

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Present: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Matthew O'Donnell, Township Attorney
Kenneth Huelbig, Chief Finance Officer
Paula A. Massaro, Township Clerk

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman DeMaio gave the Invocation.

The Mayor read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

The Clerk read the proclamation designating April 2015 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month. Antoinette Dominicci-Fifoot, an advocate for autism awareness and proud parent of a son with the disorder, spoke briefly of her son Peter as a well-rounded individual, a student, and an athlete despite his continual struggles with this developmental disorder. Peter also voiced his thanks and appreciation to the Council for supporting and educating the public on autism awareness.

- Adams Addressing Associates 50th Anniversary

Mayor Pannullo presented Lillian and Allan Adams with a proclamation commemorating the 50th Year Anniversary of Adams Addressing Associates in East Hanover. The grateful couple thanked the Mayor for the special honor and recognition bestowed upon them.

Mrs. Adams presented donations to representatives of the PBA, Fire Department, and the First Aid Squad in appreciation of their service and dedication to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Improvement District 2015 Budget

The Mayor announced that now was the time for public hearing on the 2015 Special Improvement District Budget.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to close the public hearing.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

77-2015- Resolution Re: Adopt the 2015 EH Community Partnership (Special Improvement District) Budget and Assessment Roll

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the Special Improvements District 2015 Budget and Assessment Roll.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

OLD BUSINESS:

None

INTRODUCTION: 2015 Municipal Budget

Municipal Budget of the Township of East Hanover, County of Morris for the Fiscal Year 2015:

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2015;

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Hanover Eagle in the issue of April 16, 2015.

The Governing Body of the Township of East Hanover does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2015: Municipal Purposes of \$16,988,653.00.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Council President Martorelli to approve and introduce the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Township of East Hanover on April 1, 2015.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2015 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Nancy Ritschel, 7 Millie Lane, addressed the Council in regard to her research in the matter of a potential dog park that was discussed at a previous meeting. In a survey of surrounding communities, she found that the makeup of the dog park was small pebbles that seemed to last longer than wood chips or gravel. The Mayor informed that he has met with our Engineers and Superintendent of Recreation and discovered that our Master Plan included a provision within Lurker Park for the creation of a dog park. He said that once Ms. Ritschel completed her research, a meeting would be held with everyone involved.

Ms. Ritschel also discussed parking violations that she and her family received at the condominium complex where she resides. The problem was that the parking lines were not visible during snowfall, and she was of the opinion that the tickets should have been dismissed. Basically, Ms. Ritschel's dissatisfaction was with the court system and how she was treated by the judge. The Mayor clearly stated that the governing body had absolutely no jurisdiction in the judicial system. Furthermore, the Administrator interjected that in discussing the issue with the Police Chief; he was advised there was a local ordinance permitting the police to patrol the complex and give summonses.

Motion by Councilman Peluso, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to close public input.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman Peluso reminded everyone that spring break would begin next week and to drive safely in the community.

Councilwoman Jandoli announced that April 2015 was Child Abuse Awareness Month and on April 21st at 7:30 P.M., the First Aid Squad would be hosting Rose Morrisroe, the founder of Soldiers Against Child Abuse, a non-profit child abuse awareness organization. In addition, she congratulated the athletes that participated in winter sports, especially Hanover Park High School's wrestling team at the State Championship Tournament. Lastly, she announced that the East Hanover Co-Op Nursery would be hosting a comedy night on May 1st at 6:00 P.M. at the Hanover Manor.

Councilman DeMaio echoed congratulations to the wrestlers of Hanover Park High School. He was pleased to report that Hanover Park High School was ranked 68 out of 14,000 schools in New Jersey by niche.com.

Council President Martorelli announced the 2015-2016 graduating class of Hanover Park High School would be hosting a Color Run in support of Pancreatic Cancer research on April 26th at 10:00 A.M. beginning at Lurker Park. He also announced the National Honor Society would be honored on April 16th for their achievements.

The Mayor and Council all congratulated Adams Addressing Associates on their 50th Anniversary. They also wished the residents a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Peluso to add Resolution No. 78g, 78h, 82, 83, 84 and 85-2015 to the agenda.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

- 78a -2015- Resolution Re: RL:1843/Italian American Club East Hanover
- 78b -2015- Resolution Re: RL:1844/PTA Knollwood School
- 78c -2015- Resolution Re: RL:1845/PTA Knollwood School
- 78d-2015- Resolution Re: RL:1846/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Foundation
- 78e-2015- Resolution Re: RL:1847/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Foundation
- 78f-2015- Resolution Re: RL:1848/One Heart For Haiti
- 78g-2015- Resolution Re: RL:1849/Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter
- 78h-2015- Resolution Re: RL:1850/PBA Local #227 EH Civic Association
- 79 -2015- Resolution Re: Authorize Execution and Recordation of Proposed Temporary Construction and Permanent Maintenance Easements for Replacement of Melanie Lane Bridge
- 80 -2015- Resolution Re: Local Examination of 2015 Budget
- 81 -2015- Resolution Re: 2015 Temporary Capital Budget
- 82 -2015- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to JTG Construction for Barnida Drive Roadway Reconstruction Phase I & Various Roadway Resurfacing
- 83 -2015- Resolution Re: Award Contract to Donnelly Energy Solutions as BPU Direct Install Contractor for Energy Efficient Measures for Municipal Building
- 84 -2015- Resolution Re: Refund for Overpayment of Taxes (B96, L47)
- 85 -2015- Resolution Re: Inter-Local Agreement with Borough of Florham Park and County of Morris for the Installation of a Traffic Signal at Ridgedale and Mann Avenues

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Council President Martorelli to adopt the aforementioned resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: Ordinance No. 2-2015~ Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 2-2015, entitled “*ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.*”

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that Ordinance No. 2-2015 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 4, 2015.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

Introduction: Ordinance No. 3-2015~ Authorizing the Accepting of Property and Recordation of Proposed Deeds for Replacement of Melanie Lane Bridge

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 3-2015, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTING OF PROPERTY AND RECORDATION OF THE PROPOSED DEEDS FOR A PORTION OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 130 AND A PORTION OF LOT 2.01 IN BLOCK 142 TO BE CONVEYED TO THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MELANIE LANE BRIDGE.*”

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that Ordinance No. 3-2015 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 4, 2015.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

Introduction: Ordinance No. 4-2015~ Authorizing the Recordation of Proposed Deed of Dedication of a Portion of Property Located at Block 96, Lot 100 and Right of Way Easement Known as Candice Way and Breanne Court in Ridgedale Estates

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 4-2015, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND RECORDATION OF THE PROPOSED DEED OF DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 96, LOT 100; AND RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT KNOWN AS CANDICE WAY AND BREANNE COURT IN RIDGEDALE ESTATES.*”

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that Ordinance No. 4-2015 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 4, 2015.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

Introduction: Ordinance No. 5-2015~ Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to Water/Sewer Utility Appropriating \$147,000

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 5-2015, entitled “*BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER/SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$147,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$147,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.*”

Motion by Councilman Peluso, seconded by Council President Martorelli that Ordinance No. 5-2015 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 4, 2015.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

Introduction: Ordinance No. 6-2015~ Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements Appropriating \$1,293,000

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 6-2015, entitled “*BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,293,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,228,350 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.*”

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Council President Martorelli that Ordinance No. 6-2015 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 4, 2015.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

Resolution Re: Closed Session

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adopt the said resolution.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Council went into closed session at 8:05 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to pay bills included in the attached claim list submitted by the Chief Finance Officer.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk