

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council President Jandoli 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.

OATH OF OFFICE: Office of Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators

Mayor Pannullo administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Coordinators of the Office of Emergency Management.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation designating the month of April 2016 as "National Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month." Peter Fifoot spoke briefly of this developmental disorder and how it has affected his communication and behavioral skills. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support as well as honoring him with a proclamation that would help educate the public and bring awareness of autism.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation designating the month of April 2016 as "Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month." Rose Morrisroe, educator and author, thanked the Mayor and Council for their recognition and for being proactive as a community in the prevention and education of child abuse.

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Improvement District 2016 Budget

The Mayor announced that now was the time for public hearing on the 2016 Special Improvement District Budget.

Matt Perez, 59 Surrey Lane, asked for clarification of why the reserve funds ending in 2015 were less than the total revenue and expenses for 2016.

Arthur Dorey, Chairman of EH Community Partnership, first explained that reserve funds were always available should the special improvement district dissolve. The improvements on Eagle Rock Avenue amounted to \$1,000,000 in 2015, and at this time, the Board has no improvement plans other than the expenses outlined in the 2016 Budget.

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

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

69-2016– Resolution Re: Adopt the 2016 EH Community Partnership (Special Improvement District) Budget and Assessment Roll

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the said resolution.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Department Heads

The Administrator gave a brief overview of preparing a financially conservative and responsible budget. He said there would be an increase of \$6.60/month for the average assessed home of \$362,000.

The following department heads were present to address any questions or concerns from the Council in regard to their respective budget.

1. Tom Pershouse, Construction Official
2. Stanley Hansen, Chief of Police
3. John Centanni, Emergency Management Coordinator
4. Carmine Davino, Fire Chief
5. Marc Macaluso, Superintendent of Public Works
6. Carlo DiLizia, Health Officer
7. Linda Lurz, Superintendent of Recreation
8. Ed Schimminger, Superintendent of Public Utilities
9. Kenneth Huelbig, Chief Finance Office/Tax Collector

The department heads were fully satisfied with their budget allocations; each department received everything they would need in order to operate their departments efficiently and effectively.

INTRODUCTION: 2016 Municipal Budget

Resolution: Municipal Budget of the Township of East Hanover for the Fiscal Year 2016

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2016;

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Hanover Eagle in the issue of April 14, 2016.

The Governing Body of the Township of East Hanover does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2016: Municipal Purposes of \$17,548,324.00

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to approve and introduce the 2016 Municipal Budget.

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, Martorelli, DeMaio, Council President Jandoli, 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 4, 2016.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jacob Schenkler, an employee of the AMC Movie Theater on Route 10, informed of a hazardous situation at the theater lot due to a faded stop sign that was difficult to notice, especially at night. He said that vehicles failed to stop because of this problem.

The Mayor stated that the Superintendent of Public Works was present and the stop sign would be replaced immediately.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to close public input.

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman Peluso reminded the public that schools would be closed next week and to please drive cautiously.

Councilman Martorelli announced that the Hanover Park High School Color Run would be postponed to April 17th. He extended congratulations to the two Deputy Coordinators of the Office of Emergency Management that were sworn in this evening.

Councilman DeMaio echoed congratulations to the OEM Deputy Coordinators. He informed the community that the Morris 200 Club would be honoring Police Officers Jesse Novalis and Joseph Zeppetelli along with Captain Joseph Sperli of the Fire Department in recognition for their extraordinary acts in saving a young woman's life. Councilman DeMaio also recognized East Hanover resident and Hanover Township Police Officer Robert Carpenter, who would also be honored.

Council President Jandoli congratulated the individuals on their Morris 200 awards. She commented on Peter Fifoot as to his amazing development through the years and wished him the best in future endeavors. The Council President thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget.

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.

- 70a -2016-Resolution Re: RL:1935/New Beginnings Parent and Professionals Organization
- 70b -2016-Resolution Re: RL:1936/New Beginnings Parent and Professionals Organization
- 70c-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1939/Society of the Divine Vocations
- 70d-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1940/Society of the Divine Vocations
- 70e-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1941/HSA Trinity Academy
- 70f-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1942/HSA Trinity Academy
- 70g-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1943/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove, III Foundation
- 70h-2016- Resolution Re: RL:1944/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove, III Foundation
- 70i -2016- Resolution Re: RL:1945/One Heart for Haiti Inc.
- 71 -2016- Resolution Re: Local Examination of 2016 Budget
- 72 -2016- Resolution Re: Emergency Temporary Appropriation
- 73 -2016- Resolution Re: Refund of Taxes/Paradigm East Hanover LLC
- 74 -2016- Resolution Re: Redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 15-00012~BI 99.09, L 1
- 75 -2016- Resolution Re: Redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 15-00015~BI 193, L 1
- 76 -2016- Resolution Re: Authorize a Municipal Pipeline Group Legal Retainer Agreement for Legal Environmental Services Relating to Pilgrim Pipeline Project

77 -2016- Resolution Re: Authorize a Municipal Services Reimbursement Agreement with Castle Ridge Condominium Association

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: Ordinance No. 2-2016~ Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank

The Deputy Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 2-2016, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.*”

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Council President Jandoli that Ordinance No. 2-2016 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s office, and set down for public hearing on May 2, 2016.

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

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

Introduction: Ordinance No. 3-2016~ Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$3,414,100 for Various Capital Improvements

The Deputy Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 3-2016, entitled “*A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$3,414,100 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,243,395 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.*”

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso that Ordinance No. 3-2016 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s Office, and set down for public hearing on May 2, 2016.

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

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

Introduction: Ordinance No. 4-2016~ Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$1,461,000 for Various Improvements to Water/Sewer Utility

The Deputy Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 4-2016, entitled "*A 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 \$1,461,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,461,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.*"

Motion by Councilman Peluso, seconded by Councilman Martorelli that Ordinance No. 4-2016 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's Office, and set down for public hearing on May 2, 2016.

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

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

Resolution Re: Closed Session

No closed session was held.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Peluso, seconded by Councilman Martorelli to adjourn meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Felicia A. McDonald, Deputy Clerk

