

June 18, 2019

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:20 p.m.

Salute to the flag and moment of silent prayer called by the Mayor.

Mayor's Statement – Open Public Meetings Act & Emergency Fire Exits.

In Compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Committee was provided in the following manner:

- (A) On January 2, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey
- (B) On January 3, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and the Two River Times. On January 4, 2019 advanced written notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press.
- (C) On January 2, 2019, copies of advance written notice of this meeting were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notices on or before January 1, 2019.

Time will be allotted for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker will be allotted a 5 minute time limit when recognized by the Mayor. Individuals wishing to address the Committee, shall give their name and address. Although the Township Committee encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through the Mayor, to terminate remarks to and/or by an individual not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The Township Committee will not, during the public portion of this meeting, discuss matters involving any specific, prospective or current employee.

FIRE EXITS are located in the directions I am indicating: Farther down at the end of the room, through the doors and down the stairs, directly out the front door.

To my right is the door, make a right down the hallway which leads to the stairs and directly out the rear of the building.

If you are alerted for fire, please move in a calm and orderly manner to the nearest exit. Finally, let the record reflect that the minutes of this meeting will accurately reflect the topics addressed during this meeting but will not be a verbatim transcript of tonight's proceedings. Thank you. I direct the Municipal Clerk to enter into the minutes of this meeting these announcements.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Committeewoman Clark	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeeman McKay	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeeman Sachs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Deputy Mayor Glackin	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Aagre	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2019 and March 19, 2019.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Ordinance Hearings:

1. AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, SALARY RANGES, INCREMENTS, WAGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF HAZLET TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2019

Introduced: June 3, 2019.

Posted in Town Hall – June 4, 2019.

Published in the Asbury Park Press on June 6, 2019. Proof on file.

Hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2019.

Hearing:

Barbara Ronchetti: Is the payroll person being appointed to the position? He has been there for six months.

Mayor Aagre: This is done to have the title and salary established by ordinance. An applicant would be hired based on experience, if the Township chooses to do so.

Ms. Ronchetti: This person was hired and recommended by a former committee person.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt (X) Reject () Other ()

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RATIFYING ORDINANCE NO. 1636-19 CONCERNING THE REZONING OF BLOCK 68.13, LOT 26 AND BLOCK 69.01 LOT 8, PURSUANT TO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN HIGHVIEW HOMES, LLC V. TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET

Introduced: May 21, 2019.

Posted in Town Hall – May 22, 2019.

Published in the Asbury Park Press on May 24, 2019. Proof on file.

Hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2019.

Hearing:

Bill Shewan: This is not in the best interest of the citizens of Hazlet Township. I do realize this is a mandate from the State on affordable housing according to Mount Laurel doctrine. Then we have firms like Highview Homes when you don't have a COAH Plan and they come in and they force the Township to do things. From what I understand the Court system also threatened to take over our Land Use Board.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: They did file a motion for scarce resources and the State would come in and take over our zoning.

Mr. Shewan: I think everyone should be aware of that. It's up to politicians to fight harder and I don't mean just this Township because it's happening throughout this State. They are coming in and dictating this to so many Towns and changing the tenure of the Town...changing what the Towns are all about. It diminishes the quality of life. I think the Town should have fought harder but I do blame it on the State. I blame it on the Courts. Someone needs to fight...the citizens can't do it. It has to be the politicians on all levels and it is not being done.

Mayor Aagre: Mr. Shewan, the Town has fought very hard on this for three years. To cut down from one tenth from what our obligation was in the beginning is a quite an achievement as it is. Yes, as Deputy Mayor Glackin mentioned, we reduced that to what we could get out of them. We fought very hard so I do not agree with your statement that we did not work hard enough. Does something need to be done? Everything else I agree with absolutely. There are things working with some of the politicians to get that done but is going to happen soon? No. Even the Judge said at the first meeting in which you were at he said been through this for about thirty years, both administrations, nothing has changed. It's still there. So it diminishes the quality of life. Throughout every Town, their committees are liable for this. This is not something unique to Hazlet. I believe we are doing an excellent job reducing them down one-tenth of what was required. Otherwise, we would have 8,000 new homes somewhere in Town or throughout the Town for the over 800 units that we were basically committed to. So, I disagree with you. Is everything else right? No. It diminishes the overcrowding? Absolutely. Have they taken consideration in the traffic? No. Have they take consideration with any school? No. Any changes that were made has nothing to do with what I was doing previously. It was more in clarifications of the property and the like.

