

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD AUGUST 20, 2024
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, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Teague asked for a moment of silence for Municipal Court Administrator, Laura Cappelli, who passed suddenly.

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, Lee Palo, Kate Burns, Kim Schemeley, and Justin Strausser, Esq. were present.

Mayor Teague welcomed Audubon Park Mayor Larry Pennock and Councilwoman Judy DiPasquale from the Borough of Audubon Park, Westmont Fire Chief, Dan Devitt along with the Westmont Fire Company, Fire Marshal Ryan Sheppard and the Haddon Township Police Department.

SWEARING IN OF P.O. ASHLEY AZCONA

Commissioner Mulroy administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer, Ashley Azcona while her mother Luz Marin held the Bible, while her father, Eddie Azcona was beside her.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

Resolution #2024-106 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members concurring:

#2024-106- Promotion of Police Officers to Rank of Sergeant in the Haddon Township Police Department

Commissioner Mulroy administered the Oath of Office to Jessica Camacho, while her husband, Sgt. Angel Camacho of Camden County Metro held the Bible, with her son, Jordan.

Commissioner Mulroy administered the Oath of Office to James Casey, while his wife, Vicki held the Bible, with daughter, Darby, his father, retired Haddon Township Police Sergeant, Robert Casey, and mother, Colleen.

Commissioner Mulroy administered the Oath of Office to Todd Johnson, while his wife Lauren held the Bible, with his son, Austin.

Commissioner Mulroy administered the Oath of Office to Robert Mulhern, while his wife, Deneen held the Bible, with his daughter, Gabriella and his son, Dominic.

PROCLAMATION FOR JOSEPH HAIGH

Township of Haddon

County of Camden, New Jersey

PROCLAMATION

On the Occasion of his Retirement

JOSEPH HAIGH

WHEREAS, we are here today to express special recognition to Joseph Haigh and to honor him for his distinguished forty-six plus year career with the Haddon Township Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Joe began his career on June 26, 1978 as a Streets & Roads laborer and rose through the ranks to Senior Equipment Operator until his promotion to the position of Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Joe has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Township of Haddon with a vast knowledge of the town's infrastructure and as a key leader in the yearly opening of all Township recreational facilities, including Crystal Lake Pool Complex, the coordination of snow removal efforts, storm clean-ups and seasonal leaf collections, and the department's integral support of all Township events; and

WHEREAS, Joe has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the Haddon Township Public Works Department and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Haddon wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Joe for his dedication to the outstanding performance of his duties during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is presented to Joe to serve as a reminder that although he is retiring, he will always be remembered as a valued employee dedicated to both his position and our community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the citizens of Haddon Township do hereby present this Proclamation to Joseph Haigh as a testimonial to the faithful and dedicated services which he has performed for the past 46 years, with our best wishes for continued success and happiness in the future.

Mayor Teague read the above-Proclamation in full and presented it to Joseph Haigh. The above-Proclamation was approved with a motion by Mayor Teague, seconded by Ryan Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

ORDINANCES:

2nd Reading/Public Hearing:

#1464 – An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Authorizing Salaries to be Paid to Employees of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, Designating the Various Positions, Amount of Salaries 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/Introduction:

The following Ordinance was read by title only:

#1465 - An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Authorizing Salaries to be Paid to Employees of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, Designating the Various Positions, Amount of Salaries 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 September 24, 2024, 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:

#1466 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing the Code of the Township of Haddon to Establish Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 76, Entitled “Cannabis Regulation”

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 September 24, 2024, 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:

Commissioner Linhart requested that Resolution #2024-110 through #2024-112 be tabled, as he brought up concerns about outsourcing the Crossing Guards to another company.

Commissioner Linhart moved to table Resolutions #2024-110 through #2024-112, seconded by Commissioner Mulroy. Commissioner Linhart voted yes, Commissioner Mulroy voted no and Mayor Teague voted no. Motion did not carry.

Mayor Teague requested that Chief Hak speak regarding the Crossing Guards. Chief Hak reports this was brought up at the Chief's Association that Crossing Guards are a challenge to have and to maintain, training and a lot of administrative work. Chief Hak believes this company will be able to help us meet the requirements of the State. He mentions that the Police have to cover posts when Crossing Guards are out and sometimes, they are not able to cover because they are on police calls. He mentions the difficulty finding Crossing Guards. He mentions the safety of the children getting to and from school.

