

September 16, 2014

AGENDA

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 6, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.
- (B) On January 6, 2014, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2014.
- (C) On January 6, 2014, 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, 2014.

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>
Committeeman Aagre	_____	<u> X </u>
Committeewoman Ronchetti	_____	<u> X </u>
Committeeman Sachs	<u> X </u>	_____
Deputy Mayor Belasco	<u> X </u>	_____
Mayor DiNardo	<u> X </u>	_____

Approval of Minutes –Workshop Meeting – September 2, 2014.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – September 2, 2014.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

Presentation of a plaque to James Spinelli.

Accepted by: James Spinelli

Ordinance Hearings:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LONGEVITY SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF HAZLET TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEARS 2013 – 2017

Introduced: September 2, 2014.

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Posted in Town Hall – September 3, 2014.

Hearing to be held September 16, 2014.

Hearing:

No one spoke hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-18 VEHICLES OVER DESIGNATED WEIGHT EXCLUDED FOR THE PICKUP AND DELIVERY OF MATERIALS ON SUCH STREETS

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Hearing:

No one spoke at meeting.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-20 THROUGH STREETS; PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 39:4-140, THE STREETS OR PARTS OF STREETS ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THROUGH STREETS. STOP SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON THE NEAR RIGHT SIDE OF EACH STREET INTERSECTING THE THROUGH STREET, EXCEPT WHERE YIELD SIGNS ARE PROVIDED IN THE DESIGNATIONS

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Hearing:

Steve Dalton- I live on Fleetwood Drive and my house is immediately on the corner of Fleetwood and Duke Lane. I have never had real issues in terms of safety conditions. I am here tonight because I am opposed very strongly to this ordinance because it will lead to these additional stop signs on Fleetwood. I think it is a well intentioned proposal I commend the town for I think trying to address a situation that exists with respect to speeding possibly on this street and maybe concerns about enhanced additional traffic on the street with the closure of Middle Road. All that being said despite the good intentions I do not think the ordinance is going to have the effect that it is intended to achieve and I think it is going to create more problems. I think that if the intent is to address speeding that is really an enforcement issue. The stop signs are not going to prevent the speeding. I also think having the stop signs there are going to decrease property values right at a time when we are finally getting the property values in the town back a little bit.

Jerry McKeever- I live on Fleetwood Drive and I spoke to the Chief in regards to this matter a couple of weeks ago. In the beginning I kind of agreed with him but now I have to respectfully disagree with him. I have lived in my house on Fleetwood since 1960 and I don't think stop signs are necessary in that development. I too urge you not to vote for this.

Attorney Cucchiaro- I know you put some analysis as too accidents and other incidents in the area wasn't there?

Chief Broderick- Yes sir. We have had about 38 accidents since 2006 on Fleetwood Drive. Ten of them had been hit and runs where vehicles have been hit and cars have left the scene. It is not as safe as everyone thinks it is. We have children walking to school. Our theory was to break the street up into thirds and have 3 stop signs on Fleetwood. One at Fleetwood and Bucknell, Fleetwood and Duke and Fleetwood where the current yield sign is that is not supposed to be yield sign anyway that everyone disregards as it is. We have written a ton of tickets there. Mr. Dalton mentioned we stopped our patrols over there but my officers are there everyday. He may not be there during the day but they are there. We spend about 2 hours a day per officer on speed enforcement on the various streets in the area. Fleetwood, Lynn, Hemlock and Union Avenue. Which are ones seen very much affected by this bridge closure. Although this bridge closure is scheduled for 180 days we are anticipating it is going to be a lot longer.

Attorney Cucchiaro- There was some discussion or comments regarding enforcement vs. placing the stop signs. Can you speak to whether or any more vigilant or your current enforcement may help?

Chief Broderick- We have had a traffic trailer out there that keeps statistics for us and we are finding that the majority of the cars are doing over the 30 mile an hour speed limit and there are some going up in excess of 45 mph. I have done radar myself on the streets

and have clocked cars doing 42-44 mph. A lot of them are residents they just don't pay attention to the speed limit. If these streets were designed now a days you would never see streets like Fleetwood Drive. There would never be an entrance to highway 35 on a residential street. It just wouldn't happen. When it was put in Highway 35 was only a 2 lane highway with no barrier. I do not want to see a child get hit by a car and that is what is eventually going to happen. We are doing everything we can but our department is limited in manpower we just can't be there every minute of the day. We have two main state highways coming through the town.

Attorney Cucchiaro- Your own observations and the statistics that you sited to us there is a health and human safety risk out there right now?

Chief Broderick – Yes.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco 2nd Mayor DiNardo

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco 2nd Mayor DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-22 FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS: THE INTERSECTIONS DESCRIBED ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS. STOP SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROVIDED THEREIN

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Hearing:

Jeff Dispenza- I have been a realtor in Hazlet Township for 28 years and I'm in total agreement that a 3 way or 4 way stop sign change does affect property value negatively for not only the four houses on the corner but one or two in from that because not of the backup of traffic but the cause of stop and go. I am all for slowing down traffic on Lynn Blvd. I have lived on Roland my entire life. The speed had increased on that particular street due to the work on Middle Road being done but not anymore than it has been. The

buses are doing a great job. They have been listening to the warnings about not speeding. My problem is going to be for the all the buses stopping outside my bedroom window on that corner. That corner to my knowledge has been an intersection that has not had accidents. I am aware of none since I have lived there. To me creating a four way stop is possibly adding the possibility of accidents. What kind of survey was conducted with the Township Engineer because according to the Federal Highway Administration and their Manual Uniform Traffic Control Device called MUTCO it clearly states that stop signs are not designed to control speed. My concern is what type of survey was done with the township engineer if that, about that particular location on the boulevard?

Administrator – The township engineer is reviewing all the ordinances and all the recommendations of the Chief. This action is because of the detour that occurred and all of the emergency type situations it was creating from the hazardous stand point and for the police to respond safely.

Mr. Dispenza- Does the township own a track box that collects the line of traffic by the hour that is put on the poles to measure the traffic pattern?

Chief Broderick – We have 2 of them but they are a little dated.

Mr. Dispenza- Can you tell me how many summonses were issued in the past six months at that location of Lynn Blvd or how many logged in warning calls warning people to slow down to speeders that would affect changing the zoning of a corner that has been zoned one way for sixty years?

Administrator Pino- What do you mean by zoned Jeff?

Mr. Dispenza- It is a 2 way stop sign and never been a four way stop sign.

Administrator Pino- I am sure what statistics you are looking for we can get.

Mr. Dispenza- No disrespect but it makes no sense to me to go directly to step 3 and drop stop signs in an area that could create problems for the township for liability and accidents without doing steps 1 and 2.

Administrator Pino- This is a public hazard right now the speeding issue is out of control. We cannot have an officer on every corner of every road at every minute of the day.

Chief Broderick- We have tried the speed strips on other streets in town and speed bumps they just don't do what we need them to do. Since 2006 Lynn Boulevard has had 28 accidents. Mr. Dispenza had one vehicle drive across his lawn on Roland and Lynn. Mr. Dispenza has been involved in two accidents.

Adminstrator Pino- This is something we can look at again in the future after the detour is done.

Mr. Dispenza-I did not sign on to purchase a home with a four way stop sign. It directly affects my property value and honestly do you want to hear the brakes from the Academy buses for the next 8 months outside your bedroom window breaking and going, etc. it is

insane. I understand it needs to be done on certain streets I just don't see the data to warrant it there. Thank you for listening.

Karen Del Ray- I live on Lynn Boulevard and often sit on my porch rarely do people stop at the stop sign on Appleton they go through it. I think you are putting stop signs in a place that is awkward so when you talk about children's safety who use a stop sign as a safety barrier and you have stop signs that are in awkward places that are not expected especially in the evening I think you will have more accidents then less. We are talking about over a span of 8 years so that averaged 4 accidents per year, which any accident is bad. This is a temporary problem we have and I think you are trying to find a permanent solution. I think it should of never have been 30 mph it should be 25. I think you should reconsider putting it on Appleton and put it on Hemingway where the cross walk is.

Mayor DiNardo- We go by the Chief's direction.

Ms. Del Ray- You sir said you are voting yes because you are afraid of what is going to happen. I am afraid of what is going to happen because you are voting yes.

Attorney Cucchiaro- Chief does the ordinance state specifically where the stop signs are going to go or does it give you the option of placing it somewhere on the street?

Chief Broderick- It states specifically Appleton Drive. There will be one on Roland on the West side and one of the East side of Roland. This is going to put the two on Lynn Boulevard.

Committeeman Sachs- These ordinances are being reviewed by the engineers of the town and if there is a recommendation or it comes back from the engineer that we should not place these signs and this is not a good place then this Committee will take that information from the engineers just like we take it from the Chief and amend what we have to amend. We as a governing body have the right to amend the ordinances at any time. If these things fail and we see they are failing and it is not doing what we expect them to do and the engineer does not want us to this we will amend these ordinances. You may not see these stop signs. Right now we are in a situation with the closure of the bridge to try to protect and slow the traffic down because we know people are cutting through everywhere they can and believe me I do it myself. I live in this town I know I can't go down Middle Road and I am looking for a pass through. Do I follow the speed limit yes I do because I am afraid of children all over. That is what we are afraid of.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-21 STOP INTERSECTIONS; PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 THE INTERSECTIONS DESCRIBED ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS STOP INTERSECTIONS. STOP SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROVIDED THEREIN

