October 13, 2022

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session in the Municipal Building at 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jerseyat 7:00 PM on October 13, 2022. The meeting opened

with a salute to the Flag.

Mayor DiMaio announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open

Public Meetings Act by:

(1) posting a notice of said meeting on the bulletin board in the lobby of the municipal

 building;

(2) causing a notice of said meeting to be sent to the Daily Record;

(3) furnishing a notice of said meeting to anyone requesting it in accordance with the

 Open Public Meetings Act; and

(4) filing notice of said meeting with the Town Clerk.

Roll Call Vote: Present – Mayor DiMaio, Councilpersons Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo,

 Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2022 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Sheldon

 Abstain – Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #2022-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSE TAX EXEMPTION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX, which was introduced and passed on first reading on September 8, 2022 and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that ordinance #2022-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS AND SURVIVING SPOUSE TAX EXEMPTION ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX, be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #2022-08 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $30,000, FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, which was introduced and passed on first reading on September 8, 2022 and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) that ordinance #2022-08 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $30,000, FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES BY THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Tynan

 No – Sheldon

Mayor DiMaio opened the public hearing on ordinance #2022-09 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AMENDING ARTICLE 7 (VACANT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE), OF CHAPTER 7 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH P.L. 2021, C. 444, which was introduced and passed on first reading on September 8, 2022 and offered a copy of the ordinance to anyone who desired a copy. The title of the ordinance was read aloud, and the Town Attorney explained the contents and purpose of the ordinance. The Town Clerk stated that the ordinance and the Notice of Hearing were duly published in the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and that copies of the ordinance were made available to members of the general public who requested such copies.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor DiMaio closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) that ordinance #2022-09 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AMENDING ARTICLE 7 (VACANT PROPERTY MAINTENANCE), OF CHAPTER 7 (BUILDING REGULATIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH P.L. 2021, C. 444, be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to raise the cost of the PATS Tickets from $20.00 to $21.00 each.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Lambo

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to authorize the addition of the 2008 Dodge Durango, VIN# 1D8HB38P89F712591, mileage: 72,531 to the municipal auction list.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

WHEREAS, utilities were collected as a result of the 2022 tax sale on amounts due as follows:

 Block 68, Lot 7 Acct #17304-1 $208.53

 Block 119.02 Lot 34 Acct #15419.2 $126.87

 Block 136 Lot 4 Acct #834-2 $121.53

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 13th day of October, 2022 by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to refund the amount of $456.93 to the Hackettstown Municipal Utility Authority.

Roll Call Vote: Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

WHEREAS, there is an annually budgeted line item for volunteer fire department clothing allowance, and

WHEREAS, the individual amount to be paid to the respective volunteers is to be set annually by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 clothing allowance is hereby established to be $300 per member, payable based on the qualified list submitted by the Fire Chief.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo and Sheldon

 Abstain – Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to approve the 2023 Nutrition Site Lease Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to award the purchase of police portable radios to Motorola Solutions, West Berlin, NJ in the amount of $66,922.50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the Chapter 159 for the Municipal Alliance 2022-2023 grant in the amount of $3,211.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve High Street Wellness as a Cannabis Class 5 Retail License in the CC Zone.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the trick or treat hours for October 31, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to appoint Gregory Gaertner to the Solid Waste Advisory Council.

Roll Call Vote Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the amendment to the Business Improvement District Hometown Holiday Special Event License application to also include Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to appoint Pati Noll to the position of COAH Liaison at an annual salary of $5,000.00 effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the permit for social affair for Centenary University to hold an Alumni/Family Day on October 15, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Kunz

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to approve the permit for social affair for Centenary University to hold The Haunted Prom on October 29, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Kunz

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to adopt the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown has determined to move forward with the EMEX Reverse Auction in order to procure electricity for the Town of Hackettstown; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Electronic Procurement Act (P.L. 2018, c. 156) (the “Act”) authorizes the purchase of electricity supply service for public use through the use of an online auction service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown will utilize the online auction services of EMEX, LLC a division of Mantis Innovation, an approved vendor pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, EMEX, LLC, a division of Mantis Innovation, is compensated for all services rendered through the participating supplier that a contract is awarded to; and

WHEREAS, the auction will be conducted pursuant to the Act

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Town of Hackettstown is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Hackettstown any electricity contract proffered by the participating supplier that submits the winning bid in the EMEX Reverse Auction.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2022-18 in the amount of $505,146.58.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2022-19 in the amount of $1,858,592.72.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve raffle license #1275 for the Tiger Football Club, Corp. to hold an on premise 50/50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Lambo

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve raffle license #1276 for Centenary University to hold an on premise 50/50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Kunz

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to approve raffle license #1277 for Centenary University to hold a Tricky Tray.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

 Abstain – Kunz

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve raffle license #1278 for Project Graduation of Hackettstown to hold an off premise raffle.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve raffle license #1279 for the American Legion Post 164 to hold a pull tab instant raffle.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the special event license application for Jeremy Travers, Peace NJ, to hold a Peace NJ Free Fishing Day on October 22, 2022, to waive the $50.00 application fee and to charge no Town costs.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Sheldon) to present formal offers of employment as police officers to Maxwell Francisco, Kayla Cannon-Rodrigues and Matthew Napoli.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Angela, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Mayor DiMaio asked if anyone from the public would like to speak at this time.

No one wished to speak at this time.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to adjourn this meeting at 7:21 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

This is to certify that the This is to certify that all

ordinances and resolutions proper notices, postings and

contained herein have been filings required by the Open

approved by me in accordance Public Meetings Act (Chapter

with law. 231, P.L. 1975) were provided

 for this meeting.

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Gerald DiMaio, Jr., Mayor P.J. Reilly, Town Clerk/Administrator