

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 18, 2016**

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 7:34 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Abraham, Mayor Pfefferle, Twp. Atty. Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to go into Executive Session with the Alexandria Township Planning Board as a Joint Session.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12,** Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

**Mt. Laurel Housing**

Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.  
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Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately .

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Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to return to Public Session.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution 2016-045 Appointment of Chris Hart as the Alexandria Township Chief Financial Officer

To be discussed in Executive Session-Second Session

- Set a date for Capital Improvement/2016 Budget Meeting

The Township Committee will have a budget meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the conference room.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Approval for Hatch Mott MacDonald to begin preliminary work on Schoolhouse Road

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to allow preliminary work up to \$100,000.00 as approved in the 2015 budget.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**  
**Nay: None**  
**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to take a five minute break at 8:21 PM.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**  
**Nay: None**  
**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

- *Meeting resumed at 8:26PM.*

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to go into Executive Session.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**  
**Nay: None**  
**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion to Approve Open Public Meeting Resolution for EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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**DPW Contract  
Mt. Laurel Housing**

- Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.  
**Peacefield Janssen Farm-Farmland Preservation (B-15, L-10)**

- Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.  
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**CFO Chris Hart**

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**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to approve Resolution 2016-045.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**RESOLUTION 2016 – 045 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF  
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER  
HART AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Alexandria is in need of a Chief Financial Officer,  
and;

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Hart is qualified for this position, and;

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Hart will be paid a yearly salary of \$30,000.00 and upon  
acquiring a certificate as a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) will be paid a yearly salary  
of \$35,000.00;

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of Christopher Hart as Chief Financial Officer will  
be for the unexpired term of Edward Peter Rees ending December 31, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, effective this date, the Alexandria  
Township Committee, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey does hereby appoint  
Christopher Hart to the position of Chief Financial Officer. This appointment shall take  
effect immediately upon adoption of this Resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Session One:**

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Mt. Laurel Housing/Litigation:

A closed session joint meeting with the Alexandria Township Planning Board is  
scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM. A public hearing is scheduled for  
Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Session Two:**

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- DPW Contract/Contract Negotiations:

Matter to stay in Executive Session

- Peacefield Janssen Farm-Farmland Preservation (B-15, L-10)/Attorney-Client  
Privilege:

Matter to Stay in Executive Session

- CFO Position/Personnel :

Township Clerk Bobrowski will speak with Chris Hart, newly appointed CFO about Asst. CFO Diane McDaniel staying longer to assist him with payroll.

- Mt. Laurel Housing/Litigation:

Township Clerk Bobrowski will call Special COAH Atty. Drill in regards to the escrow account that needs to be set up.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to adjourn.

**Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle**

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Michele Bobrowski, RMC**

**Township Clerk**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of February 18, 2016 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township on the 9th day of March 2016.

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R. Christian Pfefferle, Mayor

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_