MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

MAY 23, 2017 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Randall W. Teague called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Teague led in the salute to the flag.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Teague read the following statement, "Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires that adequate notice of this meeting be provided. Notices of this meeting have been transmitted to the Courier Post and Retrospect Newspapers and posted on the bulletin boards in the municipal building."

ROLL CALL: Jenai Johnson, Municipal Clerk, called the roll which resulted in the following members present: Mayor Randall W. Teague; Commissioner James Mulroy; Commissioner Paul Dougherty. Also present were Solicitor Eric Riso and Municipal Engineer Gregory Fusco.

PRESENTATION OF HADDON TOWNSHIP CLEAN COMMUNITIES SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP TO PAUL DEZII: Mayor Teague deferred to Barbara Prince for the presentation of the Clean Communities Sustainability Scholarship. Ms. Prince thanked everyone for attending, noting that this was the third year the scholarship had been awarded. Ms. Prince stated that Mr. Dezii had been chosen based upon the submission of an outstanding essay, as well as the various activities in which he was involved. Ms. Prince announced that Paul Dezii would be attending college in Maine in May for Civil Engineering. Mr. Dezii was congratulated and wished well by the members of the Board of Commissioners and presented with a scholarship check.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES OF ARIL 25, 2017 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS- Commissioner Dougherty motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Dougherty; Mulroy; Teague.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1369 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVMEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,425,000.00 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLICATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,353,750.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. The Ordinance was read by title. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, the hearing was opened. Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Dougherty motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Dougherty; Mulroy.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1370 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLICATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING. The ordinance was read by title. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. There were no comments during the public hearing. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Dougherty; Mulroy.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 1371 AMENDING, REVISING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 223 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC". The ordinance was read by title. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to open the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Dougherty motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Dougherty motioned to adopt on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Dougherty; Mulroy.

RESOLUTIONS:

The Following resolutions were presented for approval and copies were made available to the Public:

RESOLUTION 2017-077 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

<u>RESOLUTION 2017-078</u> AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ACCRUED SICK TIME TO SHIRLEY JOHNSON

<u>RESOLUTION 2017-079</u> AUTHORIZING HIRE OF SEASONAL SUMMER HELP IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

RESOLUTION 2017-080 REJECTING ALL BID SUBMISSIONS REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON'S REQUEST FOR LEASE TO OPERATE PERIODIC, COMMUNITY ORIENTED EVENTS UPON CERTAIN VACANT LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

Commissioner Dougherty motioned to approve Resolutions 2017-077 through and including Resolution 2017-080, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and motion was carried upon the call of roll.

Ayes: Teague; Dougherty; Mulroy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Mulroy motioned to open the floor to the public, seconded by Commissioner Dougherty and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

John Kendall, 120 Washington Avenue- Mr. Kendall noted that a new Municipal Clerk was in attendance and inquired why the former clerk was no longer in the position. Mayor Teague informed Mr. Kendall that Dawn Pennock had been a part of a shared service agreement with the Borough of Audubon Park and had elected to revert to maintaining the Municipal Clerk in Audubon Park singularly. Mr. Kendall congratulated Commissioner Mulroy on being successfully elected to the Office of Commissioner.

Mr. Kendall asked for an update on the status of the sidewalk at the Sen Han Site. Mr. Lee Palo reported that the water company had been on site and completed mark ups. Mayor Teague stated that the sidewalk replacement would be delayed until all services were installed at the location.

Mr. Kendall noted that a wooden bench located at a playground in the heights was broken and requsted that the public works department repair the bench. Mr. Kendall further noted that there were many

potholes in need of repair, which he hoped to see addressed with the money funded through the bond ordinance adopted at the present meeting. Mayor Teague informed Mr. Kendall that the funds approved were designated for certain intersections, specifically Grandview by the pumping station and Deleware and Pershing Avenue intersection. Mayor Teague advised that potholes were something that the Township was able to repair in house.

Mr. Kendall requested that the business owners on Mt. Ephraim Avenue at the extension be directed to cut overgrowth at the location. Mayor Teague noted that he would make the compliance officer aware of the complaint and seek any rectification found appropriate.

Mr. Kendall reported that he wished to see flags placed on Nicholson Road, in a similar fashion to those placed on Haddon Avenue. Mayor Teague advised that the flags are sponsored by the business district and suggested that Mr. Kendall organize a group to do the same on Nicholson Road.

Adam and Erin Warner, 201 Harding Avenue- Mr. Warner stated that he and his wife had concerns with a tree located in the front of their property, which had roots causing damage to the sidewalk. It was noted that the Shade Tree Commission had visited the property and deemed the tree to be in good health. Mayor Teague advised that the Shade Tree Commission had been created to halt the removal of trees without sufficient cause. Mayor Teague suggested that the residents otain their own tree expert to assess the health of the tree.

Mr. Warner stated that his concern was for the safety of the residents utilizing the sidewalk and that he was less concerned with the health of the tree. Mayor Teague recommended that he take photos of the hazard and stay the process, as other factors may be taken into consideration, including pedestrian safety and the probability of falling limbs. Mayor Teague noted that the final appeal would be directed to the Mayor and Commissioners after all avenues were exhausted with the Shade Tree Commission.

Solicitor Eric Riso suggested that a certified tree expert (CTE) would be readily found online.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Commissioner Dougherty motioned to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Dougherty motioned to adjourn at 7:36PM, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenai L. Johnson, Municipal Clerk