

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

December 18, 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
		Lee Hansen	Doug Rega
		Carroll Swenson	Jeff Tampier
		Rob Wotanowski	

The following Borough professionals were also present: Tara St. Angelo, Attorney, Kathy Olsen, CFO, Alan Brower, CPWM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Regular and Executive Session Meetings of the Borough Council.

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Communications:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lumberyard – DPW Director Alan Brower explained that there is an issue with the payment requirements with the dirt removal contractor Clean Earth that was initially approved to remove the dirty soil from the property. After further review of the quotes offered by Engineering & Land Planning the following was decided:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to award contract to Capitol Environmental Services for the removal of dirty soil at a cost of \$28,728.00.

Roll call vote: Celentano, Hansen, Rega, Swenson, Tampier, Wotanowski
All ayes: Motion carried.

Municipal Liens – Attorney Tara St. Angelo explained that she reviewed the Municipal Liens. Seven of the properties have property owner addresses. Three owners have not been found. Attorney St. Angelo also noted that foreclosure complaints have been prepared.

Reports of Committees:

Cm. Swenson: DPW Director Alan Brower reported that we collected 160 yards of leaves. Several residents are mulching their leaves which helps lower the amount collected.

Mr. Brower also reported that there are around 20 street lights out throughout the Borough. He has reported the outages to JCP&L.

Cm. Tampier will be contacting the State Police to try to set up a meeting with the State Police, South Branch, Fire Company, OEM and DPW to have a traffic plan in place in the event of another major accident that shuts down Route 31 and that causes traffic to be diverted into Hampton.

Cm. Rega, Cm. Wotanowski, Cm. Celentano and Cw. Hansen had nothing to report.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S REPORT:

Borough Clerk Leidner reported that a resident sent an email proposing a Town Holiday Light Contest and a gingerbread contest. Ms. Leidner noted that in years past the Borough did have a Holiday Light Contest.

The members of the Borough Council discussed this and recommended that we reach out to organizations in the Borough, as well as Hampton School to possibly incorporate the gingerbread house contest into either the tree lighting or the Santa visits. They also discussed the possibility of reinstating the Town Holiday Light Contest in 2024,

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Swenson to adopt the following Resolution No. 70-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hampton was in need of Part Time DPW Laborers, and;

WHEREAS, Alan Brower, DPW Director recommended the hiring of Anthony Schiraldi as a part time Laborer in the DPW in March 2023; and;

WHEREAS, Anthony Schiraldi is needed for more hours due to the absence of a full time DPW employee and has stepped in to fill the position; and

WHEREAS, the new hourly rate for Anthony Schiraldi shall be raised to \$18.00 per hour, retroactive to December 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Borough Council would like to hire Anthony Schiraldi as a permanent full time DPW Employee as of January 1, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton raise the salary for Anthony Schiraldi to an hourly rate of \$18.00 retro actively to December 1, 2023 and to hire Anthony Schiraldi as a permanent Full Time DPW Employee as of January 1, 2024.

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

All ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Celentano to adopt the following Resolution No. 71-2023:

RESOLUTION NO. 71-2023

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there will be excesses in certain appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations for the year 2023

and it has also been determined that certain appropriations are deemed to be insufficient to fulfill the purposes of such appropriations; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides for the transfer of the amount of such appropriations as may be deemed in excess to such appropriations as may be deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the transfers about to be authorized do not affect any appropriations, to which or from which transfer are prohibited under the statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following transfers between 2023 appropriations be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Land Use Board	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Legal	Other Expenses	\$ 8,000.00	
Street & Roads	Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	
Public Safety	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Buildings and Grounds	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Electricity	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Tipping Fees	Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	Other Expenses		\$20,000.00
Gasoline and Diesel	Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
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TOTALS		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Water	Salary and Wages	\$ 1,000.00	
Water	Social Security		\$ 1,000.00

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

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to authorize the following:

Authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Animal Control Contract for 2024 for continuity of service beginning at midnight January 1, 2024. Memorializing Resolution will be placed on the Reorganization Agenda.

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

RAFFLE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Cm. Wotanowski, second by Cm. Celentano 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 January 16, 2024.

Abstain: Rega, Tampier

Voice vote: All ayes, motion carried.

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski to authorize the CFO to pay bills listed on the December 18, 2023 Bill list and to pay bills between meetings.

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 8:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk