

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON  
JULY 23, 2019  
7:00PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Randall W. Teague called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

**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 Ryan Linhart; Commissioner James Mulroy.  
Mayor Teague noted that there were members of the governing body of the Borough of Audubon Park, the Fire Chief of West Collingswood Heights, as well as the former Chief. It was recognized that Officer Verticelli had a large amount of support in attendance to witness the event as well.

**APPOINTMENTS & OATH OF OFFICE:**

RESOLUTION #2019-92 AUTHORIZING HIRE OF DOMINIC VERTICELLI TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON. Commissioner James Mulroy, Public Safety Director, stated that he was pleased to recommend the hire of Dominic Verticelli to the position of Police Officer in the Township of Haddon. Commissioner Mulroy motioned to approve Resolution #2019-92 authorizing the hire of Dominic Verticelli to the full time position of Police Officer in the Township of Haddon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO OFFICER VERTICELLI BY COMMISSIONER JAMES MULROY- Officer Dominic Verticelli was sworn in by Commissioner James Mulroy Following the ceremonial swearing in ceremony, Mayor Teague invited those in attendance for that purpose to excuse themselves while the remainder of business was conducted.

**ORDINANCES:**

*SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION*

ORDINANCE 1397 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON. Commissioner Mulroy read by title and motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance #1397. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, the floor was opened to the public. Hearing no comments from interested attendees, Commissioner Mulroy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Mulroy motioned to adopt Ordinance #1397 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy.

*SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION*

ORDINANCE 1398 AMENDING, REVISING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 212 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON ENTITLED "TAXATION". Commissioner Mulroy read by title and motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance #1398. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, the floor was opened to the public. Hearing no comments from interested attendees, Commissioner Mulroy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Mulroy motioned to adopt Ordinance #1398 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy

*SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION*

ORDINANCE #1399 ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF A SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN CONSTRUCTED BY SKY KEY REAL ESTATE INVESTORS, LLC TO SERVICE REAL PROPERTY AT 106 WESTMONT AVENUE AND IMPLEMENTING A REQUIREMENT FOR FAIR SHARE CONTRIBUTION FROM CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS BENEFITTING THEREFROM, WHO ELECT TO CONNECT TO THE HADDON TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM. Commissioner Mulroy read by title and motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance #1399. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, the floor was opened to the public.

*Karen Bernardi, 206 Westmont Avenue-* Ms. Bernardi stated that there were several residents of her neighborhood in attendance related to storm drainage issues

Mayor Teague noted that the discussion specifically related to the sewer issues in her neighborhood could be discussed further in the meeting at the appropriate time.

Hearing no further comments from interested attendees, Commissioner Mulroy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Mulroy motioned to adopt Ordinance #1399 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy

*SECOND READING/FINAL ADOPTION*

ORDINANCE #1400 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 223-15, SECTION B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON ENTITLED, "PARKING PERMITS; PERMIT PARKING DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN DAYS ON CERTAIN STREETS". Commissioner Mulroy read by title and motioned to open the public hearing on Ordinance #1400. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, the floor was opened to the public.

*Kevin Donahue, 623 Graysberry-* Mr. Donahue inquired what streets would be affected with the new parking restrictions, as he continuously experienced issues with students from Paul VI High School parking in his area and displaying inappropriate behavior.

Mayor Teague stated that the Township had previously contacted the administration at Paul VI High School, and had requested an increased police presence to alleviate resident concerns in the area. Mayor Teague explained that the ordinance would now include the parking restrictions on the 500 and 600 blocks of Graysberry. Mayor Teague stated that the signs would be erected 20 days following adoption of the ordinance. Mayor Teague elaborated that the new restrictions would be in effect September 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 1, Monday thru Friday from 7am-2pm. Mayor Teague advised the concerned residents to phone the police if there were issues in the area. It was noted that no permits or stickers would be issued at present, as the restrictions normally were enough of a deterrent.

*Joe Bono, 615 Graysberry-* Mr. Bono stated that he was in attendance to simply thank the Board of Commissioners for addressing the parking concerns within his neighborhood.

Hearing no further comments from those in attendance, Commissioner Mulroy motioned to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, motion was carried. Commissioner Mulroy motioned to adopt Ordinance #1400 on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Linhart and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION #2019-88 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION #2019-89 APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORIZATION IN LIEU OF VENDOR SIGNATURE FOR CERTAIN VENDORS

RESOLUTION #2019-90 AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR YEAR 2019 (PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2019 AT 7:00PM)

RESOLUTION #2019-91 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE 2019-2020 AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

RESOLUTION #2019-93 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK FOR MUNICIPAL TREASURER SERVICES

RESOLUTION #2019-94 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR THE 2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

RESOLUTION #2019-95 AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BUCKNER AVENUE PROJECT, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RESOLUTION #2019-96 APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 (FINAL) FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REPAIRS IN THE VICINITY OF VIRGINIA AVENUE

RESOLUTION #2019-97 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

RESOLUTION #2019-98 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF VARIOUS TAX OVERPAYMENTS

RESOLUTION #2019- 99 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA WHITE TO THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

Commissioner Mulroy motioned to approve all resolutions listed for considerations, inclusive of Resolutions #2019-88 through and including Resolution #2019-99. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and motion was carried upon the call of roll. Ayes: Teague; Linhart; Mulroy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Mulroy motioned to open the floor to the public for those in attendance wishing to speak. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Linhart and hearing none opposed, the public comment was opened.

