

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD JULY 25, 2023
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, July 25, 2023 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, Lee Palo, Captain Tim Hak, and Justin Strausser, Esq. were present.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

#1443 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, Amending and Revising Chapter 189 of the Code of the Township of Haddon Entitled “Rent Control”

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

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

#1444 – 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 Payment

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

1ST READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1445 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Entitled, “Privately Owned Salt Storage”

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 August 22, 2023, 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/PUBLIC HEARING:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1446 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the Preparation and Execution of a Complete Program of Revaluation of Real Property

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 August 22, 2023, 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 only:

#1447 – An Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey Amending and Revising Chapter 54 of the Code of the Township of Haddon Entitled “Police Department”

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 August 22, 2023, 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 #2023-101 through Resolution #2023-106 inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

- #2023-101 – Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)
- #2023-102 – To Approve the Special Emergency Ordinance under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-43 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55
- #2023-103 – Approving the Haddon Township Civil Rights Policy
- #2023-104 – Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Extra Duty Solutions Independent Administrative Services Associated with the Hiring and Payment of Officers through Haddon Township’s Extra Duty Program
- #2023-105 – Approving Contract between the Township of Haddon and the Chief of Police
- #2023-106 – Approval of Change Order No. 1-Final for Deck and Barrier-Free Ramp Construction

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

- #RA2023-11 – Strawbridge School PTA – 50/50 – October 7, 2023
- #RA2023-12 – Strawbridge School PTA – On Premise Merchandise Draw – October 7, 2023
- #RA2023-13 – K of C #652 Fourth Decree Bishop BJ Eustace – 50/50 – December 20, 2023
- #RA2023-14- Haddon Twsp. Rowing Club. Inc. – On Premise Merchandise Draw – September 8, 2023
- #RA2023-15 – K of C #1443 Santa Maria Council – Calendar Raffle

The following Business License Applications 332 through 340, were approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy and seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

<u>Bus. Lic.</u>	<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
332	YMG Haddon LLC, Supercuts	225 Haddon Ave, Ste 1102A
333	All Star Kids Karate Academy	30 Haddon Ave
334	Fine Edge Hair Artistry	637 White Horse Pike
336	Compass New Jersey LLC	222 Haddon Ave, Ste 101
337	Liquid Metal Work, LLC	100 S. Crescent Blvd, Bldg. D
338	Cheese Etc. & Gourmet Gifts	1001 White Horse Pike
339	El Monte Mayor	2898 Mt. Ephraim Ave
340	Live to Dye, LLC	648 W. Cuthbert Blvd

REPORTS FOR JUNE 2023:

The following reports for June 2023 were presented and ordered filed:

Revenue Report
Budget Status Report

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:

Grace Earl, 1004 Merrick Avenue – Ms. Earl came to the meeting tonight to express public safety issues with bicyclists' behaviors and what measures can be taken by the Township. Captain Hak explained that the Township is already in talks with Target and Kimco to upgrade their security measures and pointed out various solutions. The Police have been working on to help educating the kids on bicycle safety through the school system and through the parents.

Miles Grady, 506 Avondale Avenue – Mr. Grady also expressed concerns about adolescent bicyclists' behavior and relayed several stories from his personal experiences.

Doug Marshall, 712 Graisbury Avenue – Mr. Marshall reported that he was thankful to our Police Department for Enforcing the speed limits and requested police presence regarding the group of bicyclists.

Kristyn Souder, 85 Virginia Avenue – Ms. Souder came to the meeting tonight due to a post on Facebook stating that the Music Festival was cancelled due to the Pride Parade and the Mummies Parade. Mayor Teague ensured Ms. Souder that no official decision has been made at this point and the Township is trying to work it out with all involved.

David Murdock, Haddonview Apartments - Mr. Murdock thanks the Commissioners, Jim Stevenson and Lee Palo for their continued efforts on Haddonview North. Mr. Murdock also thanked the Township for the Rent Control Ordinance on behalf of Michelle Ayers and himself.

Bernadette Maguire and John Maguire, 204 Westmont Avenue – The Maguires came to the meeting to discuss their concerns about Sanitary Sewer issue in their area that resulted due to the 4th of July Storm and wanted to know what solutions the town has to fix the situation since it has been an issue for 35 years. Mayor Teague responded that Greg Fusco, Township Engineer, will go out, come up with a plan and estimate then go out to bid for the project. The project will either be funded by grant money, capital or a combination of the two.

John Marthaler, 210 Westmont Avenue – Mr. Marthaler came to the meeting to discuss his concerns about the Sanitary Sewer issue, too. He suggests the clogging occurs around 204 Westmont and Glenwood Avenues. Mayor Teague and Mr. Stevenson discussed eliminating the dam and putting it back to its natural state. A discussion ensues regarding trees falling in the creek which may be causing an issue and who is responsible for removing those trees. The property owners granted permission for Compliance Officer, Lee Palo, and Superintendent of DPW, Jim Stevenson, to enter their properties to determine who is the owner of the trees. Mayor Teague requested the property owners to reach out to him after Labor Day.

Regina Gorman, 225 Morgan Avenue – Ms. Gorman came to the meeting to get the Planning Board fence ordinance changed so she doesn't have to go through the process of getting a variance and sending letters to all her neighbors to replace her existing 4-foot fence with a new 4-foot fence. The fence ordinance says the fence can only be 3-foot. **Motion made by Mayor Teague to refer the Fence Ordinance to the Planning Board, Seconded by Commissioner Mulroy, with all members concurring.**

Jane Lippincott, 250 Virginia Avenue – Ms. Lippincott thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for the new bike stands along the Square. Ms. Lippincott reported that she is connected to the Target incident since it was a family member. She requests the Township nudge Target to get a bigger bike rack. She asked if the Township has a grant writer and Mayor Teague responded that Mr. Fusco writes the towns grant. He further reports that the Township just received a grant for \$480,000 for Melrose storm drain and \$81,000 for Crystal Lake pool.

Morris Cooperman 44 Lindisfarne Avenue –Mr. Cooperman says to Mr. Fusco, that he is his hero for talking to Patco; that is the type of thinking he was talking about for green space planning. Mr. Cooperman studied the hydrological impact of the storm on his property. He discussed the Black Walnut in his yard, nothing can grow around them; they have the most impenetrable root system. American Elm, Black Walnut and White Ash; three water hungry species. Riparian zone trees, want to be near the water. Exactly right green space planning. Mr. Cooperman stated, "I hated that Black Walnut. I stood in my backyard and said I love that tree." Mr. Cooperman ended by saying, "now it's my hero".

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 8:27 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

July 25, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner