

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
REGULAR MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Call to order Deputy Mayor Hannagan 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 filed with the Quinton Township Clerk, forwarded to the South Jersey Times & Elmer Times, posted on the website and the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

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

Minutes to be approved – August 6, 2024

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

Vouchers to be approved

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY AFFECTING BLOCK 23, LOT 1 AND BLOCK 14 LOT 2.

Open Public Hearing Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

A resident asked where the property was located and the committee explained.

Todd Booker 56 Hiles Ave. We are asking for an easement but the work is done. Committeeman Owens said they still have work to do the lines need to be run and another pole.

Close Public Hearing Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

Motion to Adopt Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE 2024-10 AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 136, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 137 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD

MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Legislature of the State of New Jersey has, in N.J.S.A. 40:48 et seq and N.J.S.A. 40:55D et seq., conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified special flood hazard areas within the boundaries of the Township of Quinton and such areas may be subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare, and

The Ordinance can be reviewed at the Quinton Township website; www.quintonnj.com

Copies of the Ordinance are on file for public inspection, examination and acquisition at the office of the Township Clerk, Marty R. Uzdanevics, at her office in the Quinton Township Municipal Building, 885 Quinton Road (Route 49), Quinton, New Jersey 08072, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (excluding holidays). Members of the public may obtain copies of the Ordinance without cost from the Township Clerk, before and after final adoption.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

RESOLUTION 2024-90 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREE TRIMMING AROUND THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton has approved the use of Patrick Austin Tree Service; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Austin is able to provide the tree trimming for \$4000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Township CMFO has certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available under CY2024 Public Buildings and Grounds OE Budget for the Trimming of tree limbs around the municipal building; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton has directed the Township clerk to proceed as necessary.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KATHLEEN D'ORIO, TAX COLLECTOR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

RESOLUTION 2024-91
A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MICHELLE ALLEN AS TAX COLLECTOR
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton (“Quinton”) is in need of a Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is a certified position which is appointed by the Municipal Government pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.3; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Allen has accepted the position of Tax Collector and holds the necessary tax collector certification required by N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.3; and

WHEREAS, the salary of the Tax Collector will be per the Salary Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the appointment is for an unexpired term from October 1, 2024 to 12/31/2024 due to the resignation of Kathleen D’Orio; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that Michelle Allen is hereby appointed as the Tax Collector for the Township of Quinton, effective immediately.

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

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

RESOLUTION 2024-92
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

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 Joseph Elwell;
and

WHEREAS Joseph Elwell 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 Joseph Elwell 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 Joseph Elwell be compensated according to the Quinton Township Salary Ordinance.
3. That Joseph Elwell shall be paid only when school in session.
4. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute this document.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

MOTION to approve blue light permit for Chase Davis

Motion Owens Second Hannagan 2 RCV yes

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental - Absent

Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling – No report

Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation – No report

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Solicitor Vigilante said the court held a hearing last week on the contempt motion and the contempt motion was granted for the gate on Gill Road the gate must be removed. Their application for right to farm they believe the rules adopted by the Ag board were inappropriately applied to their application and there may be more litigation between them and the Ag Board. All injunctions stay in place.

PUBLIC SESSION

Open to the public

Elizabeth Shultz asked what would happen to the structures that were built will they come down? Jacci said Court said we will give you leave to apply to the Ag Board that the activities are farm activities and are Farming activities therefore are not subject to the planning board and Zoning Board rules. the court said we will allow you leave to apply to the Ag Board and if the Ag board denies it's a farming activity you have to go back to the planning board and zoning board in Quinton. The ag board adopted new policy and procedures for the applicants before them and said you must exhaust at least the application process before the planning and zoning boards. Whether the agricultural board has the authority to enforce that is a state law and judge will weigh in on that. Freedom Farm believes they were improperly adopted and they are considering some type of litigation on the Salem Agricultural board. At some point the Ag board will deny the application and all our injunctions in regard to shooting on that property are still in place. Mrs. Shultz said so he is not allowed to raise pheasants? Solicitor Vigilante said the Judge did not weigh in on raising pheasants and did not weigh in on the building permits.

Irene Carney, asked if you have a farm you can just put up any building he doesn't have to comply with uniform construction code? Solicitor Vigilante said no that is not what I am saying. All those things have been cited problem is we can't move forward with anything while the application is pending at the Ag board. Mrs. Carney said if it gets bounced back to the township can they make him tear them down? Solicitor Vigilant

said yes the township can or he has to get all the zoning permits and construction permits required. If the Ag board comes back and says they are able to farm under the Right to Farm Act they will not have to come to the township for everything. Mrs. Carney said they don't have to get permits from the zoning officer? Solicitor Vigilante said not for everything but that is not my area of the law. I know it excuses them from some filing requirements for variances and planning board applications. Mrs. Carney said this may be out of your realm of expertise but is what Liz found out that he can have fifty thousand pheasant if it is a farming activity it may very well be true? We do not know what the truth is. The raising of fowl is a farming activity, raising fowl to be used in a hunt is not. Mrs. Carney said we can only hope he abides by the waste disposal, we all have well water and are very concerned. Solicitor Vigilante said I would contact the DEP about that.

Christy Waters said the posts were still up and Solicitor Vigilante said the posts are down according to the Zoning Officers pictures he sent us.

Mr. Kates asked on your Ordinance 2024-10 are you going to designate a flood plain administrator? Solicitor Vigilante said we are going to have a public hearing on that next time. It was only presented by title only so we will have the public hearing next time. Mr. Kates said you can't just say yes or no. Solicitor Vigilante said I can tell you what the state is requiring. There is a Flood Plain Administrator identified by title in every town, so the Flood plain Administrator will be the Construction Official. That is the position identified as Flood Plain Administrator. I noticed in the Salary Ordinance Flood Plain Administrator is not listed. Solicitor Vigilante said it wouldn't be we are only required by to have this adopted by October 17, 2024. At that point if there is another title we need to pay for it will be added. Mr. Kates said when you adopt an ordinance it should indicate the Construction Official will be the Flood Plain Administrator. Solicitor Vigilante said it does say the conduction official is the Flood Plain Administrator. Mr. Kates said the average person only reads the ordinance adopted it so unless you present the Ordinance to us we don't know that the construction official will be and the compensation. Solicitor Vigilante state if anyone wants a copy they can get it from the clerk. I can tell you sir it is exactly as promulgated by FEMA from cover to cover. We will go over it at the next meeting.

Mr. Kates says he wants to be sure who that person is and how much they will be paid because we as tax payers should know.

There being no further business motion to adjourn 6:25pm by Hannagan Second Owens
2 RCV yes

Marty Uzdanovics
Municipal Clerk