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**HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
March 10, 2020  
7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of March 10, 2020 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 8, 2020 and advertised in said newspapers on January 10, 2020, and January 11, 2020 respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 9, 2020 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. **CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor MacLachlan at 7:00 P. M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Mayor MacLachlan, Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeewoman Schneider, Committeeman Costa and Committeeman Clauss. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie.
4. **MINUTES**
  - A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020**  
**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**
  - B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020**  
**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**
5. **REPORTS**
  - A. **Tax Collector** – February 2020
  - B. **Code Enforcement** – February 2020
  - C. **Fire Official** – February 2020
  - D. **Construction** – February 2020
  - E. **Emergency Services Reports** – February 2020  
**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

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

No comments

7. **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

A. Hainesport EMS President Richard Litton

Mr. Litton reported on the status of the squad. He said all the other towns around us have gone to a paid model. We are all volunteer, thanks to the support of the Committee and donations, including the donation drive we do once a year. We have 15 volunteers EMT's and 4 people currently being trained. The squad may double their membership by end of the year. They answered 698 calls last year. He thanked the Committee for their support.

8. **ORDINANCES**

A. **ORDINANCE 2020-1** - 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**)

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Rd. asked why the ordinance was increasing the budget by 3.5%, which is the highest you can get. Is there a reason we couldn't go a little bit easier like 1%?

**Mayor MacLachlan** clarified to Mr. Murdy that the ordinance meant the CAP bank, not the budget and that we would talk about the budget later on.

**Ms. Kosko** explained that by law we are allowed to increase the budget by a certain percent. We are not, so that difference we are allowed to cap for the subsequent two years in case there is an emergency, or a need arises where we do need to increase our budget higher than the allowable limit by state law, so that's what this is doing. It's reserving that difference that we are not appropriating or spending for the next two years should we need it. It's not really spending any money, it is capturing that money from the two previous years. She then requested to vote to amend the Agenda to include a new ordinance.

**Mr. Clauss** added that this ordinance is a normal thing that is done every year to make sure we have the most emergency funds possible.

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

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE ORDINANCE 2020-2**

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.**

B. **ORDINANCE 2020-2** – Appropriating the Sum of \$766,000.00 in Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund and Capital Fund Surplus for Various Road

**Improvement Projects (First Reading and Introduction) (Public Hearing and Final Adoption April 7, 2020)**

**Ms. Kosko** explained that this ordinance provides funding for Calendar Year 19 Road Improvement Program that we have been discussing quite extensively over the past year. This is to appropriate the funds from the Capital Improvement Fund and Capital Fund Surplus for various road improvement projects, which includes Parry Drive, Wells Court, Devon Lane, Merion Way and Merion Court. Those roads were authorized by the previous Governing Body to be done for our first year of the road program. This is pay as you go, we are not borrowing for this program.

**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeeman Costa. All yes.**

**9. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION 2020-69-3 – Introduction of the 2020 Budget**

Ms. Kosko added that public comment is April 7<sup>th</sup> and the budget is available for anyone to view in her office.

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

**B. RESOLUTION 2020-70-3 – Authorizing Contract for Computer Services – Networks Plus, LLC./Wintsec Technologies**

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

**C. RESOLUTION 2020-71-3 – Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Raised by Shoebox Recycling to Meals on Wheels Pet Program**

Ms. Kosko explained that one of the staff members collects the shoes and receives funding back and it is distributed as the Committee authorizes it to be distributed.

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

**D. RESOLUTION 2020-72-3 – Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Raised by Shoebox Recycling to Burlington County Animal Alliance**

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

**E. RESOLUTION 2020-73-3 – Authorizing Contract for Amusement Rentals for Municipal Complex Movie Nights – Premier Outdoor Movies**

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.**

**F. RESOLUTION 2020-74-3 – Awarding a Contract for Amusement Rentals for Community Day**

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

- G. **RESOLUTION 2020-75-3** – Authorizing Contract for Hainesport Recreation Sponsored Summer Sports Camp – US Sports Institute

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

- H. **RESOLUTION 2020-76-3** – Authorizing Purchase of Batteries for Solar Lights at the Municipal Park

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

- I. **RESOLUTION 2020-77-3** – Authorizing Paradise Solar to Conduct Work Needed to Repair Solar Lights at the Municipal Park

