

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
REGULAR MEETING
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
February 4, 2025

Call 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, Elmer times and posted on the Township website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call Mayor Sperry Deputy Mayor Owens, Committeeman Hannagan

Minutes to be approved December 30, 2024, Reorganization January 7, 2025, Work Session January 23, 2025

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes Sperry abstains from Work session minutes

Vouchers to be Approved

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes

ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) by title only adoption on March 4, 2025

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 2025 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 \$13,154.91 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 2025 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 \$46,042.19 and that the CY 2025 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.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON, SALEM COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS OFFICERS AN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON FOR THE YEAR 2025

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of Quinton Township in the County of Salem, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. That section No. 1 of Ordinance 2024 No.12 is hereby amended and retroactive to January 1, 2025 as follows:

(26) TOWNSHIP CLERK SHARED SERVICE FOR ELSINBORO..... \$16,665.00

SECTION 5. All ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTIONS to be approved

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33

RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FEES

WHEREAS, Quinton Township had a need to hire Special Counsel, and

WHEREAS, Tom Smith, Esquire is a licensed attorney in New Jersey, is qualified to render services for Quinton Township, and specializes in the areas needed, and

WHEREAS, Quinton has the adequate funds available for the Special Counsel, Tom Smith; and

WHEREAS, the agreement stated not to exceed \$7500.00 without committee approval, and

NOW THEREFORE , BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that the Township Committee is hereby authorized to approve the Special Council Fees attached hereto on behalf of Quinton Township;

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 RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-34

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L.2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-reference enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as the pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the township Committee of the Township of Quinton hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-35

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2025

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton, County of Salem, desires to approve their 2025 Emergency Temporary Township Budget and Temporary Sewer Budget of said Municipality, and

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

The 2025 Emergency Temporary Township Budget and the Emergency Temporary Sewer Budget of the Township of Quinton are to read as follows:

See attached:

Motion Owens Second Hannagan RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-36

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton, Township Committee has been directed by the State Registrars Office that it is mandatory to have a Certified Deputy Registrar

WHEREAS, The Certified Deputy Registrar, Emily Thalwitzer will fill that position, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Quinton, Township Committee directs the clerk to proceed with this appointment as mandated by the State of New Jersey.

Motion Owens

Second Hannagan

RCV 3 yes

The Township Committee approved the JIF Safety Contract for 2025

Motion Owens

Second Hannagan

RCV 3 yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Solar proposal- Mayor Sperry asked the other 2 committeeman what they thought and Deputy Mayor Owens said I believe we are all in approval. Solicitor Vigilante was fine with the Summary Proposal and we could sign. Mayor Sperry believes this will be very beneficial to the town. Deputy Mayor Owens said this is just A proposal we are looking at others.

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental – Nothing at this time

Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling - Nothing at this time

Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation – Nothing at this time

Motion to open to the public Owens,

Second Hannagan

3 RCV Yes

PUBLIC SESSION

Pete Mattice asked what is an MOU? Solicitor Vigilante said Memorandum of Understanding this will allow us to go to the next step. What is a Deputy Registrar it is a backup for the Registrar when she is not here. Is it paid? Yes.

Paul Rivell asked where is the solar being proposed? Mayor Sperry replied South Burden Hill Road where our old dump is. He also asked how big a unit? Deputy Mayor Owens said 5 megawatts. Until we get the proposal this is where we are. Mr. Rivell then asked about the COLA Ordinance. CFO Elwell explained every year the state determines the consumer price index. We can only increase our budget 3.5 % with the COLA Ordinance. We can't just arbitrarily increase our budget.

Beth Fox – Where are we with the Recreation Commission? Deputy Mayor Owens said he will have to get back to you but you guys should be able to do the easter bunny. Beth said nothing has been established yet. Mayor Sperry said the recreation resolution will be done at the next meeting and then we can discuss the Easter Bunny.

Jim Smith asked if there are already chair people for the committees at the bottom of the agenda. Mayor Sperry said the committees are made of the Township committee. She also explained that some committees like Environmental are a group that needs people with some training. Solicitor Vigilante explained each member of the committee is a chairperson for the specific committees. Jim Smith asked where do any issues for environmental go? Mayor Sperry said the clerk receives them and puts them in a file and gives a copy to the committee. Usually, it is just a notice and no action needs to be taken. Mayor Sperry then said Joe Hannagan is chairperson of Trash and Recycling and Public Buildings and Grounds. Ray Owens is chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and Recreation. Deputy Mayor Owens said on some of the committees you have to take a few classes. Jim Smith asked if there is money available for the classes? Mayor Sperry said if someone was interested, we could look into it. Jim Smith then asked if there is a Chair for the recreation? Mayor Sperry said that will be done after the resolution is passed. The Clerk has a list of names that we were given.

Pete Mattice asked do we use the landfill? (This is pertaining to the Solar Proposal) Mayor Sperry said no but we still have to test wells every year. The capping would seal anything in the ground and then they would put the arrays on top. Mr. Mattice said do we still have to test it? No, the capping takes care of it. Mr. Mattice said do we need the land fill? Mayor Sperry said no it has been closed for 30 years. Deputy Mayor Owens said no it was our old dump; we use the county landfill now. It's a good trade off if a company wants to do this.

Jerry Oglesby asked the committee for help with all the tires they found on their property. He would like assistance with any monetary assistance to remove them. He does not want this to turn into a problem with the mosquitoes. The county sends someone out to spray to control them. Mrs. Oglesby explained it was her

family's property and they did not know they were there. She also asked for help. Deputy Mayor Owens asked if the county was pushing them to remove them and they said yes. Deputy Mayor Owens said just keep taking a few here and there so they see you are trying. We probably cannot afford to do it but we can look for you. Mrs. Oglesby asked how their family's homes were sold with tires? Deputy Mayor Owens said he can't answer that.

Elizabeth Shultz shared she went to the Ag meeting about Freedom Farm. They were granted approval to have Pheasants and Quail. He cannot hunt. She asked how this will work since he does not follow the rules. Mayor Sperry said we need to wait for the resolution from the Ag board to see how we proceed. Mrs. Shultz asked what happens with the cease-and-desist order? Mayor Sperry said we have to wait until the Ag board finalizes their resolution. She also asked will they make him take down all the buildings that are not legal? Solicitor Vigilante said we have to wait and see what the Ag board comes back with.

Motion to close open session **Owens, Second Hannagan 3 RCV Yes**

Sergeant Flannery from NJSP came and gave us a report on the issues in town from November 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025. He asked everyone to keep their vehicles locked and please be aware of scams with texting, Facebook, etc.

Mr. Mattice asked if they will do this every month? Sergeant Flannery said he was just asked to come and give a report. Mayor Sperry said that she spoke to lieutenant Manzo and they will try to have someone come as often as they can.

There being no further business **motion to adjourn at 6:45pm by Owens, seconded Hannagan, 3 RCV Yes**

Marty Uzdhanovics
Clerk