The following residents of Westmont Avenue stepped forward to discuss flooding issues being experienced on their properties during the storm event in June:

John and Bernadette McGuire, 204 Westmont Avenue

Megan Correia, 202 Westmont Avenue

Karen Bernardi, 206 Westmont Avenue

Edward Docktor, 208 Westmont Avenue

John Marthaler, 210 Westmont Avenue

Ms. Karen Bernardi stated that the recent sever storm had caused overflow of the sanitary sewer system in their neighborhood.

Mrs. Bernadette McGuire stated that water flows down, lifts the manhold and runs on the lawns. Mrs. McGuire noted that the issues seemed to be specific to the even 200 side of Westmont Avenue. Mayor Teague stated that he would direct the engineer to visit the site and evaluate the problem and develop a potential solution.

Mrs. McGuire stated that she had been under the impression that the project was already planned and was a phase of an ongoing project. Gregory Fusco, Municipal Engineer, stated that he would be out to the location within the upcoming few weeks to evaluate the area. Mayor Teague suggested that the residents return to the meeting being held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, providing time to allow the engineer to properly evaluate the problem. A resident stated that it was his belief that the Chestnut Bridge clogging also intensifies the water damage in the area, and suggested that the department of Public Works monitor the debris that accumulates at that location.

The residents of the 200 block of Westmont Avenue thanked the mayor for his attention to their ongoing circumstances.

Mayor Teague stated that a resident in the audience had experienced severe sewer issues at his house in years past, and the Township had resolved the issue, although these types of matter are time and financially exhaustive.

Mayor Teague noted that the prior issues were in the Beddlewood Section of town, and lots of sump pumps draining into the sanitary sewer had flooded the system. Mayor Teague stated that the Township had to replace four blocks of sewer lines, which they had accomplished with low interest funding offered by the State for such projects. Mayor Teague noted that the funds that become available must be dedicated to the most emergent problem in the Township.

A resident of 137 Grant Avenue stated that he had concern with an intersection of Grant and New Jersey Avenue, which did not have stop signs. It was noted by the concerned resident that a bus stop for small children was located in the vicinity of this intersection. Commissioner Mulroy deferred the issue to the chief of police, who stated that the engineer had investigated the location and that it did not satisfy the traffic safety requirements for installation of stop signs. Gregory Fusco noted that approval for stop signs must meet procedures for traffic safety and the warrants

were severe, including number of accidents, traffic volume and excessive pedestrian traffic. Mr. Fusco confirmed that this specific intersection failed to meet any and all requirements.

Tom Harisko, Haddon Township- Mr. Harisko stated that there existed a triple trunk tree about 70 feet in height in rear of his property. Mr. Harisko stated that he had previously attended a meeting on this matter, and noted that several trunks fell and that one is headed for the steps. Mr. Harisko stated that he anticipated this to be an upcoming public safety issue. Mayor Teague assured the resident that he would have public works investigate the situation. Mr. Harisko stated that he and his neighbors would be willing to volunteer to clean up the step area. Mayor Teague reported that the park was the property of Camden County, adding that he would investigate the condition and contact the County as necessary.

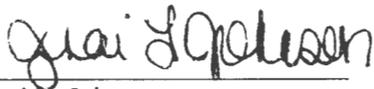
Joe Testa, 660 Maple Ave- Mr. Testa stated that he noted that the Recapture Agreement had been adopted and wished to obtain an executed copy the following day and thanked the Governing Body for their assistance.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

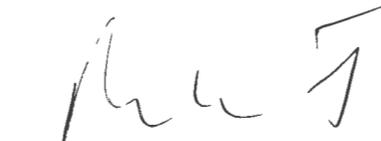
Commissioner Mulroy motioned to adjourn at 7:46PM, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy and hearing none opposed, motion was carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Jenai L. Johnson,  
Township Clerk

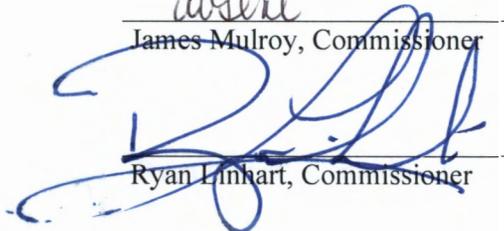
BY:



Randall W. Teague, Mayor



James Mulroy, Commissioner



Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

APPROVED: 10.15.2019