

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 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, September 26, 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, Captain Timothy Hak, Justin Strausser, Esq., Kate Burns, Lee Palo, Bonnie Richards and Darlene Alfonsi were present.

Mayor Teague welcomes dignitaries to the meeting and thanks them for attending: Mayor Pennock of Audubon Park, Chief Cavallo of Haddon Township, Westmont Fire Chief, Dan Devitt, and Westmont Fire Company, Haddon Township Police Department, FBI Philadelphia Division, Betsy McCreery and Special Agent in Charge, Dan Milligan, various other Police Chief and their Command Staff, and our soon to be Chief, Tim Hak and his parents, George and Patricia Hak, his wife, Mary Kate and children Mason and Emily.

Commissioner Mulroy states “Good Evening. Tonight, is a bittersweet moment for many of us. On one had we say goodbye and good luck to Chief Mark Cavallo who has served this community with distinction as a law enforcement officer and school board member for over 40 years. On the other hand, tonight we swear in his successor, Captain Tim Hak, as our new police chief, a man whom I believe will serve our community with the same courage, dedication and competency as the man he is succeeding. Whether he will also serve 40 plus years has yet to be determined. As Director of Public Safety, I have no greater responsibility to this governing body and to our community then ensuring the person I nominate to be our next police chief is the best possible choice for Haddon Township. In truth, the selection of Captain Hak was the easiest decision I have made since becoming a Commissioner. Captain Hak’s performance in each position he has held in our police department has been nothing short of exemplary. His law enforcement skills grew with each promotion. His decision to attend the FBI National Academy was indicative to me of his commitment to continually improve his leadership skills with which of course will benefit all of us and is already paying dividends to our police department under the leadership of Chief Cavallo and Captain Hak having received full accreditation from the New Jersey Association of Police Chiefs. Captain Hak, in turning the reins of the Haddon Township Police Department over to you, these three things I hold to be true: 1. An excellent police department begins with a strong police chief. 2. Our municipal law enforcement budget must reflect this governing body’s belief that community safety is our number one priority. 3. Community support for our officers is essential and must never be compromised. Having said that, Mayor Teague, Commissioner Linhart, and I moved to adopt Resolution #2023-115, Appointing Timothy Hak to Chief of Police of the Haddon Township Police Department”

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

The following resolution was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart with all members affirmatively approving:

#2023-115 - Appointment of Timothy Hak to Chief of Police of the Haddon Township
Police Department

Tim Hak is administered the Oath of Office for Chief of Police of the Haddon Township Police Department by Commissioner Mulroy, with parents, George and Patricia, wife, Mary Kate holding the Bible and children, Mason and Emily.

Tim Hak is administered the Oath of Office for Chief of Police of the Borough of Audubon Park by Mayor Lawrence Pennock with parents, George and Patricia, wife, Mary Kate holding the Bible and children, Mason and Emily.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

2ND READING/PUBLIC HEARING:

#1448 – An Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, Supplementing the Code of the Township of Haddon to Include New Chapter 220, Entitled “Tree Removal and Replacement”

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.

Sandy White Greer, Norwood Avenue – Ms. Greer asks what the Township plans on charging for the permit? Mayor Teague responds that we have been going back and forth with it and it has been mandated by the State to assist with stormwater management so our collective plan is to not be intrusive to anybody. Mayor Teague further responds, the cost we came up with was to replace the tree; it’s an estimated cost to replace it with a similar tree that was removed. She reports that Barrington chose not to charge for a permit and if you didn’t want to plant a tree on your property that you could donate the tree to be planted someplace in the public. She asked if that was something the Township would consider? Mayor Teague responded in the affirmative. Mayor Teague further responds that we are trying to be as lenient as we can. Ms. Greer reports that she lives on a very wooded double lot and for every tree I may choose to take down there are 10 more surrounding it. Mayor Teague points out that the intention is just to follow the state’s mandate not to be super strict. Ms. Greer said so there will be some commonsense. Will there be an appeal process? The Mayor stated, we are not here to interrupt people lives. We are just following state’s mandates. Ms. Greer asks who will enforce the ordinance. Mayor Teague responds our Code Enforcement Office, Lee Palo. And Commissioner Mulroy reports that Lee Palo volunteered. Ms. Greer was just surprised that this was being done on private property. Mayor Teague reiterates that this is for stormwater management and trees have many benefits. This was part of the state’s overall stormwater management plan. Mayor Teague suggests that if Ms. Greer has any issues with her property or this Ordinance, then please come to a meeting and let the Township know since this is new to us too and we don’t want to be over-intrusive.

John Marthaler, 210 Westmont Avenue – Mr. Marthaler question revolves around the creek and who is responsible for a tree that has fallen into the creek. Mr. Marthaler states that the tree in the creek was a result of the tree falling into the creek from his neighbor’s property. The tree got wedged and is pushing water up onto his neighbor’s yard which then pushes it up onto his yard. What happens in this circumstance? Mayor Teague responds it is really a legal issue and technically it’s the responsibility of the homeowner whose property the tree is on and if it falls on someone else’s property they have a right to cut that tree and remove that tree. Mr. Marthaler says so it's not the responsibility of the original tree owner? Mayor Teague reports that it is the responsibility of the homeowner of where it lands. Mr.

