September 10, 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 September 10, 2020. The special meeting opened with a salute to the Flag.

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,

 Absent – Councilpersons Sheldon and Tynan

Town Engineer, Paul Sterbenz, reported on the following:

* East Prospect Street Paving Update
* Willow Grove Street Sidewalk Status Update

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (DiMaio) to authorize Maser Consulting to prepare a contract proposal for Hunter’s Brook pathway Construction services.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Engelau) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 13, 2020 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

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

Resolution

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WHEREAS the following applicants have submitted applications for 2020/2021 Alcoholic Beverage Licenses of the type stated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to approval of the N.J. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the liquor licenses hereafter listed be issued, signed on behalf of the governing body, and delivered by the Town Clerk to:

 TYPE OF

LICENSEE LICENSED PREMISES LICENSE LICENSE #

Mama’s Pizza, Inc. 260 Mountain Avenue P R C 2108-33-001-008

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Apple Food Service 215-225 Mountain Avenue E T N 2108-33-002-007

Of Hackettstown 908-684-5859 N A S

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David’s Country Inn 314 Main Street R L M 2108-33-006-002 908-850-0224 Y P

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Oscjo Enterprises Inc. 169-171 Main Street I 2108-33-004-006 908-852-2446 O

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Hackettstown 80-80 Main Street PLENARY 2108-44-005-007

Beverage Inc. 908-852-3511 RETAIL

 DISTRIBUTION

American Legion Willow Grove Street CLUB 2108-31-007-002

Blue Ridge Post #164 908-852-1629

Hackettstown 142 Liberty Street CLUB 2108-31-010-001

Columbus Club, Inc. 908-852-9758

Hackettstown Elks 210 Mountain Avenue CLUB 2108-31-009-002

Lodge #2331 908-852-9723

Loyal Order of 263 Main Street CLUB 2108-31-011-002

Moose Lodge #816

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effective dates of the foregoing licenses shall be from October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of overpayments of taxes for calendar year 2020 and recommends a refund of the overpaid amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to make the following refund of taxes:

Block 55, Lot 3 $2,878.12

Corelogic/Refunds Dept

3001 Hackberry Rd Payment on exempt property

Irving, TX 75063

Block 56, Lot 25 $1,672.94

Corelogic/Refunds Dept

3001 Hackberry Rd Duplicate payment

Irving, TX 75063

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren, Sate of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Warren.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Hackettstown, County of Warren, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Town Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Hackettstown Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR $2,473.00

Cash Match $618.00

In-Kind $1,855.00

1. The Town Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (DiMaio) and seconded (Engelau) to support the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution 245-20 by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hackettstown:

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren understand the financial destruction that the COVID 19/Pandemic has imposed upon local businesses in eth County of Warren; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders have created an Economic Development Advisory Committee to help foster and encourage opportunities for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Pandemic and concomitant closure of local restaurants and bars has had a chilling and devastating financial effect upon local business owners and their employees; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Commission has imposed a seventy-five dollar ($75.00) licensing fee and/or additional tax for establishments who will soon be able to serve alcoholic beverages outside their licensed premises within the guidelines for social distancing and Executive Order 150 imposed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, this additional fee and/or tax creates an additional burden and hardship to proprietors of establishments which have been closed for ninety (90) or mor days; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders understand the concerns of local business owners and are concerned for their economic viability and have determined that available funds to cover this unnecessary excessive fee/tax are available in the account of the Economic Development Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders will tender payment for this unnecessary fee/tax to the Municipal Clerks of each Warren County municipality for those businesses to serve the public via outdoor dining and consumption of alcohol and in conformance with all Executive Orders from the State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Warren in the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Warren County Board of Chosen Freeholders will tender payment for all Warren County restaurants whom desire to open under the Governors Executive Order 150 to serve the public alcoholic beverages at outdoor settings the sum of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) per licensee to offset the fee/tax imposed by the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Commission as it has ben determined that his fee/tax crates an unnecessary burden on businesses located in the County of Warren.
2. A copy of this duly certified resolution will be served upon Municipal Clerks for each Warren County Municipality who may also adopt a Resolution allowing participation in this program.
3. Annexed to this Resolution is a certificate from the County Treasurer indication the availability of funds from Account NO. 0117205100.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion as made (Kunz) and seconded (DiMaio) to approve an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Hackettstown Board of Education for extending the hours of crossing guards at Hackettstown Middle School for after school clubs/activities.

Roll Call vote: Yes - DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to approve check register #2020-15 in the amount of $349,580.66 and check register #2020-16 in the amount of $1,725,723.37.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (DiMaio) and seconded (Engelau) to approve putting a property lien on 320 Lafayette Street for overgrowth of grass and weeds.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the taxi cab driver’s licenses application for Ada Garcia and Wilson Tigre through May 1, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (DiMaio) and seconded (Kunz) to hire Brian Paterson as a DPW Employee effective September 21, 2020 at a rate of $16.50 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the Chapter 159 for FEMA Covid Grant – Emergency Protective Measures in the amount of $9,565.50 with the municipal match in the amount of $3,188.50.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (DiMaio) to award the contract for the DPW Pick-Up Truck with a plow to DFFLM, Inc. in the amount of $36,143.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

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

James Kern, Warren County Freeholder, thanked Mayor DiGiovanni for her years of service

Mayor DiGiovanni reported that she will be resigning from her position as Mayor of the Town of Hackettstown effective September 20, 2020.

Motion was made (DiMaio) and seconded (Engelau) to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – DiMaio, Engelau and Kunz

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