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

- J. **RESOLUTION 2020-78-3** - Authorizing CFO to Refund a Video/Pinball License Fee

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

- K. **RESOLUTION 2020-79-3** – Authorizing the Filing of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for the Year 2019

**Motion: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeeman Costa. All yes.**

- L. **RESOLUTION 2020-80-3** – Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burlington County Bridge Commission for Professional Assistance

Ms. Kosko explained that she learned of a state grant available through the Economic Development Authority, a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Redevelopment Program to fund redevelopment investigation. Specifically, she would like to focus on the Hainesport Shopping Center located at 1459 Route 38. This request is to ask the Burlington County Bridge Commission to enter into a shared service agreement with us to pay for grant writing services with CGP&H. It would be completely free to the town. We would apply for a \$50,000 grant to do an investigation and a redevelopment plan for that shopping center. The shopping center fits the grant requirements perfectly.

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

- M. **RESOLUTION 2020-81-3** – Appointing Recreation Director and Assistant to Recreation Director

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

- N. **RESOLUTION 2020-82-3** – Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant – Cycle July 2020 – June 2025

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

P. **RESOLUTION 2020-83-3** – Authorizing Issuance of Bingo and Raffle Licenses to the Ladies Fire/EMS Auxiliary

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

Q. **RESOLUTION 2020-84-3** – Acknowledge and Admit the Volunteer Members of the Hainesport Fire Company and Hainesport Emergency Squad

Mayor MacLachlan stated that the ceremony was probably the most serious and solemn thing he has ever undertaken. Alarms went off and not one word was spoken. Everyone marched out of the building to answer the call. He was impressed with how seriously they take what they do. He will never forget it, and wants to thank them for what they do.

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

R. **RESOLUTION 2020-85-3** – Authorizing Participation in NJ Clean Energy Smart Start Buildings Program and Bright-Idea-LED to Conduct All Work Needed to Install LED Equipment in Municipal Buildings **TABLED**

Mr. Clauss asked to table the resolution until we have more information about the LED lights.

Ms. Kosko requested two resolutions be added to the Agenda.

**ADD RESOLUTION 2020-87-3 & 2020-88-3**

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-87-3** – Awarding a Contract for the 2019 Road Maintenance Program

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-88-3** – Authorize Phase IV of the Professional Services Contract for Engineering Services for the CY19 Hainesport Road Resurfacing Project

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

## 9. BUSINESS

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

Mr. Costa voted yes, unless his name is on it.

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

**B. Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin License**

**2020-03 Planet Aid**

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

**C. Approval of Video/Pinball License**

**2020-03 Tavern & Table**

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

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Second Amendment Legislation Letters**

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

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

**Elio Lourenco**, 1903 Ark Road – asked where we stand with the resolution on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Wanted to see if we could get the resolution put on the Agenda for a vote. **Mayor MacLachlan** said we are considering it and a decision will be made in the next 30 days whether it is in the town's best interest to introduce it.

**Anna Evans**, 63 Parry Drive – stated that she strongly disagrees with making Hainesport a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment sanctuary town. The resolution does nothing, it doesn't change the laws. The State Attorney General has laid out reasons that towns should not do this. His point is that people assume that municipal resolutions accomplish something. It sows confusion among the residents because they think it does something. It doesn't accomplish anything and it is a divisive issue in the town. **Mr. Clauss** stated that the Attorney General is assuming that the resolution would leave out that the state laws must be followed. Any resolution we would pass would include that you must follow the state laws. Ms. Evans said she didn't think that is what the Attorney General was saying. The average Hainesport resident may not read the resolution and think things will be different here. **Mayor MacLachlan** said there is no resolution on the table. We are looking at it and deciding where we fit in.

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Road – read the proposed resolution. He added that New Jersey is looking to raise the prices on permits and background checks. The changes would bring in \$8.5 million dollars a year according to a spokeswoman from the Treasury Department. The Governor also proposed price hikes last year, but they were rejected. The State Legislature is facing similar pushback. The resolution doesn't cost the town a dime. We are going with the Constitution, we are not changing any laws. The Attorney General is upset because there is a pushback throughout the state.

