

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015,
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, September 15, 2015 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., Greg Fusco, Jim Stevenson, Mark Cavallo, Lee Palo, Martin Blaskey, Kate Burns and Betty Band were present.

Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2015 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES: (For consideration September 22, 2015)

- #1343 – Establishing a New Chapter 92 “Charitable Clothing/Donation Bins”
2nd Reading/Public Hearing
- #1344 – Amending the 2015 Salary Ordinance
2nd Reading/Public Hearing

RESOLUTIONS (for consideration September 22, 2015)

- Bill Resolution

OTHER BUSINESS (for consideration September 22, 2015)

- Raffle License #15-2015 for Thomas Edison PTA
- Raffle License #16-2015 for Knights of Columbus Bishop Eustace
- Raffle License #17-2015 for Westmont Fire Company #1
- Raffle License #18-2015 for Ministry with the Deaf of South Jersey
- Bingo License #02-2015 for James Stoy School PTA
- Authorization to go out to RFP for Various Professional Services and Banking

Mayor Teague reported that the expert in the litigation for affordable housing is sick and unable to continue with being the expert for the consortium of towns that hired him. Affordable Housing and the consortium are hiring another entity and asked for a resolution be put on tonight’s agenda for approval.

The following resolution was approved with a motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members voting in the affirmative:

#2015-164 – Authorizing Haddon Township’s Continued Participation in the Municipal Consortium for the Purposes of Engaging an Expert for the Preparation of Statewide, Regional and Municipal Fair Share Numbers and Retention of a New Expert Consultant.

Mayor Teague reported that under "Other Business" he has some amendments he put together after discussion with others that provides additional structure to the Business Improvement District for Amendment of the Business Improvement District Ordinance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Greg Fusco reviewed the Engineer's Report for September 15, 2015.

Public Works, Water/Sewer Department: Mr. Stevenson reported there is a pre-construction meeting for New Jersey Avenue for storm drainage and sanitary sewer repairs tomorrow at 10 AM. Mayor Teague advised Mr. Stevenson that he should notify the residents that attended the meeting regarding that issue. Mr. Stevenson reported an issue that is prevalent during leaf season with the trucks that have been retrofitted with new omissions due to idling and low mileage.

Tax Assessor: Mr. Blaskey reported that the Tax Assessor's office is continuing the Added Assessment season and they should be finished up by the end of this month.

BID/Town Events: Ms. Burns reported that yesterday there was a BID Advisory Board meeting and after speaking to several businesses and reviewing recommendations for amendments to the parking ordinance for C-1, the businesses feel that 900 square feet is too restrictive. The businesses recommended going to at least 1200 square feet or keep the 900 square feet but define it as retail public space. Mayor Teague reported that the Planning Board was asked to make recommendation for amending the parking ordinance. He further pointed out that the Planning Board looked at the ordinance and formed a committee. The Planning Board's recommended 900 sq ft be exempted from any parking space requirement. The Township requested that the BID review that recommendation and comment on it. The Mayor points out that the Business Improvement District would like to see the ordinance amended to say 1200 square feet or define 900 square feet as retail only and that in actuality the businesses want it to be 1000 square feet. Mayor Teague requests that Eric Riso, Esquire prepare a letter to Donald Cofsky, Esquire with these recommendations. Ms. Burns also reported that the BID wants all of Haddon Avenue included which means it should be for both C-1 and C-4 areas. Mayor Teague reported that Greg Fusco, Township Engineer, provided a parking analysis for Haddon Avenue. The Mayor stated he walked along Haddon Avenue with Mr. Fusco and Doug Kelly of the Business Improvement District and noted that there are areas that are yellow that could be made into parking. As a result, Mr. Fusco provided a more detailed parking analysis and found 50 additional spots on Haddon Avenue which helps with what the Township is trying to do to provide more parking.

Ms. Burns reported that on Sunday, October 25th, Strawbridge to Cooper Street will be closed for a musical festival which is being held in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Township. The festival will be open from 1 PM-10 PM with a Ferris wheel on Haddon Avenue, a beer garden, food, photo booth, and lawn games.

Compliance Officer: Mrs. Band reported the Township just started receiving checks from the mortgage companies for registration of abandoned properties. Her office is working on the Hedgerow property and they have received a summons.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 301 W. Park Avenue – Vacation of North Boundary Lane – Mayor Teague reported that the Township received a letter from the residents at 301 Park Avenue and they explained that when they purchased their home, the survey indicated there was a vacated road which apparently did not show up anywhere and subsequent to purchasing the property they found out the addition was built on the vacated road which is Township property. The property owners would like the Township to vacate the road, and then their addition would be on their property. There is a small issue with vacating this road due to the municipal property.

- Award Paper through Camden County Cooperative Purchasing
- Refund Fence Permit
- Comcast Application for Renewal of Public Consent
- Bond Ordinance for Certain Improvements to the Westmont Theatre
- Amend the 2015 Capital Budget
- Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation for a Down Payment on the Bond Ordinance
- Authorizing the Tax/Utility Collector to Process Posting Corrections and Various Other Adjustments and Deductions
- Saddlertown Day Proclamation
- Appointment of Chicken Advisory Board
- Renew 2015/2016 Liquor License
- Agreement for State Aid with NJDOT for Mansion Avenue
- Amendment to Parking Ordinance

GENERAL DISCUSSION

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.

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

The following resolution was approved with a motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members voting in the affirmative:

#2015-163 – Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Commissioner Foley moved to return to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members affirmatively concurring.

The following resolution was approved with a motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members voting in the affirmative:

#2015-162 – Authorizing Township Solicitor to Represent the Interest of Haddon Township in Pending Litigation

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

September 15, 2015

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DAWN M. PENNOCK,
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

John C. Foley, Commissioner

Paul Dougherty, Commissioner