

Special Meeting of Mayor and Council
Held in Town Hall Council Chambers
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.
July 19, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Present
Bertino - Present
Gribbin - Present
Lewis - Absent
Pullia - Absent
Rodio - Present
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so.

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting June 28, 2010

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the minutes be approved.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y
Bertino - Y
Gribbin - Y
Lewis - Absent
Pullia - Absent
Rodio - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R066A-2010 Sustainable Jersey Grant

#R 066A-2010

Resolution of the MAYOR AND COUNCIL of the
TOWN OF HAMMONTON Supporting and Authorizing the
Sustainable Jersey™ Grant funded by Wal-Mart

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants funded by Wal-Mart;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton have determined that the Town of Hammonton should apply for the aforementioned Grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Wal-Mart.

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, the resolution be adopted.

Susan Gietka of the Green Committee was present and thanked Mayor and Council for their consideration of the Wal-Mart Grant and explained that this is a \$1000 grant for a teacher mentor for a junior green committee member.

Councilman Gribbin asked when will the grant be awarded and will this be a yearly grant?

Ms. Gietka responded that she is not sure when the grant will be awarded and this will not be a yearly grant.

Mayor DiDonato thanked Ms. Gietka for her work on the Green Committee in obtaining this grant.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Gribbin - Y

Lewis - Absent

Pullia - Absent

Rodio - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

#R066B-2010 Authorize Foreclose Skinner Property

Resolution #066B-2010

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORECLOSURE OF THE TOWN TAX TITLE LIENS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the tax sale certificates listed below be foreclosed by summary proceedings IN REM or IN PERSONAM, if necessary, and as described, by N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.29 to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.71 as amended, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey;

<u>TSC#</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
07-0103	2702	1	317 N. Egg Harbor Road
09-0130	2702	1	317 N. Egg Harbor Road

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, the resolution be adopted.

The Town Solicitor advised that this was authorized by Mayor and Council at a previous meeting and he is now requesting formal action verifying the previous authorization for him to foreclose on Skinner Property.

Councilman Bertino questioned what will the town do with the property after we acquire it?

Councilman Rodio advised the highway appeared on-site today to clean up the property.

Mayor DiDonato advised that the plywood to board up and secure property was delivered and the fence is due to be installed shortly.

Solicitor advised there are various options that will be looked into for future use of the property and all expenditures made at this location are funded by grant.

Councilman Bertino questioned can we authorize Engineer to move forward with Brownsfield Applications at the next regular meeting?

Councilman Barberio asked doesn't the town need ownership before proceeding with Brownsfield applications?

Solicitor responded, yes.

Councilman Bertino stated he is in agreement with moving forward on this project so long as we have a vision to get this property back on the tax rolls again.

Solicitor explained for the public that when the owner of the property passed, the beneficiaries disclaimed ownership due to environmental issues and the taxes went into default. The town is now taking measures to make this property safe and usable and to get the property back on the tax rolls.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Gribbin - Y

Lewis - Absent

Pullia - Absent

Rodio - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Amendment to Shade Tree/Environmental Commission Ordinance

Mayor DiDonato advised that an amendment to provide a final update to Environmental Commission/Shade Tree in the town code will appear on the agenda of the regular meeting of July 26, 2010.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by April Boyer Maimone, Deputy Clerk