March 23, 2023

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session in the Hackettstown Municipal Building, 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey at 7:00 PM on March 23, 2023. 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 and NJ Herald;
3. Posting notice on the Municipal website www.Hackettstown.net.
4. Furnishing a notice of said meeting to anyone requesting it in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; and
5. Filing a notice of said meeting with the Town Clerk.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor DiMaio, Councilpersons Becker, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon and Tynan

Absent – Councilperson Engelau

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

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the public be excluded from attendance at a portion of its meeting to be held on March 23, 2023 for the reason that the following subject matter will be discussed:

Possible Litigation

1. The Mayor and Common Council may exclude the public from the meeting pursuant to section 10:4-12(b) of the Open Public Meetings Law.
2. Matters to be discussed will be revealed to the public after Council determines action to be taken, if any, and other litigation has been resolved and employees involved contacted.

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

The meeting was closed at 7:02 PM and reopened at 7:08 PM. The Mayor stated that no formal action was taken during Executive Session.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to come out of Executive Session.

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

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Hackettstown has a need to acquire special legal representation as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to he provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.4-20.5, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract may exceed $17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 2023, and may be extended multiple times as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC has submitted a proposal dated March 22, 2023 indicating they will provide special legal counsel at the rate of $225.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Town of Hackettstown in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent has certified that the funds are available for award of this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hackettstown authorizes the Town of Hackettstown to enter a contract with Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC has described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the purchase order for Police Vehicle Lease-2023 Dodge Durango from Nielsen of Morristown, Morristown, NJ in the amount of $56,613.80 and the purchase order for the Purchase of Trees from Site One Landscape Supply, Branchburg, NJ in the amount of $12,470.00.

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

Motion was made (Lambo) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #23-06 in the amount of $665,848.77.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to approve the ABC Limited Brewery Off Premises Event permit for Czig Meister Brewing, LLC to hold Czig Meister Brewing Company’s 90’s-themed Music Fest Event on April 22, 2023.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to approve raffle license #1286 for the Hackettstown Rotary Foundation to hold an on premise 50/50.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve raffle license #1287 for the New Jersey Civic Youth Ballet to hold an off premise 50/50.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to approve raffle license #1288 for The House of the Good Shepherd to hold an on premise 50/50.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Tynan) to approve the special event license application for Samantha Scupoline from the Hackettstown Rescue Squad to hold a Townwide Yard Sale on April 29 and April 30, 2023, to waive the $50.00 application fee and to charge no Town costs.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the special event license application for Jeremy Travers to hold a PEACENJ Latino Conservation Week Celebration on July 22, 2023, with a rain date of July 23, 2023, to waive the $50.00 application fee and to charge no Town costs.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the special event license application for Jeremy Travers to hold a PEACENJ Free Fishing Day on June 3, 2023, to waive the $50.00 application fee and charge no Town costs.

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

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

Greg Gaertner, 20 Seymour Terrace, inquired about where to email information to Town Hall.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 PM.

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