

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:00 p.m.

Salute to the flag and moment of silent prayer called by 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 3, 2012, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:

1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.

(B) On January 3, 2012, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to

the Independent and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 6, 2012.

(C) On January 3, 2012 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, 2012.

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. Thank you. I direct the Municipal Clerk to enter into the minutes of this meeting these announcements.

ROLL CALL	PRESENT	ABSENT
Committeeman Aagre	X	_____
Committeeman Belasco	X	_____
Committeeman Brady	X	_____
Deputy Mayor Sachs	X	_____
Mayor Tinker	X	_____

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, February 21, 2012.

Offered Deputy Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Executive Session Minutes – February 16, 2012 and February 21, 2012.

Offered Deputy Mayor Sachs

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

(abstain 2/16/12)

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

Presentation of an award from the JIF for the Township's Safety Program-Tamara

Connor Strong.

Accepted by: David Tinker

Proclamation – Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Resolution S-1 – Introduction of the 2012 Municipal Budget

Hearing Date – April 3, 2012

Offered Deputy Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman Brady

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes
Ordinance Hearing:

1.

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) FOR THE 2012
CALENDAR YEAR

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

Introduced: February 21, 2012.

Published in The Asbury Park Press, issue of February 24, 2012. Proof on file.

Posted in Town Hall – February 22, 2012.

Hearing scheduled for March 6, 2012.

Hearing:

No one spoke at hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Belasco

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Vice vote: Yes

(Adopt x)

Action of Committee:

Offered Committeeman Belasco

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Reports:

MUNICIPAL JUDGE – November 2011 – Total fees collected - \$17,996.40.

December 2011 – Total fees collected - \$29,218.26.

January 2012 – Total fees collected - \$21,790.94.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – January 2012 – 1,473 police activities reported.

February 2012 – 1,430 police activities reported.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – December 2011 and January 2012–Received and read.

CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL - November 2011 - Total fees collected \$37,057.00.

December 2011 - Total fees collected \$21,687.00.

2011 Annual Report - Total fees collected \$258,496.00.

January 2012 – Total fees collected \$12,601.00.

February 2012 – Total fees collected \$15,613.00

ZONING OFFICER – 2011 Annual Report – Total fees collected - \$54,909.45.

TAX COLLECTOR – November and December 2011 – Received and read.

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

Resolutions #61 through #65 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.

61.

Issuance of Raffle License RL-3030 to the VFW Veterans of Foreign War.

62.

Release of the performance guarantee for Vincent Spalliero, Block 17, Lot 2.

63.

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Green Meadows Children's Farm Company.

64.

Refund of construction permit fees to Mastropiero Plumbing and Heating.

65.

Refund of the overpayment of a dog license late fee.

Offered---- Committeeman Brady

2nd Committeeman Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

66.

Authorizing T&M Associates to conduct an Initial Receptor Evaluation for the Hazlet Township Police Station.

Offered---- Committeeman Aagre

2nd Deputy Mayor Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

67.

2012 White Collar Salaries.

Offered---- Deputy Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

Committeeman Belasco Yes

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Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

68.

2012 Blue Collar Salaries.

Offered---- Deputy Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

69.

2012 Police Salaries.

Offered---- Deputy Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman Aagre

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

70.

Emergency Temporary Appropriations.

Offered---- Mayor Tinker

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

2nd Committeeman Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Motion for payment of bills:

Advance bill lists having been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered---- Committeeman Brady

2nd Committeeman Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Yes

Committeeman Brady Yes

Mayor Tinker Yes

Citizens Hearing:

Joe Marques- What is going with the trail I mentioned a couple of meetings ago in Natco Park.

What type of feedback you have gotten from engineer?

Committeeman Aagre- Last I understood the engineer was coming back with his survey. We are still waiting on that. A subcommittee was going to be formed with the prior trails grant. You were invited to be part of that.

Mr. Marques- I would be very happy to be part of that.

Mayor Tinker- That is all preliminary before we go to DEP and start filing for permits.

Committeeman Aagre- We are still waiting for the preliminary report from engineers before a subcommittee starts to meet.

Phil Laudati – I know you had a meeting yesterday with DEP do you have any names of people from DEP who were in the decision making process that were at the meeting?

Administrator Valentino- I can provide that to you I just do not have it here with me.

