

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD AUGUST 25, 2017
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon was convened in the Municipal Building, 135 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ on Tuesday, August 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Teague requested all stand for the flag salute.

Mayor Teague announced that Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires adequate notice of this meeting be provided. This was done by placing Annual Notice in the Courier-Post and Retrospect Newspapers and by posting on two bulletin boards in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Present
	Commissioner Dougherty	Present
	Commissioner Mulroy	Present

Stuart Platt, Esq., Mark Cavallo, Jim Stevenson, Greg Fusco, P.E. and Lee Palo, were present.

Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the Minutes of the Caucus Meeting held on June 20, 2017 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2017 be approved, Commissioner Mulroy abstained, all other members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

The following ordinance was read by title:

#1372 – Amending, Revising and/or Supplementing Chapter 142, of the code of the Township of Haddon Entitled “Land Use and Development”

Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Public comments:

Mark Asselta, attorney with Brown & Connery, 360 Haddon Ave. 08108. Asselta stated that Browns & Connery agreed with a shared parking concept understanding the governing body wants to be a pedestrian safe and business friendly township. But apposed the ordinance

because of the unauthorized parking in their parking lot and heavy road side parking in front of their office and throughout town. Brown & Connery opinion is that the ordinance should be carefully crafted to archive the propose of which it was intended to keep people off the street but allow business to flourish and come into town. With concertation to shared parking of the businesses and keep the heavy road side parking limited for the safety of residents. Mayor Teague commented the idea is not the keep cars parked off the street, cars are allowed to park on Haddon Avenue in designated parking areas. The goal is to provide additional parking for those patrons who are driving that need the parking when street parking is full and to assist businesses in fulfilling the parking requirements needed for business & restaurants hours of operations. Asselta, stated the code of requirements for business and restaurants requirements, stating that business should have ample parking on site so as to not overly tax the streets or neighborhood and not have trespassers parking in private parking lots. The concern with the shared parking is that it gives great flexibility to the planning board: the ordinance reads that the business can used offsite parking it they have a shared parking lease agreement with another property owner within 300 feet and tested at site plans – the words that cause concerns are “taking into consideration the operations and the hours in use for which the open street hours serves”. Brown & Connery feel this is very open ended and doesn’t have specific standards that could be uniformly applied by the planning board. He feels that this would allow the planned board unguided standards to be applied to zoning applications and would not be able to follow. He feels it would not stand up to a challenge because they are not specific enough standards. Browns and Connery believe the ordinance needs to be worked on more because the way it is presently crafted in such a general and vague matter it could be overturned if a challenge was made. Mayor Teague restate Asselta argument being made that if we eliminated parking altogether then that would not be vague and that would not be susceptible to a challenge. Haddon Township is trying to assist our business owners fulfill their parking requirements by providing their patrons with nearby safe off-site parking by utilizing the empty lots available along Haddon Avenue. Asselta is not suggesting that we eliminate parking requirements, in his opionion that would be a wrong decision to make. Stuart Platt, Esq stated Mr. Asselta argument is inconsident. Stuart Platt carfully drafted this ordinance and it is very sperfic. It does not eliminate the parking requirements for businesses and resturants but the location of parking to within 300 feet of the business to assist with safe off-site share-parking taking into considation the hours of operation and hours served. The ordinance is not vague but is specific, that the planning board has set standards that it must take into account the hours of operation the business serve it patrons before approval of zoning application. The applicant must also be specific in their hours of operations in appling for a zoning permit for the planning and board to make their decision. Mr. Asselta feel this ordinance was rush and stated that a study should be done to taking into account the shared parking with all business utilizing the parking lot with a 10% cushion being to protect the other businesses and parking lot owners from unauthorized use. Mayor Teague stated the ordiance was not rush that Haddon Township ask our solicitor to come up with an ordinance that would utilize the empty space for additional parking and this is what they came up with, in it is not vague and it suit our purpose. Asselta thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for listing to him.

There being no further discussion on the matter, Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Aye
	Commissioner Dougherty	Aye
	Commissioner Mulroy	Aye

Stuart Platt, Esq. motion carried Ordinance is adopted

The following ordinance was read by title:

#1375 – Amending, Revising and/or Supplementing Chapter 79, of the code of the Township of Haddon Entitled “Animals”

Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Aye
	Commissioner Dougherty	Aye
	Commissioner Mulroy	Aye

Stuart Platt, Esq. motion carried Ordinance is adopted

The following ordinance was read by title:

#1372 – Amending, Revising and/or Supplementing Chapter 223, of the code of the Township of Haddon Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”

Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Public Comments:

Comment from attending resident – requesting clarification: Mayor Teague stated the township is trying to open up additional parking along Haddon Avenue. Year ago there were areas of restricted parking by the fire commission. The township asked the fire commission reevaluate the spaces and some of those parking space have now open-up for

parking. This ordinance to the amend chapte 223 to created additional parking on Haddon Avenue.

