially in light of the rainy spring.

Borough Attorney Cushing will draft an Ordinance Amendment for the July Borough Council Meeting.

Letter from State of New Jersey Department of Transportation – Fiscal Year 2020 State Aid Programs.

Councilman Drummond will look into potential projects that may fall under the guidelines for this program.

Old Business:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 02-2019 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$49,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$49,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Second Reading; Public Hearing

Motion by Cm. Baker; second by Cm. Wotanowski to open the Public Hearing. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. There were no comments or questions from the public. Motion by Cm. Drummond; second by Cm. Wotanowski to close the Public hearing. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Mr. Baker to adopt Bond Ordinance No. 02-2019 and to include the cost of advertising.

Roll Call vote: AYE- Drummond, Baker, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All ayes- motion carried.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 03-2019 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$164,842 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$156,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF Roll Call Vote: All ayes motion carried. The public hearing will be held on June 10, 2019.

Motion by Cm. Drummond; second by Cm. Swenson to open the Public Hearing. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. There were no comments or questions from the public. Motion by Cm. Drummond; second by Cm. Wotanowski to close the Public hearing. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Baker, second by Cm. Swenson to adopt Bond Ordinance No. 03-2019 and to include the cost of advertising.

Roll Call vote: AYE- Drummond, Baker, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All ayes- motion carried.

Reports of Committees: Cm Baker, Cm Drummond, Cm Wotanowski, Cm. Rega and Cm. Tampier had nothing to report at this time.

Cm Swenson and Mr. Brower provided an update on the status of the new well (Well #5). The 72 hour (or longer) test of the well begin on May 28, 2019 and was successful.

New Business:

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Swenson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2019 – TAX SALE REDEMPTION of Tax Sale Certificate No. 18-001 in the amount of \$1,693.61.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski.
All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm Rega second by Cm Wotanowski to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 42-2019- APPROVING PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE NO. 1013-44-005-004
LICENSE NAME: SANU LIQUOR LLC T/A: HAMPTON WINE AND SPIRITS FOR 2019-2020**

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski.
All ayes, motion carried

The following Resolution was TABLED to June 24 due to lack of Tax Clearance Certification and Municipal Fees were not received by the meeting date.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2019 PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1013-33-003-005 LICENSE NAME: ZEDASH ENTERPRISES LLC TRADE NAME: Club 31/Obsessions
Motion; second. Roll Call Vote.

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Swenson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2019 CLUB LICENSE NO. 1013-31-004-002 LICENSE NAME: HAMPTON FIRE COMPANY A NON PROFIT CORPORATION OF NJ

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Baker, Drummond, Rega, Swenson, Wotanowski.
ABSTAIN: Tampier
Motion carried

Hall Rental Conditions of Agreement – Discussion was Tabled to the June 24, 2019 meeting.

Statewide’s Edge – Loss Control Service Visit

Borough Attorney Cushing explained that this meeting with Borough Department heads and the members of Statewide is done each year to help to prevent and reduce loss and encourages each municipality to improve and promote safety.

Application for the use of the park from the following: Stryker Heating, Cooling & Plumbing (Michael Montefusco) on August 10, 2019 all day for a Company BBQ. Fees are paid.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker; second by Mr. Rega. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Rick Allen asked the Borough Council if he could recruit one of the DPW part time employees to run calls with the Fire Company during the day, limiting it to structure fires and call within Hampton Borough. Mr. Allen noted that he discussed it with Alan Brower, Director of Public Works and he was ok with it with those limitations.

The members of the Borough Council were in agreement with this request. Mr. Rega noted that the Personnel Committee would work on creating a policy for allowing this type of shared service between the Borough and the Fire Company.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm Drummond second by Cm Baker to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to pay all routine bills and claims prior to the next meeting of the Council. Roll Call Vote: All ayes motion carried.

Motion by Cm Baker second by Cm Drummond to authorize the payment of the June 10, 2019 bills and claims as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. Roll Call Vote: 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk