November 20, 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 November 20, 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, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo, Sheldon

 and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) that ordinance #2023-15 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AMENDING THE ORDINANCE FOR LIABILITY AND ANNUAL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES, be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on December 14, 2023; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who request such copies.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) that ordinance #2023-16 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AMENDING SCHEDULE I OF CHAPTER 13 (ENTITLED “TRAFFIC AND PARKING”) OF THE TOWN ORDINANCES, be introduced and passed on first reading and that a public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on December 14, 2023; the Town Clerk to publish the ordinance together with Notice of Hearing in the Daily Record, to post the ordinance and Notice of Hearing on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building, and to make copies of the ordinance available to members of the general public who request such copies.

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 2023 tax sale on amounts due as follows:

 Block 30, Lot 12 Acct #9068-3 $599.29

 Block 92.01, Lot 1 Acct #732-1 $762.74

 Block 92.01, Lot 1 Acct #14990-2 $2,796.58

 Block 100, Lot 8 Acct #19095-1 $380.46

 Block 110, Lot 8 Acct #19480-2 $675.09

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of November, 2023 by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to refund the amount of $5,214.16 to the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority.

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

 No – Sheldon

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, utilities were collected as a result f the 2023 tax sale on amounts due as follows:

 Block 41.04, Lot 6 Acct #20047-1 $749.35

 Block 74, Lot 4.01 Acct #13288-1 $375.46

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 20th day of November, 2023 by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to refund the amount of $1,124.81 to the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority.

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

 No – Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the following amended resolution correcting the Lot number on the resolution that was previously approved at the November 9, 2023 Council meeting:

Resolution

WHEREAS, the General Code of the Town of Hackettstown, Chapter 11, Article 1 – Removal of Debris, Plant Growth, Etc. Required authorizes the Department of Public Works to remove debris, brush and obnoxious growth after providing the notice required by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the required notice was sent to the below property by certified mail return receipt requested and posted to the property; and

WHEREAS, ten days has elapsed since the notices were mailed and posted; and

WHEREAS, the property owners failed to remove the debris, brush and obnoxious growth within ten days of notice; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has caused the debris, brush and obnoxious growth to be removed; and

WHEREAS, the Director/Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has certified to the Mayor and Common Council the cost of the removal of the debris, brush and obnoxious growth.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown as follows:

1. The certification of the costs of removal of the debris, brush and obnoxious growth has been examined and found to be correct.
2. The tax collector is hereby directed that the following costs shall be charged against the land and shall be added to and become part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such land, to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the tax collector in the same manner as taxes:

Property Address Block Lot Property Owner Cost
203 Mountain Ave 125 1 Friedman Equities LLC $702.88

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

motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the Coin Toss Permit Application for the Hackettstown First Aid and Rescue Suad to hold a coin toss on December 16, 2023.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Becker) to approve the special event license application for High Street Dispensary to hold a Dispensary Soft Launch on December 1, 2023, and to charge no Town costs and special event license application for High Street Dispensary to hold a Dispensary Grand Opening on December 2, 2023 and to charge no Town costs.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to appoint Ellen Nerbak to the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway Committee.

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

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2023-22 in the amount of $2,068,277.66.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, 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 7:07 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