

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD SEPTEMBER 22, 2020  
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7 PM**

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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, September 22, 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

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

**ORDINANCES:**

SECOND READING:

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

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

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

The following Ordinance was read by title:

#1410 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Capital Equipment in and for the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,430,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$1,358,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart 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 October 27, 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

The following Ordinance was read by title:

#1411 – 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 Obligation 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

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart 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 October 27, 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

The following Ordinance was read by title:

#1412 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the Police Department in and for the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$200,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Up to \$190,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart 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 October 27, 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

The following Ordinance was ready by title:

#1413 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey Authorizing 180-day Extension of Interim Zoning, Previously Adopted by Ordinance #1407, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-90(b), to Allow for Issuance of Zoning Permits Effective for a Time Period of 120 Days, to Permit Temporary Outdoor Restaurant Seating and Retail Outdoor Display Sales Areas at Existing Lawful Businesses, Subject to Bulk Zoning and Construction Code Requirements and Other Outside Agency Approvals

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart 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 October 27, 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 #2020-110 through Resolution #2020-122, excluding Resolution #2020-120, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- #2020-110 - Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)
- #2020-111 – Authorizing Renewal of Certain Liquor Licenses in the Township of Haddon for the 2020-2021 Licensing Term
- #2020-112 – Adopting the Model Information Technology Practice Policy
- #2020-113 – Resolution to Amend 2020 Capital Budget
- #2020-114 – Authorizing a Chapter 159 Revenue for Recreation Facility Enhancement Grant for Robert Krupinski Sr. Memorial Park Improvements
- #2020-115 – Authorizing Refund of Various Tax Overpayments
- #2020-116 – Adopting The Connect 2020 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan
- #2020-117 – Authorizing and Approving an Extension of the Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Oaklyn
- #2020-118 – Approval of Change Order No. 4-Final for Reconstruction of Buckner Ave, Ph 1 & 2
- #2020-119 – Approval of Change Order No. 1-Final for Improvements to Cuthbert Blvd. Pump Station
- #2020-121 – Authorizing an Agreement for Sodium Chloride thru the Camden County Cooperative
- #2020-122 – Authorizing Settlement & Closing of Project for the Construction of Garage addition

Mayor Teague made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-120, contingent upon the review and approval of the Township Solicitor, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- #2020-120 – Award Contract for 2020 Capital Improvement Program

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Commissioner Mulroy to Authorize the Clerk to go out to RFP for the following Professional Services, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- Various Professional Services
- Banking

Motion made by Commissioner Mulroy to approve Raffle License #2020-12 for Haddon Township School Baseball Booster Club, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- #2020-12 Haddon Township High School Baseball Booster Club – Off Premise Merchandize Raffle – Dec. 6, 2020 drawing

Mayor Teague reported that there were a couple people on the telephone call meeting last month that presented two issues, (1) Liquified Natural Gas train approved by Federal Government and the other was, (2) Covanta Microgrid. Mayor Teague stated that the State of New Jersey has filed a lawsuit to prevent the Liquified Natural Gas Train from coming through New Jersey and/or at least doing more studies. Mayor Teague commented that he didn't think a resolution was necessary and believes the Township should just support New Jersey's Lawsuit. The second issue, the Covanta Microgrid, there are a lot of issues and concerns and he stated his suggestion would be that the Township at least ask the Environmental Commission to evaluate and comment. He reported there are issues with air pollution. He further commented that the incinerator takes on a lot of waste from Camden County and maybe other counties; the alternative is a landfill. He further reported that in addition to incineration of solid waste, it generates electricity as well causing air pollution. He again recommended the Environmental Commission look at it and see why the County is advocating for it. Mayor Teague said the second part is that the CCMUA would like to have this incinerator as part of the microgrid to provide all other energy when electric is out. If CCMUA loses power you will have a backup power that would protect waterways from potential sewerage releases.

Commissioner Linhart responded that he doesn't know if we have that sort of time. He believes the County intends on taking action sooner rather than later. He further reported that there are a lot of reports already out there that point towards it creating more pollution issues than it does if the by product of having the incinerator having the microgrid to support sewerage plant in emergency. He stated there are other options. We are due east from Camden and he reported that he can smell the incinerator.

Mayor Teague stated the other concern impacting the Township is that is where we send solid waste as do most municipalities in South Jersey. We need an alternative solution as to where to put trash and there are only two places, incinerator or landfill, and the closest is Pennsauken, then Salem County. Mayor Teague reported that landfills do damage to the environment as well. Commissioner Linhart commented that air pollutants are different then ground pollutants. Commissioner Linhart responded that he thought we had a contract with waste management and they take it to whatever location. Mayor Teague asked, "if we oppose incinerator then we are doing something we oppose; its where we dispose Haddon Township trash".

