

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 24, 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

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

Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and Executive Session and the Minutes of the 2022 Reorganization and Regular Meeting.

Voice vote: John Drummond abstained.

All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and Questions from the Public:

Rick Allen, Fire Chief asked if the Council Members had any comments or questions for the Fire Company.

Carroll Swenson inquired as to whether any decisions had been made regarding the colors of the rugs and walls for the meeting room. Rick Allen assured Cm. Swenson that as the project moves along the Fire Company will be coming to the Borough Council with plans and ideas. Nothing has been decided on as yet.

Communications:

Municipal Court Report December 2021 – No discussion
Crossing Guard Report December 2021 – No discussion

Unfinished Business:

Nomination of Council President for 2022

Cm. Celentano nominated Rob Wotanowski for the Council President position for 2022, Cm. Swenson seconded the nomination.

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

Abstain: Cm. Wotanowski

All ayes: Motion carried.

Mayor Shaner gave the Oath of Office to Cm. Wotanowski.

Parking Ordinance- No update.

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School Study – No update.

Lumberyard – Alan Brower is in the process of making sure the prices for the soil removal have not changed since the Borough Council voted in 2021.

Reports of Committees:

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

Cm. Swenson– inquired as to the funding for the use of fuel by South Branch Emergency Services. Cm Tampier, Cm. Rega and Fire Chief Rick Allen spoke to the benefits of having South Branch Service Hampton. Mr. Brower noted that the usage is about 500 gallons currently. This will be further discussed during budget discussions.

Alan Brower, DPW Director reported that the Well #5 building is cracking and leaking. Mr. Brower has contacted the company to find out what can be done.

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S REPORT:

Municipal Clerk Leidner thanked Penny Tampier and Andrea Dilts for volunteering to help with the rabies clinic since she wasn’t able to be there due to illness. They did a great job! Mrs. Leidner also thanked the DPW for their help that day as well.

Mrs. Leidner also noted that the Tax Collector has requested to change her hours from Thursday 4:30-6:30pm to Thursday from 10am to noon beginning in March. All members of the Borough Council were in agreement that this change in hours request is fine.

Municipal Clerk Leidner reported that the newsletters have been mailed. She wanted to make the members of council aware that a letter was included regarding the shut off/interest on past due accounts moratorium that the Governor has extended to March 15. By law all utility account holders had to receive this letter whether their account was in arrears or not.

Mrs. Leidner also reported that the Borough Attorney has reached out to her regarding a lot line adjustment needed for Borough owned property 12 MacKenzie Road. DPW Director Alan Brower provided the details to the council.

Municipal Clerk Leidner explained that this year the Municipal Clerk’s Conference will be held in person from March 21 through March 24, and she requested that the March 21 council meeting be canceled.

Motion by Cm. Rega to cancel the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Borough Council, second by Cm. Tampier.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried

New Business:

Motion by Cm. Drummond, second by Cm. Rega to authorize the Mayor to sign a Blue Light Permit for Richard Duffell.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried

RAFFLE LICENSE FOR APPROVAL:

Motion by Cm. Rega, second by Cm. Wotanowski 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 February 17, 2022.

Voice Vote. All ayes, motion carried

Bills and Claims: Motion by Cm. Celentano, second by Cm Rega to approve the CFO to pay bills as presented on the bill list of January 24, 2022.

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

Abstain: Drummond

All ayes: Motion carried.

Alan Brower, CPWM requested that the council consider hiring James Bukowski as a part-time DPW employee at the rate of \$15.00.

Motion by Cm. Tampier, second by Cm. Wotanowski to approve the hiring of James Butkowski at a rate of \$15.00 as per the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION No. 29-2022

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

WHEREAS, the position was advertised for, applications accepted and interviews performed, and;

WHEREAS, Alan Brower, DPW Director recommends the hiring of James Butkowski as a part time Laborer in the DPW; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hampton hire James Butkowski to fill the open position of Part Time Laborer at an hourly rate of \$15.00 beginning January 24, 2022.

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

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 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner, RMC
Municipal Clerk