Attorney Gorman: You do know why we had to do this? Mr. DiMartino sued. Rather than fighting a lawsuit, we're taking all of his recommendations whether we agree with him or not and putting them in a new ordinance and we are doing it again. Rather fighting it out

in Court about whether the other ordinance was valid or not. This is the easiest least expensive way for the Town to defend this lawsuit. I don't see Mr. DiMartino here tonight.

Mr. Shewan: The reasons why I went over this is to really show how a Town also is forced to put through ordinances that they normally wouldn't do.

Mayor Aagre: That's correct.

Jamie Iacouzzi Capone: Can you explain why the ordinance is being re-introduced or amended?

Attorney Gorman: Every complaint that Mr. DiMartino made, we're just saying okay you can have that.

Mayor Aagre: Nothing changes in the bulk or size requirements or changes to the site plan. It was just descriptions and all of that.

Ms. Iacouzzi Capone: What are the specific differences from the ordinance that was re-introduced and...

Attorney Gorman: Look at the copy. The underlined things are the things that are new.

Ms. Iacouzzi: So the ordinance prior to this was valid or not valid?

Attorney Gorman: Valid.

Ms. Iacouzzi: What is the status of the Affordable Housing Committee?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: As of June we're going to be sending in our final plans for approval, next Tuesday...

Attorney Gorman: June 25th. Next Tuesday.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: ..for our final approval from the State and then now we have to basically work our plan.

Angel Salerno: You or somebody in your office was supposed to address the Department of Transportation and ask them for some way to have the entrance and exit on Route 36. You failed to do it ...why?

Mayor Aagre: You are incorrect. Again please read loud and clear for everyone. I've reached out four times to the DOT. I went to several different people who run that process. In fact, I was OPRA for that information. It is on record. Actually, I just received an email today from the DOT and they are looking to meet. Okay so we are still looking into it. It's currently at the Land Use Board so perhaps you should go to their meetings and address your concerns and closures and all at that point also so that you have both points. You get it from the Town side and you also have the developer looking into it. So don't tell me I did not do my job.

Ms. Salerno: Now you gave me the answers. I will go to the Land Use Board and address this. Thank you.

Arthur Scotto: Same thing with Aumack. Scott I am glad you reached out. It's a good thing. There are a few different things that we also need to address. The construction vehicles and everything else. Everybody on Hemlock and Mountain will have to deal with construction fields and dump trucks. We need to close that off as soon as possible.

Mayor Aagre: I think that is reasonable and is something that can be worked out with the Land Use Board as far as during the construction process and further after that.

Mr. Scotto: I believe we should reach out to the politicians and fighting a little harder. Come 2025 it's coming again. It needs to stop. It starts with our politicians.

Committeeman Sachs: I will give you another good reason to get up and out of your chairs and start the fight against the State on your own, not just leave it to the politicians. How many people realize the fact that Holmdel's plan right now as it stands is to construct a five story, 50 unit building behind the P & P Sweet Shop. That's one site. The other sites are all along our borders also. That's the other thing with the traffic problem here because you also are talking about within probably a five mile radius between Keyport, Keansburg, the Holmdel project and our own project, how many more vehicles are we going to shove down our roads? That's an issue I think should have been brought up to the State that there should be something done about where you build these. It shouldn't be built on our borders. It should be built in the center of their borders. Almost like what we are doing in our Township.

Mr. Scotto: I thank you for reaching out to them Scott. Hopefully the Land Use Board turns around and sees it our way and we can close this off because it's not going to be good for the Township.

Greg Dubin: Thank you guys for all that you have been doing. We do understand that our hands are tied on this. The property on the side of Advance Auto, is there a reason why they are so willing to give us that? Is it better to collect taxes from them?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: You don't get a whole lot of taxes on land. You get it on improvements.

Mr. Dubin: Whatever you can do to close off Hemlock would be good. Can the Town initiate a study?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: The Land Use Board attorney will take care of that.

Kathy Flannelly: Where is the access road going to be for all the construction vehicles?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: That question is really for the Land Use Board.

Angel Salerno: You could've bought the property and use it for recreation and have the carnivals.

Rich Pyburn: As to cutting off Hemlock, are you guys pushing for that?

Mayor Aagre: DOT may or may not have control of that intersection. I assume we need to survey the whole neighborhood because it's going to affect people during that process. We will need some type of survey for that area.

Mr. Pyburn: So you will reach out to us for our opinion?

Mayor Aagre: Absolutely.

Lucille LoSapio: What is the size of this little piece of property that they are giving us?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: About an acre.

Ms. LoSapio: What is it going to be potentially used for?

Attorney Gorman: That hasn't even been a topic of discussion.

Mayor Aagre: Right now it's going to be a residential zone.

Attorney Gorman: What we did at this point was take control away from the builder. The builder said he didn't want it so they are dedicating it to the Town.

Ms. LoSapio: I am just trying to figure out the value of it.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: The value of it is it stops the traffic from going straight down Mountain right into it. You are not going to the top of Mountain and try to catch the light. So they have to actually go around and it slows down the traffic that is coming.

Mayor Aagre: Right now it keeps the traffic coming to the natural course of the road.

Barbara Ronchetti: On that note of Aumack Street, your statement said it stops them from going...it's a jug handle right now right? How come they can give it to us so easily and they don't have to go to the DOT to get the jug handle changed? What are we negotiating then?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: Just saying about the road?

Ms. Ronchetti: Yeah, because you said they were going to be flying down Hemlock. Well if they'll fly down Hemlock...

Deputy Mayor Glackin: The DOT would prefer it had to be down the middle.

Ms. Ronchetti: But I thought you said you didn't hear from the DOT?

Deputy Mayor Glackin: Well when they present their plans that's how DOT does all their roundabouts....

Ms. Ronchetti: Well just because it doesn't that doesn't mean that we can't fight it and to say not to do that.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: That's why we demanded...

Ms. Ronchetti: So we could have demanded that they come in from Highway 36 rather than that point right there because it's still the same jug handle that it was going to be. It is no advantage to us and it's a very small piece of property. And how are we going to stop all those residents from parking over there like when they had Holy Family carnival?

So the police are now are going to be involved at our expense because we have to give tickets to these people who are now parking there illegally.

Committeeman Sachs: That is if they park there. I've never seen any cars parked on that piece of property in all the years I've been here.

Ms. Ronchetti: No it is not true...they did too...at the Holy Family Carnivals.

Attorney Gorman: It was the church's property. If the church allowed parking, then they allowed parking. If the Township owns it and says don't park here, then we can enforce it.

Marijohn Babino: Hemlock is bus stop for several children. My children are six and four. As a mother, I really urge you to try and close that street. My children and my neighbors' children use that bus stop. It's already a racetrack there. Please close that street,

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin 2nd Committeewoman Clark

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt (X) Reject () Other ()

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin 2nd Committeewoman Clark

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolution #149 through #151 are by Consent Agenda. All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussions of these items. If discussion is desired by the Mayor or any member of the Township Committee, that item will be removed and will be considered separately. Advance copies of each resolution have been given to each Committee Member. The original resolutions are with the Municipal Clerk for inspection as listed below.

149. Renewal of the 2019-2020 Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses.

150. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4206 to Schaufler Franzen VFW Post #4303.

151. Authorizing the Township to assess a Municipal Lien on various properties for property maintenance.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin 2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

Anyone who would like to address the Township Committee regarding the below listed Resolutions on the Agenda, please come up, print your name and address on the sign in sheet. There is a five (5) minute time limit. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

NO ONE SPOKE.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

152. Authorizing adoption of Hazlet Township's Home Rehabilitation Program Operating Manual.

Offered Committeeman McKay

2nd Committeewoman Clark

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

153. Approving revision to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

Offered Committeewoman Clark

2nd Committeeman McKay

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

154. Authorizing the Tax Collector to execute a Certificate of Partial Redemption for a portion of Block 1, Lot 2.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

155. Appointment of Rebecca Casa as an employee of the Hazlet Township Recreation Summer Camp.

Offered Committeeman McKay

2nd Committeewoman Clark

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

156. Authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to enter into a contract with CivicPlus for the Township's website.

Offered Committeewoman Clark

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

157. Refund of Summer Camp Registration fees and Summer Camp Trip fees to Eric Lachow.

Offered Committeeman McKay

2nd Committeewoman Clark

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

158. Authorizing the payment of accumulated vacation and compensatory time to Christopher LoBello.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

159. Dedication by Rider for Equitable Sharing Program from Law Enforcement Federal Forfeited Funds.

Offered Committeewoman Clark

2nd Committeeman McKay

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

160. Dedication by Rider for Outside Employment of Off-Duty Municipal Officers.

Offered Committeeman McKay

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

161. Dedication by Rider for Animal Control Fees.

Offered Committeewoman Clark

2nd Committeeman McKay

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

162. Renewal of an inactive ABC Plenary Retail Consumption License – MCES LLC (formerly Lone Star).

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

163. Salary increase for Michael Pease and Joseph Eckel per the current PBA Contract.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Citizens Hearing:

There is a five (5) minute time limit. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

Maureen Miller: I always had a problem with the Pool Club because I feel that for the people of Hazlet the prices should be lower than what they are. At this time, there are a lot of people who do come from the outside. I just want to make sure that this pool club stays open at all times.

Charles Kwaitkowski: I have multiple sclerosis for 26 years. Since diagnosed and among the million of prescriptions that I've used is medical marijuana. I cannot afford the prices of any dispensary in New Jersey and the dangers on the streets of what you buy that's really not real. I will beg you to go after the next level so that I can have home cultivation. I don't care if it's indoor or in my yard. I beg for some assistance or direction.

Mayor Aagre: I don't know what the current State's status is on cultivation...but I can inquire for you if it helps.

Attorney Gorman: My understanding is it's waiting for the Governor's signature. When I read the bill, I don't think they had cultivation in it.

Mr. Kwaitkowski: Thank you so much for what you said.

Mayor Aagre: You are welcome.

Jeff Oaks: I am from Oceanport. I am here to also talk about medical cannabis. I am here to support my friend...he needs help like I do. I have stage 4 cancer. I'm getting sick in coming to these meetings and begging for help. It's pathetic. We should be so much better. We should be so much more educated on this. We are behind the times. This is New Jersey...we should be more forward thinking. There is no reason why local governments can't be educated on what their citizens need...and you have citizens here in Hazlet that need your compassion. They need your help. They need medicine that isn't going to break their backs financially. I myself have spent over \$30,000 on my few years of cancer.

Mayor Aagre: We appreciate you coming down.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: I don't know what can be done from the Municipal level to help to reduce the cost of medical marijuana.

Mr. Oakes: Well I would first suggest to remove the ban on medical marijuana and to actually have a resolution to promote the medical marijuana. There is a need for accessibility for patients. You guys have a lot of power. You can use that power to help people. Thank you.

Mayor Aagre: Thank you.

Jeffrey King: I am from Eatontown. You heard what my friend said and I can't really say it any better but I just wanted to add my voice, my face and my name to the cause of the people who suffer and who could be helped by some compassion and some advocacy of how can we do better and the warm embracing of a different path. I think it's the right idea to lend a compassionate helping hand and not handcuffs and treat people like family and care for them. I just encourage you to share that approach with your peers and all the people in Trenton that you are friends with and in Freehold. It really makes a difference if you can be leaders and welcome a dispensary so that...it's about pain relief and I really appreciate your consideration in this. Thank you.

Mayor Aagre: Thank you.

Lefty Grimes: I am from Bayonne. This is Leo Bonghole. My friend and I go around the State playing songs for the Towns that have banned medical cannibas...because medical cannibas could've helped my brother in law who passed away two weeks ago from opioids. I tried to help Frank a lot...I tried to get him off opioids. I was on opioids for ten years because of my surgeries. I used zero opioids... I used cannibas and took cannibas suppositories after my surgery. That's why I am advocating for this. You guys are hurting children with cancer. You are hurting vets with your ban. I urge you to reconsider your ban and I will remove you from this song...because you guys wrote this song yourselves. It's all in alphabetical order. [sings song].

Mayor Aagre: Thank you.

Barbara Ronchetti: Going back to the Municipal Treasurer title...

Committeeman Sachs: We are not allowed to have the title of Assistant CFO

Ms. Ronchetti: or Deputy CFO right?

Committeeman Sachs: I believe Dennis delved into it, but that's the title that person would have to have that gets the Assistant CFO.

Ms. Ronchetti: I know that it has to be posted in house first for the employees to put their applications in. Correct?

Mayor Aagre: Yes.

Ms. Ronchetti: The person that I talked about before is our payroll clerk who started in December. Started with the salary of \$52,000. If this same person gets this job, either give him the salary of a \$26,000 increase which equates out into a 47% raise in his salary.

Mayor Aagre: Whoever gets it...you are taking one salary and...

Ms. Ronchetti: You're right. I am taking the one person that I'm understanding that this is probably going to happen to. I could be wrong. I've known to be wrong before. If this same person was working in the Township for two weeks and come January 1st when we give our own increase, does this person who only worked here for two weeks get that 2%?

Administrator Pino: I will have to check all of that. I don't know if that is true...I don't know.

Attorney Gorman: We cannot talk about personnel here.

Ms. Ronchetti: I am talking in general...

Attorney Gorman: No you are not.

Deputy Mayor Glackin: No, not really.

Ms. Ronchetti: You're right. I am not.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Voice vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Voice vote: Yes

Time: 9:25 p.m.