

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD MAY 24, 2022
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, May 24, 2022 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, Chief Cavallo, Lee Palo, Bonnie Richards and Justin Strausser, Esq. were present.

Mayor Teague welcomes everyone to the meeting as follows: Mayor Larry Pennock from Audubon Park, Haddon Township Police Department, Westmont Fire Chief Dan Devitt and members of the Westmont Fire Department, Ryan Sheppard from the Fire Marshal's Office, Retired Lieutenant Tom Fitzgerald, and members from the Cooper River Dragon Boat Team. Lieutenant Schwartz' family could not be here, however, she will be using her father's Bible this evening for the ceremony.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL THIS EVENING:

The following Resolution #2022-066 was approved with a motion Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2022-066 – Appointment of Wendy Schwartz to Lieutenant of the Haddon Township Police Department

Wendy Schwartz is sworn in as Lieutenant of Police by Commissioner Mulroy as Captain Hak holds her father's Bible.

The following Resolution #2022-067 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2022-067 – To Amend the Capital Budget

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1425 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALARIES TO BE PAID TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE VARIOUS POSITIONS, AMOUNTS OF SALARY AND TIME OF

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 June 28, 2022, 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

1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1426 – 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 \$1,740,000 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 \$1,653,000; 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 June 28, 2022, 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

1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

The following Ordinance was read by title only

#1427 – BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF UTILITY EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$920,000 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 \$874,000.00; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND CONVENANTS; 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 June 28, 2022, 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

1ST READING/INTRODUCTION:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1428 – 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

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 June 28, 2022, 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 #2022-068 through Resolution #2022-076, inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- #2022-068- Bill Resolution
- #2022-069 – Extending FMLA for Township Employee
- #2022-070– Authorizing Appointment of Lisa Anthony as Full Time Accounting Clerk
- #2022-071 – Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Water Main Replacement along West Park Blvd.
- #2022-072– Authorizing the Waiver of Interest for Block 27.06 Lot 15
- #2022-073– Approval of Independence Day Fire Works Display
- #2022-074 – Appointing Mason Bradley as Municipal Coordinator on Aging
- #2022-075– Appointment of Ryan Giles as Temporary Tax Collector
- #2022-076 – Authorizing Renewal of Certain Liquor Licenses in the Township of Haddon for the 2022-2023 Licensing Term

OTHER BUSINESS: None

REPORTS FOR APRIL 2022:

The following reports for April 2022 were presented and ordered filed:

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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:

Christopher Rossi, 515 Rhoads Avenue – Mr. Rossi came to the meeting this evening with a curb box cover saying he takes care of the street the best he can and he inherited a lot of issues and deals with a lot of issues, because every single house with the exception of the two closest to MacArthur, the curb box covers are gone. He stated that he doesn't know how outdated these are (curb box covers) but there is a school on the street, and he needs 8 curb box covers, all but the two closest to MacArthur are gone. He stated that he doesn't mind installing them on the street himself. Mayor Teague replied that we can get those and then Mr. Stevenson said it is the homeowner's responsibility. Mayor Teague then asked Mr. Stevenson if we can get a hold of these. Mr. Stevenson responded that he would check tomorrow and see if the Township has any. Mr. Rossi stated that he doesn't know what is being done on Park. Mayor Teague responded that the Township is replacing the main water line. He further stated that just by circumstance the curb where the church is, is Beechwood and Rhoads is being obliterated by excavators. They may be fixing one thing but they are destroying another. Mayor Teague responded that the Township will take a look at it. Mr. Rossi stated the other issue is that the road on 2nd Avenue adjacent to him, people have been asking for decades to have the road paved. Mr. Rossi doesn't believe that is the practical approach, he states the issue is that the gas line is only 2 feet deep, anything surveyors come up with would not require them to lower gas line so that it is below grade. The entire thing saturates when it rains. He stated that he is not an engineer and it is just his best guess. Mr. Rossi believes that the simple solution would be to make it look nice with stones; it doesn't need to be paved. Mayor Teague reported that he believes it is close to being done. Greg Fusco, PE will check on it. Mayor Teague further replied, he thinks we have that to do this year and we will do it right, the Township won't just asphalt over the issue. Mayor Teague reported that the Township has oversight and when they are coming and going from job site to job site, the Township doesn't see them. Mayor Teague said that means if we have to move a line, it's something our engineer will determine. Mayor Teague reiterated that we have our engineer and DPW come out to the site often; it is the contractor's job to do a good job. We aren't following them to see what they hit and don't hit, stated Mayor Teague. Mr. Rossi told Mayor Teague that the other issue he has is not suitable for public forum. He tells Mayor Teague that he has reached out to him to see if he can get him to come over to his residence. Mayor Teague replied that he has been out there and spoken to Mr. Rossi. Mayor Teague further pointed out that there are issues going on with his neighbor, too. Mayor Teague said the Zoning Office has been out there. Mr. Rossi said he is trying to understand, parcel of property between properties are owned by the Township. Mayor Teague replied that the Board of Commissioners doesn't think there is any reason that Township needs to own that property and the Township is going to put the property out to public auction. Mr. Rossi said that one on one he can get his opinion across. Mayor Teague informed Mr. Rossi that his neighbor has contacted him as well. The Mayor offers to give Mr. Rossi his cell phone number after the meeting.

Fran Stevenson, 10 West Albertson Ave. – Ms. Stevenson reported that she attempted to reach out to the Township by email but she had issues getting the email through. She stated that Mayor Teague told her to come to a Board of Commissioners Meeting. Ms. Stevenson reported that she lives across from the beer garden. Mayor Teague states that Ms. Stevenson spoke to someone from DPW Friday when they were breaking down from an event. Mayor Teague states that Friday's event was for the Animal Welfare Association. Ms. Stevenson reports that she is for charities such as Animal Welfare, autism, and breast

cancer and she is a big supporter but the Township has had two evenings where the music has gone past 10 PM. Mayor Teague responded that the Township notified those bands that went past 10 PM that they had to stop. Ms. Stevenson stated that she believes they think 10:01 PM or 10:02 PM is not a big deal and they don't realize they start at 4 pm and that is 6 hours of constant music. Mayor Teague said they have to stop at 10:00 PM. Ms. Stevenson stated that she was not going to go and have a conversation with people that have been drinking all night. Mayor Teague responded that the proper thing to do would be to contact the police. Mayor Teague further stated that he can give Ms. Stevenson his cell phone number so she can text him or call him. Ms. Stevenson further stated that the Township has had a lot of pop-up events; she stated that she knows about a lot of the events from the calendar and she arranges to go away and she doesn't have a problem with that; however, when she is home, the decibel reading is above 80 and that is not healthy. Mayor Teague explains to Ms. Stevenson that the Township was addressing these issues pre-pandemic and then the pandemic hit and the Township didn't have any events for a while and when the Township started having events and bands again, he believes a lot of them just forgot the rules. Ms. Stevenson reported that she had a young female approach her the other night she asked her who is responsible for the event and the young female started to get in her face. Ms. Stevenson has video of the incident. Ms. Stevenson said the young woman basically threatened her. Mayor Teague told Ms. Stevenson he would give her his cell phone number so she can contact him or if she prefers contact the police. She told Mayor Teague that she is trying to provide solutions and suggested the band play until 8 PM and that way the attendees go walk down the avenue since there are a lot of restaurants, then after 8 PM have regular music and no D.J. Mayor Teague explains to Ms. Stevenson that most of the events are fundraisers and they want people to come until 10 pm so they can raise more money for their charity. Ms. Stevenson asked if Mayor Teague is saying the band is the attraction? Mayor Teague replied, yes, the band is the attraction. Mayor Teague reports that the Township will work on the decibel level and work on getting the bands to end at 10 PM. The Mayor further explains that the Township has more new people and organizations using the Square; the Township will do a better job of stressing limitations with the new people. Ms. Stevenson explains an incident that happened when the DJ pointed out that someone in the audience is angry due to the noise ordinance, but then says oh heck, we'll play one more song. She said, please have some consideration for the residents, people have small children and when you come home from work all week you are ready to relax. She said it sounds like they are in her backyard. Ms. Stevenson finishes by saying, if the Township can work on getting the decibel level down and finishing at 10 PM, then she is good.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

May 24, 2022

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