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Hearing:

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Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 305-24 TURN PROHIBITIONS; NO PERSON SHALL MAKE A TURN OF THE KIND DESIGNATED (LEFT, RIGHT, ALL) AT ANY OF THE LOCATIONS DESCRIBED

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Hearing:

Chief Broderick- These are turn restrictions on roads we have gotten continuous complaints about. One is by Laurel and Highway 36, Sydney Terrace. We have had continuous complaints that when the jug handle gets backed up the cars go down Liberty and come around and race up Sydney Terrace. We had same complaints a few years ago on S. Holly and we restricted left turns off of S. Holly on to S. Laurel that eliminated that problem. We are going to eliminate the right turn off of Sydney so it will eliminate this being the cut through or the second jug handle as it has become. The other is Marsand Drive has been historically a cut through they routinely make rights. They have had several accidents on the street and continuous complaints from residents about the speeding. It is a restricted right hand turn from 7am-7pm Monday-Friday. I talked to many residents and they are in favor of this.

Maureen Miller – I did happen to read about that tonight. Coming down from highway and going up that hill you are not going to be able to make a right onto Marsand Drive?

Chief Broderick- Only certain hours.

Ms. Miller- The hours talked about are the hours most of us who live in town cut through there. I drive it every day and I know all the residents and never heard anyone of them complain.

Chief Broderick- We have gotten a volume of complaints.

Ms. Miller- I was shocked because I drive that road every day and I never see anyone sitting on their lawn. Most of these people are working and they are not home during the day. How are we going to handle the traffic now on Laurel Avenue?

Chief Broderick- The engineer is going to look into it. We are not going to station a police officer there every day.

Ms. Miller- What about the road that the senior citizens live on is there going to be anything done there? They can't see when they come out of their street.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

7. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-34 SPEED LIMITS; THE SPEED LIMIT FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE STREETS OR PARTS THEREOF IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AT THE RATE OF SPEED INDICATED

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Hearing to be held September 16, 2014.

Hearing:

Chief Broderick- We want to reduce the speed limit on three streets in town. Lynn Boulevard from 30 mph to 25, Fleetwood Drive, 30 mph to 25 mph and Hazlet Avenue the section from Middle Road to Route 35 only we want to drop that to 25 mph also. These speed limits were done a long time ago.

Deputy Mayor Belasco- What about Hazlet Avenue over by HYAL. There are children in and out all day.

Chief Broderick- We are looking at that right now.

Steve Dalton- I am in opposition to this. I do want to commend the township for some of the other activities that are ongoing like the curb work on Fleetwood that tremendous. I am opposed to the speed limit reduction because I think 30 mph is a safe speed limit if you adhere to it. I think the problem is people don't adhere to it and that is an enforcement issue. Since these changes have been going on I have done my own Steve Dalton study and driving up and down Fleetwood and the neighborhood and it is painfully slow. If people adhere to the 30 mph limit that is safe. My kids are growing up there and I have not had a problem. They should get rid of the double yellow line on Fleetwood and make it a one way going from the jug handle on 35 up to the last street before Middle Road and make Cornell going a one way the other way and now you have a loop.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Mayor DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #270 through #273 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.

- 270. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4025 to The Kitchen at St. Marks, Inc.
- 271. Amending Resolution S-1 – Appointment of Police Officers. Correcting their salaries.
- 272. Refund of the overpayment of construction permit fees to International Flavors & Fragrances.
- 273. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 68.03, Lot 6.

Offered Committeeman Sachs 2nd Mayor DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

- 274. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement between Hazlet Township and Jerry Burgos.

Offered Mayor DiNardo 2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

- 275. Award of bid to Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. for pool filters for the Hazlet Swim and Tennis Club.

Offered Mayor DiNardo 2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

276. Authorizing the Municipal Administrator to execute Amendment #2 of the First Vehicles Contract. Maintenance of Township Vehicles.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco 2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

277. Authorizing CME to obtain a Wetlands Permit for the Hazlet Township Police Station.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco 2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

278. Authorizing the payment of Accumulated Absences for William Cowan.

Offered Mayor DiNardo 2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

279. Authorizing the Municipal Administrator to execute the enrollment applications for AETNA.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco 2nd Mayor DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent
 Committeeman Sachs Yes Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes
 Mayor DiNardo Yes

280. Authorizing the tax appeal settlement for Block 63, Lots 1, 1.01 and 3 for Clean Car, LLC.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists having been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Deputy Mayor Belasco

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman Aagre Absent

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Belasco Yes

Mayor DiNardo Yes

Citizens Hearing:

Maureen Miller- I do have to go back to Marsand Drive when that sign goes up are we given a certain amount of time before the first ticket goes out?

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Belasco

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 9:18PM