

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2022

Mayor Shaner called the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. Mayor Shaner gave the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. The notice of this meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon Democrat on January 13, 2022. 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
		John Drummond	Doug Rega
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	

The following people were also present: Alan Brower, CPWM, Kathy Olson, CFO

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Drummond to approve the Minutes of the following meetings of the Borough Council.

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Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Fire Company President Rob Walton – Advised the Borough Council that the Fire Company has not approved any amount of funds for the improvement of the Borough Hall Meeting room. All of the items discussed previously, carpeting, ceiling, chairs, walls have not been approved and no funds have been allocated for this purpose. Mr. Walton explained that the money that the Fire Company has will be put towards other items that are in disrepair or in need of replacing such as a Crash Truck or engine.

Mr. Walton also noted that the use of the kitchen, by the caterer that was interested in using it, has not been committed to as yet. The kitchen needs extensive repairs as well. Mr. Walton did report that breakfasts will return, but no definite date has been set.

CFO Kathy Olsen noted that the Borough has funds allocated in the budget for windows and a new boiler but nothing for flooring.

Cm. Rega noted that the meeting room is in disrepair and could use updating.

Mayor Shaner recommended that a Committee be put together consisting of Fire Company and Council Members and a punch list could be created.

Michele Molotzak – 9 Riddle Avenue – Requested that it be put on the record that DPW Director, Alan Brower, helped to get Riddle Avenue cleared quickly during the snow storm. Mrs. Molotzek noted that he and the DPW were so very helpful both last year and this year. Both times were emergency situations and she wanted to thank Mr. Brower and the DPW publicly for their assistance.

Karen Cunningham – 65 Valley Road – Discussed the Governors School Regionalization Bill. Mrs. Cunningham also suggested placing a non-binding question on the ballot regarding the consolidation or

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closing of the Hampton School. Mr. Walton, who has had a past experience, explained that several years ago the County Clerk told the Borough Council that the question has to come from the school. It was recommended to Mrs. Cunningham that she present this suggestion to the school board.

Communications:

Municipal Court Report January 2022 – No discussion.

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing on the following Ordinance is March 7, 2022:

Ordinance No. 01-2022 – AN ORDINANCE BY HAMPTON BOROUGH IN HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, REVISING ORDINANCE NO. 06-2021 PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDRIES AND AMENDING SECTION 157-50(A) OF THE HAMPTON BOROUGH MUNICIPAL CODE.

Parking Ordinance- No update.

School Study – No update.

Lumberyard – Removal should begin in approximately 3 weeks.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson – nothing. However, Kathy Olsen reported that Suburban Consulting is aware of a grant that will provide the Borough with \$500,000.00 for galvanized pipe replacement.

Alan Brower reported that he has sent a video of the cracks in the Well #5 building to the company that provided the building.

Cm. Celentano, Cm. Rega, Cm. Tampier, Cm. Wotanowski had nothing to report.

Cm. Drummond – Inquired of there is really a need for the Borough Council to meet twice a month. The member of the Borough Council agreed that one meeting a month is sufficient and that if a second meeting is needed a meeting will be scheduled and advertised as required by law. Borough Clerk Leidner will be sure that there is nothing in the Code of the borough of Hampton that states that the Council will meet twice a month.

Kathy Olsen, CFO inquired as to when the Borough Council would like to hold the 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting. It was decided that the Budget Workshop Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30pm.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Municipal Clerk Leidner reported that the Tax Collector will begin the new office hours on Thursday, March 17 from 10am to noon. The Tax Collector will no longer have hours on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Rega to adopt the following Resolution No. 30-2022
REFUND OF WATER PAYMENTS DUE TO WATER CONNECTION NOT ALLOWED**

WHEREAS, 24 Lackawanna Street, Block 12 Lot 5.1, was hooked into the Hampton Water System without Planning Board Authorization, and

WHEREAS, a letter was sent to Samuel Hicks, JR on May 18, 2021 advising him that the water service to this address was disconnected, and

WHEREAS, water bills were inadvertently sent for the base amount of usage due to an incorrect code in the billing system, and

WHEREAS, the water bills for the second, third and fourth quarters of 2021 were paid by Samuel Hicks, JR, and

WHEREAS, a refund in the amount of \$216.25 is due to Samuel Hicks JR., representing partial of \$31.75 for the second quarter and \$92.25 for each of the third and fourth quarters, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a refund of \$216.25 made payable to Samuel Hicks, JR, 24 Lackawanna Street, PO Box 189, Hampton, NJ 08827.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to adopt the following Resolution No. 31-2022

APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMPTON BOROUGH AND THE POLLUTION CONTROL FINANCING AUTHORITY OF WARREN COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hampton that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the following agreement between the Borough of Hampton and the Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County for the period March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective upon the approval of the Council of the Borough of Hampton.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

RAFFLE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL:

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

Raffle License Application received from the Hampton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary to hold an Off Premise Merchandise Raffle on March 17, 2022.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm Rega to approve the CFO to pay bills as presented on the bill list of February 21, 2022.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

REMINDER – THE MARCH 21 2022 REULAR MEETING IS CANCELED

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm Wotanowski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Hampton Borough Council. Voice Vote: All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk