

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2020, 7:00 P.M.**

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dial In: 1-833-247-7123; Access Code 4094175

CALL TO ORDER Mayor DeBaecke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor DeBaecke

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeBaecke
Deputy Mayor Doyle
Committeeman Kocubinski
Committeeman O'Donnell (Entered 7:08pm)

Absent: Committeeman DeLorenzo

Also Present: Township Clerk Picariello and Township Attorney Roselli

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: "The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Post, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building".

PUBLIC COMMENT AS IT RELATES TO AGENDA ITEMS
Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT
Proposed By: Committeeman Kocubinski
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Doyle

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE
There was no correspondence this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT
Engineer Hirsh was not present and written report was given.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR APRIL 2020

- a. Tax Collector
- b. Construction, Zoning & Mobile Homes
- c. North Hanover Court
- d. Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Company
- e. Police Department

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- May 7, 2020 – Regular

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell						X
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

BILLS AND CLAIMS FOR APPROVAL

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:

All Resolutions listed on today’s consent agenda are to be considered as one vote by Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

2020-75 Resolution of the Township of North Hanover Supporting the Enactment of Assembly Bill NO. 3971 and Senate Bill NO. 2475 to Authorize the Issuance of Coronavirus Relief Bonds by Municipalities and Counties

**RESOLUTION 2020-75
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3971 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2475 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BONDS BY MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties throughout New Jersey are facing unprecedented financial challenges, including significant loss of revenue and unanticipated spending, due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, without relief, local government may have to significantly reduce services and layoff personnel; and

WHEREAS, in response to these conditions, Assemblymen Benson and Coughlin introduced A-3971 and Senator Singleton introduced S-2475, which authorizes local units to issue “coronavirus relief bonds” to allow them to borrow money, with a ten-year payback period, to cover shortfalls and unanticipated costs that are a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, such bonds will provide local units with the flexibility to ensure continuation of essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover that it hereby affirms its support for the enactment of A-3971 and S-2475.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk shall be directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, Assembly Speaker and the legislative delegation of the 12TH district.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O’Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

2020-76 Resolution Approving a Blue Light Permit Application

**RESOLUTION 2020-76
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

APPROVAL OF BLUE LIGHT PERMIT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:24-5 ET Seq. an applicant for permit authorizing the use of blue emergency warning lights may be considered eligible only if the applicant is an active member in good standing of a volunteer fire company, first aid or rescue squad, or a county or municipal Office of Emergency Management volunteer whose official duties include responding to a fire or emergency call; and

WHEREAS, Brian Hickingbottom has met the qualification for a Blue Light Permit and it is the recommendation of the Fire Chief to approve this applicant for a Blue Light Permit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:24 et. seq. it hereby approve Brian Hickingbottom for a Blue Light Permit and hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Blue Light Permit Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Department Chief.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

2020-77 Resolution Approving Acceptance of Gift from Specialty Fabricators, LLC of Installation of Acrylic Barriers in Township Municipal Building

**RESOLUTION 2020-77
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM SPECIALTY FABRICATORS, LLC OF INSTALLATION OF ACRYLIC BARRIERS IN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Township is required to implement certain safety precautions for employee working in the Township's Municipal Building, including the installation acrylic barriers in and around offices, desks and work-stations; and

WHEREAS, Specialty Fabricators, LLC, 118 Meany Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey has offered to provide the labor and materials for the installation of these acrylic barriers in the Municipal Building by way of gift to the Township of North Hanover; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29, allows a local unit to accept a gifts made to it in the manner set forth in the conditions of the gift, provided that the gift shall not be put to any use which is inconsistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey and of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to accept the donation of the labor and materials from Specialty Fabricators, LLC for the installation of the acrylic barriers in the Township Municipal Building.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the Township hereby accepts the gift from Specialty Fabricators, LLC of the installation of acrylic barriers in the Township Municipal Building as set forth in its May 14, 2020 quote in the amount of \$1,408.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the gift is being accepted by the Township on the express condition that Specialty Fabricators, LLC has and will not receive any type of favor, remuneration or other type of repayment of any kind whatsoever, whether expressed or implied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Specialty Fabricators, LLC, 118 Meany Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

Mayor DeBaecke thanked Specialty Fabricators for the generous gift.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Doyle noted after conferring with the Township Attorney, Mayor and Summer Camp Director there was a consensus to cancel summer camp for the 2020 year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted the safety of the participants and staff was of the utmost importance. Mayor DeBaecke noted it was a sad situation and very unfortunate. Committeeman O'Donnell and Committeeman Kocubinski noted there were too many unknowns to move forward and the safety was paramount.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE "COMMENTS"

Deputy Mayor Doyle noted the recent fires and the mutual aid received was appreciated.

Mayor DeBaecke noted there were two working fires this week. He offered well wishes for the families affected. He acknowledged Specialty Fabricators for their donation and noted it was very much appreciated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions, comments or statements from members of the public in attendance.

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public. There were no public comments this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor Doyle
Seconded By: Committeeman Kocubinski

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION
7:15PM

Proposed By: Deputy Mayor Doyle
Seconded By: Committeeman Kocubinski

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

2020-78 Authorizing a Closed Session Meeting to discuss the following matter(s) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; Contract Matters, Personnel Matters and Litigation matters

**RESOLUTION 2020-78
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 and P.L. 2001, C. 404, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of North Hanover Township wishes to go into a closed Executive Session and is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist which should not be discussed in public, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the Township Committee to discuss certain matter(s) in private, and in this case for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss contract negotiations, litigation and personnel matters in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Township Committee of North Hanover Township that it will go into an Executive Session for the purpose of the Township Committee to discuss Contract Matters, Litigation and Personnel matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of such discussion may be revealed at such time as the matter(s) are resolved and/or a contract(s) is signed and/or the negotiations are formally settled. Interested parties may contact the Township Clerk anytime during normal business hours for periodic updates as to the availability in this regard.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeLorenzo						X
Deputy Mayor Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke			X			

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 PM

Respectively submitted,

Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Township Clerk