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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 8, 2020

7:00 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of December 8, 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. Instructions for internet access of the meeting was posted on our website, bulletin boards and main doors the Friday before the meeting and advertised in the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on October 20, 2020. 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** – **Administrator Kosko** read a summation of the online meeting guidelines.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

1. **ROLL CALL** - present were Mayor MacLachlan, Committeewoman Schneider, Committeeman Costa, Committeewoman Gilmore. Committeeman Clauss attended by phone. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie.

2. **PRESENTATION**

A. Committee Members Lee Schneider and Ted Costa

Mayor MacLachlan presented both plaques and said how much he had enjoyed working with Lee and Ted. He wished them luck in future endeavors.

3. **MINUTES**

A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

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

4. **REPORTS**

- A. **Tax Collector** – November 2020
- B. **Code Enforcement** – November 2020
- C. **Fire Official** – November 2020
- D. **Construction** – November 2020
- E. **Emergency Services Reports** – November 2020

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

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

Ken Montgomery, 3 Wilkins Road, thanked Ted and Lee for serving our town and helping with the Montgomery /Levinson campaign. He wished them the best.

6. **ORDINANCES**

- A. **ORDINANCE 2020-8** – Comprehensive Ordinance Amending the Township Code as Part of the Township’s Codification Process **(Public Hearing and Final Adoption)**

Mr. Gillespie stated that this Ordinance is a continuation of Ordinance 2020-7, addressing Chapters 85 – 161 of Hainesport’s Code Book. It is a matter of cleaning up old Ordinances, changing language to reflect current terminology or statutory requirements and it repeals things that no longer apply to Hainesport.

There was no public comment.

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

7. **CONSENT RESOLUTIONS** - These items will be adopted simultaneously in one vote unless a member of the governing body wishes to separately discuss an item(s).

- A. **RESOLUTION 2020-165-12**– Authorizing Contract for Computer Services with Edmunds & Associates
- B. **RESOLUTION 2020-166-12** – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020-June 2025

- C. **RESOLUTION 2020-167-12**– Authorizing Transfers of Funds During the Last Two Months of the Current Fiscal Year and the First Three Months of the Subsequent Year
- D. **RESOLUTION 2020-168-12** – Authorizing Acceptance and Participation in the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subaward Grant Program

Administrator Kosko explained that we received the Grant last year and the next resolution is to accept it into our budget. This is a second, subsequent Grant this year for \$10,000. It will offset Emergency Management salaries and pay for two new radios.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2020-169-12** – Amending the Adopted Budget for Additional Items of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriations (Chapter 159) or FFY19 EMAA Emergency Management Subaward Performance Grant

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

8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2020-170-12** – Award Contract for Solid Waste

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2020-171-12** – Re-Appoint Paula L. Kosko, RMC as Municipal Clerk

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

- C. **RESOLUTION 2020-172-12** – Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Grant Receivables

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2020-173-12** – Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Grant Appropriations

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

- E. **RESOLUTION 2020-174-12** – Granting Our Lady Queen of Peace Temporary Authorization to Utilize Parish Center for Church Services due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Committeeman Costa said he would support this type of resolution for any church as a matter of public safety and health. This gives them a respite for 75 days until they can straighten out their issues regarding the occupancy of the building.

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. NJDOT Grant Award – Ark Road Resurfacing

Mayor MacLachlan said we have funding of \$185,000 to pave with the grant we have received. Kudos to the Administrator for securing the Grants. **Ms. Kosko** added that the paving should occur sometime over the next two years.

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

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

Anna Evans, 63 Parry Drive – thanked Ted Costa and Lee Schneider for their service to the Committee and the Township and wished them the best. She also congratulated Paula Kosko on being re-appointed as Municipal Clerk and Bruce Levinson and Ken Montgomery on their victory. She said she looks forward to working with them in 2021 and she hopes it is a better year.

Bruce Levinson, 2 Fox Court - thanked Ted Costa and Lee Schneider for their service. He remembers when Lee was running for office, meeting her and walking around with her in the neighborhoods. He said he has known Ted since 1996. Ted has always been a passionate advocate for the Township and a friend. He wished them the best of luck. He also congratulated Paula Kosko on her appointment and said he looks forward to working with her.

Deacon Leo Zito, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church – said on behalf of Father Joe Noche and the parishioners, he wanted to thank the Committee for voting to allow them to use the Parish Center for Church Services which will help keep the community safe. **Mayor MacLachlan** reminded Deacon Leo that they will need to start the process again with the Planning Board. He asked if they had any communication with zoning or the Administrator. They have 75 days to get a site plan to present. Deacon Leo acknowledged they need to apply for that application and hopefully get a new resolution.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kosko reported that the Bancroft Lane resurfacing and storm pipe lining bids will be going out to the streets in January and we anticipate this project to begin in March or April.

Ms. Kosko has been working with our Planner's office and our playground vendor preparing conceptual and playground plans for the front playground renovation project at the Municipal playground. She will be submitting the CDBG request for additional funding support for the fully accessible surfacing by December 18th.

She thanked the Committee for the support and confidence in her. She has learned and grown so much in the position in the past four years. She wished everyone a Happy Hanukah, Christmas and New Year and thanked Deputy Mayor Schneider and Committeeman Costa.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gillespie congratulated Paula, Lee and Ted. He thanked the Committee for a great year and wished everyone Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gilmore thanked everyone for coming and also coming out to the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Santa and Mrs. Clauss arrived in Mayor MacLachlan's chariot. The Volunteer Fire Department was there and it was a great time. They also had dancers, a train and hot chocolate. The Senior Citizens Meeting will be held on December 10th at noon at the Street Center. The entries need to be at the Street Center for the Gingerbread House Contest December 11th between 5pm – 7 pm. Residents can view the houses and vote for their favorites from 12pm – 3pm on December 12th. Winners will be announced at 3:30 pm. Entry forms for the Holiday House Decorating Contest are due by December 18th. Houses will be judged December 19 – 21. The last Storytime for children 2 ½ to 5 years old will be held at the Street Center 10am to 11am on December 18th. She thanked Ted and Lee for their service to the community and wished them good luck. She congratulated Paula and wished everyone Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Mayor MacLachlan apologized to Mrs. Gilmore for not recognizing her at the Veteran's Lunch and Tree Lighting with her mask on. He congratulated Ken and Bruce.

Mr. Clauss congratulated Ken, Bruce, Paula, Lee and Ted.

Committeeman Costa recalled the beginnings of his interest in politics from a trip to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago with his mother when he was 12 years old. He has been involved in Hainesport for many years. He was appointed Prosecutor in 1995. He was tasked to prosecute someone for illegal mining in town.

After investigating, he discovered that the mining was being done for sand. It was causing a huge lake to form. They did not go forward with the prosecution, as the land owner decided to turn the area into lakeside homes. The Lakeside/Creekview development was built. Years later, the Mayor wanted to build low income housing next to the development (what is now Hastings Drive). Nobody wanted it at that location. We formed a homeowner's group. The catalyst for the group was Ritchie Matera. The group was called CHIEFS (Citizens of Hainesport Interested in Equitable and Fair Solutions) which also included Bruce Levinson and Bruce MacLachlan. One of Mr. Costa's attorneys worked on to appeal the issuance of resolutions authorizing low income housing there. We were successful against the Quaker Group and had the apartments changed to market rate beautiful townhouses. Mr. Costa also recounted how he helped with the procurement of the Municipal Park land. He plans to stay involved, and bring ratables to town to help lower taxes.

Miss Schneider thanked her parents, Diana and Roger Schneider, sister Natalie Schneider and brother James Kale. She also thanked Jason Carty, Bruce MacLachlan, Ron Napoli, Bruce and Lorraine Levinson, Denise Streets-Kline and Margie Colby for helping her in the Primary. She thanked all the voters for their support. It was important to her to fulfill her promises. She asked Mayor Masciocchi to put the health care benefits on the Agenda for the second meeting and it got done. Now things are transparent and people can watch us from home, which has been great with the pandemic. She thanked John Gillespie and congratulated Paula, Ken and Bruce. She said it was an honor to serve the community and thanked the voters for giving her the opportunity.

14. BILL LIST

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2020-175-12 - Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

1. Professional Service Contracts

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

Motion to re-enter open meeting

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

16. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:03 P. M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula L. Kosko
Paula L. Kosko, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA