BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRAURY 26, 2024

Mayor Karrow called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Karrow stated a notice was provided as required. The annual meeting notice is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public inspection.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Susan Engelhardt	Present
Councilwoman Adrienne Fusaro	Present
Councilman Trent Levitt	Present
Councilman Jeremy Long	Present
Councilman Tony Parker	Present
Councilwoman Elizabeth Rosetti	Present
Mayor Marcia Karrow	Present

Also Present:
Carla Conner, Borough Clerk
Chris Corsini, Borough Attorney

PRESENTATION: 2024 BUDGET:

Bill Hance, the Borough CFO gave an overview of the 2024 draft budget showing an 3.9% tax increase. Mr. Hance stated the biggest cost was State health insurance, trash disposal, the added cost of the new Police building, borough development projects and equipment purchases such as Police vehicles. Mr. Hance would like to cut $30,000 from the budget. Council discussed how they can cut the budget.

Council agreed to meet on March 5, 2024 at 5:30pm for another Budget work session.

DISCUSSION: COURT STREET PARK

Mayor Karrow stated Warren Buckleitner would like to dedicate a tot-lot style playground to the residents of Flemington Borough in the Court Street Park. Mr. Buckleitner will be donating $20,000 of the $30,000 with Hunterdon County paying the difference to build the playground. Mayor Karrow stated Hunterdon County will reach out to the NJDEP which funds the Green Acres program since its use is being changed to recreational.

Mayor Karrow asked for a Motion stating the Hunterdon County Commissioners and Flemington Borough welcomes having a tot-lot in the Court Street Park.

RESOLUTION 2024-46 - RESOLUTION APPROVING HUNTERDON COUNTY TO INSTALL A PLAYGROUND AT THE COURT STREET PARK

WHEREAS, a resident of the Borough of Flemington would like to donate a playground in memory of his wife; and

WHEREAS, the resident will donate the majority of the cost of the playground and installation to Hunterdon County and Hunterdon County will pay the remaining balance; and,

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County needs approval from the Borough of Flemington to install a playground at Court Street Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington approves Hunterdon County to install a playground at Court Street Park.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Fusaro to approve the Resolution, seconded by Council President Long and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Councilman Long	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Council Vice President Rosetti	Yes

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Karrow reported the Open Cupboard in the Town of Clinton burned down last night and they are seeking gift certificates from Shoprite and Vet Chadd Tindall who was the vet for the Borough's rabies clinic passed away from a long illness. Mayor Karrow also reported that the Council is still waiting on the survey from Liberty Village making sure what the Developer wants done is on the Borough's right-of-way and everyone is in agreement on all the amended plans, agreements and Pilots are ready. Mayor Karrow continued the Borough Attorney is working with the lowest bidder to get the proper documentation.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LONG:
Council President Long reported he will be attending the Fire Department meeting on March 12, 2024, and all members of the Council are invited to the Fire Department's Ladies night on March 23, 2024

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ROSETTI:
No report given.

COUNCILWOMAN ENGELHARDT:
Councilwoman Englehardt reported tonight Centrals Board meeting is taking place and RFIS Board meeting will be held February 29, 2024. Councilwoman Engelhardt also reported the Fleming Museum is looking for volunteers or Board members.

COUNCILWOMAN FUSARO:
Councilwoman Fusaro reported she attended the Library Committee meeting and they discussed losing their snow removal contractor and retaining a new contractor and received quotes for the boiler and cameras. Councilwoman Fusaro also reported the Planning Board will have a checklist for Developers on the website.

COUNCILMAN LEVITT:
Councilman Levitt reported the Historic Preservation Commission met and they reviewed two applications, they are continuing to work on the historic map update and are looking for one more house for the House Tour on June 1, 2024. Historic Preservation Commission's next meeting will be held on March 20, 2024.

