

EL SINBORO TOWNSHIP

May 2, 2022

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 also posted on the bulletin board at the Elsinboro Municipal Building and posted on the Township website.

Mayor Elwell called this May 2, 2022 township committee meeting to order.

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

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

CFO gave Committee treasurer's report and list of bills

Motion to pay bills **Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes**

Present were: Mayor Elwell, Deputy Mayor McAllister, Committeeman Hogate, CFO Willadsen, Clerk Uzdhanovics, Solicitor Arbittier

RESOLUTIONS to be approved

VETERAN OF THE YEAR for 2020 Mr. Hart (Recognized in person due to Virtual Meetings)

**RESOLUTION (2022-21)
RESOLUTION TO HONOR VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Robert Hill graduated from High School in 1970 and joined the US Marine Corp; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill was shipped out to Parris Island, SC for Boot Camp and then Advanced Infantry Training at Camp LeJeune, NC; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill was then assigned to the Marine Brig, Camp Butler, Ishkawa, Okinawa as a Brig Guard for 18 months then attained the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill rotated back to Norfolk Virginia and was assigned to the Navel Brig as a Brig Guard/Chaser; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill was Honorably Discharged from The US Marine Corp at Norfolk Marine Barracks, VA; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Robert Hill enrolled at Salem Community College and in 1975 graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill after graduating from college, worked as a part time photographer with Today's Sunbeam in Salem NJ; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill moved to Athens Ohio in 1977 to attend Ohio University where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill worked at the Minneapolis Tribune, and as a staff photographer at the Idaho Stateman before returning to South Jersey where he worked at The Gloucester County Times before joining the Philadelphia Inquirer; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill remained employed with the Philadelphia Inquirer for 16 Years, then became a freelance photojournalist and is now retired; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill is a Life member of the Salem County Detachment Marine Corps League, presently a Sgt-At-Arms; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill moved to Elsinboro in 1989 and instantly knew it was a great place to live; and

WHEREAS, Robert Hill has served courageously and unselfishly for God, his Country, and Community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro that Robert Hill is named **Veteran of the Year 2022**; 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 3 Ayes

Retired Mayor Jack Elk gave a few words on Veteran of the year.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-22

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Elsinboro has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2022 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Elsinboro that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:

- a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
- b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
- c. Cash deficit of preceding year
- d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
- e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
- f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget

will

permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23

A resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro Authorizing the Clerk to read Resolution No. 2022-24 by title only

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P. L. 1995, provides that a budget resolution may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the budget has been made available for public inspection in the Township of Elsinboro and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requesting them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Township Committee of the Township of Elsinboro that the Township's 2022 budget shall be read by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-24

Re: Resolution of Elsinboro Township
 Adopting The 2022 Municipal
 Budget of Elsinboro Township by
 title only as
 Permitted by Resolution 2022-23

WHEREAS, the mayor and members of the township committee of Elsinboro Township (hereinafter committee) have determined that this would be an appropriate time to adopt the Township’s 2022 municipal budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Elsinboro Township, County of Salem that:

1. They hereby adopt the facts and determinations as set forth in the preamble of this resolution as if the same were more fully set forth herein, and the facts and determinations shall have the same binding effect as the paragraphs set forth herein below.
2. The budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of \$478,353.53 to be raised for municipal purposes.
3. that by the Township Committee of Elsinboro Township, County of Salem, that a summary of the 2021 Municipal Budget of Elsinboro Township be as follows:

Revenues:

Surplus Anticipated	\$237,100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	126,934.59
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00
Amount to be raised by Taxation For Municipal Purposes	478,353.53
 Total Revenues	 \$877,388.12

Appropriations:

Within “Caps”	
Operations including Contingent Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-Municipal	\$598,626.00
 Excluded from “Caps”	
Operations-Total Operations Excluded From “Caps”	12,898.00

Capital Improvements	45,600.00
Municipal Debt Service	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	211,959.53
Total Appropriations	\$877,388.12

4. That the previously stated items of Revenue and Appropriations which includes the Amount to Be Raised by Taxation for Local Purposes shall constitute The 2022 Municipal Budget of Elsinboro Township and is hereby adopted.

Motion to open to public Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

Motion to close public Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

Motion to adopt Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

Mayor Ewell said the increase will be below a penny.

**RESOLUTION (2022-25)
RESOLUTION TO CANCEL TAXES DUE TO UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ACQUISITION OF LAND**

WHEREAS, Block 1 Lot 1 along the Salem River and Salem River Cut-off has been acquired by the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes will be canceled retroactive to December 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Federal Government Property becomes exempt immediately upon acquisition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector of the Township of Elsinboro is authorized to cancel taxes on block 1 lot 1 in Elsinboro Township.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

**SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26**

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources;

NOW THEREFORE, we the town of Elsinboro, resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal landuse decisions with the intent of making Elsinboro a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly:

1. **Regional Cooperation** - We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.
2. **Transportation Choices** - We pledge to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning

transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

3. **Natural Resource Protection** - We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.
4. **Mix of Land Uses** - We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.
5. **Housing Options** - We pledge, through the use of our zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.
6. **Green Design** - We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.
7. **Municipal Facilities Siting** - We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bike ability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

MOTION TO APPROVE Bingo License for VFW Post #253 Ladies Auxiliary
CPL Joseph C. Toulson

Motion McAllister Second Hogate 3 Ayes

Police Report, Building Inspectors Report, CO Report and Tax Collector's Report to be kept on file

Township Solicitor – Solicitor Arbittier has 2 tax appeals for May 3.

Committee Reports

Fire Company – 50/50 drawing on May 15.

Emergency Management – Deputy Mayor McAllister – FEMA drill May 10 at 4:00pm.

Community Development- Mayor Elwell will have bike to school day and shadowing with Elsinboro second grade class. Deeds are still in the process for Shad Roe, Yerkes lane and Schrier Ave.

Insurance- Committeeman Hogate attended all the required JIF meetings and all Elected Officials Training has been completed.

Administration-Elwell shared the ARP funds have to be encumbered by 2024 and spent by 2026. The township may spend some of the funds on a building for the truck and digital sign. They are also looking into a UTV. Mayor Elwell is looking into a property maintenance ordinance and the Sustainable Jersey Grant is almost ready for submission.

Open to Public Comment

Mr. Hart said he was tickled to death with the taxes. He also wondered if we can use regular trash bags. Mayor Elwell responded yes but only trash bags that are used for trash cans. Mr. Hart then asked if they can issue tickets for people who are illegally parking at the point. Mayor Elwell said he would talk to the police.

Date of Next Meeting: June 6, 2022

Motion for Adjournment made at 7:55pm **McAllister Second Hogate**
3 Ayes