

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

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, Elmer Times and posted as required by law.

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

Minutes to be approved Regular meeting February 4, 2025

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Vouchers to be approved

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

ORDINANCE to be adopted

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)

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.

Open public hearing

MOTION Sperry SECOND Owens RCV 3 Yes

Close public hearing

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Motion to adopt

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 (Elsinboro Clerk Shared Service)

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.

Open public Hearing

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Close Public Hearing

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Motion to adopt

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

ORDINANCE to be Introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 141-10.3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON ENTITLED "RECEPTACLES"

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Township Code are necessary to ensure that solid waste and recyclable collection comply with the terms of the Shared Services Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton finds it necessary to amend Chapter 141 Section 10.03 to specify the conditions under which a trash cart will be initially issued by the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 141 Article II, Section 10.3 of the municipal code of the Township of Quinton is amended to add (addition is underlined):

Section 1: 141-10.3 Receptacles

All receptacles (referred to herein as “trash carts” or “recycling carts” or “carts”) required herein shall be issued initially by the Township of Quinton, and shall remain the property of the Township of Quinton. No trash cart will be issued for any vacant, abandoned or unoccupied property unless such property has a current Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Township of Quinton. Upon any change of ownership or occupant, all such receptacles shall remain with the property. The property owner and/or occupant is responsible for the replacement of any damaged, stolen or missing receptacles. The replacement must be purchased from the Township of Quinton and the fee is \$75.00 per receptacle. The fee is required to be paid at the time a replacement receptable is requested and provided by the Township of Quinton.

Section 2. Repealer

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. Severability

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

Section 4. Effective Date

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Mayor Sperry clarified Amending Article II, Chapter 141-10.3 to include only properties with a Certificate of Occupancy shall be granted trash carts.

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTIONS to be approved

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-40

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON ESTABLISHING
AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE QUINTON TOWNSHIP TO BE
KNOWN AS THE “RECREATION COMMITTEE”

WHEREAS, The Township Committee of Quinton recognizes the growth of the Township of Quinton and the renewed interest in community and recreation activities;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:63-7, et seq., authorizes and empowers the Township of Quinton to create an Advisory Committee on Recreation to advise the Township Committee and make recommendations for planned recreational and community activities and events and, when such activities and events are approved by Township Committee to organize, staff and manage such activities within the budgetary confines proscribed and approved by Township Committee.

WHEREAS, Township Committee finds that creating an advisory committee on recreation is in the best interest of the residents of Quinton; a

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

The Township of Quinton authorizes an Advisory Committee on Recreation and further authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of Council, to appoint five (5) members to the Committee, all of whom shall be residents of Quinton Township. The members shall serve without compensation. In order to create staggered terms:

- two (2) members shall be appointed to and serve a one (1) year term from February 4, 2025 to December 31, 2025,
- two (2) members shall be appointed to and serve as a two (2) year term from February 4, 2025 to December 31, 2026, and
- one (1) member shall be appointed to and serve full three (3) year term from February 4, 2025 to December 31, 2027.

The Committee shall be advisory only and shall report its recommendations for planned community events and activities to the Township committee by written report submitted to the Township Clerk in advance of the regular meeting of the Township Committee in no event less frequently than twice per year. The report may make recommendations for events and request approval of expenditures not in excess of the line item for recreation in the budget. The advisory committee on recreation shall have no authority to incur any expense without the prior approval by resolution adopted by Township Committee.

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-41

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLISHING LEGAL NOTICES ON OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

WHEREAS, the sunset provision of March 1, 2025 imposed under P.L. 2024 c.106 is fast approaching in what was a temporary solution that allowed local governments to comply with the public notice requirements under the law in time for annual reorganization meetings in January; and,

WHEREAS, local government officials serve as the stewards of property taxpayer dollars and should no longer be required to subsidize the newspaper industry with revenues collected from publishing legal notices in the press; and,

WHEREAS, long before NJ Advanced Media's announcement that it was terminating daily print publications in January of 2025, local government officials found it increasingly difficult to comply with the public notice requirements under the law as the media has become almost exclusively digitized and struggled to retain staff, resources, and publications; and,

WHEREAS, legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local government's official website will streamline an antiquated and overly burdensome process and save valuable time, resources, and property taxpayer dollars; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Quinton Township does in fact, hereby urge state leaders to pass legislation that will authorize municipalities, counties, school districts, and all local governments to publish legal notices in a clear, transparent, and timely manner on a local government's official website.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, Speaker of the General Assembly

Craig Coughlin, Senator Burzichelli, Assemblymembers, David Bailey Jr. and Heather Simmons, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-42

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN DEPUTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Township of Quinton (“Quinton”) adopted Ordinance 1998-5, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135, creating the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk, codified in Chapter 34-9 of the Code of Quinton Township;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135 during the absence or disability of the municipal clerk, the deputy municipal clerk shall have all the powers of the municipal clerk and shall perform the functions and duties of such office, and

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Township Clerk is currently vacant and the Township is in need of a Deputy Clerk, and the Township Council desires to appoint a Deputy Clerk to fill in on an as needed basis, and

WHEREAS, the Deputy Clerk is appointed by the Municipal Government; and

WHEREAS, the salary of the Deputy Clerk will be \$23.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the appointment is from 03/04/2025 - 03/03/2028; and Emily Thalwitzer has accepted the position of Deputy Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton that Emily Thalwitzer is hereby appointed as the Deputy Clerk for the Township of Quinton, effective immediately through March 3, 2028.

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

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-43

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DIGITAL SPEED LIMIT SIGN

WHEREAS, The Township of Quinton has solicited bids for the provision of a Digital Speed Limit Sign; and,

WHEREAS, All Traffic Solutions has submitted the lowest bid for the aforesaid Digital Speed Limit Sign; and

WHEREAS, the Township CMFO has certified that sufficient and legally appropriated funds are available under CY2025 Budget and Pending the successful passage and adoption of the CY2025 Budget for the purchase of a Digital Speed Limit Sign for the 2025 calendar year; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton, County of Salem and State of New Jersey the contract is hereby awarded to All Traffic Solutions; and

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Clerk of Quinton Township are hereby authorized and directed to execute the purchase between Township of Quinton and All Traffic Solutions;
and

All Traffic Solutions.....\$3557.00
Elan City.....\$3800.00
Traffic Systems.....\$3840.00

All Traffic Solutions.....\$3557.00 awarded.

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-44

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON REQUESTING
STUDY OF DESIGNATING BLOCK 34, LOTS 23.01, 30, 32 (FORMER LANDFILL BURDEN HILL
ROAD) WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law,” N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., a municipality may designate an area in need of rehabilitation; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, a delineated area may be determined to be in need of rehabilitation if the governing body of the municipality determines by resolution that a program of rehabilitation, as defined in section 3 of P.L. 1992, c.79 (C.40A:12A-3), may be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community, and that there exist in that area any of the following conditions such that:

- (1) A significant portion of the structures thereon are in a deteriorated or substandard condition;
- (2) More than half of the housing stock in the delineated area is at least 50 years old;
- (3) There is a pattern of vacancy, abandonment, or underutilization of properties in the area;
- (4) There is a persistent arrearage of property tax payments on properties in the area;
- (5) Environmental contamination is discouraging improvements and investment in properties in the area; or
- (6) A majority of the water and sewer infrastructure in the delineated area is at least 50 years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance.

WHEREAS, prior to its cease of operations in 1989, BLOCK 34, LOTS 23.01, 30, 32 on the tax maps of the Township of Quinton (the “Area”) housed the Quinton Township Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Area remains undeveloped; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A (“LRHL”) the Township Committee of the Township of Quinton (the “Township Committee”) has determined to investigate whether the Area should be designated as an “area in need of rehabilitation” as that term is defined in the LRHL; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, the Township Committee has determined that there is sufficient documentation that, with respect to the Area: environmental contamination is discouraging improvements and investment in properties in the Study Area (criteria (5)); and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Area by the Township as an area in need of rehabilitation is expected to promote the overall development of the Township in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if the Area qualifies as an area of in need of rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-12A-14; and

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

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the preliminary investigation (the “Study”) of the Area to be performed by the Municipal Planner to determine that the Area qualifies as “an area in need of rehabilitation.”

The undersigned Mayor of Quinton Township hereby certifies the above as a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Quinton Township Committee on March 4, 2025

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Mayor Sperry informed the public; this is the first step of many to move forward with capping the landfill.

Motion to table Tax Collectors Annual Report for 2024

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

No Committee Reports at this time.

Chairperson of Administration and Environmental
Chairperson of Public Buildings and Grounds, Trash and Recycling
Chairperson of Streets and Roads, Fire, Ambulance and recreation

PUBLIC SESSION

Bill Remster (Burden Hill Rd) RE: Digital speed limit sign; inquiring if we could ask the school if they have a rotating sign with a rotation of signage to slow down or speed limit, Mayor replied digital speed limit sign is different, but agreed without a doubt and letters have already been mailed to the Governor and Senator John Burzichelli.

Todd Boker (56 Hiles Ave) RE: location of digital speed limit sign, clerk replied they are movable. Mayor suggested placing near fire house hoping cars will slow down before the to bend/ school, also considering near elk terrace.

Todd Boker (56 Hiles Ave) RE: Legal public notices published on official government websites. Solicitor replied stating it is a resolution to support the movement in Trenton eliminating the need to publish public notices in two newspapers. Currently, the publication on township website is not recognized as a formal notice, but for most, it is our first source of information, most people do not get the newspaper anymore. This resolution supports the Legislation, changing the law to make public notice on township websites a formal source of notification saving the townships a lot of money and also supports the government keeping up with modern times.

Todd asked whether there could be some form of notification when there is a public notice posted. IE: text alert. Solicitor replied some towns do a *mayor newsletter* individuals can subscribe too – this could be an idea moving forward, keeping in mind the additional cost to the town.

There being no further business motion to adjourn

MOTION Owens SECOND Hannagan RCV 3 Yes

Mart Uzdanovics
Municipal Clerk