



**Township of Holland**  
IN  
HUNTERDON COUNTY

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**Draft Agenda-Business to the extent known**

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

May 5, 2015

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

*If you haven't already done so, please turn off or silence all electronic equipment*

**FLAG SALUTE**

*"At this time, I would like to invite the audience to join the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance"*

**CLERK READS OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Township Clerk on December 11, 2014 by:

- 1) posting such notice on the bulletin board at the municipal building and on the Holland Twp website
- 2) mailing the same to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express-Times.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE:** April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

**APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SUBMITTED**

**REMINDER/ANNOUNCEMENT**

Holland Township will host a document shredding day at the Recycling Center on May 16 from 9am – noon or when the truck fills.

**OLD BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**-Personnel Policy Update-Social Media Policy**

- At the January 20, 2015 meeting, Attorney Cushing reported this policy should be ready for the next meeting (February 3, 2015)
- At the February 3, 2015 meeting Attorney Cushing reported the draft will be emailed to the Committee for review before the February 17, 2015 meeting.
- At the February 17, 2015 meeting Clerk Miller was instructed to send this draft to Department Heads and Board and Commission Secretaries that currently manage Township Social Media pages for comments.
- At the March 3, 2015 meeting this issue was TABLED to the March 17, 2015 meeting when it is anticipated the entire Committee will be present

- At the March 17, 2015 meeting Attorney St Angelo was asked to make some changes and Mr. Vogel and Mr. Scheibener advised they would discuss this policy with the new website company at their March 24, 2015 meeting
- At the April 7, 2015 meeting adoption of this policy was TABLED until the May 5, 2015 meeting when it is anticipated the entire Committee will be present and giving Mr. Vogel and Mr. Scheibener time to discuss this policy with the new website company

**-ORDINANCE-2015-\_\_\_-Introduction/First Reading-Abandoned / Vacant Properties**

- This draft was emailed to the Committee on February 17, 2015 for review and sent to the Zoning Officer for review and comments on February 19, 2015.
- At the March 3, 2015 meeting Introduction was TABLED until the March 17, 2015 meeting giving time to make minor changes
- At the March 17, 2015 meeting introduction was TABLED giving more time for the Committee to review the draft and to give the Attorney time to clean up the Ordinance language
- At the April 7, 2015 meeting adoption of this Ordinance was TABLED until the May 5, 2015 meeting when it is anticipated the entire Committee will be present and giving the Committee time to review

**ORDINANCE 2015-\_\_\_**

**ORDINANCE ADDING A CHAPTER ENTITLED “ABANDONED / VACANT PROPERTIES” AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 195 ENTITLED “NUISANCES” OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**-ORDINANCE 2015-3-Public Hearing/Final Adoption-Illicit Sewer Connections**

**ORDINANCE 2015-3**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 135 ENTITLED “SEWERS” AND CHAPTER 115 ENTITLED “CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY” OF CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE SEWER SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Holland have determined that certain amendments to the Code of the Township of Holland are required to specifically prohibit illicit connections to the municipal sewer system in order to protect the public, health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to prevent such illicit connections the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Holland have determined that a finding by the Zoning Officer that a building’s sewer connection is legal should be a prerequisite to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:49-5 sets forth the maximum fine that can be imposed for the first violation of a municipal ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Holland have determined that certain amendments to the Code of the Township of Holland are required in order to be consistent with such mandate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the following provisions of the Code of the Township of Holland are amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 135-1 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended to add the following language:

**ILLCIT CONNECTION**

Any physical or non-physical connection to the Township sewer system other than by permit issued by the Township in accordance with its rules and regulations.

**SECTION 2.** Section 135-28 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Prohibited Conduct” is hereby added as follows:

A person or entity is prohibited to make any connection to the Township sewer system without a permit issued by the Township in accordance with its rules or regulations. Such prohibited connection shall include, but not be limited to, a sump pump connection, roof drain, washer connection, or any other connection by a customer to the Township sewer system.

**SECTION 4.** Section 135-29 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Certificate of Occupancy, Inspections.” is hereby added as follows:

During any Certificate of Occupancy inspection or Home Occupation Permit inspection the appropriate inspector shall inspect for illicit connections to the Township sewer system as part of said inspection and shall deny such Certificate or Permit pursuant to Section 115-2 of the Code if an illicit connection is found.

The Township reserves the right to use whatever tests are available to determine the existence of illicit connections. It also reserves the right to inspect properties in order to enforce these prohibitions. Such inspections will only be conducted if the Township has reasonable evidence to prove that an illicit connection may exist.

**SECTION 5.** Section 135-30 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Enforcement” is hereby added as follows:

This section shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer, Municipal Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, or any other duly authorized or deputized individual.

**SECTION 6.** Section 115-2 of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Notice of Change in Ownership; Inspection” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (Additions indicated in boldface and italics *thus*; deletions indicated with strike-through ~~thus~~):

The owner of any affected building shall notify the Zoning Officer of the Township of any impending change in ownership by deed (other than a deed executed pursuant to a court order) of an undivided interest in fee of a property containing an affected building or a change in tenancy of an affected building. After the receipt of such notice, the Zoning Officer shall, within 14 days, inspect the building to determine whether there is any obvious noncompliance with any Board of Health ordinances of this Township, *with Chapter 135 “Sewers” of the Code of the Township of Holland*, or with Chapter 100, Part 1, Zoning, of the Code of the Township of Holland, as amended. ...

**SECTION 7.** Section 135-27(A) of the Code of the Township of Holland entitled “Violations and Penalties” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (Additions indicated in boldface and italics *thus*; deletions indicated with strike-through ~~thus~~):

~~The governing body may prescribe penalties for the violation of ordinances it may have authority to pass, either by imprisonment in the county jail or in any place provided by the municipality for the detention of prisoners, for any term not exceeding 90 days or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both.~~

*For violation of any provision of this chapter, the penalty, upon conviction, shall be a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine not exceeding \$2,000, or imprisonment for a period no exceeding 90 days, or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof. Each day on which such violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.* The court before which any person is convicted of violating this chapter shall have power to impose any fine or term of imprisonment not exceeding the maximum fixed in this chapter.

**SECTION 8.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 9.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 10.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **NEW BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**-PROCLAMATION-Relay for Life:**

**PROCLAMATION  
RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
American Cancer Society Relay for Life Proclamation for Hunterdon County

**WHEREAS**, the Relay For Life program is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to fight back against cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, money raised during Relay For Life of Hunterdon County supports the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back; and

**WHEREAS**, Relay for Life events helped fund more than \$177.5 million in cancer research last year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015 by the Holland Township Committee of the Township of Holland in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that June 13 and June 14, 2015 be named:

**"RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY DAYS"**

in our community and encourage citizens to help finish the fight against cancer by participating in the Relay For Life event at Hunterdon Central Regional High School on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of 2015.

**-RESOLUTION-** Authorizing Refund of Tax Sale Certificate to an Outside Lienholder

**RESOLUTION**

Authorizing Refund of Tax Sale Certificate to an Outside Lienholder

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on September 28, 2011, a lien was sold on Block 25 Lot 58.04, also known as 473 Stamets Road for unpaid 2010 taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bank of America has redeemed Certificate No 2011-13

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, the Township Committee, Township of Holland, County of Hunterdon in the state of New Jersey directs the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$72583.92 plus the premium amount of \$19,500.00 payable to US Bank Cust. for MD Sass 2 Liberty Pl 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1950 Philadelphia, PA 19102 on Tax Sale Certificate #2011-13.

**-RESOLUTION-** Authorizing Refund of Tax Sale Certificate to an Outside Lienholder

**RESOLUTION**

Authorizing Refund of Tax Sale Certificate to an Outside Lienholder

**WHEREAS**, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 10, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 1 Lot 39, also known as 3 Hawks Schoolhouse Road for unpaid 2013 taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the owner has redeemed Certificate No 2014-001

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, the Township Committee, Township of Holland, County of Hunterdon in the state of New Jersey directs the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$9,057.27 payable to US Bank Custodian. for PC5 2 Liberty Pl 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 2050 Philadelphia, PA 19102 on Tax Sale Certificate #2014-001.

**BUSINESS FROM TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC**-(speakers will be limited to 3 minutes)

**ADJOURN** at \_\_\_\_\_