

Formally adopted August 24, 2010:

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD JULY 27, 2010
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, July 27, 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. 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	Arrived at 7:15 PM

Stuart Platt, Esq., Greg Fusco, PE, Chief Cavallo, James Stevenson, Jennifer DellaValle, Kate Burns, Lee Palo, Martin Blaskey and Denise P. Adams were also present.

Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Mayor Teague that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 22, 2010 be approved, with both members voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Teague recommended that they hold adoption of the July 20th Caucus Meeting Minutes until Commissioner Dougherty arrived as Commissioner Foley was on vacation at the time of the meeting.

The Clerk reported that the State Legislature had passed A559 which amended the OPRA Statutes for copy fees, was awaiting the Governor's signature. It was noted that the legislation would not take effect until 90 days after execution by the Governor and a recommendation was made to table Ordinance 1267 until such time as the new fees were put into place.

**#1267 -- ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 26, FEES FOR
PUBLIC RECORDS, AND CHAPTER 111, FEES, IN THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HADDON**

Commissioner Foley moved, seconded by Mayor Teague that the aforementioned ordinance be tabled until State Legislation establishing copy fees was put into effect, all members voting in the affirmative.

At the request of the Mayor, the Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

**#1268 -- ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 202 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON ENTITLED STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT**

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

Tom Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, queried why an amendment to the Storm Water Ordinance was being made and if the new collapsible type of dumpster being advertised by Home Depot would be covered under the Ordinance. Mayor Teague reported that the amendments were required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and was based on a model ordinance they prepared. He indicated that he was not aware of the collapsible dumpster and noted that they would have to look into further.

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

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Aye
	Commissioner Foley	Aye
	Commissioner Dougherty	Excused

At the request of the Mayor, the Clerk read the following Ordinance by title:

#1269 -- ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS 226 AND 194 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE FOR NEW DUE DATES FOR WATER AND SEWER BILLS

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

Mr. Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, queried if only the due dates had been changed for the water and sewer bills and requested clarification of the accelerated tax sale as it relates to the change in due dates and the penalties for late payment. He queried how much was collected in April's Tax Sale and suggested that interest would be lost on delinquent tax collections. Jennifer DellaValle explained the accelerated tax sale would only affect the November billing and noted that bills would be considered delinquent and subject to the tax sale if not paid by November 15th. She indicated that she did not recall the amount collected in April's tax sale. Mayor Teague explained that the decision to move to an accelerated tax sale was for the benefit of all taxpayers and allowed the Governing Body to reduce the Township's budget and taxes overall.

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

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

Mayor Teague moved to adopt the Minutes of the Caucus Meeting held on July 20, 2010, said motion seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, both members voting in the affirmative.

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

- #2010-111 – Bill Resolution (payment of claims)
- #2010-112 – Authorizing the Tax/Utility Collector to Process Posting Corrections and Various Other Adjustments and Deductions
- #2010-113 – Recognizing Rosemarie Merola on Her 100th Birthday
- #2010-114 – Appointment of Fire Sub-Code Official
- #2010-115 – Appointment of Police Chaplain
- #2010-116 – Renewal of 2010/2011 Liquor License
- #2010-117 – Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the 2010 Road Maintenance Improvement Program (amending contract from \$270,627.70 to \$263,454.40, a reduction of \$7,173.70)
- #2010-118 – Refund of Swim Team Membership Fees
- #2010-119 – Refund of Property Resale Inspection Fees
- #2010-120 – Item of Revenue in the Budget – Chapter 159 – Alcohol Education Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund Grant for \$4,072.12
- #2010-121 – Authorizing Extension of Tax Payment Grace Period
- #2010-122 – Approval of Change Order No. 1-Final for the Purchase of a Skid Mounted Pumping System (amending contract from \$42,614.00 to \$38,740.00, a decrease of \$3,874.00)
- #2010-123 – 2009 Annual Audit Report
- #2010-124 – Authorizing Award of a Contract for Resurfacing of Emerald Avenue – Phase III
- #2010-125 – Authorizing Award of a Contract for Reconstruction of Ivywood Avenue

#2010-126 – Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Acquisition of Chemicals (Bioxide)
#2010-127 – Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Acquisition of Chemicals (Klenphos)

#2010-128 – Authorization to Enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Haddon Township Board of Education to Allow Certain Drainage and Paving Improvements to be Performed on School Board Property as Part of the Township's 2010 Road Program

#2010-129 – Amending the Redevelopment Agreement with Fieldstone Associates – Mayor Teague explained that the amendment included several blocks and lots that had been inadvertently left out of the original Redevelopment Agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

The following Raffle Licenses were approved with a motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, with all members voting in the affirmative:

Raffle License #RA:12-2010 for St. Vincent Pallotti Church

Raffle License #RA:13-2010 for the Haddon Township Crew Club

The following reports were presented and ordered filed:

Revenue Report for the Month of June 2010

Budget Status Report for June 2010

Construction Official's Report for June 2010

Tax Collector's Report for Month of June 2010

Mayor Teague opened the floor for thoughts or concerns to be brought before the Board. He first addressed the audience explaining the history of the Bettlewood Sanitary Sewer Project and the need to address much needed infrastructure improvements in the area. He reported that the Township was under an Administrative Consent Order by the DEP to address the problems and noted that the Township was fortunate to be approved for low interest funding under the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund Program. He explained that after the work had begun it had become apparent that the water and gas mains were in deplorable condition and should be replaced as well. He noted that the Township reached out to PSE&G to address replacement of the gas mains and noted that the additional work has delayed the project to some extent and acknowledged the poor conditions in the neighborhood with the streets being open during construction. He reported that after a recent meeting with the engineer and contractor it had been determined that E. Ormond Avenue should be repaved by the end of August and they were hopeful that the remaining streets would be completed by the end of September or beginning of October. He reported that the Shade Tree Commission had identified a number of trees that were scheduled for removal and noted that a number of stumps would be removed before the curbing was replaced throughout the area. He thanked the residents for their patience during the extensive, but much needed improvement project and welcomed the public to address their concerns at this time.

Al May, 51 E. Greenwood Avenue, reported that the contractor moves very slowly.

Julie Schaub, 204 E. Collingswood Avenue, noted that she had endured past problems with raw sewage and expressed concern with vehicles being damaged during the construction due to road conditions.

Chris Hoffner, 122 E. Ormond Avenue, expressed frustration with the contractor and noted that their water treatment process to keep the dust down was not performed consistently. He noted that the residents were glad that the work was getting done.

John Radar, 103 E. Ormond Avenue, observed that the water leaks are terrible and indicated that the Police Department was ticketing residents for parking cars on the street.

Joe Abbate, 152 E. Oakland Avenue, noted that something was being done and thanked the Mayor and Commissioners. He indicated that it was unfortunate for the neighbors during the construction but noted they were appreciative.

Jim Kenney, 41 E. Collingswood Avenue, suggested weekly meetings be conducted to ensure that the contractor was meeting deadlines.

Anne Isbert, 107 E. Oakland Avenue, suggested reimbursement for overnight parking permits and noted that her daughter received a ticket from Oaklyn for parking on E. Clinton Avenue.

Commissioner Dougherty reported that he had talked to the Mayor of Oaklyn to request their cooperation with Haddon Township residents during construction.

Louis Miller, 49 E. Greenwood Avenue, reported that their cars are always filthy from heavy equipment traveling up and down the street and noted that he has discovered a crack in his basement foundation.

Chief Cavallo reported that the Police have been instructed not to write tickets in the Bettewood neighborhood and noted that the last record of enforcement was in January 2010.

Jane Graham, 26 E. Oakland Avenue, requested that the Shade Tree Commission be requested to check the condition of a tree at the corner of Johnson and E. Oakland Avenues and noted that another evergreen tree appeared to be dead.

