

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD DECEMBER 21, 2021
IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7 PM**

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, December 21, 2021 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 bulletin boards of the Municipal Building.

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

James Stevenson, DPW, Greg Fusco, PE, and Justin Strausser, Esq. were present.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

The following Resolutions were approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2021-148 through Resolution #2021-169, with the exception of Resolution #2021-151, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

Mayor Teague reported that there were two RFPs submitted for the position of Planning Board Solicitor and he recommended Lou Garty, Esq. and pointed out that she has experience in this area and fee schedule is reasonable for the position. Both Mayor Teague and Commissioner Mulroy extended their thanks for a job well done to Francis Ryan, Esq., newly retired solicitor for the Planning Board.

#2021-148 - Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)

#2021-149 – Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer – Dawn Pennock

#2021-150 – Appointment to Environmental Commission

- Christopher Martin, 3-year term to December 31, 2024
- Marguerite Downham, 3-year term to December 21, 2024
- Renee Papaneri, (Alt#2), 2-year term to December 31, 2023

#2021-152 – Appointment to Rent Control Board

- Linda Camp, 3-year term to 12/31/2024
(Resident)
- Alma Zwick, 3-year term to 12/31/2024
(Tenant Rep.)

#2021-153 – Appointment to Shade Tree Commission

- Marge Howley, 5-year term to 12/31/2026
- Kevin Murphy, 5-year term to 12/31/2026

#2021-154 – Appointment to the Chicken Advisory Board

- Suzanne Passante, Chair, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Gwenne Bail, Chair Emeritus, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Marge Howley, Vice Chair, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Melissa Knoerzer, Secretary, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Robert Tyrrell, Member at Large, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Michael McHale, 1-year to December 31, 2022
Member at Large
- Jamie Gusrang, 1-year to December 31, 2022
Member at Large
- Steve Balogh, 1-year to December 31, 2022
Member at Large
- Lauren Nasto, 1-year to December 31, 2022
Member at Large

#2021-155 – Appointment to the Business Improvement District Board

- Michael Perro, 2-year term to 12/31/2023
- Kevin Meeker, 2-year term to 12/31/2023
- Ashley Coyne, 2-year term to 12/31/2023
- Niraj Patel, 2-year term to 12/31/2023

#2021-156 – Appointment to the Haddon Township Housing Authority

- Brian Seltzer, Term 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2026

#2021-157 – Award Government Banking for Year 2022 – 1st Colonial Community Bank

#2021-158 – Appointment of Various Professional Services for Year 2022

- Municipal Auditor – Michael Holt of Holt McNally & Associates
- Municipal Attorney – Stuart Platt, Esq. for The Platt Law Group
- Planning Board Attorney – M. Lou Garty, Esq. of The Garty Law Firm
- Redevelopment Attorney – Stuart Platt, Esq. of The Platt Law Group
- Labor Counsel – Louis R. Lessig, Esq. of Brown & Connery, LLP
- Bond Counsel – Philip Norcross, Esq. of Parker McCay
- Special Counsel – Environmental – Cathy Ward, Esq. of Stradley Ronon
Stevens & Young
- Special Counsel – Affordable Housing – Stuart Platt, Esq. of The Platt Law
Group
- Special Counsel – Louis Lessig, Esq. of Brown & Connery, LLP
- Broker of Record for Employee Benefits – Conner, Strong & Buckelew
- Municipal Engineer – Greg Fusco, PE of Key Engineers, Inc.
- Municipal Planner – Greg Fusco, PE of Key Engineers, Inc.
- Municipal Planner Affordable Housing – Clark, Caton & Hintz
- Prosecutor – Steven J. Petersen, Esq.
- Public Defender – Charlene Cathcart, Esq.
- Risk Management Consultant – Walter Eife
- Computer Consulting Services – Barber Consulting Services

#2021-159 – Approval of the Annual Meeting Notice for 2022

#2021-160 – Authorizing Budget Appropriation Transfers for 2021

#2021-161 – Appointing Keith Raveling as Electrical Subcode Official

#2021-162 – Authorizing the Cub Scouts to have a Christmas Campfire on Township Property

#2021-163 – Authorizing an Agreement between the Township of Haddon and Homeward Bound
Pet Adoption Center, Inc for Animal Shelter Services from January 1, 2022 to
December 31, 2022

#2021-164 – Extending Animal Control Officer Agreement for a Year to December 31, 2022 –
Robert Chabot of Independent Animal Care Services

#2021-165 – Rescinding Resolution #2021-090 Authorizing Renewal of an Inactive Liquor License

#2021-166 – Awarding Payroll Services for Calendar Year 2022 – USA Payroll

#2021-167 – Authorizing and Approving the Transfer of that Certain Financial Agreement Between

the Township of Haddon and Albertson Urban Renewal, LLC to GP Albertson Urban Renewal, LLC and Authorizing the Execution of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement in Connection Therewith

#2021-168 – Approving Salaries for Haddon Township Fire District No. 1 Per N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88

#2021-169 – Rejecting Bids for the Water Main Replacement Along West Park Blvd.

The following Resolution #2021-151 was approved, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Mayor Teague, with both members affirmatively concurring. Commissioner Linhart abstained:

#2021-151 – Appointment to Planning/Zoning Board

- Eve R. Keller, Class I, 1-year to December 31, 2022 (Mayor's Designee)
- James Stevenson, Class II, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Ryan Linhart, Class III, 1-year to December 31, 2022
- Gregory Wells, Class IV, 4-year term to December 31, 2025
- Marguerite Downham, Class IV, 3-year term to December 31, 2024 Env. Comm
- Chris Jandoli, Alt. #1, 2-year term to December 31, 2023
- Meredith Kirschner, (Alt. #4), 2-year term to December 31, 2023

OTHER BUSINESS:

The following Raffle License Applications have been approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- Amending RA #2021-16 Raffle License Application for Haddon Township High Baseball Boosters for date change
- RA#2021-18 -Raffle License Application for PTO & Alumni Assn Paul VI for Off Premise Merchandise Draw
- RA#2021-19 - Raffle License Application for PTA Clyde Jennings School for 50/50

The following Bingo License Application has been approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- BA#2021-01 Bingo License Application for PTA Clyde Jennings School

REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021:

The following Reports for November 2021 were presented and ordered filed:

Revenue Report
Budget Status Report

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There being no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Mulroy made a motion to open the meeting for public comment, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

Sue Ficaro, 109 Cooper Street – Ms. Ficaro came to the Township meeting to ask whether the Township could help her or direct her to another entity for help regarding the insufficient handicap accessible parking at Paul VI. Mayor Teague provided Ms. Ficaro

with some background, by saying, Paul VI is a private entity and when a private entity comes to the Township to build something, at the time they present their site plan, they are required to fulfill handicap parking requirements, as it based in our construction code. Mayor Teague stated he was not sure what the requirements were when Paul VI originally opened, but typically, that wouldn't change until they came to present their site plan for a change/addition to their existing facilities. Mayor Teague said, we can have our construction official go out and look at the handicap parking at Paul VI and if the Township has something in its code that requires more spots, and allows the Township the ability to enforce it, we can do that. Ms. Ficaro reported that Paul VI has blue spots demarcated but there isn't any signage. Mayor Teague responded that signage is needed to enforce the handicap parking. Mayor Teague asks Ms. Ficaro if she has spoken to Paul VI regarding this issue? Ms. Ficaro replied that she did not speak with Paul VI. Mayor Teague commented that he believed that a conversation with Paul VI would be enough and it can be initiated by the Township. He further stated that it is a logical and reasonable request and he does not believe that Paul VI will be opposed to it.

Jackie Kalpin & Ron Hoover, 315 Crestwood – Ms. Kalpin & Mr. Hoover reported that they came to the meeting this evening about a very large tree along the curb of the property they own and are renovating at 315 Crestwood Avenue. Mayor Teague responds by saying, trees are under the jurisdiction of the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Hoover reported that he has approached the Shade Tree regarding the tree destroying the sewer line and concrete at 315 Crestwood. Mr. Hoover further reported that roots are growing in the basement. Mr. Hoover stated that his tree guy, Pat Breslin, concrete company and two arborists stated the tree needs to be removed. Commissioner Mulroy responded that you have to go to the Shade Tree Commission, the Board of Commissioners has no jurisdiction over the Shade Tree and if the Shade Tree decision is not favorable to what you need, then the only recourse is Superior Court. Mayor Teague reported that he believes their last meeting of the year is tomorrow night. Commissioner Mulroy gave the couple Chris Squazzo's e-mail address and pointed out he is very responsive to the public. Mayor Teague informed them that the Shade Tree Commission will determine whether it should come down or not or if it can be saved and their mission is to save trees. Mayor Teague also advised them to present all documentation from their professionals that provides information on why the tree should be removed. Mayor Teague further stated they can ask for a vote of the Shade Tree Commissioners.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Mulroy moved to close the meeting for public comment, 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 7:19 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

December 21, 2021

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

