

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, May 7, 2018 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 DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Elizabeth Valandingham, Township Attorney
Steven Wielkocz, Township Auditor
Kenneth Huelbig, Chief Finance Officer
Paula A. Massaro, Township Clerk

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

Adoption of Minutes: **March 5 and April 3, 2018**

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the said minutes.

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Special Improvement District 2018 Budget

The Mayor announced that now was the time for public hearing on the 2018 Special Improvement District Budget.

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Brokaw that the public hearing be closed.

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

80-2018~ Resolution Re: Adopt the 2018 EH Community Partnership (Special Improvement District) Budget and Assessment Roll

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt the said resolution.

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

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 6-2018~ Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 6-2018, entitled “*ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).*”

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 6-2018.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that the public hearing be closed.

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

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Brokaw that Ordinance No. 6-2018 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 6-2018 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2018 Municipal Budget

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw that the public hearing be closed.

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

RESOLUTION: Adoption 2018 Municipal Budget

The Administrator first thanked the Mayor for support and guidance throughout the process of putting together a fair and responsible budget. He stated that taxes would be increased due to the severe storms that added \$150,000 to the budget, collective bargaining agreements and pension payments, increase in health benefits that added \$200,000, major loss of a tax appeal, and infrastructure projects. For an average assessed home between \$360,000 and \$500,000, there would be a tax increase of \$13.00 a month per household.

Be it Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of East Hanover of the County of Morris that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$16,173,724.00 for Municipal Purposes, and \$1,105,144.00 Minimum Library Tax.

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt the 2018 Municipal Budget.

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

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 7th day of May 2018. It is further certified that each item of revenue in appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2018 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 4-2018~ Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$310,000
Providing for Various Improvements to Water/Sewer Utility**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 4-2018, 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 \$310,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$310,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.*”

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 4-2018.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that the public hearing be closed.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that Ordinance No. 4-2018 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 4-2018 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

**Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 5-2018~ Bond Ordinance Appropriating \$5,252,550
Providing for Various Capital Improvements**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 5-2018, entitled “*BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,252,550 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,989,922 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.*”

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 5-2018.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw that the public hearing be closed.

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

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio that Ordinance No. 5-2018 be adopted on second and final reading.

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

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 5-2018 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Merritt Carr, 9 Kennedy Terrace, addressed the Council regarding a problematic situation due to vehicles entering Kennedy Terrace, which is a cul-de-sac. He requested that a “dead-end” or “no outlet” sign be erected at the entrance of Kennedy Terrace in the hope that it would prevent vehicles from entering the cul-de-sac. The Mayor was in agreement.

2. Bonnie Giordano, 320 Route 10 West, owner of Hair Core Family Hair Cutters, voiced concerns and frustration in regard to the timing of traffic signalizations on River Road and Route 10, as well as the jug handle turn from Murray Road onto Mt. Pleasant Avenue. In addition, she felt that it would be beneficial and safer if a police officer directed traffic during dismissal time at Hanover Park High School. Lastly, Ms. Giordano mentioned poor visibility of traffic while driving onto Ramada Drive due to overgrown weeds; the Council advised that the property owners would be notified of this situation.

Mayor Pannullo advised that the traffic signals on Route 10 have been an ongoing problem, and he was contacted by the state D.O.T. that they would plan to meet with him to improve these issues.

3. William Salemme, Chairman of Land Use Planning Board, said that as a result of a pending Board application, he was informed that the D.O.T. has determined that the traffic light sequence at Route 10 and Burger King was incorrect and they would be working on improving it.

4. Gary Dianthony, property owner of 214 Route 10, leased to Raymour and Flanigan at the intersection of Murray Road and Route 10, was very concerned regarding a potential D.O.T. decision to change the traffic signalization at that intersection. He stated that years ago at the time of a proposed Tarragon project; D.O.T. conducted a traffic study at the location and wanted to bypass the u-turn, which would result in no access to his property. Mr. Dianthony indicated the intersection has always been problematic with the overflow of traffic and was greatly concerned and worried of future D.O.T. improvement plans.

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

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

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeMaio urged all citizens to remember on Memorial Day weekend the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces that made the ultimate sacrifice in defending our nation. He invited the residents to attend the annual wreath ceremony that takes place prior to the start of the Memorial Day parade.

Councilman Brokaw thanked the O.E.M. Coordinator and C.E.R.T. trainers for conducting an educational and rewarding program that welcomed twenty-one new C.E.R.T. members. He congratulated Jess Miller of the Hanover Park Hornets Softball Team for reaching her 100 career hit, which was followed by two home runs.

Councilwoman Jandoli announced that the annual East Hanover Italian American Club Carnival would take place on May 8th through May 13th and asked the public to attend and support the Club.

Council President Martorelli stated that the East Hanover PBA would be holding the annual Food Truck Festival on May 20th at Lurker Park. He extended congratulations to the Hanover Park Girl's Softball Team in making it to the county finals.

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.

- 81a -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2124/Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, Inc.
- 81b -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2126/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Foundation
- 81c -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2127/Legacy of a Hero L/CPL Chris Cosgrove III Foundation
- 81d -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2128/St. Rose of Lima RC Church
- 81e -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2129/Westbridge Academy Inc.
- 81f -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2130/Westbridge Academy Inc.
- 81g -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2131/Westbridge Academy Inc.
- 81h -2018- Resolution Re: RL:2132/Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark
- 82 -2018- Resolution Re: Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with the East Hanover Township School District
- 83 -2018- Resolution Re: Award of Contract to Innovative Electrical Contracting, Inc. for Installation of Generators in Municipal Building and Recreation Center
- 84 -2018- Resolution Re: Refund for Overpayment of Water/Sewer Fees (Block 39.07, Lot 22)
- 85 -2018- Resolution Re: Refund for Overpayment of Taxes (Block 147, Lot 33)
- 86 -2018- Resolution Re: Redemption of Tax Title Lien No. 17-00005 (Block 136, Lot 5)
- 87 -2018- Resolution Re: Donation of Two (2) Fire Vehicles to West Milford Fire Company

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Communication Re: Permission for Block Party on May 26, 2018 at Bunker Road

The Mayor and Council unanimously agreed to grant permission for the Bunker Road Block Party.

NEW BUSINESS:

Introduction: Ordinance No. 7-2018~ Adopting the Revised Varityper Redevelopment Plan, Dated April 4, 2018, Prepared by Maser Consulting, P.A.

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 7-2018, entitled “*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING THE REVISED VARITYPER REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, DATED APRIL 4, 2018, PREPARED BY MASER CONSULTING, P.A.*”

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Council President Martorelli that Ordinance No. 7-2018 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk’s Office, and set down for public hearing on June 4, 2018.

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

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk

Minutes Adopted: June 4, 2018