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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 3, 2023 with instructions for internet access was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 6, 2022 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2022, and January 12, 2022 respectively posted on the website and the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 6, 2022 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.

1. **FLAG SALUTE**

2. **ROLL CALL** – present were Mayor Clauss, Committeeman Montgomery, Committeeman Levinson, Committeewoman Gilmore and Committeewoman Evans. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie

3. **MINUTES**

A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. Abstain: Committeewoman Evans. All others yes.

4. **PRESENTATION**

EMS Chief Paul Bush and Captain James McKenzie updated the Committee on the progress they are making toward their goals. They just had 10 people graduate from EMT academy training. The graduates will be testing in the next couple of weeks with the National Registry. The Squad has just taken another 5 applications from residents of Hainesport. Chief Bush has experience building up volunteer squads in Pemberton, taking their volunteer squad from 3 or 4 members to 45 in an 18 month time frame. He also had success in Beverly. Captain McKenzie has experience as a Chief Officer from Capital Health Emergency Services in Trenton City. President Robert Clay is from Galloway Township and a career EMS provider. Don Platt is still around helping out as Lieutenant. They appreciate his knowledge of Hainesport. There will probably be a proposal for an ambulance replacement. The current one is 20 years old. **Mr. Levinson** thanked them for the CPR class he and his wife attended. Chief Bush said they will continue to offer the CPR classes. The Committee thanked them for their service.

5. **REPORTS**

- A. **Tax Collector** – December 2022, 4th Quarter 2022, Year End 2022
- B. **Code Enforcement** – December 2022
- C. **Fire Official** – December 2022
- D. **Construction** – December 2022, Year End 2022

E. Emergency Services Reports – December 2022

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

F. NJSP In-Person Report – December 2022

No comments.

**6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda items only
(Comments are limited to 5 minutes)**

No comments.

7. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 2023-33-1 – Establishing the 2023 Temporary Budget

Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.

B. RESOLUTION 2023-34-1 – Award Contract for Postage Machine Rental

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

C. RESOLUTION 2023-35-1 – Authorizing Issuance of Raffle Licenses to the Hainesport PTO

Mr. Montgomery explained that the raffles must be approved by the Township, the State Police and the State. The applications are processed quickly and he encouraged volunteer organizations to continue to try to raise money for their causes.

Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)

No comments.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kosko reported that we received bad news from the Burlington County Commissioners Solid Waste Department. They are increasing their landfill costs again. Last year, our signed agreements that had previously had a 2% base cap increase changed to a “to be determined” base cap increase. The increase is now 9.26%. We have gone from a base rate of \$80.69 in 2022 to \$87.15 per ton of household waste. The additional line for taxes stays stable at \$7.89, which gets added to each type of waste class for a total tipping fee of \$95.04/ton for household waste class. We have to increase our solid waste budget by 9.5% this year. Additionally, the State has implemented an almost 22% increase on health care costs, for us means over \$40,000 in municipal contribution, pension costs are going up about \$10,000 and we have a \$16,000 water fee increase. These increases will absolutely affect our budget. There is always a policy

debate on what we should do, but our professional team will make the best recommendations for the residents of Hainesport. **Mr. Montgomery** asked if we had an estimate of the total cost. Ms. Kosko said no but fortunately, some things are outside the cap. We are looking at 17% – 18% increases in certain areas. She will be working with the CFO and the Auditor on these budget issues.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gillespie wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Committee for the privilege of being part of the team. **Mr. Levinson** complimented Mr. Gillespie on being the #1 municipal attorney in the United States, according to US News and World Report.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeewoman Evans – said it was wonderful to see all the residents in attendance. She looks forward to serving with the other Committee members.

Committeeman Levinson – said “ditto”.

Committeewoman Gilmore – wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged them to download the Hainesport Township app.

Committeeman Montgomery - wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He welcomed all to their new positions and appointments. He thanked Paula Kosko, Tara Wicker and John Gillespie. He also wanted to thank all the other staff that make up our wonderful administration and the professionals.

Mayor Clauss – thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He congratulated Leila and Anna. He feels fortunate to have such a great staff. He was a little disappointed with the news about the increased costs to our budget, but it is not surprising. He said he is glad that we have a great staff and a healthy surplus to help with the increases in the costs for the Burlington County land fill and the State charges. He is honored to be the Mayor.

12. BILL LIST

Mr. Montgomery added that he was happy the repairs for the sidewalks in the Clermont neighborhood were on the bill list and being paid for by the Township.

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

13. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:53 P. M.

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Paula L. Kosko

Administrator/Municipal Clerk

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7 pm

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