

OWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
REGULAR MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
March 1, 2022

Called to order by Mayor Sperry at 7:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Advanced notice of this meeting was given by way of the annual notice which was filed with the Quinton Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times, posted on the Township website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call Mayor Sperry, Deputy Mayor Hannagan, Solicitor Arbittier, CFO Elwell, Clerk Uzdanic

Minutes to be approved January 26, 2022 Work Session, February 7, 2022 Regular meeting

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

Vouchers to be approved

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

ORDINANCES to be adopted

ORDINANCE 2022-01
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Township of Quinton in the County of Salem finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's

final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$11,435.19 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Quinton, in the County of Salem, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Quinton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$40,023.17 and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Quinton be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Open public Hearing Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

Close Public Hearing Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

Motion to adopt Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

RESOLUTIONS to be approved

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36
AUTHORIZING STREET OPENING PERMIT FOR SJ GAS**

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas has requested a Street Opening Permit for By Road; and

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas has completed a Street Opening Permit which has been reviewed by the Township Engineer, Fralinger Engineering and is herein attached; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has set forth the amounts necessary for the Street Opening Permit and inspection fee of \$500.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, in the County of Salem State of New Jersey, that the attached

Street Opening Permit is hereby approved for South Jersey Gas as presented on the plans on file with the Township of Quinton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the inspection and approval of these improvements is subject to review by the Township Engineer; and

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk certify a copy of this Resolution and file it on the public record.

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

MOTION to approve Tax Collectors Annual Report or 2021

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

MOTION to approve Safety Contract

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

The Mayor asked Solicitor Arbittier to explain the Property Auctions. The solicitor informed the public that the township would have a Property Auction (In Rem sale) in late spring. She then explained the differences in property types and how they can be sold.

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental – the mayor asked the clerk to update everyone on 655 Salem Quinton Road. The clerk informed the committee that a relative to Mr. Budzash had come in and said they do not want the property just a few items on it. The Mayor said we should see if there is a will to be probated and the clerk said she will call to and try to get more information.

Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling Deputy Mayor Hannagan asked for an update on the icebreaks for the firehouse roof. Ed Counsellor said he has a quote he will drop off.

Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation - Absent

Motion to open Public session

Motion Hannagan, Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

PUBLIC SESSION

The Mayor introduced State Trooper Donahue to the public and asked him for any updates on the safety of our town. Trooper Donahue reported that there had been arrests in the post office robbery.

Joe Lucas asked when the property auction would take place and the Mayor replied end of May beginning of July.

Chris Patterson asked about the 1acre rule for solar panels and if there was anything they

could do so they could put up solar. Mayor Sperry explained that is how our ordinance reads and there have been others that have come before the planning board and were denied. She did tell him if he wanted to try and change it he should come to the planning board meetings and voice his concerns.

There being no further business motion to adjourn at 8:02pm Motion Hannagan,
Second Sperry 2 RCV Yes

Marty R. Uzdanovics, Clerk