

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF HAMPTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

President Son called to order the Regular Meeting of Hampton Township Council at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania.

Those present: V. Son, President; M. Hunkele, C. Montgomery, M. O'Rorke, P. Russ, Members: J. Speakman, Controller; V. Tucceri, Legal Counsel; W. C. Lochner, Municipal Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Hunkele moved for approval of minutes for the June 23, 2010 Regular Meeting, July 14, 2010 Public Hearing, and July 14, 2010 Agenda Meeting. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor, with the exception of Mr. O'Rorke abstaining from all three meetings.

CITIZEN AGENDA MATTERS

Mr. Al Werling, 2885 Talley Cavey Road, asked if the Township still had the CSI van in its possession and if it has a lot of miles on it. Chief Connolly stated that the Township does still have the van and there is not a lot of miles on it.

Mr. Werling expressed a concern to Council regarding the school buses that travel at a high rate of speed down his street trying to beat the traffic light at Route 8. The weight and speed of the buses has caused the newly paved street from the Pilsung Plaza down to Route 8 to ripple. At this point, members of Council suggested that Mr. Werling attend a School Board meeting to express his concerns, and also the Township will send a polite letter to the School District regarding this matter. Mr. Lochner indicated that the Township was aware of the damage to the roadway and it will be repaired in the near future.

APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL O'RORKE TO THE ROUTE 8 – DUNCAN AVENUE ENGINEERING SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Rorke advised Council that it would be a great honor to serve in this capacity.

Mr. Russ moved for the appointment of Michael O'Rorke to the Route 8 – Duncan Avenue Engineering Selection Committee. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor, with the exception of Mr. O'Rorke abstaining.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING FORCED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MERGERS AND/OR CONSOLIDATIONS

There currently is legislation in front of both the House and Senate that would dissolve local governments and make county governments throughout the Commonwealth the lowest level of government. PSATS forwarded a proposed resolution for the Township's consideration opposing this legislation. Mr. Lochner indicated he understood the Representative who originally proposed the bill has withdrawn his name from it. Mr. Son commented when a consolidation of two authorities is prudent for the residents, such as the merger of the Hampton Municipal and Shaler Water Authorities; however, to mandate a combination of municipalities to move money for those that are having difficulty would be a detriment.

Mrs. Hunkele moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 865 opposing forced local government mergers and/or consolidations. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

NORTH HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Montgomery indicated that he had nothing new to report with regard to the North Hills Council of Governments.

Messrs. Son and Lochner gave a brief update regarding the selection of an earned income tax collector. There are currently three remaining potential vendors and the committee is in the process of reviewing the proposals and interviewing the vendors. It is anticipated that a vote by the ANTCC will be held on August 25, 2010 appointing a tax collector.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Municipal Authority monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

Mr. Son called an executive session following the meeting to get an update regarding information being put together by the merger committee.

GATEWAY ENGINEERS' MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Gateway Engineers' monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

LEGAL COUNSEL MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Legal Counsel monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

CONTROLLER'S/MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the June, 2010 Controller's Report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

Mr. Speakman gave a brief update regarding a mid-year review of the 2010 Budget and a report will be forwarded to Council in their next weekend packet that will compare actual to budget through mid-year and actual year-to-date compared to the same period in 2009. Total revenues are almost \$300,000 ahead of budget and nearly \$544,000 ahead of 2009 figures. However, real estate tax receipts in July are down substantially from 2009 indicating payments were being made earlier. Collection of delinquent real estate taxes is down and most likely will not meet budget. Jordan Tax Service will be asked to help quantify the amount of outstanding billings that have been liened to understand if the budget was high or collections are not as successful. Real estate deed transfer is also behind budget and may not be met. Act 203 capacity fee revenue has already exceeded budget for the year, which is largely Richland activity. Sewer system rentals are slightly behind budget while slightly ahead of 2009 numbers. Pool operations revenue is down, but may catch up with the hot weather in July. Overall, revenues are anticipated to be close to budget.

Mr. Speakman indicated that operating expenditures are about \$37,000 under budget, but are ahead of 2009 by \$32,000. Stabilization of the health care benefit costs is not yet reflected with the advanced payment of the HSA allowance. Lower premiums for the remainder of the year will bring this expense in line with budget. Salt and snow/ice control overtime will exceed budget, but will be offset with the state-of-emergency reimbursement. The Township should be in good shape to acquire additional salt in the fourth quarter. Fuel costs is one expense item that will be substantially over budget. In 2009, the Township's cost of gasoline and diesel were nearly \$.50 per gallon cheaper than the same period in 2010. At this time, expenses are within budget and comparable to 2009.

A copy of the Information Technology monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 395, KNOWN AS THE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP

Chief Connolly commented that in the past week, an issue has arisen regarding speed limits in residential districts. Under Section 3362 of the Motor Vehicle Code, residential roads that are also considered "T" routes are to be posted at 35 mph, unless reduced by the Township. Chief Connolly recommended that Section 8-Speed Limits of the proposed ordinance be amended to give the Township the authority to regulate the speed limit in residential districts when needed.

Mrs. Hunkele moved for authorization to advertise an ordinance amending Township Ordinance No. 395, known as the Traffic Control Ordinance of the Township. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Public Safety monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

APPROVAL OF FALL OPERATING HOURS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Son commented that Council had asked Mr. Zarenko to look at potential cost saving moves for the Community Services Department and he had proposed for this fall potentially closing the Community Center on Sundays, which would bring an additional cost savings of \$3,200 over the previous fall. It was felt by members of Council that the Center should be open on Sundays. With the possibility of a tenant on Sundays as a potential revenue source from 7 a.m. to noon, the Center could be open for four hours in the afternoon for use by members.

Mrs. Hunkele moved for approval of the Community Center fall operating hours of 92 hours per week, as per Mr. Zarenko's July 6, 2010 memorandum. Mr. O'Rorke seconded the motion.

Mr. Son reiterated the Community Center's fall operating hours as follows: Monday and Friday – 6 am to 9 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 6 am to 10 pm; Saturday – 8 am to 6 pm; and Sunday – 12 noon to 4 pm.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously in favor.

COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Community Services monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Environmental Services monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

Mr. Degnan gave a brief update to Council regarding the repairs to the #3 Blower that are necessary, which will cost approximately \$15,000.

WILDWOOD ACRES EARTH DISTURBANCE PERMIT REQUEST

The applicant is requesting approval from Council for the use of slope averaging on their site located at the corner of Route 8 and Wildwood Road (former Kunkel site). Modifications for slope averaging requests must be granted by Council under the requirements of the Township's Grading Ordinance.

Mr. Orban advised Council that the engineer has reviewed the application and staff has recommended approval of the slope-averaging request.

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Mr. Russ moved for approval of the slope-averaging request as it relates to the Wildwood Acres Earth Disturbance Permit request. Mrs. Hunkele seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

WILDWOOD GOLF CLUB AMUSEMENT PERMIT REQUEST

The Club is requesting an amusement permit from the Township for a member's only 50th anniversary function to be held on August 14, 2010 that would include a fireworks display.

Mr. Orban advised Council that staff has recommended approval of the request.

Mrs. Hunkele moved for approval of the Wildwood Golf Club Amusement Permit request. Mr. Russ seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

REFERRALS

Mrs. Hunkele moved for referral of the Grob/Huber Subdivision/Lot Consolidation (10-13) and the Walnut Crick Lot Consolidation (10-14). Mr. O'Rorke seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

ZONING AND PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT

A copy of the Zoning and Planning monthly report was included as part of Council's agenda packet.

There being no further items for discussion, Mr. Son adjourned the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. into executive session for the purpose of discussing the proposed Hampton Municipal Authority and Shaler Authority merger.

Susan A. Bernet,
Clerk of Council

Victor D. Son,
President of Council