January 28, 2021

The Mayor and Common Council convened in open session via teleconference in the Municipal Building at 215 Stiger Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey at 7:00 PM on January 28, 2021. 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 Becker, Engelau, Kunz, Lambo,

 Sheldon and Tynan

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

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

 Abstain – Tynan

Motion was made (Sheldon) and seconded (Kunz) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 1, 2021 as submitted.

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

 Abstain – Sheldon

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

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises of overpayment of taxes due to New Jersey State Tax Appeal Judgments 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 refunds of taxes as follows:

Block Lot Refund to Year Amount

40 2 Ventrua, Miesowits, et al Trust Acct 2019 $648.37

 783 Springfield Ave 2020 $666.48

 Summit, NJ 07901 $1,314.85

40 4.01 Ventura, Miesowitz, et al Trust Acct 2019 $663.59

 783 Springfield Ave 2020 $682.12

 Summit, NJ 07901

40 4.02 Ventura, Miesowitz, et al Trust Acct 2019 $633.15

 783 Springfield Ave 2020 $650.83

 Summit, NJ 07901 $1,283.98

79 11 Ventura, Miesowitz, et al Trust Acct 2019 $1,701.60

 783 Springfield Ave 2020 $1,749.11

 Summit, NJ 07901 $3,450.71

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

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Engelau) to appoint Greg Chontow as provisional Electric Subcode Official/Inspector effective February 1, 2021 at an hourly rate of $49.00.

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

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Lambo) to appoint Richard O’Connor as provisional Fire Subcode Official/Inspector effective February 1, 2021 at the current salary.

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

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Lambo) to approve check register #2021-01 in the amount of $1,884,233.52.

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

Motion was made (Tynan) and seconded (Kunz) to approve purchase order requisition for the Recreation Department for 2021 Annual Fertilizer from Code Green Lawn Care in the amount of $14,155.00.

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

Mayor DiMaio appointed Nicole Lenar to the position of Municipal Court Judge for the term of February 28, 2021 through February 28, 2024.

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

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Engelau) to the Fire Department membership for Dakota Johnson.

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

Motion was made (Lambo) and seconded (Becker) to appoint Charles Monk to the position of Parking Authority Member with a term expiring December 31, 2024.

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

Motion was made (Kunz) and seconded (Becker) to approve an agreement between the Town of Hackettstown and Stephen Somers and Sharon Somers to donate to the Town $150,000.00. In consideration for such funds, the Town will allocate $100,00 for the installation of up to 150 tree surrounds for trees along Main Street, Hackettstown; and $50,000.00 for new trees, tree trimming, and removal of dead or diseased trees within the Town’s Right of Way and/or the Town’s control.

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.

Jennifer Daly, 402 Grand Avenue, wanted to express her concerns to the Mayor and Council relative to the proposed Livestock Slaughterhouse on Stiger Street. She is opposed to the location as it is not a permitted use under current zoning and retail operations. She was also concerned with the lack of questions by Land Use Board members at the last meeting.

Motion was made (Engelau) and seconded (Kunz) to adjourn this meeting at 7:22 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 William Kuster, Jr., Town Clerk