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**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD ON JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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	Excused
	Commissioner Dougherty	Present

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Greg Fusco, PE reviewed the Engineer's Report dated July 20, 2010.

The bids received for the Acquisition of Chemicals, Emerald Avenue Phase III Reconstruction and Ivywood Avenue Improvements were reviewed and recommendation of awards made.

Mayor Teague requested an update on the Bettewood Sanitary Sewer project. Greg Fusco reported that the gas mains were being installed along Ormond Avenue and he anticipated curbing work to begin next week with street repaving to be done by September, if the weather cooperates.

Public Works, Water/Sewer Department: Jim Stevenson reported that the US Geological Survey requested permission to install a monitoring well on Cuthbert Circle. It was noted that the well would be approximately 30 feet deep and was intended to monitor ground water levels. The request was approved by Mayor Teague and Commissioner Dougherty.

Mayor Teague requested an update on the HTAA Clubhouse at Recchino Fields. Ed Toussaint reported that he had not received a response to his letter relative to the temporary CO and advised that HTAA was given a deadline of July 31st. He indicated that he had no reports from the group since early May and advised that he and the fire official had inspected the facility after a recent rain storm and noted that there was extensive damage as a result of clogged roof drains. He indicated that these repairs would also have to be addressed, along with the elevator installation before a CO could be issued. He reported that the building was safe.

Tax Assessor/Revaluation: Martin Blaskey reported that the reval company was moving along according to schedule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Requests for Resolutions of Support, Proclamations, etc....:
 - Acknowledging Rosemarie Morello on her 100th Birthday
 - Refund of Swim Team Registration Fee
 - Refund of Interior and Exterior Inspection Fees
 - Change Order No. 1-Final for the Purchase of Skid Mounted Pumping System (amending contract from \$42,614.00 to \$38,740.00, a reduction of \$3,874.00)
 - Change Order No. 2 – 2010 Road Maintenance Improvement Program (amending contract from \$270,627.70 to \$263,454.00, a reduction of \$7,173.70)

- Annual Renewal of Liquor Licenses – Haddon Township, Inc. (Froggy’s Discount Liquors)
- Appointment of Fire Sub-Code Official – Ralph Jones’ appointment expires 7/31/2010
- Appointment of a Police Chaplain
- Chapter 159 – Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund Grant - \$4,072.12
- Extension of Grace Period for Payment of Third Quarter 2010 Taxes

Mayor Teague reported that representatives from the Haddon Township Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission were present this evening to make a presentation relative to open space and water conservation. Chris Squazzo, Maggie Lieb and Fred Stine reviewed a Power Point Presentation and addressed a number of questions from the audience. They stressed the importance of conducting an open space inventory and the need to initiate water conservation measures. They reported that the Environmental Commission fully supported that acceptance of land proposed to be donated by the Band Family.

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

Tom Cassel, 1017 Belmont Avenue, indicated that it had been rumored that dumping occurred on the Band property over the years. Mr. Squazzo reported that concrete may be present; however, he was not aware of any contaminated waste. Mr. Stine queried if a Phase I investigation would be beneficial with Mr. Squazzo reporting that it would be a waste of Township funds. He noted that it would be more disruptive to the vegetation and habitat to remove any concrete that would be present. Mr. Cassel expressed his appreciation for the informative presentation and suggested it be posted to the Township’s website. He discussed the HTAA Clubhouse issue and suggested a meeting with all parties. Mayor Teague acknowledged that meetings had been conducted in the past and noted that the Township was doing what they could through the Construction Official’s Office. Mr. Cassel reported that a friend had expressed concern with the noise from work being done by the Westmont Plaza contractor. Mayor Teague noted that the issue had been brought to the attention of the Township and would be addressed by the Zoning Official. Mr. Cassel discussed a recent article on the Westmont Theater and its historic designation and queried if there was anything to report relative to the two developers mentioned in the article. Mayor Teague indicated that they were still waiting on a proposal from a group interested in bringing the Theater back and noted that the current market was not great for redevelopment. Mr. Cassel requested an update on the Russell Stone site, the DyDee application and observed that an Energy Audit was mentioned in the Engineer’s report. Mayor Teague reported that COAH issues were still pending and holding up a number of development projects. He indicated that new legislation was pending adoption. He noted that the Township had looked at an Energy Audit and observed that installing solar panels was very costly. Chris Squazzo reported that Federal Funding in the amount of 30% was available and 15% from the State, but noted that these dollars were on hold by the Governor and anticipated a lottery selection system to be instituted some time in September. Mr. Cassel discussed proposed legislation that would affect public notices and suggested the Township continue to use their legal newspapers or the Press Association’s website for bids.

Brian Dietrich, 34 E. Greenwood Avenue, requested a status report on the Bettewood Project and expressed concern that the project was over budget and over time and observed that he and his neighbors are extremely frustrated with the conditions affecting their quality of life. Mayor Teague reviewed the timeline of the project and reported that the new gas and water services had been added to address old infrastructure and noted that the project is the largest of its type undertaken by the Township. He empathized with Mr. Dietrich and expressed appreciation for the patience shown by the residents affected by the construction. Greg Fusco reported that the project was under budget and on time and noted that the old, deteriorated water lines break during the course of construction, causing further delays in the project completion. Mr. Dietrich expressed appreciation for the Township’s commitment to see the project through and queried if the tree stumps along his street would be removed. Jim Stevenson explained that the Township was addressing a backlog of tree removals, addressing the more critical trees first and noted that the stumps would be removed before the contractor was scheduled to replace the curbing.

Ken Koch, 27 Strawbridge Avenue, read a statement expressing his concern with the overnight parking ordinance. Chief Cavallo addressed Mr. Koch’s concerns and offered continued support for the ban on overnight parking. He reviewed similar regulations, permit fees and violations in neighboring communities. Mayor Teague indicated that the Governing Body would consider arguments on both sides of the issue.

Robert McCarthy, 4 E. Greenwood Avenue, expressed frustration with the Bettewood Project and noted that the streets have been opened for a long time, noting they are a mess. He observed that crews appear to be getting smaller and indicated that they move very slowly.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty that the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 PM with all members voting in the affirmative.

July 20, 2010

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Denise P. Adams, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

John C. Foley, Commissioner

Paul Dougherty, Commissioner