


Formally adopted on March 16, 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 FEBRUARY 16, 2010,
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, February 16, 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

Stuart Platt, Esq., his associate, Eric Riso, Esq., Gregory Fusco, Chief Cavallo, Jim Stevenson, Ed Toussaint, Lee Palo, Martin Blaskey, Kate Burns and Denise P. Adams were also present.

Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty to approve the minutes of the Caucus meeting held on January 19, 2010, with all members voting in the affirmative.

The Clerk reported that the February 23, 2010 Meeting Agenda would be comprised of the following items:

ORDINANCES

#1250 – Amend Ordinance #1132 to Acquire Yolanda Hales Property (2nd Reading)

Mayor Teague reported that Ordinances to authorize the purchase of the Shusted and Media Properties were being prepared by Redevelopment Counsel and should be added to the agenda for introduction.

#1251 – Authorize Acquisition of the Shusted Property (1st Reading)

#1252 – Authorize Acquisition of the Media Property (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS

#2010-024 – Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)

#2010-025 – Authorizing the Correction of Tax and Water/Sewer Postings

OTHER BUSINESS

Report on Sale of \$4,873,416.00 Bond Anticipation Notes

Raffle License #1-2010 – The Starting Point, Inc. of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Gregory Fusco, PE reviewed the Engineer's Report dated February 16, 2010. He reported that bids for the Restoration of the Splash Pool would be received on the 17th due to the holiday on Monday. He advised that his office would be reviewing the results of the bids and make a recommendation for award at Tuesday evening's meeting.

Public Works, Water/Sewer Department - Authorize the Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection, Opening/Closing of Crystal Lake Pool along with General Maintenance and Acquisition of Chemicals and Water Meters.

The Commissioners reviewed and instructed the Clerk to place the following resolutions or ordinances on the agenda for action:

- Request for Refund of Father's Hall Rental Fee
- Approving Participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Program
- 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America – Kate Burns reported that she had invited representatives from the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to attend the meeting for presentation of a proclamation.
- Environmental Commission Appointment – The Clerk reported that she had received the Citizen's Leadership Form, along with a cover letter and resume from Janet Goehner-Jacobs expressing interest in serving on the Environmental Commission. Mayor Teague recommended Janet to fill the vacancy as Alternate Member #2.
- Appointment of Public Works Director – Mayor Teague congratulated Jim Stevenson on his recent promotion as Public Works Superintendent and complimented the great job he and his staff had done during the recent snow storms and suggested recognizing the Public Works employees with individual certificates at next week's meeting.
- Authorizing Grant Application by the Shade Tree Commission
- Recycling Tonnage Grant Application
- Request for Refund of Planning Board Escrow Fee
- Award Contract for Animal Shelter Services Under Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Mayor Teague requested an opportunity to review the following items before taking action:

- Request for Resolution Opposing New Jersey Taxpayers Funding Pension Benefits for Non-Government Employees
- Request from the NJSLOM requesting a Resolution Urging the Elimination of 4% Cap on Local Tax Levy
- Recommendation by Planning Board for Solar and Wind Ordinance. The Governing Body recommended that Stuart review the proposed regulations along with the comments by the Environmental Commission. Jim Stevenson reported that it was his understanding that an application for a windmill would be coming before the Planning Board in the near future.
- Greg Fusco reported that the Sign Ordinance was still under review by the Planning Board.
- The Rental Property Ordinance draft was reviewed. Commissioner Dougherty recommended that the limit be set at 30 units or less and requested the amended draft be disseminated prior to the March caucus meeting.

- Mayor Teague reported that the COAH regulations were still pending.
- The Mayor and Commissioners reviewed the Year XXXII Camden County Community Development Block Grant letter. It was noted that the project funds were used to fund the operation of the Senior Bus and Recreation Programs. The Clerk was instructed to prepare the project selection application for Year XXXII for the Haddon TownCar and related senior activities for approval at Tuesday evening's meeting.
- The Clerk reviewed a number of proposed fee increases for consideration by the Mayor and Commissioners.
- Chief Cavallo indicated that he wished to further review the towing specifications with Mr. Platt. Commissioner Dougherty recommended that they move forward in March to put the Township's towing services out to bid.
- The Clerk recommended the introduction of the 2010 COLA Ordinance when the Municipal Budget was introduced.
- A letter from Principal Life Insurance relative to the Township's contract renewal letter was reviewed. The Clerk was instructed to reach out to the broker to solicit a competitive quote.
- The Clerk reported that Haddon Township would celebrate its 145th Birthday on February 23, 2010.

Mayor Teague reported that the individual Departments were working diligently on their budget proposals and queried if the Clerk had received any State Aid figures. She reported that she did not anticipate any figures to be released until after the Governor's budget was presented sometime late in March. She advised that the budget calendar had again been extended this year.

Mayor Teague invited the Department Heads to report on current events:

- Kate Burns reported that there were a number of upcoming Township happenings, such as the St. Patrick's Pub Crawl and advised that she would be meeting with a number of business owners and representatives from Philadelphia Beer Week to discuss participation in this increasingly popular annual event. She reported that a Relay for Life meeting had been postponed due to the weather and indicated that the Township would be painting the town purple and working with the Schools to bring more attention to this worthwhile funding raising effort.
- Martin Blaskey reported that letters from the Revaluation Company would be mailed to residents in the next day or two and noted that the Reval FAQs had been posted on the Township's website. He indicated that computer equipment was being installed in his office and anticipated that the company would start their field work early in March.

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

Larry Gasperone thanked the Public Works Department on the excellent job of snow removal.

Tom Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, too complimented the great job done by Public Works and the Police Department during the two storms and observed the need for regulations requiring vehicles to be removed from the streets to permit snow removal equipment to get the job done. He requested that Belmont Avenue be looked at again to remove snow left from cars parked in the street. He queried if the Commissioners had reviewed his e-mail regarding the court's decision on copy costs. Mayor Teague reported that he had forwarded the ruling to Mr. Platt for his review and recommendation. Mr. Platt reported that he anticipated a legislative response to correct the OPRA law and noted that there was a July 1st effective date. Mr. Cassel discussed the Township's failure to make meeting minutes available within 48 hours, questioned notice of the Special January meetings in the Courier-Post and queried if the Township would schedule a budget meeting with Department Heads that would be open to the public. He requested clarification on a number of appointments, the proposed rental inspection fees and proposed increase in sewer fees and queried if the revaluation company would take into consideration properties that have problems with flooding yards. He discussed the Governor's recent order regarding COAH and queried what the estimate to resurface the splash pool was. Mayor Teague addressed Mr. Cassel's questions and noted that he did not wish to speculate on the impact of the Governor's order on COAH as it related to redevelopment in Haddon Township, noted that Mr. Fusco held the Certified Public Works Manager certificate required by the State and advised that the Risk Management Consultant was appointed along with a number of other individuals at the December meeting. Mayor Teague suggested that the Clerk check the meeting notice and requested Mr. Platt investigate the Township's obligation with regard to the release of meeting minutes. Mr. Blaskey recommended that Mr. Cassel inform the revaluation firm of his flooding issues when they visited his property. Mr. Fusco reported that the estimates for the Splash Pool renovations ranged from \$65,000 to \$85,000.

Mayor Teague thanked the Fire Department for all their assistance during the two winter storms.

Michael Verdi, 200 Stratford Avenue, commended the Public Works Department for their snow removal efforts and acknowledged that recent storm drainage improvements in the area had greatly improved conditions on Oriental Avenue.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 PM with all members voting in the affirmative.

February 16, 2010

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Denise P. Adams, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague

John C. Foley

Paul Dougherty