

Formally adopted on June 22, 2010.

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD ON JUNE 15, 2010,  
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:00 PM.**

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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, June 15, 2010 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

Eric Riso, Esq., Mark Hermann, PE, Chief Cavallo, Jim Stevenson, Jennifer DellaValle, Lee Palo, Martin Blaskey, Kate Burns, Ed Toussaint and Denise P. Adams were also present.

The Clerk reported that the June 22, 2010 Meeting Agenda would be comprised of the following items:

#2010-091– Read the 2010 Municipal Budget by Title Only  
Conduct Public Hearing on 2010 Municipal Budget  
#2010-092 – Amendment to 2010 Municipal Budget  
Conduct Public Hearing on Amendment

**ORDINANCES** (for consideration June 22, 2010)

#1258 – Amendment to Chapter 142, Alternative Energy Sources	- Referred to Planning <i>Board for their Review and Approval</i>
#1262 – Authorizing an Easement Agreement with Michael and Bernadette Meades	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
#1263 – Accepting Deeds of Dedication and Conservation Restrictions in Connection with Certain Real Property from Joseph and Stasi Sherlock	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
#1264 – Amendment to Salary Ordinance	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
#1265 – 2010 General Capital Improvement Authorizations	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)
#1266 – 2010 Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Program	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading)

**RESOLUTIONS** (for consideration June 22, 2010)

#2010-093 -- Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)  
#2010-094 -- Authorizing the Correction of Tax and Water/Sewer Postings

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mark Hermann, PE reviewed the Engineer's Report dated June 15, 2010. He recommended that the Emerald Avenue - Phase III, Ivywood Avenue Reconstruction and the Crystal Lake Headwall projects be authorized for bid.

**Public Works, Water/Sewer Department: In-House Projects**

Jim Stevenson recommended the authorization of Bids for Chemicals, Equipment and Trucks

**Tax Assessor/Revaluation:** Martin Blaskey reported that the Revaluation Company had completed tax plates 1 through 6 which included the West Section of the Township and was working their back towards the White Horse Pike. He noted that they were finishing up commercial properties and appeared to be on schedule.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Requests for Resolutions of Support, Proclamations, etc....:
  - Present Art Achievement Award to Quinn Parker, 8 year old student
  - Refund Overpayment of Overnight Parking Permit Fees
  - Refund of Swim Team Registration Fee
  - Refund School Splash Party Fees
  - Refund of Sidewalk Inspection Fee
  - Authorize Independence Day Fireworks Display – Mayor Teague confirmed July 3<sup>rd</sup> as the date for Fireworks. Commissioner Dougherty observed that a notice distributed through the schools had incorrect information with July 4<sup>th</sup> as the date. Kate Burns indicated that July 4<sup>th</sup> was the rain date.
  - Change Order No. 1-Final for the Inspection of Pressure Filters 5 & 6 at the Water Treatment Plant Reducing the contract by \$920.00 from \$26,620.00 to \$25,700.00.
  - Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses
- Rental Property Ordinance – Commissioner Dougherty reported that he anticipated a final draft for review at the July caucus meeting.
- Letter from the Environmental Commission to Accept Donation of Land Offered by the Band Family – Mayor Teague reported that he had invited Chris Squazzo to the July caucus meeting to discuss a number of items.
- Review Fee Schedule for Local Supplemental Violations – The Commissioners recommended a comparison with other towns be completed.
- Disposition of Vehicles and Equipment – Jim Stevenson and Chief Cavallo to provide a list of vehicles and equipment that were no longer needed for Township use for review at the July caucus.
- Letter from DEP – Green Acres Applications (for extremely limited funding) being accepted until July 30, 2010. Mayor Teague recommended holding for review with Chris Squazzo in July.
- Government Records Council OPRA Alert – Cost of Copies under OPRA – The Commissioners reviewed the Ordinance drafted by the solicitor’s office. The Clerk reported the actual cost of copies was \$.091 and requested that an amount be included in the ordinance. She suggested a rate of \$.10 however, was unsure and noted that rounding down to .09 may be appropriate. It was noted that the rate was to be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. The Ordinance would be placed on the meeting agenda for introduction.
- The Commissioners reviewed the Lease Extensions Proposed by Wireless Capital Partners and requested that the Clerk provide a summary of the 30 year and 79 year extensions. Eric Riso requested an opportunity to review the statutes relative to the ability to provide a 79 year extension.
- Review draft of Ordinance to Amend the Storm Water Management Regulations to include “Refuse Containers/Dumpsters” and “Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting”. The Clerk was instructed to place the Ordinance on the agenda for introduction.
- Jennifer DellaValle proposed a change in the Due Dates on Water and Sewer Bills to permit the conduct of the Accelerated Tax Sale. She explained that the bills are routinely mailed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month with a due date of February, May, August and November 1<sup>st</sup>, with an additional 30 day grace period being granted for payment. She recommended amending the Ordinance to provide for the date of mailing as the due date, with the 30 day grace period remaining before interest would accrue for late payment. She expressed the need to inform residents of this change, if adopted, and suggested a notice be included with the annual tax bill mailing.
- 2010 Trick or Treating Hours – Halloween Sunday, October 31, 2010 – The Commissioners recommended the standard hours of 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Mayor Teague opened the floor for any questions or concerns to be brought before the Board.

Ed Loughman, Linden Avenue, reported that his store was expected to open this weekend in time for Father's Day and thanked all municipal officials and employees for their assistance. He requested that the Commissioners consider his application for a commercial abatement and expressed concern with mail being returned undeliverable by the Post Office due to confusion with use of the Collingswood zip code.

Tom Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, recalled .10 per copy as part of the court's decision and acknowledged it would be easier on the public and municipal staff when calculating and collecting the fee. He suggested any proposed change in the due date for water and sewer bills be published in the Haddon Press. He reported that he had reviewed the Fieldstone Agreement and questioned Treno's use of the adjoining property for parking. Mayor Teague explained that as properties are acquired they are automatically leased to Fieldstone under the Agreement and reported that it made sense to assist a business in the Township. Mr. Cassel suggested the Township obtain a copy of the lease between Treno and Fieldstone and that the Township be included on Treno's insurance. He requested an update on the DyDee and Westmont Theater projects. He further queried how much the Township had paid for all properties to date and if Fieldstone had made the requisite 10% deposit for the purchase of each property. Mayor Teague reported that the properties in the DyDee site continue to be remediated with two more properties to be acquired and noted that he was did not know the total amount paid off hand and indicated that he would look into the 10% deposit. The Mayor observed that the Township's actions to clean up a contaminated DyDee site at no cost to the taxpayers is a positive move. He reported that the Neighbors Celebrating the Westmont group were organizing a 501C3 to raise funds in hopes of restoring the theater and noted that the Goodman Group had continued interest in a residential component with a theater venue. He explained that the Township was still in negotiations with COAH. Mr. Cassel discussed the EMSL properties and queried if the Township had considered using the redevelopment tools available to them to bring new businesses to these locations. Mayor Teague reported that Kate Burns had been working with the current property owner and noted that the Township was open to suggestions for the buildings soon to be vacated.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 PM with all members voting in the affirmative.

June 15, 2010

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Denise P. Adams, Municipal Clerk

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Randall W. Teague, Mayor

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John C. Foley, Commissioner

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Paul Dougherty, Commissioner