Marthaler states the tree is being cut and now it's like a big torpedo; it's going to continue down the creek and hit something. Mayor Teague reiterates whoever owns the property where that tree is now, its all-private property, which makes it difficult for the Township. We would have to send our code enforcement officer out and whomever's property it is on, that person should remove it. That person could bring a lawsuit against the owner of the property where the tree originated. Mayor Teague, while it's on that property and causing the creek to back up, then person is responsible or for pursuing the other person.

There being no further 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:

#1450 – 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 Payment

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 24, 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 #2023-116 through Resolution #2023-126 inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

- #2023-116 – Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)
- #2023-117 – Authorizing Refund of Raffle License Application Fees for the Ritz Theatre Due to Cancellation of Event
- #2023-118 – Appointment of Terry Evans as a Substitute Crossing Guard
- #2023-119 - Authorizing Prepayment of Certain Bills for 2023-2024
- #2023-120 – Approving Contract with Chief of Police Tim Hak
- #2023-121 - Amending Tax Reimbursement Resolution
- #2023-122 – Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Restoration of Stratford Avenue
- #2023-123 - Imposition of Lien on Multiple Properties for Lawn Maintenance
- #2023-124 – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020- June 2025
- #2023-125 – Performance Bond Reduction for Haddon Township SR CGP, LLC (BURGER KING)
- #2023-126 – Proclamation of Charlotte Craig Bart

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:

- #RA2023-19 – Raffle License Application for Haddon Township High School Baseball Booster Club for Off Premise Merchandise Draw for 11/20/23
- #RA2023-20 – Raffle License Application for Haddon Township Rowing Club for Off Premise 50/50 for 12/01/2023

The following Business License Applications 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>
		500 S. Crescent Blvd
306	Gloucester Conoco Finizio's	
318	Restaurant	40 Haddon Ave
327	Tires Plus Total Car Care	660 W. Cuthbert Blvd
328	Firestone Tires	900 Black Horse Pike
335	Village Coins & Stamps	158 Haddon Ave
342	Boost Mobile	629 White Horse Pike
344	Sugar Sugar LLC	946 Merrick Ave
345	Joyful Tidying LLC	23 Melrose Ave
346	Chandler Upholstery	16 Haddon Ave
347	Sprouts Farmers Market	640 W. Cuthbert Blvd
348	Sew Pretty Studio LLC	225 Haddon Ave, Ste 2101A
349	Heritage Barber Co	20 Haddon Ave
350	JMS Plumbing	407 Melrose Ave
352	Opus Elite Real Estate of NJ, LLC	342 Haddon Ave
353	M.I. Studio, LLC	648 W. Cuthbert Blvd
354	Trev's Trees Haddon Makers	400 W. Cuthbert Blvd
355	LLC	515 Rhoads Ave
356	VSA Prospecting	212 Haddon Ave, Ste 8
357	DeCosmo Classical Art and Instruction	1001 White Horse Pike

Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for the following RFPs/RFQs with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- Professional Services
- Government Banking

REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2023:

The following reports for August 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:

Bernadette Maguire, 204 Westmont Avenue – Mrs. Maguire attended tonight’s meeting with concerns of the tree in the creek flooding the backyards that they all live in and also, she wanted to revisit the sewer system, specifically the findings of the engineer. Mr. Fusco responds they completed field work and found there were two manhole castings that they were unable to open. He further responds that those castings require heavier equipment to open them. Once done his firm can revisit the area and come up with solutions to alleviate the problem. Mr. Stevenson said it will be done tomorrow if it hasn’t already been done today. Mrs. Maguire said someone was out today doing measurements of the sewer main and her driveway. Mr. Stevenson responded it was probably DPW and they may have gotten them open today. Mayor Teague directed Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Fusco to get them open today or tomorrow and then Mr. Fusco’s office will be able to go in and get the measurements which will assist the Township with coming up with a solution. Mrs. Maguire then asks about the cars ticketed on her block while other streets that have the striping are not ticketed? Mayor Teague responds typically what happens is the Township will get a complaint in an area and then the Police will go out and write tickets in that area. Mayor Teague informed the resident that he will check into it further.

David Murdock, Haddonview Apartments – Mr. Murdock reported that it’s still a work in progress and that on October 9th, Legow Management is going to clean up their area on the right side of the roadway going down to McDonald’s. He reported that Tree Masters would be doing the work and they are still waiting for Burger King, McDonald’s and Tomar’s. Mayor Teague responds that Burger King is supposed to come in on October 11th so the Township will talk to them legally and McDonald’s is still being worked on.

Casey Baker, Camden County Health Department – Ms. Baker reported that the County started the flu site at Voorhees Town Center, there is a clinic in Bellmawr for confidential SDI and STDs free of cost. She reports on the good job Haddon Township Police are doing on Safe Kids Coalition; kids are being rewarded for doing the right thing. We partnered with Collingswood and Haddon Township and they go into the schools to educate them on Safe Kids Coalition. She further reported the County is having a local Board of Health meeting at the Camden County Boathouse on October 10th. She mentions GIS mapping and that will have all Health Department services that are needed.

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 7:44 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

September 26, 2023

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

