

Elsinboro Township
December 7, 2020

The Regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Elwell as advertised. The requirements of the Sunshine Law were met by notifying the South Jersey Times within the time prescribed by law. Notice was posted on the bulletin board and the door at the Emergency Management Building, and also on the website, as this meeting was held by teleconference due to COVID 19 protocol.

Mayor Elwell called this December 7, 2020 township committee meeting to order.

Please stand for the flag salute

Present were: Mayor Elwell, Deputy Mayor McAllister, Committeeman Doug Hogate, CFO, John Willadsen, Clerk Uzdancovics, Solicitor Trunk and Steve Cornman

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and to approve as submitted

Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes

Motion to pay bills after inspection and sufficient funds are available

Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

**RESOLUTION (2020-49)
RESOLUTION TO HONOR VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Don Hart served a six year obligation in the US ARMY starting on February 4, 1957. Two years Active Duty, 2 years Active Reserve and 2 years Standby Reserve; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart completed Basic Training in G Company 2nd Training Regiment in Fort Dix, NJ; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart was transferred to Company A 714th Battalion 774 Group, Train Battalion Railway Operation Steam and Diesel Electric, Fort Eustis, VA; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart was a Crane Operator responsible for loading coal in Locomotive Tenders and stone in Ballast Cars to build and repair railroad tracks and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart built bunkers to test explosives to temporarily destroy railroad tracks so that they could be used later when needed; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart was transferred in June 1958 to Fort Story, VA to a Stevedore Company, where he operated Ship Equipment to load and unload cargo from DUKW's to ARMY Ships; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart moved to Oakwood Beach with his parents at the age of 2 in 1936 and lived in a Historical House on the Riverfront. He then moved with his parents to a cottage, also on the River, where he lived until he went into the ARMY; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart lived in Salem, NJ after returning from the ARMY with his first wife, then moved to Hancocks Bridge, NJ where they raised their two daughters, Kelli and Kerri; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart has lived in his present home with his wife Diane on the Riverfront since 1974; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart worked for DuPont Company at the Explosive Plant in Carney's Point, NJ. His Plant Service started in April, 1956 and ended in 1966 when the Plant closed; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart worked as a Carpenter Supervisor on many outages at Salem Units 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, Don Hart is now a Woodturner who has "turned" many objects, including bowls made from the famous Salem Oak; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro that Don Hart is named **Veteran of the Year 2020**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to him and another placed in the minutes of the Elsinboro Township Clerk.

Motion McAllister

Second Hogate

RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-50

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO, IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXEMPTION OF, A 100% TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN, FROM PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES ON BLOCK 10, LOT 20

WHEREAS, Edward Hassler owner, made application for a total disabled veteran exemption; and

WHEREAS, Edward Hassler was certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs on January 1, 2020, to be 100% permanently and totally disabled and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has determined that said property owner is exempt from paying property taxes commencing January 1, 2020 due to a Total Disabled Veteran status and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of the Township of Elsinboro have recommended cancellation of property taxes for the entire year 2020 and any future billings as long as 38 Sinnickson Landing Road is maintained as primary residence and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Elsinboro has determined that the below listed property taxes billed for 2020 are to be canceled; and

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO CANCEL</u>
10/20	Edward Hassler 38 Sinnickson Landing Road Salem, NJ 08079	\$7138.00

WHEREAS, Mr. Hassler paid the 1st and 2nd quarter taxes and is entitled to a refund of \$3516.64; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro, County of Salem, State of New Jersey that block 10, lot 20 be exempt from taxation as of January 1, 2020. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector to mark her records to reflect said exemption as per meeting on December 7, 2020

Motion McAllister

Second Hogate

RCV 3 yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-51 Resolution of the Elsinboro Township Committee supporting and approving an application of the fiscal year 2020 Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant by the Elsinboro Township Office of Emergency Management

Motion McAllister

Second Hogate

RCV 3 yes

Police Report, Building inspectors report, CO report and Tax Collectors Report to be filed

Township Solicitor - Nothing at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Company – 7 Fire Calls and 9 Ambulance calls

Emergency Management – Deputy Mayor McAllister thanked everyone for helping out on clean out day.

Community Development – Mayor Elwell was happy to report that we received \$153,000.00 in NJDOT grant funds to do the N. Locust and Country Club Road, Project.

Mayor Elwell said the tree lighting at the school was done virtually so all could be involved.

Board of Health – Mayor Elwell told us the rates are increasing for COVID 19 and we have had 2 deaths in Elsinboro. The volunteer program is still available for those who can't go out.

Insurance-Committeeman Hogate attended the required meetings and all is going well with the JIF.

Open to Public Comment

Mr. Grabo shared his plan for the boat ramp. Mayor Elwell reaffirmed the townships support of the boat ramp, as it is an asset to the community. Mr. Grabo requested a phone call with Mayor Elwell. Mayor Elwell provided his phone number.

Cheryl Leonard wanted to know where we stand on the Animal Ordinance. Planning Board Secretary shared it is being worked on, but until COVID lets us open up there isn't much we can do.

Date of Next Meeting: December 22, 2020

Motion for Adjournment at 7:35pm by McAllister, Second Hogate 3 RCV yes