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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 8, 2023

6:30 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of August 8, 2023 with instructions for internet access was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 4, 2023 and advertised in said newspapers on January 6, 2023, and January 10, 2023 respectively posted on the website and the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 4, 2023 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 JULY 11, 2023**

Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. All yes.

B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2023**

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

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Tax Collector** – July 2023

B. **Code Enforcement** – July 2023

C. **Fire Official** – July 2023

D. **Construction** – July 2023

E. **Emergency Services Reports** – July 2023

F. **NJSP In-Person Report** – July 2023

SSgt. Antenucci, NJSP – said he had nothing major to report. They are working to find out who vandalized the sculpture at the park. Paint cans and beer cans were sent to the lab for fingerprints. They are patrolling the area. Please be aware that there has been an uptick in catalytic converter thefts here and in surrounding towns.

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

5. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. Disposition of Proposed Resolution 2023-93-8 - Amending Resolution 2023-76-5 to Declare Additional Property Along Route 38 at Block 72.01, Lot 1 and Block 75.01, Lot 1, an Existing Mobile Home Park, to be an Area in Need of Rehabilitation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A:1

Mr. Gillespie explained that at the last meeting, this resolution was referred to the Planning Board (JLUB) for review. The owners of the Haines Mobile Home Park were in negotiations to acquire that site. The deal for the purchase fell through and they are not buying the property anymore. There is no reason to go forward with the resolution. It would end up being an isolated lot. He asked the Committee to agree to “No Action” and they complied.

- B. 100th Anniversary Logo Review

Ms. Kosko reported that the 100th Anniversary Committee met and reviewed the logo submissions. Once we receive the Committee’s input, the top 3 of the 13 logos submitted will be put out for popular vote on the Township’s official Facebook page. We will allow voting for two weeks. We can make adjustments to the logo. The logo will be used for all our 100th Anniversary events - print materials, banners, web page and on some fundraiser ideas – possibly garden flags. We should have them out to the community by the end of the week. **Mr. Montgomery** remarked that it was awesome that we had so many entries. He thanked the participants for the thought and effort they put into it. **Ms. Kosko** added that the winner will receive \$350. The 100th Anniversary wants to recognize everyone that submitted a logo. They are thinking of ways to do that. **Mayor Clauss** commended the 100th Anniversary Committee for their hard work. **Mrs. Evans** suggested we put all the entries in our Township calendar.

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

Debra Harris, 7 Elsinore Drive – said Mr. Levinson voted on the July Minutes, but he was not there. **Ms. Kosko** said since it was a majority vote, it did not change the outcome. It would be noted.

Bob Mode, 202 Lumberton Road – suggested making a separate Facebook page for the 100th Anniversary to announce activities. He offered to help with the site.

8. ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2023-7** – Appropriating the Sum of \$725,000 in Funding from the General Capital Fund Balance for Various Projects throughout the Township (**First Reading and Introduction**) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption September 5, 2023**)

Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

- B. **ORDINANCE 2023-8** – Establishing a Green Team Pursuant to Sustainable New Jersey (**First Reading and Introduction**) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption September 5, 2023**)

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

- C. **ORDINANCE 2023-9** – Creating a Length of Service Award Program (**First Reading and Introduction**) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption September 5, 2023**)

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

The items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Hainesport and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. **RESOLUTION 2023-95-8**– Authorizing Partial Payment to the Hainesport Volunteer Fire Company
- B. **RESOLUTION 2023-96-8**– Amend the Adopted Budget for Additional Items of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriation (Chapter 159) NJ Recycle Tonnage Grant
- C. **RESOLUTION 2023-97-8** – Amending Resolution 2023-53-4 Establishing Rate of Compensation for Certain Positions for 2023
- D. **RESOLUTION 2023-98-8** – Amending Resolution 2023-16-1 Establishing Annual Schedule of Meetings
- E. **RESOLUTION 2023-99-8** – Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at 6 Applewood Court
- F. **RESOLUTION 2023-100-8**– Authorizing Payment No. 1 to Paving Plus, LLC for the FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Ark Road Improvements

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

10. **BUSINESS**

- A. **Approval of Business Licenses** (See Attached)

Mrs. Evans abstained from voting on DH Hair Designs because that is her hairdresser.

Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

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

Karen Tordy, 4 Easton Way – welcomed new businesses to JSuites - Danielle Hale of DH Hair Designs and Heather Barnes of Wicked Scissors. September 14th JSuites will hold an open house to welcome them and all of their businesses. She and Ken Montgomery sponsored the Tookany Creek Bluegrass Band concert on July 30th. Around 150 people attended the concert. She has volunteered at the concession stand during concerts, the Farm Fair and on the 100th Anniversary Committee. She thinks putting the logo entries on the Township calendar is a great idea. The Republican Club has sold their tickets for the Trenton Thunder game on August 26th. They are pleased to be able to offer tickets to needy children in the community. The Republican Club is also having a Back-to-School supply drive until August 24th. Please contact them if you would like to donate items.

Debra Harris, 7 Elsinore Drive – said the Chesterfield case discussed at the July meeting was not settled. An appeal has been filed. The Hainesport Democrats candidate meet and greet will be held on August 31st at 7 pm at the Kenneth E. Street Community Center. All ages are welcome. She reviewed the history the Hainesport Education Foundation. (HEF) In 2009, Jason Cardona, current Board of Ed president, registered it as a 501c3 educational charity. HEF could then receive tax deductible donations. In 2013, HEF lost its nonprofit status due to non-filing of taxes. They continued to accept donations through 2023. She questioned Mr. Montgomery in 2022, as the Foundation's Vice President asking for donations and volunteers for the organization and the status of the organization with the state today.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

No comments.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

No comments.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeewoman Evans – attended the July 13th Senior meeting at the Street Center with Paula Kosko. They listened to concerns and made progress. She also attended Clean Up Day at Creek Turn Park. The gate is now open for Big Rusty to receive visitors. She is happy the Green Team ordinance on the agenda. She invited everyone to come to the kickball tournament at 8am Saturday. She is happy to welcome DH Hair Designs to JSuites.

Committeeman Levinson – no comments.

Committeewoman Gilmore – no comments.

Committeeman Montgomery – enjoyed the Farm Fair and met many Hainesport and South Jersey residents. We had a beautiful night for the concert in the park on Sunday. He is looking forward to the kickball tournament.

Mayor Clauss – thanked everyone for coming. We have a small crowd tonight, which indicates that people in town are pretty happy. He was glad SSgt. Antenucci had a small report. That means there are not a lot of problems in town. He thanked the State Police and the residents for keeping an eye out on the town.

15. BILL LIST

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gillespie asked to amend the resolution to include item #2. Protecting the Safety and Property of the Public. The Committee approved the action.

A. RESOLUTION 2023-101-8– Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

1. Pending Litigation
2. Protecting the Safety and Property of the Public

Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.

Motion to re-enter regular meeting

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

17. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:41 P. M.

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula L. Kosko

Administrator/Municipal Clerk

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Township Committee Meeting
August 8, 2023
6:30 pm

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