COUNCILMAN PARKER:
Councilman Parker also reported he attended a FCP retreat and thanked Ally Norton for taking the FCP to the next level. Councilman Parker also reported he is working on revamping the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department and he and the Police Chief had a discussion with the owner of Stangl to discuss issues. Councilman Parker continued that he met with DPW Department has learned a lot from Ken Diehl and the other DPW employees. Councilman Parker also discussed the NAACP event and how he thought it was more than he hoped for and was a big success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION I:

Robin Lapidus, from FCP reported at the retreat they did discuss upping the grants and the sign grants and FCP is in favor of the playground.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorg Session January 3, 2024

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Long to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Fusaro with a vote of all ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. RESOLUTION 2024-43 – AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF TAXI LICENSES FOR 2024

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2017-3 sets eligibility criteria for obtaining a Taxi Owner's License in Flemington Borough, including vehicle insurance and registration, vehicle inspection, criminal background checks, and driver's license history and provides for 10 licenses to be issued; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2018-21 describes the renewal process for Taxi Owner's Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the following company have met the renewal criteria and submitted all necessary fees for renewal of Taxi Owner's Licenses in 2024:

Mike Espinoza Taxi Service, License 24-29

Los Amigos Tax, License 24-32

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby approve the renewal of the above-listed Taxi Owner's Licenses, which will be effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

2. RESOLUTION 2024-44 - RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE WATER TANK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH DULAINE CONTRACTING, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Flemington awarded a contract to Dulaine Contracting, Inc. for the "Improvements to Water Tank" project for an original contract amount of $4,124,479.00; and

WHEREAS, change orders totaling $244,783.58 have been approved bringing the total contract amount to $4,369,262.58; and

WHEREAS, the work has been competed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer and the USDA; and

WHEREAS, the project overage was paid by the Borough through using water capital Ordinance 2018/14 which was not funded by the USDA loan; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has been paid in full.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Flemington that the Water Tank Improvement project is hereby accepted.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Long to approve the amended Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Parker and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Councilman Long	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Council Vice President Rosetti	Yes

Motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION 2024-45- RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR TUCCAMIRGAN PARK

Whereas, the Historic Borough of Flemington New Jersey, and,
(formal name of organization)
Whereas, the municipality qualifies as an overburdened community,

desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

for approximately $ 100,000.00 to carry out a project to:
(dollar amount of request)
execute site improvements within the municipal owned boundaries of Tuccamirgan Park, which includes, but may not be limited to, soccer field, basketball court, picnic shelter, and amphitheater repairs and renovations and improving trail connectivity routes to neighboring parks, schools and residential neighborhoods and professional services costs associated with said scope of work.
(briefly describe the project)

Be it therefore RESOLVED,

1) that the Historic Borough of Flemington New Jersey
(formal name of organization)

does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,

2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between

Historic Borough of Flemington New Jersey
(formal name of organization)
and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

***Be it further RESOLVED*, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:**

(signature)	**(signature)**
William J. Hance, CMFO, RPPS, QPA, CTC	Mayor Marcia A. Karrow
(type or print name)	**(type or print name)**
Chief Financial Officer	Mayor
(title)	**(title)**

CERTIFICATION:

I, Carla Conner, the Government Clerk,
(name of Board Secretary / Government Clerk) (title of position - Board Secretary or Government Clerk)

of Historic Borough of Flemington New Jersey
(formal name of organization)
hereby certify that at a meeting of the Board of Directors / Governing Body held on February 26, 2024
(meeting date)

the above *RESOLUTION* was duly adopted

A ***MOTION*** was made by Councilwoman Engelhardt to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Council President Long and on Roll Call the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Councilman Long	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Council Vice President Rosetti	Yes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SESSION II:
There was no public comment.

APPROVAL TO PAY THE BILLS:

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $254,372.44

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Long to pay the bills. This Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Councilwoman Engelhardt	Yes
Councilwoman Fusaro	Yes
Councilman Levitt	Yes
Councilman Long	Yes
Councilman Parker	Yes
Council Vice President Rosetti	Yes

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A ***MOTION*** was made by Council President Long to adjourn the meeting. and was seconded by Councilman Parker with a vote of all ayes.

ATTEST:

Carla Conner, Borough Clerk

Marcia Karrow, Mayor

Adopted: March 25, 2024