



BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
ZOOM

Mayor Houck called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. He then read the following statement:

“In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the borough website and notice was transmitted to the official newspapers on July 31, 2020. In addition, notice was posted on the borough website at Haddonhts.com and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notice has remained continuously posted with details for the public to participate via the ZOOM platform.”

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Houck asked the Clerk for roll call.

Under roll call, Council President Madden, Councilwoman Kurtz and Councilmen Mrozinski, Schreiber, Morgan and Ottoson were present. Solicitor Howard Long, Borough Clerk Kelly Santosusso and Administrative Assistant Marian Hauser were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Attorney Client Privilege regarding litigation has been added to the Resolution 2020:150.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Houck asked for Public Comment on Agenda items only.

Seeing and hearing no movement from the public, Mayor Houck closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1492 –AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A SMALL SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$100,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1492. Councilwoman Kurtz made a motion and Council President seconded. All members were in favor.

Seeing and hearing no movement from the public, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1492. Councilwoman Kurtz made a motion and Council President Madden seconded. All members were in favor.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1492. Councilman Ottoson made a motion and Councilwoman Kurtz seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes with the exception of Councilman Schreiber who abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1493 – ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HADDON HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY CANCELING CERTAIN UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES HERETOFORE PROVIDED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REAPPROPRIATING SUCH UNFUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1493. Councilman Schreiber made a motion, Councilman Morgan seconded. All members were in favor.

Seeing and hearing no movement from the public, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1493. Council President Madden made a motion, Councilman Schreiber seconded. All members were in favor.

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt BOND ORDINANCE 2020:1493. Councilman Schreiber made a motion, Councilwoman Kurtz seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

Mayor Houck read aloud Resolutions 2020:149 and 2020:150.

Resolution 2020:149 – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills and Claims for the Second Half of August

Resolution 2020:150 – A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. ***1.) Matters related to attorney-client privilege. Discussion is expected to be ½ hr. in duration. Formal Action May be Taken Following Executive Session.***

Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adopt Resolutions 2020:149 and 2020:150. A motion to adopt was made by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Schreiber. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Houck opened the Public Comment portion on any matter.

Seeing and hearing no movement by the public, Mayor Houck closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Solicitor Long mentioned that a personnel matter was on the Executive Session resolution. Long addressed Council regarding re-igniting discussion on where we are going long term with will hire an Administrator. He explained that the main obligation of Mayor and Council is to pass legislation and set policy and pointed out that Haddon Heights is one of five (5) municipalities in the State whose members draw no salary. Long said that Dave was brought on to assist with concerns regarding the pandemic. He was very helpful with the budget. Long inquired as to whether Mayor and Council want to bring in candidates to interview for the position of Business Administrator beyond this year.

Councilwoman Kurtz expressed her desire to form an Ad Hoc Committee to explore and define the role; determine our future needs and potential candidates which will include our current Administrative Consultant.

Mayor Houck also expressed his opinion of the need for a Business Administrator.

Long said that at this point we can excuse Dave as we move into Executive Session. He assured there would be no personal discussion of Mr. Taraschi.

Councilman Schreiber noted that he has experience in around government over the past fifteen (15) years and wanted to point out that Dave Taraschi who is currently serving in the role of Administrative Consultant, is not a “dime a dozen.” He said that he came on board at a difficult time when some tough decisions needed to made and has proven to be an asset.

Council President Madden directed her comments to Dave Taraschi saying she wished to publicly echo what Councilman Schreiber stated. She said that we are in awe of your work ethic and are quite fortunate to have you working for our town.

Mayor Houck announced that Council will go into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Following Executive Session, a motion to open the meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Ottoson, seconded by Council President Madden. All members were in favor.

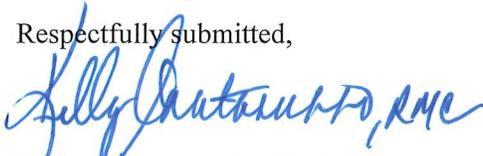
ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further action to be taken, Mayor Houck asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilman Ottoson moved to adjourn, Council President Madden seconded. All members were in favor.

7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Santosusso, RMC, CMR". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kelly Santosusso, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk