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## HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of April 25, 2019 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times on April 10, 2019 and advertised in said newspaper on April 22, 2019, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. Proper notice has been given and the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – by Deputy Mayor Gilmore at 7 P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** – present were Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeewoman Schneider, Committeeman Clauss and Mayor Masciocchi. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko, Finance Officer Donna Condo and Auditor Robert Nahila. Mayor Masciocchi arrived at 7:05. Committeeman Costa and Attorney John Gillespie were not present.
4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda items only**  
(Comments are limited to 5 minutes)

**Luis Lopez**, 98 Levis Drive, Mt. Holly – asked the committee how much of a savings there will be from the 2018 budget to the 2019 budget. Ms. Condo answered that there will be a savings of \$850,000. He also asked how much money the township received in grants for 2018 and was answered by Mr. Nahila that we had received \$532,000. Mr. Nahila said that we don't know how much we will receive from now until the end of the year.

### 5. **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

#### A. 2019 Budget

Ms. Kosko said that initially when we left the meeting in early April we had agreed to make the \$50,000 reduction to the Capital Improvement line for the storm water pipe lining and that is the purpose of tonight's meeting. Since then, there have been individual discussions with the auditors, CFO and committee members who have requested that we review the use of \$60,000 more of surplus to further reduce the local purpose tax. This will not require another public hearing and if the committee accepts this, you will be able to adopt the budget this evening.

## **6. 2019 BUDGET**

- A. **RESOLUTION 2019-86-4** - Authorizes the 2019 Amended Budget to be Read by Title Only

**Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.**

- B. **RESOLUTION 2019-87-4** - Amending the 2019 Budget as Advertised  
(vote after Public Hearing)

Mr. Nahila said we would have to take comments from the public before the budget was passed.

**Ron Napoli**, 40 Paisley Place – asked what the impact would be on the tax rate and was told by Ms. Kosko the change would result in a decrease of \$18.96 a year to the average assessed homeowner based on a house assessed at \$278,105.

**Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.**

- C. **RESOLUTION 2019-88-4**- Further Amend 2019 Budget, Not Requiring Advertisement

**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- D. **RESOLUTION 2019-89-4** – Adopt 2019 Budget, as Amended

**Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## **7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)**

**There were no comments from the public.**

## **8. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**There were no comments from the administrator.**

## **9. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR**

**The attorney was not present.**

## **10. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Gilmore** thanked those who came out tonight and wished everyone a Happy Arbor Day. She also reminded everyone about the Clean-up Day on Saturday.

**Mr. Clauss** said he had received some correspondence from Delran that they are putting together a Coastal Coalition to look into flooding along the river towns. He thinks it is very important that we also should be involved in this. We are having some issues that should be looked into. There is a sample resolution to join and he is going to look into that also and asked the committee to review it as well.

**Ms. Schneider** said the committee has adopted a responsible budget that reduces the tax burden on the residents and she is proud to say they have held the line on the township taxes from when she first joined the committee. She is very happy and proud of the budget. She also commented on the fire at the industrial park Thursday night. Ms. Schneider had contacted Chief Macken and was relieved to hear that no one was harmed during the fire. She can't imagine what the town would do without the volunteers. She reminded them all that there is a Clean-up Day on Saturday at the Street Center.

**Mayor Masciocchi** thanked everyone for the great job done on the budget. This is the first time since he has sat on the committee that the budget is lower. We are moving in the right direction. He also thanked Ms. Kosko, Ms. Condo and Mr. Nahila for their help in the matter. Mayor Masciocchi also thanked the fire department for their efforts during the fire on Thursday night. Chief Macken called the mayor and told him that everything had been handled professionally and no one was injured.

**11. BILL LIST**

**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:12 P. M.**

**Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Paula L. Kosko, RMC*

**Municipal Clerk/Administrator**

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