

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD ON MARCH 18, 2014,
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.**

A caucus meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon was convened in the Municipal Building, 135 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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 specifying time, place and agenda. 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 Foley	Present
	Commissioner Dougherty	Present

Stuart Platt, Esq., Greg Fusco, Jim Stevenson, Mark Cavallo, Martin Blaskey, Lee Palo, Betty Band and Kate Burns were present.

Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2014 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES (for consideration March 25, 2014)

#1316 – Amending Chapter 175 of the Code of the Township of Haddon entitled
“Peace and Good Order” **2nd Reading/Public Hearing**

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL THIS EVENING:

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

#2014-031 - Allocation of YR36 (2014-2015) Funds for CDBG

#2014-032 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Special Emergency Notes Up to
\$110,272

RESOLUTIONS (for consideration March 25, 2014)

#2014-033 - Bill Resolution

OTHER BUSINESS: (For consideration March 25, 2014)

Approval of the following Raffle Licenses:

- Raffle #08-2014 & #09-2014 for PTA-James Stoy School
- Raffle #10-2014 for Westmont Fire Co. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Greg Fusco, PE reviewed the Engineer’s Report for March 18, 2014.

Public Works, Water/Sewer Department: - Mr. Stevenson reported that the Township will be taking delivery of trees next week for Spring planting. Mayor Teague pointed out that the Shade Tree Commission had some ideas that will relieve some of the work placed on Public Works for planting the trees. Mr. Stevenson further reported that Public Works will be auctioning off equipment on March 29th and the auction website has been getting thousands of hits. Public Works will be doing test holes on West Park on Thursday to locate the gas main and flow testing at Russell Cast Stone. Public Works will start to flow test all hydrants within the next two weeks. The Construction on the Municipal Facility has started and parking is tight. At some point the parking lot will need to be closed. Mr. Stevenson advised that residents may begin putting their leaves out after April 1st, Public Works will start on Crystal Lake Pool next week and bathrooms at West Collingswood Heights Fields are ready to go. Mr. Stevenson mentioned that Road Maintenance would be a priority this year and Hydrant Flushing will be starting.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Blaskey reported that the Tax Assessor's Office is still in the Appeals season and the deadline to file is April 1st. After that the Tax Assessor's Office will be working on settling or defending those appeals.

BID/Town Events: Ms. Burns reported the B.I.D. is working on a major event with the Ritz Theatre called "Rock the Ritz" which will involve 6 different bands playing that night from 6 PM until 10 PM. The event cost \$15.00 prior to the event and \$20.00 the day of the event. April 5th there will be an event called Four Towns for Art involving numerous local artists. Ms. Burns advised that she is encouraging the Haddon Township businesses to attend the Green Event in April. She is currently working with Tom Fitzgerald and Lieutenant Sean Gooley to do striping, signage, and where parking should and shouldn't be to make the town compliant with the Township Ordinance. The Community Garden Group is looking for volunteers for cleanup on March 31st. Ms. Burns stated that she contacted the High School to see if the Honor Society wanted to do any community service and help with the cleanup. Tomorrow morning the Crystal Lake Pool sign will be installed with the direction of Jimmy as per the location pointed out by Greg Fusco's Office.

Compliance Officer: Mrs. Band reported that the Township was notified about a recent abandoned property on East Crystal Lake Avenue. Mrs. Band met with the contractor hired by the bank to do temporary fixes and she went out to the location with the construction official. The bank has been put on 10 day notice to demolish or fix issues not in compliance. This has been determined to be an unsafe structure. Ms. Band will be sending out letters to bank on other abandoned properties which will hopefully release Public Works from maintaining the lawns. All the properties the Township addressed with not shoveling did comply during the last snowstorm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: (For consideration on March 25, 2014)

CHRIS SQUAZZO, JOHN NYSTEDT, MAGGIE LIEBE, AND MAGGI DOWNHAM PRESENTED A JOINT PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF BOTH THE HADDON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND THE HADDON TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMITTEE OF THEIR 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THEIR 2014 GOALS.

- Resolution - Authorizing the Tax/Utility Collector to Process Posting Corrections and Various Other Adjustments and Deductions (no attachment and will not be approved at regular meeting)
- Authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfers
- Proclaiming Arbor Day April 25, 2014
- Proclaiming Earth Day April 22, 2014
- Admission Charges for Crystal Lake Pool for 2014 Season
- Crystal Lake Pool Salary and Wages for 2014 Season
- Refund Overpayment of Dog License

- Refund Overpayment of Water
- Appt. of Rhonda Gehring as PT Tax – W/S Clerk
- Authorizing Senior Trip Checks Outside of the Twp. Meetings from the T/O Acct. (Funds come directly from Senior Citizens)
- Safe and Secure Communities Grant P-5756-14
- Appt. of Mike Thomson as Senior Bus Driver

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Shared Services with Audubon Park for Construction Official
- Crystal Lake Pool and the Haddon Township Lacrosse Program
- Insurance Broker

Mayor Teague reported that the Haddon Township Lacrosse Program would like to have a fundraiser at the Crystal Lake Pool. Jennifer Ravelli presented the information to the Mayor with the date of the event. The Mayor asked Stuart Platt, Township Solicitor to review the information.

Mr. Platt asked the Mayor to consider putting the Developer's Agreement between 160 Atlantic, Inc. and the Township of Haddon on the March 25, 2014 Agenda for approval.

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

John Kendall, 120 Washington Street – Mr. Kendall thanked everyone for listing Crew Club Event with Franco's Donation and Book Signing and Donation on website. One correction to the minutes of March 18, 2014, it should state "Kennedy Reagan" not "Kennedy Lincoln".

Mayor Teague made a motion to correct the name of Mr. Kendall's Book from Kennedy Lincoln to Kennedy Reagan in the Caucus Minutes of March 18, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Foley, with all members affirmatively concurring.

(cont'd) Mr. Kendall further thanked the Environmental Commission for the great job they are doing. He inquired as to whether the rates would go up for admission to the pool this year? The Mayor responded that he believes the pool rates will remain the same.

Commissioner Foley read part of a letter received from Mr. James Simpson, Commissioner for Dept. of Transportation:

“Staff from the Bureau of Traffic Engineering have completed their investigation. Based on this investigation both the establishment and elimination of these bus stops has been found to be supported and can be recommended for approval. The added bus stop at Main Street will be extended northerly for 215 feet to provide additional distance as requested by New Jersey Transit and Lieutenant Scott Bishop of the Haddon Township Police Department.”

Commissioner Foley informed Mr. Kendall that this letter is in response to his request to remove the bus stop for safety reasons and thanked him for his concern. Mr. Kendall requested that the Township make sure the placement of the new bus stop is correct. Chief Cavallo and Commissioner Foley replied that they will check with Lieutenant Bishop to make sure the new location is correct. Commissioner Foley further reported that the letter stipulates that at next weeks meeting we have to submit a certified resolution of Concurrence. Commissioner Foley directs Mr. Platt to prepare the necessary resolution for the bus stops.

Ms. Maggie Downham, 224 Hazel Terrace – Ms. Downham thanked public works department. Haddon Township of all towns around here had the best streets. The streets were immaculate and public works came out two or three times a day during snowstorms.

There being no further comments from the public, Commissioner Foley made a motion 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, Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

March 18, 2014

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAWN M. PENNOCK,
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

John C. Foley, Commissioner

Paul Dougherty, Commissioner