

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 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 Rick Koshak, Committeeman Patrick Murphy, Committeeman Pawlyzyn, : Committeeman Dennis Roohr, Mayor Paul Peterla and, Deputy Township Clerk Adel Gianaris, Clerk Donna Mull, Township Attorney William Burns, and Township CFO Terry Henry. Absent, none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting, April 18, 2019

Regular Meeting, May 14, 2019

Committeeman Pawlyzyn offered a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019, and May 14, 2019, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Having no comments from the committee , proceeded to a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Pawlyzyn, Murphy, Peterla. Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING OF Ordinance 2019-04: AMENDING CHAPTER 127, PARKS AND RECREATION AREA SECTION 127-8 ENTITLED “VIOLATION AND PENALTIES

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Committeeman Murphy.
Voice Vote Approved Unanimously

Having no comments from the public, Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Committeeman Koshak.

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-4 seconded by Committeeman Pawlyzyn.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Pawlyzyn, Murphy, Peterla. Approved Unanimously

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2019–61: Appointing Christopher K. Koutsouris as Prosecutor

Mayor Peterla gave a brief synopsis of the current prosecutors resignation to take a position at the Attorney Generals office in Mercer County. The appointment of Christopher Koutsouris is indorsed by Steven Wenger and Judge Downey. Mr. Koutsouris is also a prosecutor in Tabernacle and Southampton Townships. Mayor Peterla asked if the Committee had any questions or Comments.

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to approve resolution 2019-61, seconded by Committeeman Koshak. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Murphy, Pawlyzyn, Peterla. Approved unanimously

B. Resoultion2019-62: Approving the Application for 2019-2020 Renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License for Nino’s Package Store, Inc.

C. Resolution 2019-63: Approving the Application for 2019-2020 Renewal of an Alcoholic Beverage License for Leonard Sexton Memorial VFW Post #6590

Mayor Peterla asked if the Committee had any questions or Comments. Having no comments Mayor Peterla asked for a motion to approve.

Committeeman Pawlyzyn offered a motion to approve resolution 2019-62 and 2019-63, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Murphy, Pawlyzyn , Peterla. Approved unanimously

APPROVING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS (BILL LIST) – Mayor Peterla asked if the Committee had reviewed the bill list with the additions of bill received in the mail today, PO 19-00298 thru 19-00307 and Canon printer for \$138.01 and if they had questions. Mayor Peterla introduced a new invoice for the citizenship award for NHT School for \$50.00 Donation if the committee approved. School representative, Terri Peterla, explained the Citizen award program and the history of the intended recipient.

Committeeman Roohr commented on the invoice from Solicitor David Frank.

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to approve the list with additions , seconded by Committeeman Pawlyzyn.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roohr, Koshak, Murphy, Pawlyzyn , Peterla. Approved unanimously

The June Bill List total amount was \$62,596.71

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

Resident Cindy Pawlyzyn indicated that the bank (BBT) did a great job at the Senior Center, it is beautiful and was fun and rewarding with plenty of pictures taken. Mayor Peterla indicated that the BBT paid for the plants, Herman’s supplied the mulch. Mayor Peterla asked Cindy to thank everyone at the Bank.

Fire Department Chief, Buddy Wilkins provided the monthly review for the fire company. They had 12 calls since the last meeting, one training, four special assignments, and the annual service on the brush truck

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

COMMITTEE COMMENTS: Committeeman Roohr commented on street repair shop on Willow Oak Drive, requesting a follow up by the code enforcement office. He further commented on the collection of the snow removal invoice for the New Hanover Township School, providing a copy of the statement to Attorney Burns for the record.

Committeeman Koshak thanked the BBT for the landscaping project at the Senior Center and Committeeman Pawlyzyn and Mayor for their landscaping of the municipal building on that same day. Fortunate that our town was chosen to be part of it.

Committeeman Murphy thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work and BBT, Cindy Pawlyzyn for improvement at the Senior Center and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Committeeman Pawlyzyn thanked Chief, Buddy Wilkins for his monthly report and keeping us in the loop. Thank you to Cindy Pawlyzyn and BBT for the improvement landscaping to the Senior Center and also a thank you to the public.

Mayor Peterla thanked CFO, Terry Henry for his hard work. The audit closing will be tomorrow. The Summer Social will be held on August 17 with the roads closed to Hance Drive with parking on the right side. Thank you to Sgt. Tuliano who has been taking pictures for the new web page in progress. Thank you to the police officers, great team who work so well together. On Memorial Day the Fire Department dressed up and it was great representation. The street lights are working well and there is still work to be done from the bridge to the Municipal Building. Thank you to Committeeman Pawlyzyn for his help with the flowers and landscaping at the Municipal Building and Senior Center. The Veterans Memorial looks beautiful and it deserves the respect and acknowledge the freedom they have given us. The public works bay doors are completed. Mayor Peterla thanked the school PTO for their hard work with the trip to New York, fishing club, pie day and graduation this coming Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Township Attorney indicated that the committee would be going into executive session. Mayor Peterla stated that No action will be taken. Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Voice Vote approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. and was seconded by Committeeman Murphy. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Adel Gianaris, Township Deputy Clerk

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Motion to open the executive session, voice vote: Rick / Pat Aye: all Opposed: none

Solicitor, William Burns indicated that the record Committeeman Roohr submitted could not be attached as requested, but could be read into the records.

Page 1. Statement of Snow Removal, 9 trips plowing snow (Dec. 30, 2017 thru April 2, 2018). Spread Salt 29 ton corrected to 28 ton, \$2900. Corrected to \$2800. Time equals 14 hours at \$225 per hour is \$3150. Total \$6050 corrected to \$5950.

Hand written note by Mr Roohr at the bottom Marion P., Here is bill designed by Dep Clerk-Committeeman P. Murphy not Dennis, I do not necessarily agree. Signed Dennis Roohr.

Page 2. When N.H. Twp. Began shared services with N.H. Twp. School Board the N.H. Twp. Deputy Clerk brandished an old cloth book which she had written SNOW in black marker. I was told that book was the official record book and she will be keeping the records. Making 2017-2018 billing was difficult with the condition of the record keeping. Directions appeared to be ignored, records appeared to be incomplete, commodity usage made no apparent sense to me Well into 2018 I discussed my concern & dislike for the in which I found these billing records.

Mr. Murphy advised me that he and Deputy Clerk would decipher the records and provide an accurate bill. They did provide a bill but it was in no way accurate, actually it was obviously false and fictitious. Apparently they got historic weather records and concocted a bill from them disregarding what really was done.

I had an estimate from my past experience this should bill out at about \$3,000. When they handed me the bill for approval I would not approve such a lie. First the amt. of salt purchased for the school was about 3.15 tons not 29 tons. Second there was not 9 trips closer to 5 snow-ice events the bill is attached. When I was directed by N.H., Twp. To try to correct this to a more accurate honest billing I discovered ALL the original records had been torn from the official record book. Now replaced by the weather reported by the NWS. Dated 11 June, 2019 signed Dennis Roohr.