There being no further discussion on the matter, Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Dougherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Aye
	Commissioner Dougherty	Aye
	Commissioner Mulroy	Aye

Stuart Platt, Esq. motion carried Ordinance is adopted

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were approved by consent agenda, with a motion by Commissioner Dougherty, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members affirmatively concurring:

RESOLUTION 2017-101 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #8 FOR THE 2015 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 2017-102 AWARDING SOLID WASTE WITH YARD WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL COLLECTION CONTRACT TO SOUTH JERSEY SANITATION

RESOLUTION 2017-103 ACCEPTING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO 2016 AUDIT

RESOLUTION 2017-104 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION 2017-105 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE TAX PAYMENT GRACE PERIOD FOR THE 3RD QUARTER FROM AUGUST 10, 2017 TO AUGUST 28, 2017

RESOLUTION 2017-106 IMPOSING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LIENS ON CERTAIN PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION 2017-107 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR NJDOT LOCAL AID

RESOLUTION 2017-108 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE 2017-2018 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

RESOLUTION 2017-109 ADOPTING THE THREE-YEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION 2017-110 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM FOR PURCHASE OF COPY, COMPUTER PAPER AND ENVELOPES, AS NEEDED

RESOLUTION 2017-111 AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON AND HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mayor Teague added the following:

RESOLUTION 2017-112 AUTHORIZING CHICKEN ADVISOR BOARD MEMBERS

OTHER BUSINESS:

The following Temporary Certificate of Compliance Issuance were approved, with a motion by Commissioner Dougherty, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members voting in the affirmative:

- 138 Washington Avenue

The following Business License Renewal Application were approved, with a motion by Commissioner Dougherty, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members voting in the affirmative:

- David Wilson Men's Shop, 164 Haddon Avenue
- All Star Kid's Karate, 30 Haddon Avenue

The following Application for a Bingo/Raffles License were approved, with a motion by Commissioner Dougherty, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members voting in the affirmative:

- RAFFLE 2017-17 Knights of Columbus 652, Christmas Raffle
- RAFFLE 2017- 18 Strawbridge School PTA, 50/50
- RAFFLE 2017-19 Strawbridge School PTA Raffle
- BINGO 2017-10 Westmont Fire Company

The following Donation Bin Application were approved, with a motion by Commissioner Dougherty, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members voting in the affirmative:

- Charitable Donation Bin, 249 Cuthbert Blvd
- Clothing Donation Bin, 400 Cuthbert Road

COMMUNICATIONS:

There being no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Dougherty moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members voting in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Traded 57 Stratford Ave. He's lived there for over 60 years and when he moved in the parking wasn't an issue. But in recent years the overnight parking along his street has gotten worst and usually heavy. With many residents are using the street for parking instead of their driveway because they have more than one car and do not want to trade spaces in the mornings. If they don't have an overnight parking permit, it would like it investigated to make sure that cars parking the wrong way are ticketed.

Michael Massner, 780 W. Redmen Ave. concern in regard to the safety and speeding along Crystal Lake Ave. The traffic volume is high where the ballfield and Tap Room are location and there have been several accidents along the area. It's not a well light area and the other night last week there a young woman was not paying attention to her vehicle, missed her turn and ended up driving across our neighbor yard and hit our fence. Wanted to discuss with the Chief Cavolla and Commissioner Mulroy to calm the traffic or enforce the traffic laws along the Crystal Lake Ave. Request time after to the meeting to discuss the issue. Commissioner Mulroy agreed to the meet.

Richard Smith, Chestnut Avenue Haddon Township. There are two problems for parking and cars driving along Chestnut – last few weeks, whether is visiting patrons from other town or people lost – people are making u-turn on residents' yards in their driveways. And parking facing the wrong way, which cause a traffic hazard on Chestnut. Can there be anything done to help the residents along Chestnut? Mayor Teague referred the issue to Chief Cavolla to look into.

There being no further comments, Mayor Teague moved to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:31 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

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August 25, 2017

Marjorie Liebe, Deputy Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

Commissioner Paul Dougherty

Commissioner James Mulroy