

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD AUGUST 25, 2020
ON TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AT 7 PM**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon was convened by telephone conference on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

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 the Township Website and the Municipal Building doors.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Present
	Commissioner Mulroy	Present
	Commissioner Linhart	Present

Eric Riso, Esquire, Township Solicitor and Greg Fusco, PE, Township Engineer were on the call.

Commissioner Linhart moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION:

The following Ordinance was read by title:

#1409 – An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Authorizing Salaries to be Paid to the Employees of the Twp. of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, Designating the Various Positions, Amounts of Salary and Time of Payment for Year 2020

Commissioner Linhart moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the aforementioned ordinance introduced at this time be approved on the first reading and remain on file with the Clerk for public inspection until the public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which will be on September 22, 2020, in the Municipal Building. The Clerk was further directed to publish said ordinance together with the notice of such hearing in the manner required by law in the Retrospect Newspaper and also to post copies on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building prior to the second reading and make copies available to the general public of the Township who shall request same.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Teague	Aye
	Commissioner Mulroy	Aye
	Commissioner Linhart	Aye

RESOLUTIONS:

The following resolutions were approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2020-100 through Resolution #2020-109, inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2020-100 - Bill Resolution

#2020-101 – Authorizing Renewal of Certain Liquor Licenses in the Township of Haddon for the 2020-2021 Licensing Term

#2020-102 – Refund of Fees Paid for Senior Citizen Trip to Resorts Cancelled Due to

COVID-19

#2020-103 – Refund for Tank Removal Permit #19-659 for Moore’s Tank Services, Inc.

#2020-104 – Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Improvements to the Cuthbert Blvd. Pump Station

#2020-105 – Authorizing Refund of Various Tax Overpayments

#2020-106 – Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Audubon Park for Public Works

#2020-107 – Appointment of Keith Raveling as Fire Subcode Official

#2020-108 – Authorizing Imposition of Liens on Multiple Properties for Lawn Maintenance

#2020-109 – Authorizing an Increase in Hours for the Tax Assessor Assistant

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion made by Commissioner Mulroy to approve Raffle License #2020-11 for Santa Maria Council #1443 for a calendar raffle, seconded by Commissioner Linhart with all members affirmatively concurring.

REPORTS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

There being no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Mulroy moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members voting in the affirmative.

Sarah Greenblatt, 22 Lindisfarne Avenue – Ms. Greenblatt attended the meeting this evening due to a concern of New Fortress Energy export terminal in Camden County. She stated that New Fortress Energy is planning the overland transport of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) by truck on public highways to Gibbstown, New Jersey. She reported that we are a densely populated area and we are being used as guinea pigs. She stated that she believes we need to protect the safety of the community. She mentioned three points, 1) Air quality in Camden County is already poor with a grade of an “F” from the National Lung Association and there would be 1,650 truck trips per day causing more pollution, 2) Safety Risk – Liquid Gas has to be super cool to liquid to transport or cloud can explode like a bomb and if this were to happen the Fire Departments have been told to evacuate to a one mile radius, and (3) Lack of Oversight – there has been very little time for public input. Mayor Teague responded that he reviewed the Resolution and he doesn’t disagree, he would just like more time to research, have resolution reviewed by Solicitor and maybe change some things in the resolution to fit Haddon Township.

Roberta Ravey, 306 Yale Road – Ms. Ravey attended the meeting this evening to discuss the Sample Resolution concerning the Microgrid. She reported that CCMUA proposed to construct a microgrid in Camden but want to connect to Covanta Energy Incinerator. She further stated that the incinerator is near the end of its’ life expectancy, sustainable loop sustains life but it’s very bad, as mentioned, Grade “F” for lungs. She suggested a different study be done which supports the removal sources of solar and wind. She asks that the governing body urge Governor Murphy towards energy solutions that help achieve renewable energy and energy storage goals, not hinder them. She asked if they do more research would the governing body review. Mayor Teague responded that they would and they could send it to mayorteague@haddontwp.com. Mayor Teague invited them to the next meeting, the 4th Tuesday in September.

Ron Gaston, 235 Buckner Avenue – Mr. Gaston reported that he has been a resident of Haddon Township for the last 35 years and he was attending this evening to ask about the proposed Bike Path and he wanted to know how the governing body feels. Mayor Teague responded that it is a joint grant that Collingwood and Haddon Township received. It’s an evaluation of Bike Trails & Pedestrian Safety. Mr. Gaston asked who is doing that grant?

Commissioner Linhart responded the DVRPC. He further responded that they offer grants for studies and audit assessments of streets & roads and viable options which are recommended by the Engineer Consultants that have won the bids. Mr. Gaston stated that we have enough paths in town with Cooper River, Newton and he was concerned about the Stoy School area. He stated that area is already congested with cars, bikes, pedestrians and the bike path would make it worse. Commissioner Linhart commented that it is not a blanket bike path and it has not been formally proposed and Stoy may not be impacted. The study may be for improved crosswalks. Mayor Teague stated that this is to promote safety for kids to get to school and to make the community safer. Commissioner Linhart commented on the crosswalks near the municipal building and how people cross haphazardly due to improper signage and how the Township has their fair share of accidents. Mayor Teague responded that our goal is to have zero percent accidents and this study is at the very beginning stage and it is for safety not a high-speed bike trail. This is a result of more people being out walking and biking. Mr. Gaston mentions that he was a truck driver for years and he had an incident wherein someone enter the crosswalk and, in a truck, there isn't enough time to stop. He further reports on his daughter in the area of McMillan's Bakery and how she was almost run over by a bicyclist. Commissioner Linhart informs Mr. Gaston of a business owner that was hit by a car in that area and he had to close his business because he was not physically able to continue. Mayor Teague concluded by telling Mr. Gaston that all his comments will be taken into consideration and he will pass it on to the committee.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Linhart moved to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mayor Teague, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Teague moved, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

August 25, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner