

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 19, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

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

**FLAG SALUTE:** Led by Mayor DeLorenzo and followed by a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor DeLorenzo  
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke  
Committeeman Doyle  
Committeeman Kocubinski  
Committeeman O'Donnell

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Picariello and Township Attorney Roselli

Mayor DeLorenzo announced that Resolutions 2017-137 and 154 would be postponed to a later meeting for further review.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** “The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Post, 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 AS IT RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor DeLorenzo opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments this evening.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Committeeman Doyle

**REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Picariello reviewed the following items:

1. Thank you from Gary Whyte advocate for the F.O.P. Awareness Initiative
2. New Jersey General Assembly Resolution 216 encouraging NJ Homeowners to plant native plants that support bee populations and create habitat for all pollinators

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Hirsh noted Earle Asphalt was finishing up the punch list for Jones Mill Road. He expects final payment for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

- a. Tax Collector
- b. Construction, Zoning & Mobile Homes
- c. North Hanover & Chesterfield Courts
- d. Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Company
- e. Police Department

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
Committeeman Doyle	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
Committeeman Kocubinski			<b>X</b>			
Committeeman O'Donnell			<b>X</b>			
Mayor DeLorenzo			<b>X</b>			

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- October 5, 2017 – Regular Meeting

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle					X	
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL**

There was discussion concerning Purchase Order 17-00873. There was a general consensus to hold off the bill list until further questions were answered.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**ORDINANCE – ADOPTION**

2017-13 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 of the Township of North Hanover Code, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey for Clustering without a Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) in a R-A Zoning District

**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**The Joint Land Use Board recommended amendments. The amendments were reviewed and there was a motion made by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke; seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell and all were in favor to accept those amendments and continue public hearing.**

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**ORDINANCE – ADOPTION**

2017-14 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 and Chapter 16 of the Township of North Hanover Code, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey for Clustering with a Planned Unit Residential Development (PURD) in a R-A Zoning District

**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**The Joint Land Use Board recommended amendments. The amendments were reviewed and there was a motion made by Committeeman Doyle; seconded by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke and all were in favor to accept those amendments and continue public hearing.**

**MOTION TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING UNTIL NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			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.

2017-148 Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Execute and Distribute Mercantile Applications and Licenses for 2018

**RESOLUTION 2017-148  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO EXECUTE AND  
DISTRIBUTE MERCANTILE APPLICATIONS AND LICENSES FOR 2018**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to North Hanover Township Municipal Code Chapter 4:030 each business must obtain an annual license of which expires December 31<sup>st</sup> of the licensing year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Clerk is tasked with the maintenance, distribution and execution of all such business licenses for North Hanover Township pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4:030 of the Municipal Code of North Hanover Township and with the consent of the Township Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that it hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to distribute the annual Mercantile License Applications and to then execute them based upon the provisions as set forth in Chapter 4:030 of the Municipal Code of North Hanover Township.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

2017-149 Resolution Authorizing Approval for Submission of a Grant Application to New Jersey Department of Transportation, Municipal Aid Grant Program for Improvements to Schoolhouse Road

**RESOLUTION 2017-149  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF A GRANT  
APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOLHOUSE  
ROAD**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Hanover Township Committee formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2018-Schoolhouse Road Improvements - 00483 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of North Hanover; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of North Hanover and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

2017-150 Resolution to Amend Resolution 2017-89 Establishing Salaries for Various Officials of the Township of North Hanover, Burlington County, New Jersey

**RESOLUTION 2017-150  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2017-89 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER, BURLINGTON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of North Hanover Township, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The hourly rate of compensation, salary, wages of the following officers, appointees, and employees of the Township of North Hanover is hereby fixed in the following schedule payable bi-weekly, monthly, or annually:

		<b>SALARY</b>
Mary Picariello	Tax Collector	\$33,660.00
Mary Picariello	Township Clerk	\$53,040.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above listed salaries shall be effective as of **April 5, 2017**.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

2017-151 Resolution Urging Congress, as Federal Income Tax Reform Advances, to Protect the Deductibility of State and Local Taxes

**RESOLUTION 2017-151  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS AS FEDERAL INCOME TAX REFORM ADVANCES, TO PROTECT THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Tax Code is incredibly complex and every one of its provisions was enacted for a reason. While some of those reasons may no longer serve the public's interest, others remain fair and effective tools that promote the general welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the deduction for state and local taxes (SALT) has been a feature of the tax code for more than 100 years. In 1913, the first federal income tax form allowed taxpayers to deduct state and local taxes, one of only six deductions allowed at the time. Even the federal Civil War tax in 1862 included a deduction for SALT; and

**WHEREAS**, this provision ensures against double taxation and reflects mandatory tax payments, which support public services that benefit all citizens, such as K-12 schools, law enforcement and public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and vital community and public health services; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayers in all 50 states – and in both Democratic and Republican congressional districts – benefit from the SALT deduction. The SALT deduction is claimed by taxpayers of all income levels. The deduction is especially important for middle income homeowners, as fifty percent of the deductions claimed by taxpayers making \$50,000 to \$100,000 are for property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the SALT deduction does not unfairly benefit taxpayers in high tax states. To the contrary, low tax states are generally more dependent on the federal government, receiving more in federal funding than they pay in federal taxes. According to one study, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana are among the most subsidized states, receiving about \$3 in federal spending for every \$1 contributed in taxes; while New Jersey, New York and Illinois are among the states that receive less than \$1 from the federal government for every \$1 paid in federal taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating the SALT deduction would raise taxes on middle class homeowners – even if the standard deduction were doubled. A recent study commissioned by the National Association of Realtors found that homeowners with adjusted gross incomes (AGI) between \$50,000 and \$200,000 would see an average tax increase of \$815 if SALT were eliminated and the standard deduction were doubled; and

**WHEREAS**, SALT is strongly tied to home ownership since the overwhelming number of itemizers who claim the deduction (44 million) deduct property taxes (40.7 million) and mortgage interest (35.4 million). Eliminating SALT will diminish the value of the mortgage interest deduction, resulting in a 10% decline in home values in the immediate term;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover urges New Jersey’s U.S. Senators, Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and US Congressman Rep. Thomas MacArthur to oppose, with voice and vote, any proposal to eliminate the fair and reasonable SALT deductibility provision from the Federal Tax Code; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to our above named representatives in Congress, all other Members of the House of Representatives representing New Jersey taxpayers and municipalities, and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA**

2017-152 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in the Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

**RESOLUTION 2017-152  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LETTER OF INTENT  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BURLINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN  
UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Burlington Office of Emergency Management has instituted the Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Project and is requesting the participation of the Burlington County Municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that it does hereby authorize the Township of North Hanover’s participation in the Hazard Mitigation Update Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Letter of Intent to participated in the project.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

2017-153 Resolution Authorizing Consent to New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Permit for Tara D. Bruni Enterprises, LLC

**RESOLUTION 2017-153  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PERMIT FOR TARA D. BRUNI ENTERPRISES  
LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, Tara’s Tavern, located at 1 Cookstown-New Egypt Road in the Township of North Hanover has made application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) for a Treatment Works Approval Permit concerning Block 903, Lot 48; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed said application made by Tara’s Tavern and has recommended execution of the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington County, State of New Jersey that the Township Committee hereby consents to the proposed project and hereby authorizes the Township Engineer to execute the NJDEP Statements of Consent on behalf of the Township.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O’Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

2017-154 Resolution Disqualifying Arawak Paving Company as the Lowest Responsible Bidder Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-4 for 2017 Road Improvement Program Contract Two and Alternate Bid No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Provinceline Road

**This Resolution was postponed until 12/7/17**

2017-137 Resolution Awarding Bid and Contract for 2017 Road Improvement Program Contract Two and Alternate Bid No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Provinceline Road

**This Resolution was postponed until 12/7/17**

**DISCUSSION**

- Potential Purchasing Policy

Committeeman Doyle reviewed his concerns regarding Departmental purchasing. There were various concerns expressed and there was a general consensus to give some thought and re-discuss at a later time. The goal was to ensure fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

Attorney Roselli offered some comments. Clerk Picariello was directed to send a memo to department heads reminding them of the current policy.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE “COMMENTS”**

Committeeman O’Donnell reported on a recent fire and commended the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Department.

Committeeman Doyle noted the recent contract negotiation with the FOP and thanked Committeeman O’Donnell for his hard work.

Mayor DeLorenzo thanked the Fire Department for their hard work and commended Committee O’Donnell on his hard work.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Questions, comments or statements from members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Delorenzo opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Wayne Voorhees – President, JVFC – Mr. Voorhees noted that his department sends a cover letter with their requisitions in order to give an explanation of the purchase. He feels it is helpful.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

Seconded By: Committeeman Kocubinski

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

2017-155 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; Potential Litigation 2015 Road Improvement Program Contract One, Personnel Matters, Contract Negotiation Matters, and Litigation matters

**RESOLUTION 2017-155  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, litigation and personnel matters in this regard.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Township Committee of North Hanover Township that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss Potential Litigation 2015 Road Improvement Program Contract One, Contract Matters, Litigation and Personnel matters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Township Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**BACK TO PUBLIC SESSION**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**8:48 pm**

Proposed By: Committeeman O'Donnell

Seconded By: Committeeman Doyle

*Respectively submitted,*

*MaryAlice Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC  
Township Clerk*

**4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**