The following Resolutions were approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2024-107 through Resolution #2024-109 inclusive and Resolution #2024-113 and Resolution #2024-114, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

- #2024-107 - Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)
- #2024-108 – Authorizing Tax Exemption for 100% Permanent and Total Disabled Veteran
- #2024-109 – Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Sanitary Sewer Improvements to Westmont Avenue
- #2024-113 – Authorizing Renewal of IDA, Horizon Dental and Davis Vision
- #2024-114 – Authorizing Emergency Repairs to Well Number 1A

Mayor Teague asked for further clarification from Chief Hak on the Crossing Guard Company. He asked Chief Hak if this company will train the Crossing Guards. Chief Hak responded they will train and they require a lot of training, medical requirements and hiring. He stated they guarantee posts will be covered and if it is not and the police have to cover, they will reimburse the Police OT. Chief Hak stated it is a new company and several local communities have signed on with this company. It's difficult getting people to work this job because you have to be there in the morning and then in the afternoon. Mayor Teague asked if they will hire our current Crossing Guards. Chief Hak responded in the affirmative. The Mayor asks about call outs and he explains currently when calling out they call Dawn and/or the Police Dept and Dawn and/or the Police Dept. have to find coverage for that post, so he asks if a Crossing Guard calls out they will now call the company and the company will call a replacement and if they can't find a replacement then they will contact the Police Dept.; a Police Officer will cover and they will reimburse us for that Police Officers time for being at that corner. Chief Hak responds in the affirmative. Commissioner Linhart reports that there is an increase to this, the Township paid \$111,000 last year, we've spent around \$36,000 this year and this would bump it up to \$172,000 and asked who is responsible for that liability. He further commented in time that amount will go up. Chief Hak responds that the school right now has agreed to split any additional expense that the Township would incur and could it go up, Chief Hak states it's possible it could go up in time. Mayor Teague states we would have a contract with this company so if it goes up, it wouldn't go up until the next contract year. The Mayor reported that it is an additional \$60,000 from what we spent last year and the school district will reimburse us half of that which is approximately \$30,000. It's a year-to-year contract that can be cancelled at any time and we will have Justin Strausser, Esq. take a look at that. It takes the burden from the Police Dept. and Dawn from fulfilling all the requirements and they have their own insurance to cover any liabilities. Commissioner Mulroy reported that Chief Hak and him have been working on this for almost a year with the idea that the safety of the children who are required to cross busy streets to attend the school system was a concern.

The following Resolutions were approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2024-110 through Resolution #2024-11, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Mayor Teague, with all members affirmatively concurring.

- #2024-110 – Approving a MOU with the Haddon Township Board of Education
- #2024-111 – Authorizing the Township of Haddon to Join the Purchase Cooperative of America
- #2024-112 – Authorizing a Contract Through the Purchasing Cooperative of America

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Following Raffle License Applications are approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

- #RA2024-15 – K of C #1443 Santa Maria Council – Calendar Raffle
- #RA2024-16 – St. Joseph the Worker Parish – 50/50 (12/6/24)
- #RA2024-17 – Haddon Twsp. Rowing Club Inc. - Off Premise 50/50 (12/7/24)
- #RA2024-18 – Haddon Twsp. Rowing Club Inc. - On Premise 50/50 (10/04/24)

- #RA2024-19 – Haddon Twsp. Rowing Club Inc. – Off Premise Merchandise Draw (5/7/2025)
- #RA2024-20 – Haddon Township High School Baseball Booster Club – Off Premise Merchandise Draw - (9/20/24)

The Following Business License Applications are approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

License #	Business Name	Address
376	Bubble Zone Café	144 Haddon Ave
377	5 Element Clayworks	1001 White Horse Pike
378	Bright Star Handyman Service	514 Beechwood Ave
379	Royal Mile Coffee Roasters	225 Hadon Ave, 1102A
380	Jason Leavy Photography, LLC	1001 White Horse Pike

REPORTS FOR JULY 2024:

The following reports for July 2024 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 Mayor Teague, with all members affirmatively concurring:

David Murdock, 7 MacArthur Blvd. – Mr. Murdock attended the meeting for an update to Haddonview North. Mayor Teague explained the Township Solicitor is putting something together and it will be sent to the owner of the building. He further reiterated that it will not be at the September meeting.

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 7:41 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

August 20, 2024

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk

Randall W. Teague, Mayor

James Mulroy, Commissioner

Ryan Linhart, Commissioner

