

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2015, 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Durr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Durr

ROLL CALL: Mayor Durr
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo
Committeewoman Butler
Committeeman Quackenboss

Absent: Committeeman Moscatiello

Also Present: Acting Clerk Mary Picariello, Township Attorney Mark Roselli

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: “The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Bordentown Register News, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building”.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Durr expressed his sympathies to the Assistant Chief of the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Department. He was in a severe accident and extends best wishes for a speedy recovery. Mayor Durr opened the meeting to the public.

Ralph Ruocco – 101 Chesterfield-Arneytown Road – Mr. Ruocco commented on the new tax rate. He expressed his displeasure with increases over the past three years. Mayor Durr stated there would have been no local purpose increase this year if it was not for the 2015-2016 Road Improvement Program. Mr. Ruocco stated he had no problem with the Road Program and was aware of the School increases. Mr. Ruocco stated he feels at a loss with the School budgets and his inability to do anything about it. He stated his recent attendance at Township Committee meetings has given him this knowledge. Mayor Durr stated it would be inappropriate for the Township Committee to discuss the school budgets as a Committee. Mayor Durr suggested attendance at School Board meetings.

Ben Palombi – Chief of the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Department – Mr. Palombi thanked the Mayor for his comments and concern. He stated he felt our emergency services performed exceptional during the accident and stated the Assistant Chief has a long road ahead. He thanked the Township Committee for their continued support of the emergency services. Mayor Durr stated the services were phenomenal.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo	X		X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss			X			
Mayor Durr			X			

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Justin Gibson reported on the Road Program. The bid will be advertised on September 8th and we will be receiving bids on September 22nd and expect to award October 1st. There was one final change to the plan resulting from discussions with Committeeman DeLorenzo. They will be realigning Larrison Road. He does not expect this to increase cost. Committeeman DeLorenzo would like to send a letter to United Communities to inquire about assistance with Jones Mill Road. United Communities stated at a land use meeting that after they were done with base

housing they would fix the road if they caused any damage and they did. Mayor Durr agreed to draft a letter. Justin Gibson further reviewed the plans for contract one.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- August 20, 2015 – Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler			X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo	X		X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			
Mayor Durr			X			

- August 20, 2015 – Executive Session

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler			X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo	X		X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			
Mayor Durr			X			

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo	X		X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss			X			
Mayor Durr			X			

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

All Resolutions listed on today’s consent agenda are to be considered as one vote by Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

2015-120 Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Joseph M. Larkins

**RESOLUTION 2015-120
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION
OF JOSEPH M. LARKINS**

BE IT RESOVLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that we hereby accept the resignation of Joseph M. Larkins as a Full-Time Police Officer for the Township of North Hanover effective September 6, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Personnel File of Joseph M. Larkins
2. Chief Financial Officer
3. Chief of Police

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo			X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			
Mayor Durr			X			

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES
RESOLUTION#2015-121**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veteran Affairs has classified Donald J. Mathews Jr. 100% Permanently and Totally Disabled.

WHEREAS, by application from Donald Kosul, Tax Assessor in the Township of North Hanover, the said exemption is granted from January 29, 2015.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30a – Allows for the exemption from taxation from real and personal property for any citizen and resident of the State who has a total or 100% permanent disability as defined by this statute.

WHEREAS, the following taxes must be canceled and any monies paid by the owner should be refunded.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following taxes be canceled:

BLOCK 604.03	LOT 3 2015	\$6,688.90
	2016 1 st half	\$3,637.50

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Burlington County Board of Taxation, the Treasurer of Burlington County, the Municipal/Regional School Board to advise them of the action taken by the Township Committee on this matter.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo			X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			
Mayor Durr			X			

**RESOLUTION 2015-122
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM PART-TIME VIOLATIONS CLERK

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. Title 40 and Title 40A provide for the Appointment of Certain Officers, Appointees, and Employees to be appointed in Township Positions to carry out the lawful duties and responsibilities of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Salary Ordinance provides for the rate of Compensation, Salary, or Wages of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees of said Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Officers, Appointees, and Employees are hereby appointed for their respective terms, as follows:

**Part-Time Interim Violations Clerk ~ Ruthann Bice
Effective Date of Employment: 8/17/2015**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named position will be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeewoman Butler	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Delorenzo			X			
Committeeman Moscatiello						X
Committeeman Quackenboss		X	X			

Mayor Durr			X			
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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE “COMMENTS”

Committeeman Quackenboss stated movie night would be on September 18th at 7:30 and the movie Strange Magic would be played. He also stated that, in regards to the Pipeline, there was a technical conference held a few days ago and he had asked the Township Attorney to attend.

Mr. Roselli, Township Attorney, stated that he did attend and noted there were approximately 20 attendees, half of those being employees of New Jersey Natural Gas. It was an opportunity to ask questions regarding the route selection and what was considered in that process. He gave a brief summary of the discussions. He also noted no special consideration was given to the Cemetery or Arneytown. They will schedule settlement conferences shortly.

Committeewoman Butler expressed her sentiments to the Kramer Family. Committeewoman Butler informed the Township Committee that Clerk Picariello inquired on the Clean Communities Funding and our ability to utilize those funds for trash cans for the park. It was determined that we can therefore, that will allow us to utilize the park grant for more equipment.

Committeeman DeLorenzo stated the Senior Citizen “turn and burn” will be September 15th. He is looking forward to the start of the Road Improvement Program. He expressed his displeasure with all the Pipeline discussions and has great concern over the safety of our residents.

Mayor Durr commented on Joseph M. Larkins and expressed his regret on losing such a high caliber officer. He noted during the Kramer accident on Saturday he performed exceptional along with many others. Mayor Durr also noted the lack of resources to keep fine officers and wishes Joseph Larkins luck in his new position. Mayor Durr noted the receipt final judgement on municipal foreclosures. He stated at a future meeting discussions will be had regarding the disposal of these properties.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- Schoolhouse Road Park – Trash Cans

Committeewoman Butler has already addressed during Committee comments.

- Snow Removal 2015-2016

Mayor Durr stated the current contract expires in November. We do have the option to extend one more year. The contractor has expressed interest in extending and asked Clerk Picariello to get that in writing from the contractor. The Township Committee was in agreement to extend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION (if needed)

2015-123 Authorizing a Closed Session Meeting to discuss the following matter(s) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; Personnel, Contract Negotiation and Litigation matters

This Resolution was tabled.

BACK TO PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION TO ADJOURN
Respectively submitted,

7:50 pm

MaryAlice Picariello
Acting Township Clerk

