# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, HELD MAY 28, 2024 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7 PM

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haddon was convened in the Municipal Building, 135 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Flag Salute

Mayor Teague announced that Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 requires adequate notice of this meeting be provided. This was done by placing Annual Notice in the Courier-Post and Retrospect Newspapers and by posting on the bulletin boards of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Present

Commissioner Mulroy Present
Commissioner Linhart Present

James Stevenson, DPW, Greg Fusco, Chief Timothy Hak, Lee Palo, and Justin Strausser, Esq. were present.

#### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 be approved, with all members voting in the affirmative.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1455 – Calendar Year 2024, Model Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and To Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye
Commissioner Linhart Aye

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing:

#1456 – An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Authorizing Salaries to be Paid to the Employees of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, Designating the Various Positions, Amounts of Salary and Time of Payment

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye
Commissioner Linhart Aye

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1457 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Capital Equipment in and for the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,995,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$1,895,250; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Forgoing

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1458 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water and Sewer Improvements and Acquisitions of Utility Equipment and Vehicles in and for the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,065,000 Therefor; authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$1,011,750; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1459 – Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Capital Equipment for the Police Department in the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$250,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or bond Anticipation Notes of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, New Jersey, in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$237,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1460 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey Amending and Revising Chapter 111 of the Code of the Township of Haddon Entitled "Fees"

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing

#1461 – Ordinance of the Township of Haddon, County of Camden and State of New Jersey Amending and Revising Chapter 223 of the Code of the Township of Haddon Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic"

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the public hearing on the Ordinance would be open at this time, with all members voting in the affirmative.

There being no discussion on the matter, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the Ordinance be adopted and recorded in the Ordinance Book for the Commissioners to sign.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye
Commissioner Linhart Aye

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading/Introduction:

#1462 – An Ordinance Adopting Revised Stormwater Management Control Regulars for the Township of Haddon in Accordance with the Tier A Municipal Stormwater Permit Requirements

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the aforementioned ordinance introduced at this time be approved on the first reading and remain on file with the Clerk for public inspection until the public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof which will be on June 25, 2024, in the Municipal Building. The Clerk was further directed to publish said ordinance together with the notice of such hearing in the manner required by law in the Retrospect Newspaper and also to post copies on the bulletin boards in the Municipal Building prior to the second reading and make copies available to the general public of the Township who shall request same.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The following Resolutions were approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2024-064 through Resolution #2024-071 inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring.

#2024-064 - Bill Resolution (Payment of Claims)

#2024-065 - Appointing Interim Electrical, Plumbing, Building and Fire Inspectors

#2024-066 – Award of Contract for MacArthur Blvd. Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation for Filters 4 & 5

#2024-067 – Authorizing a Jurisdictional Agreement Regarding Streetscape along Route 168

#2024-068 – Approval of Change Order No. 6-Final for the 2021 Capital Improvement Program

#2024-069 – Authorizing a NJDOT Utility Construction Agreement for Route 168

#2024-070- Authorizing Renewal of Certain Liquor Licenses in the Township of Haddon for the 2024-2025 Licensing Term

#2024-071 – Awarding Professional Service Contract for PR/Digital Marketing to Segel Associates

#### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

The below resolution is approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members concurring:

2024 -072 - To Read the 2024 Municipal Budget by Title Only

# 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart to open the public hearing for the 2024 Municipal Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

There being no public comment, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, to close the public hearing for the 2024 Municipal Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

The following Resolution #2024-073 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2024-073- Resolution Adopting the 2024 Municipal Budget

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

# **BID BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:**

The below resolution is approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members concurring:

#2024-074 - To Read the Business Improvement District Budget by Title Only

# 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE 2024 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET:

Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart to open the public hearing for the 2024 Business Improvement District Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

There being no public comment, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, to close the public hearing for the 2024 Business Improvement District Budget, with all members affirmatively concurring:

The following Resolution #2024-075 was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2024-075 - Adoption of the 2024 Business Improvement District

ROLL CALL: Mayor Teague Aye

Commissioner Mulroy Aye Commissioner Linhart Aye

### **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AFTER BUDGET:**

The following Resolutions have been approved by consent agenda, Resolution #2024-076 through Resolution #2024-079 inclusive, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#2024-076 - Authorizing a Chapter 159 Revenue for NJ DCA Local Improvement Grant

#2024-077 - Authorizing Award of Contract for Pickleball Court Improvements

#2024-078 – Authorizing DPW to Purchase Certain Goods and Equipment Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.5

#2024-079 – Awarding Contract for Storm Drainage Pipe and Roadway Improvements Along Melrose Avenue

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The Following Bingo License Application is approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#BA2024-01 – Westmont Fire Co. 1 – Bingo – September 28, 2024

The Following Raffle License Application is approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commission Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

#RA2024-10 – K of C #652 Fourth Degree Bishop BJ Eustace for 50/50 – December 18, 2024

#### **REPORTS FOR APRIL 2024:**

The following reports for April 2024 were presented and ordered filed:

Revenue Report Budget Status Report

## **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Mulroy made a motion to open the meeting for public comment, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

Sue Passante, Chair of the Chicken Advisory Board – Ms. Passante reported on the following: Another Municipality modeled their Backyard Chicken Ordinance after Haddon Township's, 23 households with chickens, average of 4 hens for these households, they were not able to license every home, no complaints, among the Board members we assign a new member each month to address any complaints, two meetings October and April, and Pride Parade last year highlighted Gwenne Baile who has successfully helped 32 municipalities in South Jersey adopt Ordinances modeled after ours. Commissioner Mulroy mentions sightings of foxes and asked if it has been an issue with the chickens. Ms. Passante responded that some have lost hens but if you do the proper protection and fortify your area, dogs help.

Gwenne Baile, Chair Emeritus of Chicken Advisory Board – Ms. Baile reported that she is Chair Emeritus of the Backyard Chicken Advisory Board that all because of Board Andover

in Sussex County liked our Ordinance. They sent an email to Suzanne after research and chose their Ordinance and adopted it. They were looking for advice on getting started. Sue sent them a wonderful packet and they received a phenomenal note from the Township Administrator which Ms. Baile read aloud.

Moms' Demand Action came to the meeting to have a photo opt with the Mayor & Commissioners. The Mayor & Commissioners adopted a **PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY** on April 23, 2024.

David Murdock, Haddonview – Mr. Murdock reported that it has been five years and there is no resolution on who owns the area between Haddonview and McDonald's. He asked if we can come to a resolution for the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting who owns it and who is going to take care of it? Mayor Teague responds we had the fire hydrant tested and there is not a fire hydrant leak. Mr. Stevenson points out the Township had American Leak Detention out there and there is not a water pipe leaking.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Mulroy moved to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members voting in the affirmative.

## **RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:**

The following verbal resolution was approved with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members affirmatively concurring:

Verbal Resolution #2024-080 - Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 Due to Litigation

The Commissioners went into the Closed Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

The Commissioners returned to the regular order of business at 7:44 PM, with a motion by Commissioner Mulroy, seconded by Commissioner Linhart, with all members concurring.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Mulroy moved, seconded by Commissioner Linhart that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM, with all members voting in the affirmative.

| May 28, 2024                     | BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS     |
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| Dawn M. Pennock, Municipal Clerk |                            |
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|                                  | Randall W. Teague, Mayor   |
|                                  | James Mulroy, Commissioner |
|                                  | Ryan Linhart, Commissioner |