

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 8, 2018, 7:00 PM**

Requirements of the Sunshine Law were read: 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, 2018 emailed to the Burlington County Times, posted in the Municipal Building, and filed with the Township Clerk on January 3, 2018.

**ROLL CALL** – Those present were Mayor Roohr, Deputy Paul Peterla, Committeeman Rick Koshak, Committeeman Patrick Murphy, Committeewomen Yvonne Rigney, Deputy Clerk Adel Gianaris and Township Solicitor Kelly Grant.  
Absent:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting, April 10, 2018

Committeewoman Rigney offered a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Voice Vote: approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Second Reading, Final Adoption

Committeeman Peterla offered a motion open the floor to the public at 7:05 pm, seconded by Committeeman Koshak. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

Resident Wayne Wharton what it was going to do for the residents. Mayor Roohr discussed the benefits adding it would be about five cents off each dollar of the residents bill. An unidentified Resident had a question on the process. Resident Robert Ford asked if the Township could opt out of it (in the future). Township Attorney, Kelly Grant explained that the Township could cancel and that it would be the same process as putting it into effect.

Having no public further comments Committeeman Peterla offered a motion close the floor to the public at 7:11 pm, seconded by Committeeman Koshak. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER  
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-4**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER BY  
WHICH THE TOWNSHIP BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE  
BURLINGTON COUNTY ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric utility market; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a government aggregator and an energy aggregation program to purchase electric generation service and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq. will increase competition for the provision of electric power to municipal, residential and non-residential users, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates for these users without causing any interruption in service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders has established the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates on behalf of its local governments, residents, and business electric ratepayers within Burlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program by governmental, residential and business users is voluntary; and

**WHEREAS**, the realization of energy costs savings is in the interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township of New Hanover (“the Township”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township hereby finds that it is in the best interests of residential and non-residential electric ratepayers for the Township to create the opportunity for them to enter into an aggregation agreement in order to seek substantial savings on electric generation rates; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of New Hanover in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

- 1- The Township hereby joins and becomes a member of the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program, under which the County will act as an aggregator of electric power on behalf of participating municipalities and their residential and non-residential users of electricity pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, N.J.S.A. 48:3-91.3 to -98, and implementing regulations.
- 2- The Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purpose of the Ordinance.
- 3- This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2018-05 AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**FIRST READING: Introduction of Ordinance 2018-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 137 ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER TO INCLUDE SECTION 137-7 ENTITLED “REMOVAL OF TALL GRASS AND WEEDS”**

Mayor Roohr explained that the township currently did not have an ordinance to address this issue and there were rising complaints regarding various properties.

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to set public hearing date of June 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Committeeman Murphy.

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

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE 2018-06 AND SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**FIRST READING: Introduction of Ordinance 2018-06: UPDATING PERFORMANCE AND GUARANTEE SECTIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP’S LAND USE CODE TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REVISIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW BY AMENDING/SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 114 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW HANOVER**

Mayor Roohr stated that the court said we have to have this in place, and a performance bond would be required.

Committeewoman Rigney offered a motion to set public hearing date of June 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm, seconded by Committeeman Peterla. Roll Call Vote: Koshak, Murphy, Peterla, Rigney, Roohr. Approved Unanimously

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**a) Resolution 2018-60: Approving the Payment for the Tax Collector, Dawn Mitchell, to Attend Required Continuing Education**

Committeeman Peterla offered a motion to approved Resolutions 2018- 60, Seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Roll Call Vote: Koshak, Murphy, Peterla, Rigney, Roohr. Approved Unanimously

**APPROVING PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS (BILL LIST)** – Mayor Roohr asked if the Committee had reviewed the bill list and if they had questions.

Committeeman Peterla offered a motion to approve the list with no additions, Seconded by Committeewoman Rigney. Voice Vote Approved. The May Bill list total amount was \$156,022.80

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP MAYOR:-** Mayor Roohr discussed a grant to maintain the Godfrey House with every dollar by the township to be matched with their three dollars. Mayor asked the committee for an approval of a new resolution to be added to the agenda.

**b) Resolution 2018-61: Authorizing Approval for Submission of a Grant Application to New Jersey Historic Trust for Planning and Design of Improvement for the Historical General Godfrey House**

Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to approved Resolutions 2018- 61, Seconded by Committeeman Peterla. Voice Vote: Approved Unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to open the floor to the public at 7:25 pm, seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

Fire Chief Buddy Wilkins stated that the air bottles are to expire in 2019 and they can not do rescue without them. The Fire Dept. was denied the Federal NFG Grant and provided the amount of \$34,000 needed. Chief Wilkins indicated that there was talk on the street about closing the Fire Dept. Mayor Roohr indicated that he would not justify an answer to gossip. Lere Hill indicated the fire department is willing to open the books to the committee. Jerry Trembula indicated that it is a small town and service is given 24/7. Twila Pritchett stated that she has been a resident for twenty year, hard working, never cheated or lied. An email was sent to her supervisor about her husband and it was not appropriate and she will ask residents to write in at the polls. Wayne Wharton asked what was being done with his neighbor, tent city is a fire hazard, also tall grass and weeds. Roger Smith indicated that he has lived her for 35 years and would like to know when the township was repairing the pot holes on Bunting Bridge Road and the lines on the street are fading . Resident Mrs. Lisiewshi asked if Rossi road was included in the road paving project. Nor-Laine resident Tomas Johnson asked when the township was going to do something about the sink hole in his yard. Mayor Roohr indicated that the Deputy Clerk would follow up by contacting the Township Engineer to investigate.

Having no further comments Committeeman Peterla offered a motion to close the floor to the public at 8:15 pm, seconded by Committeeman Koshak. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS** – No comments

**b) Resolution 2018-62: To Convene to Executive Session**

Committeeman Peterla offered a motion to approve Resolution 2018-62, and convene to Executive Session at 8:18 pm, Seconded by Committeeman Murphy. Voice Vote: Approved unanimously

**EXECUTIVE SESSION EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Roohr stated the session was to discuss personnel issues. No action will be taken.

Committeeman Murphy offered a motion to return to the Regular meeting at 9:44 pm, seconded by Committeeman Peterla. Unanimously Approved

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, Committeeman Koshak offered a motion to adjourn at 9:47 pm seconded by Committeewoman Rigney . Unanimously Approved

Respectfully submitted,

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Adel Gianaris, Township Deputy Clerk