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Avenue – stated she is for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. We must have true background checks. Too many mentally ill people out there have access to guns. We don't need machine guns to protect ourselves. **Mr. Clauss** stated that New Jersey has one of the strictest background checks around. There are

limitations to gun magazines. This issue is about people who have gone through the background check and feel their rights are being infringed upon. He acknowledged her concerns, but said they have nothing to do with the resolution. **Mayor MacLachlan** commented that he is not sure what Hainesport can do about New Jersey's law.

**Elio Lourenco**, 1903 Ark Road – stated that he is trying to get townships and counties to back the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment resolution so he can show the support to the state. **Mayor MacLachlan** said he understands what they are trying to do, but we are trying to figure out our place in this.

## 12. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Ms. Kosko** reported that we have a continuity plan in place for the Corona Virus and we will be as prepared as possible. We operate with minimal staff and provide a great amount of resources to the community, so we are working towards insuring that is not adversely affected. She can't report that any programs in Hainesport are being affected or closed or delayed. We are meeting with the school superintendent on Thursday, so we will further discuss it with him, in addition to other town and school related matters. The 2020 Census will be underway this week. March 12 through the 20<sup>th</sup> is designated as "Get Out the Count Week". Counties and municipalities are encouraged to create Complete Count Committees. Ours is under way with resident Diana Vosbikian working with us as a volunteer contacting the churches and school to get the word out. We posted a Burlington County Times article for residents to see the dates they should be receiving mailings from the Census, if they will be knocking on the doors, as well as possible scams to look out for.

## 13. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

**Mr. Gillespie** commented that he would be going through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment resolution, but sadly he does not think the state cares what Hainesport thinks.

## 14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Mrs. Gilmore** thanked everyone for coming and thanked the volunteers that do so much. The Recreation Commission has started a Storytime Program where Senior Citizens read to children ages 2 ½ to 5 years old. They also sing and do a craft. Their first event is March 6<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11:30 am. There is more information on the website including contact information for Donna Casey. The Commission has also started a Share Skills and Hobbies Program. On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am they will present "How to Design a Garden" by Paula Uhland for ages 14 and up. March 29<sup>th</sup> a beginner crochet class will take place at 3 pm for adults only, registration required. Don't forget April 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Easter Egg Hunt at the Municipal Park. The Senior Citizens Group meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon at the Street Center, 100 Broad Street. They welcome new members to attend.

**Mr. Costa** stated that the federal government is suing New Jersey because of its Sanctuary provisions for illegal aliens. What galls him is if a criminal is arrested and put in our jails and the federal government wishes to detain that individual, our

Governor and Attorney General have instructed our law enforcement officials not to cooperate, not to detain for ICE to come pick them up. Some of them get out and commit more crimes. Hainesport residents could encounter them anywhere in the state. Since there are 500,000 illegal aliens running around in New Jersey today, it is easy to run into them. There has always been a competition between state government and federal government. In the early going, it was always thought that the federal government would be the abusive government from which we in the states needed protection from, but these days it is reversed. The abusive governments turn out to be the states, and we ask for protection from the federal government. We want the federal government to help us keep criminals in jail where they belong, such as the debate over sanctuary laws and also to uphold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. It is an ongoing debate, and it will be interesting to see how it unfolds. The more we educate the public, is a good thing.

**Miss Schneider** asked the residents to share the information about Storytime, that it is on April 24<sup>th</sup> and it will be monthly. We all know how important it is to read to our children at a young age. She thanked everyone for coming.

**Mr. Clauss** thanked everyone for coming. He reminded everyone to go to the Chick-fil-a fundraiser in Mt. Laurel on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm benefiting the Hainesport Fire Company, the April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt and the April 5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Auxiliary Pancake breakfast. He said he went to the breakfast last year and it was really good!

**Mayor MacLachlan** shared that he and Ms. Kosko would be meeting with the school superintendent Jodi Corn to discuss the future plan for the school with all the new development in town. They would also be discussing the protocol for handling the Corona Virus and what we can do. It is very much on our minds.

## **15. BILL LIST**

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

## **16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. RESOLUTION 2020-86-3 - Resolution to Enter into Executive Session**

1. Attorney Client Privilege

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

**Motion to re-enter Open Session: Committeeman Clauss. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**



**17. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:42 P. M.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula L. Kosko*

Administrator/Municipal Clerk

**OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**