

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2021, 7:00 P.M.**

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dial In: 1-855-774-8852; Access Code 7589919790
OR
IN PERSON LIMITED TO THE FIRST 13 REGISTERED
TO REGISTER EMAIL: CLERK@NORTHHANOVERTWP.COM**

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

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

ROLL CALL: Mayor Doyle – Virtual
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke
Committeeman Forsyth
Committeeman Kocubinski

Absent: Committeeman O’Donnell

Also Present: Township 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

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke 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 Forsyth

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this evening.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Hirsh was not present this evening and submitted a written report. Clerk Picariello stated the FY2019 Municipal Parks Grant design was submitted to Deputy Mayor DeBaecke and he was awaiting direction with respect to funding to finalize the design. The FY2020 NJDOT project had a few minor outstanding punch list items. The FY2021 NJDOT project surveying was complete and work on the final design has commenced. He noted bid specs for the roof replacement project were going out to bid and it is anticipated an award on April 1st. The drainage repairs on Sykesville Road have been completed and the Engineer would reinspect in the coming weeks. The NJDEP Stormwater report would be due May 1, 2021.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- February 23, 2021 – Special Meeting

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

- March 1, 2021 – Special Budget Workshop

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

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

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

2021- 47 Resolution Appointing a Full-Time Police Officer

**RESOLUTION 2021-47
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 ~ Joseph Hoffman

Effective Date of Employment: 03/01/2021 at Step I

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment of Joseph Hoffman as Full-Time Police Officer shall become null and void if Mr. Hoffman fails to successfully complete and graduate from the Gloucester County Police Academy, which he is currently attending and scheduled to complete in June 2021.

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

As revised

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

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

2021-48 Resolution Authorizing the Summer Recreation Camp Director to Pay in Advance of a Township Committee Meeting Certain Summer Camp Expenditures

**RESOLUTION 2020-48
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMP DIRECTOR TO PAY IN
ADVANCE OF A TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING CERTAIN SUMMER CAMP
EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, from time to time there arises the need for the Summer Recreation Camp Director to make purchases for the Summer Recreation Camp Program; and

WHEREAS, at times said purchases necessitate a need to be purchased in advance of a Township Committee meeting in which approval for said purchases would be typically granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of North Hanover that the Director for the 2021 Summer Recreation Camp Program hereby have the consent of the Township Committee to make the following purchases in advance of a Township Committee meeting of which indicates a dollar amount not to exceed:

EXPENDITURES FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

BJ'S	\$1,000
Sarah Sam's	\$5,000
The Rink	\$3,000
Island Beach State Park	\$ 500
Fun Plex	\$5,000
Laurel Lanes	\$2,000
Movies	\$2,000
Chucky Cheese	\$2,000
Miscellaneous Fees (Tolls, parking, etc.)	\$ 500

Total **\$21,000**

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

DISCUSSION

- BCJIF OSB, Wellness and EPL/Cyber Money – Clerk Picariello note the funds available as incentives to actively participate in the program.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE “COMMENTS”

Committeeman Kocubinski noted his virtual attendance at a meeting with the JBMDL command staff. They discussed Covid 19 vaccinations and various other items. He noted 18.5 million was returned to the local economy. He also stated the current Commander will be moving on to the Pentagon soon and a new Commander should be installed this summer.

Committeeman Forsyth noted the wider gate at the Waste Facility has been installed. He also stated the pot hole issues were addressed.

Deputy Mayor Doyle noted the serious accident on Meany Road and offered well wishes for those injured. He stated the County has addressed the intersection, although North Hanover had attempted to address with the County for some time.

Mayor Doyle reported the Easter Egg Hunt would be held on April 3rd at 9 am. He stated 95 children were registered. He noted the Recreation Committee would like to utilize the Courtroom, with social distancing, for baseball pictures. He asked Committee members to review the Cannabis emails, sent by the Clerk. He noted this would need to be discussed in the future. Attorney Roselli gave an overview and noted the timeframe to take action. Mayor Doyle noted the Recreation Committee would like to have the Memorial Day parade and noted there would be no events surrounding it. He felt there would be no big crowds and wanted the Committee's thoughts. There was a general consensus to move forward. Committeeman Kocubinski noted his concerns about other participating organizations. Mayor Doyle reported Plumsted will no longer respond to calls outside of the agreement. He credited Committeeman O'Donnell with getting coverage until such time the EMS situation is worked out. He thanked Committeeman O'Donnell for his efforts. He also stated he was grateful the County addressed the intersection with flashing lights and noted the lights we installed last year were removed by the County.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Committeeman Kocubinski

Seconded By: Committeeman Forsyth

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

2021-49 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; Simmons vs. North Hanover Township Litigation Matter, Personnel, Contract Negotiation and Litigation matters

**RESOLUTION 2021-49
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 Simmons vs. North Hanover Township Litigation Matter, 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			
Committeeman Forsyth		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell						X
Mayor Doyle			X			

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:35pm

Proposed By: Committeeman Kocubinski

Seconded By: Committeeman Forsyth

Respectively submitted,

Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Township Clerk