Mr. Laudati- You said in the other room you have to have a plan to submit to DEP. Did they give a time frame on that or was it open?

Administrator Valentino- We had a meeting with DEP yesterday at DEP headquarters to talk about the sewer emergency in NATCO Park. It was a very good meeting and very helpful from their perspective to us and us to them. As part of our process of dealing with the outstanding issues are out in the park we have been asked to prepare a report. The report will not only address the outstanding issues from DEP's perspective but the outstanding issues we still have

Committeeman Belasco Yes

Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

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Deputy Mayor Sachs Yes

to resolve as relates to the easement in the sewer system. They have asked us for two things at this time. One is a schedule of when we are going to be able to provide that report. We advised them that Monday night (last night) was the Environmental Commission meeting and we would not have a chance to brief them before we briefed the Township Committee tonight so we now have had a chance to brief the Committee and I will be briefing the Environmental Commission. We told them in very general terms within 30-45 days we should be able to give them a report. There are meetings with lawyers and engineers that have to be had regarding some components of that. There are meetings that are going to be had between the joint sub Committee between the Township Committee and the Environmental Commission so we can get their input and ideas. There are a lot of little steps that have to happen between now and then. We are going to be working on them day by day.

Mr. Laudati- Thank you. Do we have any type of figure so far in what we spent on NATCO Park roads?

Administrator Valentino- We are putting all that together now that we know more of the scope.

Mr. Laudati- I read the article in the Asbury Park Press this week on how the bonds skirt the tax cap. Does this town have plans? I see they are going to buy cars, trucks, and fix the roads all with using money outside the cap. Are we going to try and avoid that?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- With the budget that we introduced tonight the township Committee has

authorized a significant amount of cash to our capital improvement fund. Which is where all of our capital projects originate. This is the money we use for our down payments when we start a big project. We have laid out a plan on all the projects the Committee is looking to initiate in 2012 and we have a scheduling process in place to pay for those projects over 10 years or their useful life whichever is shorter. This should substantially in the long term, as long as future Committees stick to this plan, it should reduce future debt service cost considerably. In the amount of interest that we spend each year it is over \$300,000.00 a year on bonds. On these projects we would have to do some short term borrowing but we have a plan in place going forward to fund all these projects. There is a significant increase in our capital improvement fund this year and that is the reason because we implemented this plan to pay for as much as we can in cash going forward.

Eugene Geer- In looking at the Hazlet website there seems to be no way you can contact someone here. We have five highly paid representatives here and we can't get their email address or telephone number how do we contact someone?

Administrator Valentino- Telephone number is on the main page.

Mr. Geer- Yes the telephone number for Hazlet but how do you reach the Committee?

Administrator Valentino- That is how you reach them. If you want to email them you go to the Township Committee Link and half way down the page you can contact them by email.

Mr. Geer- Pay to Play a question came up at the last meeting that T&M was getting quite few jobs. There were five on the last agenda and there was one today. Those items on February 21, 2012 were done without competitive bidding. T&M was given contracts for \$23,500.00 and another one for \$5,500.00. They were given about \$40,000.00 worth of contracts with no competitive bids. I took a look at the bids that were made for the Township engineer. There were four companies and the lowest per hour charge was \$125.00 and \$190.00 for T&M. What are the basis you choose for giving them this bid.

Attorney Gorman- Contracts for professionals are awarded pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law.

Mr. Geer- Even though T&M was the highest bidder.

Attorney Gorman- On a particular line item that may be.

Mr. Geer- I went back and took a look on the NJ ELEC site and all saw all the contributions made by T&M Associates. They gave about \$2,500.00 to the Hazlet Republican Club plus another \$1,000.00 or so to another Republican affiliated clubs. T&M is making active contributions and getting job after job on a non-competitive basis it looks a little fishy.

Mayor Tinker- Have you reported that to the County Prosecutor or NJ ELEC.

Mr. Geer- I am just saying things look fishy. You have a company just throwing dollars to people on this Committee and getting all the jobs. I did this about 5 years ago and I found an article that says stop legalized bribery. T&M was quoted on saying that these political contributions are a cost of doing business. I like to add this article to the minutes for tonight. It does raise questions if you have a company throwing money at you and they get all the jobs.