# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD JULY 22, 2025 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 22, 2025 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

Chief Tim Hak, James Stevenson, DPW, Lee Palo, 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, June 17, 2025, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2025 and the Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30, 2025 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

### **ORDINANCES:** None

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

The following Resolutions are approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2025-092 through Resolution #2025-099 with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

#2025-092 - Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)

#2025-093 – Approval of a Chapter 159 Revenue for Alcohol Education Fund (DWI)

#2025-094 – Approval of a Chapter 159 Revenue for SSA with Merchantville for Tax Collector

#2025-095 - Approval of a Chapter 159 Revenue for BVP

#2025-096 – Authorizing Tax Exemption 100% Permanent and Total Disabled Veteran Status for Block 4.15, Lot 1

#2025-097 – Authorizing Appointment of a Fund Commissioner

#2025-098 – Approval of Change Order No. 4 for 2024 Road Improvements Project

#2025-099 – Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Storm Drainage Pike and Roadway Improvements along Melrose Avenue

# BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2025 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET:

The Following Resolution #2025-100 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2025-100 - To Read the Business Improvement District Budget by Title Only

# 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE 2025 B.I.D. BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart to open the public hearing for the 2025 Business Improvement District Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

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There being no public comment, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, to close the public hearing for the 2025 Business Improvement District Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

The Following Resolution #2025-101 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2025-101- Adoption of the 2025 Business Improvement District Budget

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye
Commissioner Linhart Aye

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

RA#2025-17 - K of C #1443 Santa Maria Council – Calendar Raffle

RA#2025-18 – The Ritz Theatre Company, Inc. – Off Premise 50/50 on February 7, 2026

RA#2025-19 – K of C #652 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop BS Eustace Assembly for Calendar Raffle

### **REPORTS FOR JUNE 2025:**

The following reports for June 2025 were presented and ordered filed:

Budget Status Report Revenue 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:

Janis Christian, 53 W. Park Blvd. – Mrs. Christian attended the meeting this evening to discuss the traffic on W. Park Blvd. She reported that she has been to the Police Station to complain about the speeding on W. Park Blvd. She explains 18 wheelers coming by their home from the Acme after a food delivery and a manhole to the left of their house that trash trucks hit that shakes the houses. When she was down the police station the other day, the officer took her complaints and said the Township will add more police presence in that area. She reported they've had that big machine on their street that clocks your speed and the drivers are disregarding the speed limits. She mentions a girl that punched it coming from Cuthbert; her speed was somewhere between 60 mph - 75 mph. Mrs. Christian screamed at her "Slow Down" since her windows were down. She reported they had work done on their side street and Public Service was over there. An Officer was parked on the side street that Mrs. Christian was talking to and thanked her for being there and informed her with the police car parked there, they are slowing down and stopping the speeding. Mrs. Christian next issue is the pumping station on their street. She has called the police to come to her house to witness the disgusting smell coming from the pumping station. They live 5 houses from the pumping station. Last Sunday between 5-8 she states she was in her backyard trying to garden and the stench was so bad she had to go back into her house. The same thing occurred on Monday Night between 5 and 8. She believes they are breathing bacteria from that garbage coming from the pumping station. Mayor Teague asks Mrs. Christian if she has reported it to DPW or did she just call the Police? She responded that she has spoken to DPW over the years. They have lived in that house for 31 years. Mayor Teague recalls a situation from years ago and they took care of it and it seems that it has returned. Mayor Teague said the DPW Superintendent and Engineer will go out there and

see what is going on and then come up with a resolution to the problem. Mayor Teague requests that Mrs. Christian provide her cell phone number after the meeting and he will let her know.

Mrs. Christian mentions a young couple that moved in across the street from them maybe a year ago, she was out in the street having her picture taking and when the Christians introduced themselves. She told them that she was active in getting all the new crosswalks painted on West Park. Mrs. Christian reported they have lived there maybe a year and they've lived there over 30 years; she feels that nobody has listened to her traffic complaints but brand-new residents got what they requested. She's been fighting for years about traffic on her street. Mayor Teague responded the Chief is here tonight let's see what we can do about the traffic issue.

Mark Christian, 53 W. Park Blvd. – Mr. Christian mentions a story when he was backing out of his driveway last Tuesday and UPS was using Park Blvd., he had just crossed Cuthbert and by the time he backed out, the UPS driver was jamming his brakes on to slow down. He said someone needs to do something because UPS is really bad. He mentions living there for over 30 years and that he grew up on Cuthbert. He mentions if a kid ran out on that road, he/she would get killed; when they come around the bend from the pool, some are doing 45 or 50. He reports that in the past, his son backed out and there was a woman in a minivan that he did not see and he hit her. She was going so fast that the minivan flipped over on its' side. He says he overlooks a lot and he pays over \$11,000 taxes. Commissioner Linhart replies that it is a county road; he took more than a year to get those crosswalks put in. Mayor mentions not recalling anyone coming here and asking for crosswalks and that he is not sure they were given accurate information. Mayor Teague lets Mr. and Mrs. Christian know the Township will work on the traffic issue.

Paul Toroni, 102 Ardmore Avenue – Mr. Toroni agrees with the Christians regarding the speeding. He is concerned about his child walking home from Stoy School. He said you can't do that from Briarwood and Westmont Avenues. He states that if traffic control measures can be taken that would be great. Mr. Toroni then reports that he hadn't looked at his water sewer bill in a while and he noticed the usage doubled. He mentions that his wife told him that water sewer taxes went up. Mayor Teague confirms that water sewer taxes did increase but informed Mr. Toroni that usage is what he is consuming. Mayor Teague recommended he call the tax office to have someone go out and look at the meter.

Maya DeAndrea, 105 9th Avenue – Ms. DeAndrea attended the meeting this evening representing the Haddon Heights Pinelands Preservation Alliance, which is an environmental nonprofit that deals with issues in the pineland's region, they advocate for implementation in NJ State Constitution. She mentions the green amendment which has been put in place in New York, Pennsylvania and Montana. It puts environmental rights on par with human, civil, and political rights in the State's Constitution. She reports in practice it gives individuals the legal standing to go up against corporations or administrations who aren't protecting the environmental rights of their citizens; access to a healthy environment, pure air, clean water is all safeguarded by the green amendment. Ms. DeAndrea comments that she can send more information if the governing body is interested and asks if someone from the Township can attend their town hall for Camden County on July 30<sup>th</sup>. She reports, it's an impactful piece of legislation and any support from Haddon Township would be super helpful in addition to that Bordentown just passed a resolution in support of the amendment, Burlington County did the same and Camden County is looking to do the same. Mayor Teague asked her to email information to all three of them and Commissioner Linhart asked for a copy of a resolution adopted by one of the other entities.

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 7:21 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

July 22, 2025	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk	
	Randall W. Teague, Mayor
	James Mulroy, Commissioner
	Ryan Linhart, Commissioner