

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

June 19, 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
John Drummond Carroll Swenson
Jeff Tampier Rob Wotanowski

Absent: Doug Rega

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. Swenson to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Abstain: John Drummond

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Rick Allen – Fire Company Representative requested permission from the Borough Council to authorize the Glen Gardner Fire Company to use our hydrants to fill their tanker truck due to a well being down in Glen Gardner. Cm. Swenson requested that someone from Hampton Borough be present when they fill the tanker. This discussion was continued later in the meeting when the Chief of the Glen Gardner Fire Company was able to be present to answer questions from the Borough Council Members.

Motion by Cm. Celentano, to authorize the Glen Gardner Fire Company to use the hydrant by the Post Office to fill the tanker truck using the hydrant as long a Hampton Borough is made aware each time the tanker is filled, second by Cm. Swenson. All ayes, motion carried.

Officer Thomas Moran from the New Jersey State Police, Washington Barracks reported that the Intersection of Route 31 and Main Street has been a very active accident location. Obsessions, Club 31 has had o incidents. Officer Moran advised everyone to be care because there has been a lot of reports of fraud and scams, people getting bank accounts hacked and falling for deals that are too good to be true. Members of the Borough Council thanked Officer Moran for coming to the meeting and giving an update.

Communications:

Letter from Hampton Planning Board re: Highlands Plan Performance Grant Funding – No action.

Letter from Senator Douglas J. Steinhardt regarding introduced legislation S-3906, that would provide \$4.32 billion of property tax relief to all towns and counties in NJ. – No discussion.

Email from NJ Department of Agriculture re: 2023 Spotted Lanternfly Control Treatment program for reimbursement of municipal treatment costs. – No action.

Letter from Crossing Guard re: Possible Crossing Guard for Hampton School Summer Program.

Police Chief Kubinak advised the Crossing Guard that there is no money in the budget for this service unless the Summer School Program would like to provide the funding

Tax Collector Collection Report May 2023 – Received, no discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lumberyard – Alan Brower reported that Engineering and Land Planning is inquiring as to what the Boroughs intentions are with the property? Lab samples results have been received and they indicated that the soil needs to be removed.

Municipal Liens – Borough Attorney Lyons reported that there has been no positive response from the Foreclosure Attorney since he is retiring. Attorney Lyons will have his firm put together a quote for the Council to review to see how they want to proceed with this process.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson – Alan Brower, Water Operator reported that hydrants are being painted and valves are being cycled.

Cm. Wotanowski – Reported that Borough Clerk Leidner requested a Council decision, on behalf all of the Borough Employees, on adding Juneteenth to the Borough Holiday list. The consensus of the Council Members was to not add Juneteenth as a holiday.

Cm. Tampier – Noted that he was waiting to hear back from the school to set up a Shared Services Meeting. Dr. Kerr, Hampton School Superintendent was in attendance and reported that he reached out to Cm. Rega. A meeting will be set up in the near future.

Cm. Celentano and Cm. Drummond– no reports.

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S REPORT: No report.

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Wotanowski to adopt the following Resolutions No. 50-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2023

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote safety for public gatherings in the Borough of Hampton, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council may impose reasonable restrictions on a case-by-case basis to insure adequate health and safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton sets the following restrictions on the issuance of all Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses:

If the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License plans to present an event featuring eight or more entertainers or which is advertised outside the limits of the Borough Hampton and at which more than two hundred participants can reasonably be anticipated, the license holder must appear before the Borough Council at least forty-five days prior to the date of the event to demonstrate the following:

- A. That adequate provisions have been made for parking.
- B. That adequate security measures have been taken.
- C. That premises are adequately equipped for such events in compliance with all state and local health and fire officials.
- D. That all precautions have been taken to protect the health, safety, comfort and well being of the residents of the Borough of Hampton.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that nothing in this restriction is to be used to inflict any hardship on any person in the Borough of Hampton. The single purpose of this Resolution is to insure the public good, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that persons desiring a Plenary Retail Consumption License are to sign a statement that they have read and understood this Resolution and that they consent to the imposition of this Special Condition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that a Plenary Retail Consumption License be issued for the term 2023/2024 to the following as described by Licensee Name and License Type:

License Name:	Zedash Enterprises LLC
Trade Name:	Club 31
License Type:	Plenary Retail Consumption License
License Number:	1013-33-003-005

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution certified to be a true copy by the Borough Clerk be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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

Absent: Rega

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Wotanowski to adopt the following RESOLUTION NO. 51-2023 - Rescinding and Replacing Resolution No. 47-2023 -LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL 2023/2024 FOR HAMPTON FIRE COMPANY (All fees and Tax Clearance Received)

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2023

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote safety for public gatherings in the Borough of Hampton, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council may impose reasonable restrictions on a case-by-case basis to insure adequate health and safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton sets the following restrictions on the issuance of all Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses and Club Licenses:

If the holder of a Plenary Retail Consumption License plans to present an event featuring eight or more entertainers or which is advertised outside the limits of the Borough of Hampton and at which more than two hundred participants can reasonably be anticipated, the license holder must appear before the Borough Council at least forty-five days prior to the date of the event to demonstrate the following:

- A. That adequate provisions have been made for parking.
- B. That adequate security measures have been taken.
- C. That the premises are adequately equipped for such events in Compliance with all state and local health and fire officials.
- D. That all precautions have been taken to protect the health, safety, Comfort and well being of the residents of the Borough of Hampton.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that nothing in this restriction is to be used to inflict any hardship on any person in the Borough of Hampton. The single purpose of this Resolution is to insure the public good, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that persons desiring a Plenary Retail Consumption License and Club License are to sign a statement that they have read and understood this Resolution and that they consent to the imposition of this Special Condition, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hampton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that a Club License be issued for the term 2023/2024 to the following as described by Licensee Name and License Type:

License Name: Hampton Fire Company A Non Profit Corporation of NJ

Trade Name: Hampton Fire Company

License Type: Club License

License Number: 1013-31-004-002

License Term: 2023/2024

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution certified to be a true copy by the Borough Clerk be forwarded to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Drummond, Swenson, Wotanowski

Abstain: Tampier Absent: Rega

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Kenneth Bennett as an Alternate on the Planning Board.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Mayor to sign an Application for a Blue Light for Hampton Fire Company Member Rickey C. Nelson.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Celentano to approve the Application for Membership to the New Jersey Firemen's Association for Lynn A. McGeough and for the Municipal Clerk to sign the application.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

PARK RENTAL APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm. Drummond to approve the following Park Rental Application:

Application for use of the Borough Park was received from Caleb Schlegel for a Birthday Party on July 22, 2023 Approx # of guests between 80-100. Fees have been received.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

RAFFLE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Swenson 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 July 18, 2023.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Drummond to authorize the CFO to pay bills listed on the June 19, 2023 Bill list and to pay bills between meetings.

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

Absent: Rega

All ayes: Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Cm Swenson second by Cm. Celentano 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