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## **HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 16, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of March 16, 2021 with instructions for internet access was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 6, 2021 and advertised in said newspapers on January 8, 2021, and January 9, 2021 respectively posted on the website and the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 9, 2021 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. It is posted on main doors the Friday before the meeting and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**1. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR REMOTE MEETINGS**

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

- 3. ROLL CALL** - present were Mayor Gilmore, Committeeman MacLachlan, Committeeman Levinson, Committeeman Clauss and Committeeman Montgomery. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko, Attorney Dana Stefanoni and Township Planner Scott Taylor.

**4. MINUTES**

**A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

**B. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

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

**5. REPORTS**

**A. Tax Collector** – February 2021

**B. Code Enforcement** – February 2021

**C. Fire Official** – February 2021

**D. Construction** – February 2021

**E. Emergency Services Reports** – February 2021

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

## 6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

### A. Letter of Support Rancocas Creek Designation as a National Water Trail

**Committeeman Levinson** commented on how the Rancocas Creek is an untapped resource that increases the quality of life in our area. The designation of National Water Trail will provide better access for our residents and others by funding boat ramps and walking trails. There is a rich history and many types of animals that thrive because of the creek. He mentioned that there are free guided Rancocas kayak paddle downs. Please contact him at [blevinson@hainesporttownship.com](mailto:blevinson@hainesporttownship.com) to find out more information. **Mayor Gilmore** suggested a motion to support the Designation.

**Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All Yes.**

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

No comments.

## 8. ORDINANCES

### A. **ORDINANCE 2021-3** - 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 Clauss. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.**

### B. **ORDINANCE 2021-4** – Amending Chapter 180 Entitled Vehicles and Parking to Establish a Restricted Parking Zone in Front of a Residence (**First Reading and Introduction**) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption April 13, 2021**)

**Mayor Gilmore** explained that this ordinance removes a handicap parking spot from a house where it is no longer needed and requests it for a house where it is needed.

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

**MOTION TO AMEND THE CONSENT AGENDA TO REMOVE RESOLUTION 2021-58-3** Cancelling Taxes on 2813 Lake Avenue for Certain Tax Period While Owned by Hainesport Township **AND ADD RESOLUTION 2021-58-3** Resolution Rejecting All Proposals for Turf Grass Maintenance and Authorizing a New Bidding Process.

**Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. 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.

**Committeeman Montgomery** pointed out that it was great that we saved money on the 2019 Road Maintenance projects in Resolutions 2021-51-3 through 2021-53-3. He also clarified that the In Rem foreclosure was just for the property involved, not an individual.

- A. **RESOLUTION 2021-49-3** - Introduction of the 2020 Budget
- B. **RESOLUTION 2021-50-3** – Authorizing the Filing of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for the Year 2020
- C. **RESOLUTION 2021-51-3** – Authorizing Change Order #1 2019 Road Maintenance Program
- D. **RESOLUTION 2021-52-3**– Authorizing Release of Retainage and Final Payment #3 to Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for 2019 Road Maintenance Program
- E. **RESOLUTION 2021-53-3** – Approving Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond from Arawak Paving Company, Inc. for 2019 Road Maintenance Program
- F. **RESOLUTION 2021-54-3** – Authorizing Release of Performance Bond and Acceptance of Maintenance Bond from Hirshland & Co. for Hainesport Plaza
- G. **RESOLUTION 2021-55-3** – Accepting Recommendation of JLUB Regarding Boundaries of Proposed Area in Need of Rehabilitation Pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, NJSA 40A:12A-1 et seq.

**Township Planner Scott Taylor** summarized the process with the JLUB affirming that these properties met the qualifications for rehabilitation. He said this is step 4 of 10. The next step would be to develop a redevelopment plan for the properties. Any development of the site would go through a JLUB site plan approval under New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law.

- H. **RESOLUTION 2021-56-3** – Authorizing in Rem Foreclosure Block 99 Lot 1
- I. **RESOLUTION 2021-57-3** – Authorizing Issuance of Raffle Licenses to the Hainesport PTO
- J. **RESOLUTION 2021-58-3** – Rejecting All Proposals for Turf Grass Maintenance and Authorizing a New Bidding Process

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

## 10. BUSINESS

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

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

### B. Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin License

**2021-03** – Planet Aid

### C. Approval of Video/Pinball License

**2021-02** – Table & Tavern

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

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

**Anna Evans, 63 Parry Drive** – asked if the town would be receiving funds from the Biden Rescue Plan. How much and what we would spend the money on? **Mr. Montgomery** responded that he participated on a Zoom meeting with Congressman Andy Kim and heard that we should be receiving \$587,000 for Hainesport Township. The school would be receiving its own money that could be used for PPE, ventilation and hiring support staff. The federal government has 60 days to send the first 50% of the money to the states and the state has 30 days to distribute it to the municipalities. **Ms. Kosko** added we are still waiting to see the official numbers. Payment one, if we receive what we think we are getting, would be \$293,517 and should arrive from the Burlington County Commissioners sometime in June. She added that we will have to wait and see what we are allowed to spend the money on, as directed by the American Rescue Plan. We have until 2024 to spend the money.

**State Police Sgt. Antenucci** – introduced himself as the liaison for the town. He said there were no big problems to report. There have been some thefts of catalytic converters from some commercial businesses in Hainesport and other surrounding towns. **Mr. Montgomery** asked where they were being taken from. The SSgt. replied from trucks. He thinks it is probably an organized group. **Mr. Levinson** requested his business card.

## 12. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Ms. Kosko** discussed the decriminalization of cannabis. The committee needs to decide what kinds of licenses to allow. NJ League of Municipalities is providing sample ordinances and resources. Committee must act by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, even if it is to opt out and have more time to decide. If nothing is done, our licensing will defer to the state regulations and all the license types will be allowed. She explained the license types: Class I is a cannabis cultivator which includes growing, Class II is for manufacturing, preparation & packaging of cannabis items, Class III is a wholesaler license which involves facilities for obtaining and selling cannabis items for later

resale by other licensees, Class IV is for distributors to transport cannabis plants in bulk from one licensed cultivator to another licensed cultivator, or cannabis items in bulk from any type of cannabis licensed business to another. Class V is a retail license to sell to consumers and Class VI is the delivery license which cannot be disallowed. Each of the industries has a tax associated with it that the local municipality can assess. The wholesale license can be taxed up to 1%. Cultivating, manufacturing, distributor and retail can be taxed up to 2%. Only 37 cultivation licenses will be issued from the state at this time. We do not know what the state limits will be for the other types of licenses. The Committee members talked about aspects of licensing, including zoning, traffic, security and water sourcing. **Mr. MacLachlan** tasked Planner Scott Taylor to work up a plan of where he thought the businesses would work the best for the municipality and make recommendations to the Committee.

### 13. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

**Ms. Stefanoni** said Township Attorney John Gillespie was sorry he could not make it tonight and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

### 14. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Levinson** and **Mr. MacLachlan** had no comments.

**Mr. Clauss** wished everyone a happy spring and thanked them for coming.

**Mr. Montgomery** said the name of the federal funding is the American Rescue Plan and that is what was reviewed with Congressman Andy Kim. He is excited about the cannabis opportunity. He asked the SSgt. if he had any thoughts about the cannabis.

**SSgt. Antenucci** said no, they are trying to navigate the new legislation right now.

**Mayor Gilmore** said 18 people came out for the Mayor's Walk on Saturday dressed in their St. Patrick's Day attire. We are working on the website for the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. We are hoping to get an app for community events, emergency situations and meeting notices. Starting Monday, she will have the 9am "Walk With the Mayor" at the Municipal Park and encouraged everyone to join her. Businesses are also getting involved with the campaign, including a local martial arts group offering a free workshop at the park on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 1 pm. They are also offering a free intro class. The information will be on the website. April is Mental Health Month. We are planning a seminar in the park.

April 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Eagle Scout's Veterans banners project. About 15 banners have been sold so far. We have 24 poles for flags. We have to have them in by the deadline to have them done by Memorial Day.

Senior Citizen's meetings have been cancelled until they can all get vaccinated. The Easter Bunny will be at the Municipal Park on March 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. The Volunteer Fire Department will be handing out eggs to children ages 1 – 10 years old. She wished everyone a happy spring.

**15. BILL LIST**

**Mr. Montgomery** asked if the money for the school is paid every quarter. **Ms. Kosko** answered yes.

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

**16. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:20 P. M.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula L. Kosko*

Administrator/Municipal Clerk

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**March 16, 2021**  
**7 pm**

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