

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 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

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

Also Present: Acting Municipal Clerk Picariello and Township Attorney 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 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 O'Donnell

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Hirsh was not present this evening. Clerk Picariello noted a written report was presented.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 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		X	X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- March 2, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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			

- March 2, 2017 – Executive Session

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			

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

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

2017-01 An Ordinance of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Sale of Certain Lands Owned by the Township of North Hanover Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13

**COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
ORDINANCE 2017- 01**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5), the Township is authorized to sell by private sale to the owner of real property contiguous to real property owned by the Township provided that the property being sold is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvement thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined to sell the real property identified as Block 905, Lot 20 currently owned by the Township of North Hanover, by way of private sale in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5), as they are not needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) (5), on February 9, 2017, the property owner owning property contiguous to Block 905, Lot 20 was mailed written notice by way of U.S. regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, informing them of the Township’s intention to sell the subject real property and requesting that they submit a bid for the real property on or before March 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk received the bid for said property from Richard Tracy having an address at 22 Mary Street, Wrightstown, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor for the Township of North Hanover has determined that the bid received is not less than the fair market value for said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b)(5), it is hereby determined that the real property identified as Block 905, Lot 20 on the Township of North Hanover Tax Map is not needed for public use.

Section 2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(b) (5), the Township of North Hanover is hereby authorized to sell Block 905, Lot 20 to Richard Tracy, having an address at 22 Mary Street, Wrightstown, New Jersey, the adjoining property owner, for the bid price of \$2,500.00, which is the highest and only bid received from the contiguous property owner and the Township Attorney shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the sale and closing for the subject real property.

Section 3. The Clerk shall provide the requisite notice of the sale of the aforesaid properties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:13 (b) (5).

Section 4. In the event that any portion of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, such determination shall not affect the remaining portions of ordinance, which are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. All ordinance or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication according to law.

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke
Seconded By: Committeeman O'Donnell

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2017-01

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			

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.

2017-61 Resolution Authorizing Approval of a Fire Company Members Enrollment into NJ State Fireman's Association

**RESOLUTION 2017-61
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS ENROLLMENT INTO NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BE IT RESOVLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that we hereby approve and authorize Chelsie Peterson to enroll in the New Jersey State Firemen's Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby authorized the Township Clerk to certify said membership applications.

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

1. Fire Chief

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			

2017-62 Resolution Appointing a Detective for the North Hanover Township Police Department

**RESOLUTION 2017-62
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

APPOINTMENT OF A DETECTIVE FOR THE NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 of North Hanover has entered into a contract with the North Hanover Township Police Association that provides provide 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:

Detective ~ Toby Forker

Effective Date of Employment/Position: 3/16/2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named position will be compensated as per the Bargaining Agreement, Salary Ordinance and Salary Resolution.

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			

2017-63 Resolution Appointing a Full-Time Police Officer

**RESOLUTION 2017-63
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

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:

Full-Time Police Officer ~ Giuston DeBlasio

Effective Date of Employment: 3/16/2017

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above named position will be compensated as per the Bargaining Agreement, Salary Ordinance and Salary Resolution.

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			

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for consideration this evening.

DISCUSSION

- Community Events

Committeeman Kocubinski noted there were some questions from the Recreation Advisory Committee regarding their responsibilities for the Memorial Day Parade and the Country Fair if it was re-established. There was discussion among the Committee Members and the Recreation Chair, Twan Berben. The general consensus was that the Memorial Day Parade would fall under the Recreation Committee. There also was a general consensus that a sub-committee could be established under the Recreation Committee. Committeeman Kocubinski noted the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 15th and that a request was made for a bouncy house. After deliberation, there was a general consensus not to allow the bouncy house due to liability concerns. Committeeman Kocubinski reported about the prior correspondence from the County regarding the CDBG program. He noted he sent a note to

the director to make sure we are kept informed and he would continue to keep the Committee informed.

- **Capital Budget**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke asked to further deliberate the prior Capital Budget discussions. He digested the requests and has some concerns over incurring additional debt. There was additional discussion regarding the police vehicle requests. Committeeman Doyle gave an overview. There was additional discussion regarding Fire Department capital budget items. Committeeman O'Donnell gave an overview. Mayor DeLorenzo noted there is additional Capital funding that was set aside a long time ago. Mayor DeLorenzo wants to use that money and not borrow so much. He noted the CFO was unable to attend and that there would be a need to schedule a special meeting for further debate on the matter with the CFO present. He also noted that he has asked the CFO to work a budget without an increase to taxpayers. Committeeman Kocubinski expressed concerns relating to not having an increase. Deputy Mayor DeBaecke noted he is not against these improvements but wants to be cautious about incurring debt. Committeeman O'Donnell noted by not purchasing new vehicles there would be substantial repair costs. Committeeman Doyle believes a spending policy should be explored. Mayor DeLorenzo expressed concerns over the Fire Chief vehicle and noted exploring the used vehicle would be prudent. Committeeman O'Donnell explained it would be a primary vehicle for the department and it had over 200K miles and would do some investigating. Deputy Mayor DeBaecke wanted to know what is wrong with the Fire Chief truck. There was a general consensus to have another special budget work session.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE "COMMENTS"

Committeeman Kocubinski noted notification was received from the NJDEP that the permits were issued for the SRL pipeline. He inquired, with Attorney Roselli, if the Municipality would have legal standing due to the financial impact of possible lower values. Attorney Roselli stated this would be a claim unique to a property owner and would not be a direct injury to the Municipality. Mayor DeLorenzo noted the homeowner could try and is very disappointed about the pipeline in general.

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke noted the last snow fall was handled well and no complaints were received by the Township Clerk's office. He noted the County did a better job also. Mayor DeLorenzo noted it was a good job and there was minimum power loss. Deputy Mayor DeBaecke noted he was happy they could have a good debate on the budget and that he needs to be able to make sure he does the best he can do with the resources available.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mayor DeLorenzo opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Ralph Ruocco – 101 Chesterfield-Arneytown Road – Mr. Ruocco inquired if Recycling would be on Friday. Clerk Picariello informed him yes and it was posted on the website and email blasted. He noted he agrees with Mayor DeLorenzo that spending of monies should be kept to a minimum. He noted the Municipal Budget is only one component of the tax rate and has concerns over the other entities budgets and encourages the Committee to be mindful of this. He also stated the values of properties would affect the Municipal budget.

Joanne Christos – 73 Streeker Road – Ms. Christos expressed various concerns over the firefighting foam, in the water system, at the JBMDL. Committeeman Doyle gave an explanation of his efforts so far to include the NJDEP and the EPA. He noted he would be happy to share his information with her. He noted the combined entities are still stating there are not concerns for North Hanover Township due to the water flow.

Wayne Voorhees – President, JVFC – Mr. Voorhees reported that a vote was taken, among his members, and it was unanimous to contribute \$30,000 toward the ambulance purchase.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Committeeman O'Donnell

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

2017-64 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; Police Contract Matter, Police Chief Personnel Matter, Professional Service Contract Matter, Contract Matter Personnel and Litigation matters

**RESOLUTION 2017-64
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 Police Contract Matter, Police Chief Personnel Matter, Professional Service 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			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

Recessed at 8:05 entered closed at 8:15.

BACK TO PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION TO ADJOURN

9:06 pm

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke
Seconded By: Committeeman Doyle

Respectively submitted,

MaryAlice Picariello
Acting Township Clerk