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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2020
10:00 A.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of May 7, 2020 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times on May 1, 2020 and advertised in said newspaper on May 5, 2020, respectively posted to the Hainesport Township Website and on the bulletin board in the municipal building on May 1, 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 10:00 A.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Mayor MacLachlan, Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeeman Clauss, and present by phone were Committeeman Costa and Committeewoman Schneider. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie.
4. **RESPONSES TO PREVIOUSLY-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No questions

5. **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

A. Solid Waste Bids

Ms. Kosko stated in light of the pandemic, we have concerns about our solid waste bid opening. We have the opportunity to extend Garden State's services at the current rate through the end of the year. Bid opening is scheduled for May 13th. She recommends taking this opportunity until August and revisiting whether to continue, or rebid. She is confident that the rates will go up, as they do each year. Garden State is now \$12,110 per month. If we do not accept bids and stay with Garden State, it would be a savings of \$2,400 a month for the remainder of the year. We could rebid in October or December. **Mayor MacLachlan** asked if Garden State will still offer this deal if we open the bids as planned. If the bids are in line with the budget, would we award to the lowest bidder. **Mr. Gillespie** said the numbers will go up. The amount of bids will be low. We have a 20% increase appropriated now in the budget. Ms. Kosko said we have not received any bids yet. Mayor MacLachlan said the price will go up if we reject. This is a good time to make a deal. **Mr. Clauss** stated he did not think COVID would have an effect on trash bids. People are home more now, so there is more residential trash. Mr. Gillespie said if we bid in August we could award November 30th. Mayor MacLachlan asked Ms. Kosko to call Garden State and ask if they will still

keep our rate the same through December if we open the bids on May 13th. Ms. Kosko paused the meeting to make the phone call to Garden State Removal. When she returned, she reported that Garden State will extend their offer whether we open bids or not until the end of the year, if the bids are rejected. They told her not many companies are submitting bids. Mr. Gillespie said if we reject the bids, we will continue with the bidding process. Mayor MacLachlan asked for a motion to extend Garden State Removal's contract until the end of the year 2020. Bids will be opened and if rejected we will rebid.

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

Mr. Gillespie stated that we need to amend the Agenda to remove the Resolution 2020-101-5 extending the solid waste removal contract to September 30, 2020. Resolution 2020-102-5 pertaining to second quarter taxes will now be numbered 2020-101-5.

Motion: Mayor MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Clauss. All yes.

6. RESOLUTIONS

A. **RESOLUTION 2020-101-5** – Authorizing Extension of Existing Solid Waste Removal Contract **REMOVED**

B. **RESOLUTION 2020-101-5** – Instituting a Grace Period Concluding on June 1, 2020 for the Payment of Second Quarter Property Taxes

Mr. Gillespie explained that normally the 10-day grace period for second quarter taxes would be May 11th but the Governor has extended the state deadline to June 1st with no penalties. He said the Governing Body can decide to extend for Hainesport. **Mr. Clauss** pointed out that the grace period extension does not change the due date. **Mrs. Gilmore** said on June 2nd the penalty and interest would date back to May 1st. **Mayor MacLachlan** said this may not be the end of these kind of adjustments.

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

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

No public comments.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kosko had no comments.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gillespie had no comments.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gilmore said for everyone to stay well and safe.

Mr. Clauss echoed Mrs. Gilmore's sentiment and added we will get past this.

Miss Schneider thanked everyone for tuning in to the meeting and added stay safe and well.

Mr. Costa said everyone enjoy the beautiful weather.

Mayor MacLachlan stated that there are 27 cases of COVID in town as of yesterday and one death. He offered his condolences to the family. He reminded us that the playground is still off limits. There are a significant amount of cases in town so please follow the state and federal guidelines. It is nice to see so many people out walking and interacting from a safe distance.

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:35 A. M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula L. Kosko

Administrator/Municipal Clerk

OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA