

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AUGUST 6, 2024

Called to order by Mayor Sperry at 6:00pm

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 and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call Mayor Sperry, Deputy Mayor Hannagan, Committeeman Owens, CFO Elwell, Solicitor Vigilante, Clerk Uzdanovics

Minutes to be approved July 2, 2024 Regular Meeting, July 17 Work Session

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

Vouchers to be approved

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-79

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDED MID SALEM COUNTY MUNICIPAL
COURT 2024 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS, the Quinton Township Committee has established a joint municipal court with Woodstown Borough, Elmer Borough, Mannington Township and Oldmans Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1, et seq. (referred to as the “Mid Salem County Municipal Court”); and

WHEREAS, Judge Benjamin Telsey requested a security inspection of the Mid Salem County Court. Recommendation for security improvements were advised and include the following;

1. Installation of camera with storage capacity for the court room
2. Installation of window coverings
3. Wandering the litigants before entrance to the courtroom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Quinton Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that the Township Committee hereby approves the security Improvements for the Mid Salem County Court.

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

Motion Hannagan

Second Owens

3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-80

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton is in need of School Crossing Guard to serve from September 1st, 2024 until June 30th 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appoints the School Crossing Guard; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mooney is qualified for the position of School Crossing Guard and as such, the position of School Crossing Guard has been offered to them; and

WHEREAS, Richard Mooney has agreed to accept the position of School Crossing Guard for the period of September 1st 2024 until June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton as follows:

1. Richard Mooney is hereby appointed to the position of School Crossing Guards in Quinton Township for the period from September 1st 2024 to June 30th, 2025.
2. Richard Mooney shall be compensated according to the Quinton Township Salary Ordinance
3. Richard Mooney shall be paid only when school is in session.
4. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this document.

Motion Hannagan

Second Owens

3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton has need for Alternate School Crossing Guard from September 1st, 2024 until June 30th 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee appoints the Alternate School Crossing Guards to fill in for all regular crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, the position of Alternate School Crossing Guard has been offered to Allan Ridgeway and Edward Counsellor; and

WHEREAS Allan Ridgway and Edward Counsellor have agreed to accept the position of Alternate School Crossing Guard for the current school year and the Township Committee is in agreement on this appointment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee as follows:

1. The Allan Ridgway and Edward Counsellor are hereby appointed to the position of Alternate School Crossing Guard in Quinton Township for the period from September 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2025.
2. That Allan Ridgway, and Edward Counsellor be compensated according to the Quinton Township Salary Ordinance.
3. That Allan Ridgway and Edward Counsellor shall be paid only when school in session.
4. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this document.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-82
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2023 ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5 4 requires the governing body of each local governmental unit to cause an annual audit of its accounts to be made, and

WHEREAS, the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 has been completed and filed with the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A 15, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of each local governmental unit is required within 45 days of receipt of the annual audit, to certify by resolution to the Local Finance Board that each member thereof has personally reviewed the annual audit report, and specifically the sections of the audit report entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations", and has evidenced same by group affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have received the annual audit and have personally reviewed the annual audit, and have specifically reviewed the sections of the annual audit report entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations",

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, hereby certifies to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that each governing body member has personally reviewed the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, and specifically has reviewed the sections of the audit report entitled "General Comments" and "Recommendations", and has evidenced same by group affidavit in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the municipality is hereby directed to promptly submit to the Local Finance Board the aforesaid group affidavit, accompanied by a certified true copy of this resolution.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2024.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-83
RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE TAX DUE DATE

WHEREAS, The 2024-2025 Tax bills will be mailed on August 30, 2024 due to the late delivery of bills to the tax office, and

WHEREAS, The tax collector is requesting an extension on the due date until August 30, 2024, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Committee of Quinton Township as follows:

The extension of due date for Taxes to August 30, 2024 after which interest will be retroactive to August 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Tax Collector of Quinton Township.

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-84
RESOLUTION FOR BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Quinton Township is putting a question on the November Ballot, and

WHEREAS, the township has been asked about growing Cannabis in Quinton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township committee wants the residents to be a part of the decision making process by putting it on the ballot as a non binding referendum; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that the Township Committee is hereby authorized to approve the Ballot question attached;

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

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-85
RESOLUTION FOR BALLOT QUESTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, Quinton Township is putting a second question on the November Ballot, and

WHEREAS, the township has been to asked to review the Master Plan before the required review date for Quinton Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township committee wants the residents to be a part of the decision making process by putting it on the ballot as a non binding referendum; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that the Township Committee is hereby authorized to approve the Ballot question attached;

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

Motion Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental – Mayor Sperry gave residents a handout from American water. She also had a handout for the Giordano Recycling that is being discussed in Salem and there are concerns. Mayor Sperry also said that Kathy from Farmland preservation will be attending the October 8, 2024 Planning Board meeting.

Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling – Deputy Mayor Hannagan said we still have some maintenance items on our list. He also reiterated that there is a lot going on with Farmland Preservation.

Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation – Committeeman Owens asked residents to make sure they call us if they see trees down especially if there are storms coming. The Road Crew needs to prepare.

Solicitor Vigilante shared that the Agricultural Board did not hear the application for Freedom Farm on July 23, 2024 since the applicant did not send out notices by deadline. The Board also has a new policy that has to be followed to be heard, so its not clear if the application will be heard at the August meeting. A contempt hearing is scheduled on August 23, 2024 in Superior Court litigation.

Motion to open to the public Hannagan Second Owens 3 RCV yes

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Smith asked the Solicitor to repeat the information on Freedom Farm and she did.

Mr. Remster said Quinton Township does not have a Right to Farm Ordinance. Solicitor Vigilante explained it is governed by the Right to Farm Act and delegated specifically to the County's Agricultural Board It is a state law and it is up to the County Boards to interpret the law. Mr. Remster asked if it matters that we do not have one, the solicitor replied that the municipality does not have jurisdiction over it. It's a state law.

Mr. Kates told the committee that he and Mr. Styles talked to the Chairman of the Sub Committee of the Agricultural Board Farmland Preservation who indicated to him that residents need to preserve the land and help the young farmers to preserve the land. He stated

further that the Chairman of the Subcommittee said the State is going to work with Quinton Township and ensure that the township receives the maximum amount of money for the young farmers. Mr. Kates said would like to work with the Township Committee and the Chairman of the Subcommittee to get this moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Hannagan in his meeting with the State was informed that there were three counties that were going to take precedence and Salem County is one of them.

Mr. Kates said he owns three properties that have water. He received his bills and made a formal complaint about the sewer billing. He then asked if the Township still owns the sewer system and Mayor Sperry said yes. Are we still going to receive bills from the township and Mayor Sperry said yes and that the township was scheduled to meet with N.J. American Water the following day to clarify responsibilities and reporting. Mr. Kates then asked is American Water going to honor the contract the Township had with Salem. It was confirmed that American Water contracted to honor the contract that was in place. Mr. Kates said City of Salem was going to raise the contract for sewer 2% every year and he thought the Township should ask American water to reduce that. Mayor Sperry suggested meeting as scheduled with American water before making such demands and that she was mindful of the significant amount of money the township invested in the pump stations. Mr. Kates suggested consideration to selling the sewer system. Mr Kates then asked if the Clerk had received anything from American Water in regards opening the street on Cottage Avenue and the clerk responded that she had not but spoke to the engineer about it.

With respect to tax bills, Mr. Rivell asked if there were mistakes when they went out and Mayor Sperry said no the bills were double printed because of a glitch in the system and the Tax collector didn't realize it as she is new so some residents received 2 bills.

Beth Fox asked about the Ballot question for Master plan which she believes is worded to suggest that voting yes will increase taxes which may unfairly encourage voters to vote against it. The Committee confirmed that the referendum was non-binding.

Another resident agreed with Beth Fox about influencing the vote. He advised there is pending legislation in the Senate to provide money for specifically, warehouses etc. to help with reviewing Master Plans.

Solicitor Vigilante said a review of Master plan is different from a complete reexamination of the Master Plan. It is expensive and she does not think it is wise to include an amount in the ballot question. She tried to make the question as neutral as possible.

Larry Winkels said it does not have to be a full review of the Master Plan; that specific areas could be reviewed.

Mayor Sperry said we have to account for the officials that attend the planning board meetings and budget accordingly for the year.

Deputy Mayor Hannagan explained when you change one thing sometimes it changes other things and more work is involved.

Mr. Kates said we should redo the Master Plan and that spending the money to protect the town.

Motion to close Public Session Hannagan

Second Owens

3 RCV yes

RESOLUTION 2024-86
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters as follows:

- (1) Matters Required by law to be confidential: Any matter which by express provision of the Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- (2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive federal funding.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy: Any matter, the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as records, data, reports, recommendations or other personal material of any education, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including, but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned .
- (4) Matters pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement: Any matter involving a collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
- (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease acquisition of real property or investment of public funds: Any matter involving the lease, purchase or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
- (6) Matters of public protection: Any tactic and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and attorney-client privilege: Any matter of pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in (4) above in which the Township is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required for the attorney to exercise ethical duties as a lawyer.
- (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of , promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all of the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed in public.
- (9) Deliberations after public hearing. Deliberations by the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in a civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a responding party; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Quinton that the Committee will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

7. Potential and Current Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.
There being no further business motion to adjourn

Motion to open Closed Session Hannagan	Second Owens	3 RCV yes
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No Action Taken

Motion to Adjourn at 7:35pm Hannagan	Second Owens	3 RCV yes
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