Commission Mulroy asked both Mayor Teague and Commissioner Linhart if this issue will be decided prior to the October meeting. Commissioner Linhart thoughts were that the Township has an Environmental Commission which is much savvier with these issues, and he would like their input. He further stated that if what the Township does raises costs in town then we can explain it and would have a good reason.

Commissioner Linhart, if we have differing or uncertain opinions maybe there is no need for a resolution so much.

Mayor Teague commented that there are individual opinions then opinions as municipality. As municipality lowering cost or less damaging to environment, then I would be for that as far as where to send Haddon Township trash.

Commissioner Linhart responded to the Mayor that he is conflating the two issues. Where the trash goes as opposed to how the trash is handled. What's interesting is they are timing the incinerator to support the microgrid, there are other options, such as solar and wind.

Commissioner Linhart further stated, there are other options. He believes they are taking third world solutions for first world problems. There are pollution issues in India tied to incinerator. When you look at research it ties to children's health and asthma.

Mayor Teague stated that if we come up with a resolution, Township is in close proximity to the incinerator and would like to see other options utilized for microgrid for CCMUA.

## **2021 Haddon Township Municipal Calendar**

Mayor Teague reported that the Township may not be able to do a calendar this year for 2021 due to COVID costs and that usually the successful RFP Professional Service submission for Banking offers cover the calendar costs. He stated that Governor Murphy declared Juneteenth Day a holiday and if the Township does a calendar then he would like to add Juneteenth to the calendar. He further reported that he received a request to incorporate Indigenous People Day and remove Columbus Day from the calendar by the HT Equity Initiative. The Mayor advised that the HT Calendar Is for State and Federal Holidays and HT events. Since Columbus Day is a State and Federal Holiday, his opinion was to keep Columbus Day on the calendar and also add Indigenous Peoples Day. Commissioner Linhart agreed.

The HT Equity Initiative requested that Black History month be added to the calendar. Mayor Teague suggested that the following months be recognized in the calendar:

: January – National Blood Donor Month, February – Black History Month, March – Women's History Month, April – Autism Awareness Month, May – Mental Health Awareness Month, June – Pride Month, July 4th Celebration Month, August – National Water Quality Month, September – National Hispanic Latino Heritage Month, October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Month, November – National Diabetes Month, and December – Toy & Food Drive Month.

Mayor Teague also suggested including all of the recognized dates from the Apple Calendar within the HT calendar in an effort to be more inclusive.

Commissioner Mulroy responded that he was fine with having both Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day, but he pointed out that Columbus Day is not just about Columbus but a celebration of Italian-American heritage. Contributions of Italian Americans to the United States. Columbus Day was adopted when Italians faced religious inclusion to United States. What they left in Italy and found in the United States. Commissioner Mulroy stated he is fine with sharing Indigenous People Day with the understanding of issues with how Native Americans have been treated. He further believes that it is not the purpose of the Township Calendar to turn into the Apple calendar, if all those events are put on the calendar, it should be limited to holidays important to Haddon Township residents and they may miss something if calendar has too much on it.

Mayor Teague advised that we should be all inclusive and not exclusive in any way.

Commissioner Linhart agreed that Columbus Day and Indigenous People Day should both be on the calendar. He understands integrating some of those dates from the Apple Calendar.

**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.

Morris Cooperman, 44 Lindisfarne Avenue – Mr. Cooperman said after listening to the conversation about co-generator, he comes from an engineering background. He asked if it is possible to look at specific solutions. Mayor Teague responded that it is difficult because the decision is not being made at the Township level. He further stated that we have to look at how it impacts Haddon Township. He suggested Mr. Cooperman go to a Camden County Freeholders meeting since the Township does not have the ability to get involved in their decisions. Mr. Cooperman said he would contact the Freeholders. He suggested basically saying, “we are not trying to block your efforts. We appreciate what you are trying to do. Mr. Cooperman informed the Commissioner that it looks like the American Elm is reinstated itself in Haddon Township. He stated they were everywhere when he was growing up and that they were a dead species. He further reported sighting the American Elm near his house, near Keg & Kitchen and on Cooper Street. He reported that he sent pictures out to multiple entities that all agreed they were American Elms. Mayor Teague asked if he contacted the Haddon Township Shade Tree Commission. He responded that he did not. Commissioner Mulroy commented that the problem with the Elm is that they get to certain height then die. Mr. Cooperman responded that is the Chestnut. The Elm is affected when they get around 25 years old and are susceptible to Dutch Elm’s Disease. Numerous Dutch Elms’ die. He reported that Elms being alive in certain parts of the Country, like Ohio, Princeton and the oldest being behind the old Stone Factor, which looks to be 25 to 30 years old. Commissioner Linhart requested he reach out to the Shade Tree Commission.

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

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

September 22, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

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Randall W. Teague, Mayor

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James Mulroy, Commissioner

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Ryan Linhart, Commissioner