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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 12, 2024
6:30 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of March 12, 2024 with instructions for internet access was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 4, 2024 and advertised in said newspapers on January 7, 2024, and January 11, 2024 respectively posted on the website and the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 4, 2024 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 Gilmore, Committeeman Montgomery, Committeewoman Evans (by phone), Committeeman Clauss and Committeewoman Tordy. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney Alexis Smith.

3. **MINUTES**

A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

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

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Tax Collector** – February 2024

B. **Code Enforcement** – February 2024

C. **Fire Official** – February 2024

D. **Construction** – February 2024

E. **Emergency Services Reports** – February 2024

Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Tordy. All yes.

F. **NJSP In-Person Report** – February 2024

SSgt. Antenucci said he had nothing to report. He is working on planning the 100th anniversary celebration. The Troopers will be at the upcoming Easter event. He wished Hainesport a happy anniversary.

5. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of 50 Years of Volunteer EMS Service – Don Platt

Mayor Gilmore presented Don Platt with a plaque commending his 50 years of service as a Hainesport volunteer EMT. His compassion, skill and dedication will be missed. Don thanked the Township Committee and Shirley, his wife of 45 years for her support.

B. Presentation of Awards to Art Students for 100th Anniversary Projects

Mayor Gilmore thanked the following students for their historic drawings of Hainesport and they received a certificate of appreciation: Shaun DeNight, Phobe Shorter, Naomi Lucas, Dena Shorter, Hallie Shorter and Cailyn Gardner. Their artwork will be on display at the Street Community Center.

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

No comments.

Mayor Gilmore invited everyone to take a break for a piece of cake.

7. ORDINANCES

A. **ORDINANCE 2024-3** – Providing for and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officials and Employees of the Township of Hainesport (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

No comments.

Motion: Committeewoman Tordy. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.

B. **ORDINANCE 2024-4** - To Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

No comments.

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

C. **ORDINANCE 2024-5**– To Amend Chapter 34 of the Code of the Township of Hainesport Entitled “Board of Recreation Commissioners” and Replacing Same with a “Recreation Advisory Board” (**First Reading and Introduction**) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption April 9, 2024**)

Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Tordy. All yes.

8. **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 2024-53-3** – Authorizing the Filing of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for the Year 2023
- B. **RESOLUTION 2024-54-3** – Amending Resolution 2024-17-1 Establishing Township Committee Meeting Dates
- C. **RESOLUTION 2024-55-3** – Authorizing Lien for Securing Property Deemed a Safety and Health Hazard at 1303 Maine Avenue
- D. **RESOLUTION 2024-56-3** – Authorizing an Agreement with Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. for E-Waste Collection and Recycling
- E. **RESOLUTION 2024-57-3** – Authorizing Consumption of Alcohol on Municipal Property on June 1, 2024

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

9. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION 2024-58-3** – Authorization for Mayor to Execute Statement of Consent for Hainesport Family Apartments TWA Application as Required by NJDEP

Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Tordy. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2024-59-3** – Awarding Contract for Laurel Ridge Road and Pulaski Avenue Road Resurfacing Projects

Motion: Committeewoman Tordy. Second: Mayor Gilmore. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2024-60-3** – Awarding Contract for Fenimore Road Resurfacing Project

Mr. Montgomery commented that we reviewed all the streets in town and every street will be resurfaced. This is the process we go through.

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2024-61-3** – Authorizing Recreation Opportunity Grant Application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Creek Turn Park Project

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

- E. **RESOLUTION 2024-62-3** – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Brownfield Environmental Solutions, Inc. (BRS) for Preparation of a Brownfield Development Area Application

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

- F. **RESOLUTION 2024-63-3** – Authorizing a Contract with R & V Engineers for Writing and Submitting a Community Project Funding (CPF) or “Earmark” Request to District 3 Congressman Andy Kim for Creek Turn Park Project

Mr. Clauss stated that he had a problem with this being an earmark with a Congressman which equates to pork. We should be getting this money from our local Commissioners. He thinks this is no more than a political ad for the Congressman trying to take advantage of us. He does not like the fact that it was put on the agenda last minute without time to properly review it and this was done last month as well. **Mrs. Evans** asked how is it taking advantage of us if we are getting money. **Mr. Clauss** answered that just because we are getting money does not make it right. The rest of the people in the United States are being taken advantage of. **Mrs. Evans** said this is available nationwide. Community project funding is not just in New Jersey. **Mrs. Tordy** commented that she does not like the fact that this is coming from the federal government, but she knows we do not get anything from our Commissioners and we need the money for the park.

Motion: Committeewoman Evans. Second: Mayor Gilmore. No: Committeeman Clauss. All others yes.

10. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Business Licenses (See Attached)

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

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

Bruce Levinson, 2 Fox Court – shared that the HRC is co-hosting with Mobile 1 Krav-Maga a self-defense course on Friday, April 12th at 7:30 pm at the Kenneth Street Community Center.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kosko announced that we received a \$63,000 award for the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant that the Committee approved application to a few months ago. The money will be used to purchase firefighter PPE and replace the oxygen fill tank at the firehouse. We did commit a \$10,000 match, but we provide them with Capital funding on top of their regular allocation so that can be used for their match.

She had a very productive meeting with the Hainesport Fire Company President Mike Houlihan and Assistant Fire Chief Chris Lippincott to discuss the LOSAP program. Some amendments need to be made to add the Fire Police and correct the point allocation. We will be presenting it next month.

We will introduce the budget in April and adopt in May.

We submitted the Green Acres Grant application. She thanked Michelle Taylor for all her work on the grant document. We are requesting the maximum amount of \$700,000 which comes with a match of \$250,000 that was budgeted last year in the capital budget. There will be a request for the remaining match in this year's capital budget to go towards this project at Creek Turn Park. This is for Phase I. The expected cost for Phase I is between \$1.2 - \$1.4 million dollars. If we get the federal funding, that will help support Phase II. If we do not get the money from the state for Green Acres, we can utilize the money from the feds to get the project going.

She apologized for Resolution 2024-63-3 arriving last minute. There is a short timeline to submit these requests. We have already committed funds on the writing of the Green Acres Grant application which is over 250 pages long. We can capture that work and utilize that information for the federal earmark money request. She did not want to wait and possibly miss the opportunity for this additional funding request.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

No comments.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeewoman Tordy – wished Hainesport a happy anniversary and birthday. She welcomed all that came to the meeting. Our 100th anniversary celebration is off to a wonderful start. Everyone had a great time at the senior citizen dance on February 16. She thanked all the people that pulled the event together – especially Sue Derickson as the unsung hero for helping with the events. She thanked everyone for their generous support of the Tea and Fashion Show. We had 77 baskets to raffle and raise money for our June celebration. She thanked Bradford Estate, Kelli's Kandies, BCIT for the programs, Browse Around Shop, J-Suites, the Ladies Auxiliary and all those who donated and helped with the event. We have samples on the desk of our 100th anniversary t-shirts. We will have them for sale as a fundraiser.

She congratulated Hainesport School on their wonderful talent show. She and Mayor Gilmore attended. They were impressed with all the talent. She attended municipal and budget classes for the township. She announced Storytime this Friday at 10 am at the Street Center and the Easter Egg event is Saturday, March 23rd. She wished all a Happy Ramadan and Easter.

Committeewoman Evans – corrected Mrs. Tordy that the dance was an “adult” dance, not a “senior citizen” dance. She is grateful to see all the grant awards going in to get money for Creek Turn Park development. She is also grateful to be representing the community during this exciting 100th anniversary celebration.

Committeeman Clauss – said he is proud to be in Hainesport for both the 50th and the 100th anniversary. He commented on the grant that just because money is free does not make it right. That is why we have a deficit that is out of control in the

federal government. He hopes local funding becomes available for the park. He wished Hainesport a happy anniversary.

Committeeman Montgomery – Wished Hainesport a happy anniversary. He is happy to be a part of it all. He attended the tea and fashion show. It was a wonderful event. He thanked the volunteers, student models and attendees. He encouraged everyone to get involved in the town's activities and support our fundraisers. Our garden flags are on sale for \$20. We are still selling tickets to raffle off a hot air balloon ride. He went to the ribbon cutting for Woods Machinery. It is a great business and he is profitable already. He agrees with Mr. Clauss about the grant request, but supports the resolution because we have lost so much funding from the state. He wished all a Happy Ramadan, Easter and Happy St. Patrick's Day. He reminded everyone that April 20th is Clean Up Day and shredding for the township.

Mayor Gilmore – thanked everyone that showed up to the Grand Opening at Woods Machinery. She enjoyed the talent show. She thanked everyone for coming the meeting tonight. She thanked the students that submitted their artwork for the 100th celebration. She hopes they continue to do other events for the anniversary such as the walking tour and the June 1st event.

15. **BILL LIST**

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

16. **ADJOURNMENT @ 7:40 P. M.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula L. Kosko
Administrator/Municipal Clerk

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