December 28, 2020

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session via teleconference in the Municipal Building at 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey at 6:30 PM on December 28, 2020. The special meeting opened with a salute to the Flag.

Mayor DiMaio 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 DiMaio, Councilpersons Engelau, Kunz, Lambo,

 and Sheldon

 Absent – Councilpersons Becker and Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Lambo) to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on December 28, 2020 as submitted.

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

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40:5-17.1 promulgated by the New Jersey Sate Legislature, all unpaid real estate property taxes and special charges or credits for 2020 of less than $10.00 are to be canceled of record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 28th day of December 2020 by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized and empowered, pursuant to NJSA 40:5-17.1 to cancel and remove from the tax duplicate records all unpaid real estate property taxes and special charges for 2020 of less than $10.00.

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

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown that the Hackettstown Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hackettstown Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which it is resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the Hackettstown Police Department without restriction.

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

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Sheldon) to approve check register #2020-23 in the amount of $608,238.53.

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

Councilperson Becker entered the meeting.

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to authorize an Interlocal Service Agreement with Washington Township, Morris County to provide Animal Control Services starting January 1, 2021.

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

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Sheldon) to authorize the Fire Department purchase for Turnout Gear and Equipment in the amount of $10,979.58 from Firefighter One.

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

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, there exists a 2019 appropriation reserve line item open purchase order; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this purchase order should remain active; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally reserve 2019 appropriation reserve balances to prevent their lapsing to surplus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2019 budget line item amounts/purchase order be reserved as an accounts payable of the purpose of payment of outstanding bills;

PO 19001554 Pascack Data Services $3,000.00 DPW o/e computers/install

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

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, due to the COVID pandemic there were budgeted line items that were unspent for various reasons; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to cancel these balances to surplus prior to year-end to have use of these funds for the 2021 budget cycle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO is authorized to cancel the following line item balances to surplus.

 Police S/W $24,000.00

 Recreation O/E $30,000.00

 DPW S/W $75,000.00

 Senior Center O/E $6,000.00

 Gasoline $50,000.00

 Total $185,000.00

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

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 6:49 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo 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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Gerald DiMaio, Jr., Mayor William Kuster, Jr., Town Clerk