

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2019, 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Peterla.

Deputy Clerk Gianaris read the following Requirements of the Sunshine Law: **the meeting notice requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was provided for in the Annual Meeting Notice adopted on January 1, 2019, emailed to the Burlington County Times, posted in the Municipal Building, and filed with the Township Clerk on January 8, 2019.**

ROLL CALL – Those present were Committeeman Dennis Roohr, Committeeman Rick Koshak, Committeewoman Yvonne Rigney, Committeeman Patrick Murphy, Mayor Paul Peterla and Deputy Township Clerk Adel Gianaris, Township Attorney William Burns, Township Clerk Donna Mull and Township CFO Terry Henry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting and Executive Session, December 11, 2018
Reorganization Meeting, January 1, 2019
Regular Meeting January 22, 2019
Special Meeting January 28, 2019

Committeeman Murphy noted that on January 22, 2019 the adjourn time was 8:02 am. It should be corrected to read 8:02 pm.

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Koshak, Rigney, Murphy, and Peterla. Nay: Abstain: Roohr Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION OF Ordinance 2019-02

CALENDAR YEAR 2019, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J. S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-2, seconded by Committeewoman Rigney. CFO, Terry was asked to explain the ordinance to the public.

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-2, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Rigney, Murphy, Peterla. Abstain: Motion Carried

INTRODUCE NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP BUDGET FOR 2019 AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL

Mayor Peterla asked for a motion to set date & time for public hear at the next annual meeting Ordinance No. 2019-2. Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to set the date and time as April 9, 2019 at 7:00 seconded by Committeewoman Rigney.

Committeeman Roohr asked for a discussion on the motion, with an explanation on the capital improvement. Mayor Peterla suggested that the CFO and Committeeman Roohr discuss that prior to the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Koshak, Rigney, Murphy, and Peterla. Abstain: Roohr Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2019 – 45: Authorizing the Appointment of Police Officer

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to approve resolution 2019-45, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

Sgt. Tuliano introduced new Police Officer Kevin Scheuren indicating Officer Scheuren is hired as a class II, and recently from Mt. Holly Police Department. Sgt Tuliano asked if Officer Scheuren could do the Oath of Office at the next meeting so that his Family and Friends could attend. Committee voiced agreement.

APPROVING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS (BILL LIST) – Mayor Peterla asked if the Committee had reviewed the bill list and if they had questions. Mayor Peterla asked that the bill list include the air bottles for the Fire Dept. \$34,176.

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to approve the list with the addition, Seconded by Committeewoman Rigney. Roll Call Vote: Approved Unanimously
The March Bill List total amount was \$376,147.03

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Committee Koshak. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously.

Wayne Wharton, 7 Gradlyn Drive expressed concern on the water quality and asked if the township had a report. Mayor Peterla and Committeeman Koshak will follow up.

Mr. Wharton asked why the prior CFO was on the bill list. Deputy Clerk explained that the prior CFO was s acting as a consultant for the first month of the CFO changeover.

Mr. Wharton also asked why the December special meeting minutes were not on the agenda for approval. After a brief discussion Mayor Peterla stated we would have them on the agenda at the next meeting for approval.

Fire Chief Buddy Wilkins gave report on the activities of the fire departments for the prior month, and thanked the committee for purchasing the air bottles.

Barbara Wharton, 7 Gradlyn, thanked the committee for having the bill list made available to the public.

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Committeeman Koshak. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Committeeman Roohr brought up to the committee that Mrs. Mull's and the CFO's resolution did not have their salary printed on them, and suggested that they be amended and be put on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Committeeman Koshak stated that the remodeling of fire station looks beautiful.

Committeewoman Rigney thanked the public for attending and thanked the fire department for their service.

Committeeman Murphy thanked the fire department for inviting him to the installation dinner and thanked the police and fire department for their hard work.

Mayor Peterla indicated wanted to thank the fire department for the invitation to the installation dinner. He informed the fire department members that their antenna was put in place when the new roof was completed and that they are looking at the drainage problem at Hillfield so that it can be resolved. The Bunting Bridge road work should begin soon, we are in the process of getting prices for the painting of the Godfree House, the Public Works hinge doors have been replace and the overhead door will be done soon. The Easter egg hunt will be on April 13th, and the time has yet to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. and was seconded by Committeeman Koshak. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Adel Gianaris, Township Deputy Clerk