Tom Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, queried if there were regular meetings with the contractors and suggested that the Township have a representative present to report back to the Governing Body. He recommended providing residents with a point of contact person and suggested a claims process be established for residents to report damage to property as a result of the construction project. He applauded the assistance with overnight parking issues and thanked Commissioner Dougherty for the pretzel treats at this evening's meeting. He queried what the specific amendments to the Redevelopment Agreement were. Greg Fusco reported that his inspector meets with the contractor on a weekly basis and noted that he and Jim Stevenson are often present. Stuart Platt reported that two additional lots had been included as part of the Media/Commonwealth purchase in the Fieldstone Agreement.

Ken Szwak, 20 E. Ormond Avenue, queried if the new fire hydrants were functional and suggested that the engineers check into the possible health problems from prolonged exposure to dust and dirt particles. Jim Stevenson noted that the fire hydrants were operational and observed that improvements to the fire protection system were another benefit of the project.

Tom Cassel requested clarification on the Closed Executive Session discussion items. It was noted that the Miller litigation was relative to the garage, and the Cape May and Wildwood suits were claims for reimbursement of training fees for Special Police Officers Hak and McCreery subsequently hired by the Township.

Jacqueline Ferrell, 9 E. Collingswood Avenue, queried how the project was expected to speed up and how the work being done now differed from the project completed two years ago. Greg Fusco explained the DEP's order for the Township to take action to address the sewage discharges and noted that an under drain system had been installed to remove storm water from the sanitary sewer system. He explained that the runoff from roof leaders and sump pumps from basements were removed from the sanitary sewer system during this previous project.

Barb Hyer, 42 E. Greenwood Avenue, queried why a stone base was not laid down after the streets were opened to control the dust and mud. Mr. Fusco explained that the State specifications permitted contractors to use recycled concrete as the stone base and noted that it deteriorates and becomes muddy when it rains.

Lorraine Little-Vassallo, 111 E. Oakland Avenue, expressed concern with water leaking at the corner of E. Oakland and Johnson Avenue which was running continuously. Jim Stevenson reported that the Township was aware of the situation which was caused by a leaking valve and tapping sleeve. He explained that to address the problem at this time would require disruption to service in the area and they were waiting for the new water services to be installed so the old system could be abandoned which was anticipated in the next week to 10 days.

Janice Gleeson, 53 E. Collingswood Avenue, queried who pays for the lost water. Jim Stevenson acknowledged that it would be considered unaccounted water for the Township and explained that there were a large number of undetected leaks that were discovered as a result of the project and noted that the new water mains and services would greatly improve conditions in the Bettewood area.

Robert McCarthy, 40 E. Greenwood Avenue, suggested placing a weekly engineer's project status report on the Township's website.

Jim Kenney, 41 E. Collingswood Avenue, queried if the September/October deadlines were realistic goals for completion of the project. Mayor Teague reported that the Township had to rely on the information provided by the contractor and explained that they had seemed confident of meeting the project completion date noted.

A gentleman from 111 Elgin Avenue reported that he owned two properties in the Bettewood section and expressed concern with longstanding tenants choosing not to renew their leases and his inability to re-rent the properties due to the condition of the neighborhood streets.

Julie Schaub, E. Collingswood Avenue, indicated that it would appear that the contractor is telling the engineer and Township what to do and suggested that the Engineer take control of the contractor and project.

The following resolution was adopted with a motion by Commissioner Foley, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, all members affirmative concurring.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution #2010-110 – Discussion of Miller v. Haddon Township; City of Wildwood v. Haddon Township; and City of Cape May v. Haddon Township litigation.

With no further business to discuss in executive session, Commissioner Foley moved to close the executive session and return to the regular meeting, said motion seconded by Commissioner Dougherty, 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 9:00 PM with all members voting in the affirmative.

July 27, 2010

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Denise P. Adams, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

John C. Foley, Commissioner

Paul Dougherty, Commissioner

