May 28, 2020

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session via teleconference in the Municipal Building at 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jerseyat 7:00 PM on May 28, 2020. The special meeting opened with a salute to the Flag.

A moment of silence was taken at this time in memory of Councilperson Robert Hinrichs.

Mayor DiGiovanni announced that adequate notice of the time, place and manner of this remote public Council meeting, being conducted via teleconference, including the means by which the public may observe and participate, has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by:

1. posting said notice on the municipal building bulletin board and front window of the

Municipal Building;

(2) emailing said notice to the press and all others who have requested it;

(3) posting on the official Town website; and

(4) transmission to residents via nixel notification.

Roll Call Vote: Present – Mayor DiGiovanni, Councilpersons DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz, and

 Sheldon

 Absent – Councilperson Tynan

Mayor DiGiovanni 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 (DiMaio) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 23, 2020 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4, 2020 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Mayor DiGiovanni opened the public hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget.

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

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to adopt the 2020 municipal budget.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Mayor DiGiovanni opened the public hearing on ordinance #2020-04 entitled, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN FOR 2020, which was introduced and passed on first reading on April 23, 2020, 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 he 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 DiGiovanni closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

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Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) that ordinance 2020-04 entitled, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN FOR 2020, be adopted on second and final reading and that Notice of Final Adoption be published.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Mayor DiGiovanni opened the public hearing on ordinance #2020-05 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $388,300 FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS 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 April 23, 2020, 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 he 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 DiGiovanni closed the public hearing and discussion returned to Council.

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) that ordinance 2020-05 entitled, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE TOTAL SUM OF $388,300 FOR THE FUNDING OF VARIOUS 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 – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

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

Resolution

RESOLUTION authorizing the release of the Centenary University performance bond for the Baseball Field Improvement project in the amount of $229,393.26.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Sheldon

 Abstain – Kunz

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the final payment to Quality Electrical Construction Company for the New Tannery Field Lighting System in the amount of $397,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) for authorize Maser Consulting to prepare and submit a grant application for municipal aid from the Transportation Trust Fund for East Baldwin Street.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

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

Resolution

RESOLUTION for approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with New Jersey Department of Transportation for the East Baldwin Street Improvement project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Hackettstown formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2021-Hackettstown Township-00105 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Hackettstown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Hackettstown and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (DiMaio) to approve the amendment of the 4ward Planning contract relative to phase II of the Bergen Tool Redevelopment project.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

 No – Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the contract with Maser Consulting of the East Prospect Street Improvement project in the amount of $8,800.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (DiMaio) that ordinance 2020-06 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REPEALING SECTIONS 606 AND 607 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN AND ENACTING SECTION 606 AND 607 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR SHARE HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS, be introduced and passed on first reading and that public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on June 25, 2020; the Town clerk to publish the ordinance together with 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 – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) that ordinance 2020-07 entitled, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HACKETTSTOWN TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DEVELOPMENT FEES IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS PERMITTED BY THE NEW JERSEY FAIR HOUSING ACT, be introduced and passed on first reading and that public hearing be held thereon and it be considered for final passage at 7:00 PM on June 25, 2020; the Town clerk to publish the ordinance together with 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 – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (DiMaio) top adopt the following resolution:

Resolution

RESOLUTION to submit an Emergency Measures Protective grant application.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2020-08 in the amount of $2,176,226.55 and check register #2020-09 in the amount of $220,251.61.

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Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

Dr. Bruce Murphy, President of Centenary University, spoke about the virtual graduation ceremony recently held and thanked the Town for its support.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (DiMaio) to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau, Kunz and Sheldon

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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Maria DiGiovanni, Mayor William Kuster, Jr., Town Clerk