

April 7, 2015

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:18 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 5, 2015, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.
- (B) On January 5, 2015, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and published in the Asbury Park Press on January 7, 2015.
- (C) On January 5, 2015, 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, 2015.

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 DiNardo	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeewoman Kiley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeewoman Ronchetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Deputy Mayor Aagre	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Sachs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – March 3, 2015 and March 17, 2015
Regular Meeting – March 3, 2015 and March 17, 2015

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes
(abstain 3/3/15)

Mayor Sachs Yes

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – March 3, 2015 and March 17, 2015

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes
(abstain 3/3/15)

Mayor Sachs Yes

1. HEARING ON THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Introduced: March 3, 2015.
Published in the Asbury Park Press, issue of March 6, 2015. Proof on file.
Posted in Town Hall – March 4, 2015.
Hearing scheduled for April 7, 2015.

Hearing:

Bill Shewan- I would ask if possible, in the future, that a line item detail would be developed so you can see what goes into the different items that are listed in the budget. Can this be done Tom?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- I would say that this is all public record and if that is how I am directed.

Mr. Shewan- I would ask that in the future that be put on the website I think it is an advantage to the citizens to see what the line items are so it can be talked about if necessary. After the budget is approved so they know where the money is being spent.

Mayor Sachs- That can certainly be done.

Mr. Shewan- Thank you. In the budget for 2015 has it been allocated or budgeted in with regard to the \$688,000.00 on the parks project?

Mayor Sachs- No that was not allocated in the budget.

Mr. Shewan- On the sewer budget is there any consideration for reimbursement from the BRSA or payment that has to be made to the BRSA based on our usage last year?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Each year they do a calculation to determine how our subsequent year is billing and that time in our billing any adjustment will be made from the prior year.

Mr. Shewan- Has our usage gone down from last year?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- I do not have information on our usage.

Mr. Shewan- There is a possibility we would get a reimbursement, (cut off)

Attorney Gorman- That has changed.

Mr. Shewan- They have to do it by law each year. They were doing it every 3-4 years and I know we got a substantial reimbursement because they were not doing it.

Attorney Gorman- That has changed the contract with BRSA now provides for Hazlet and Union Beach to pay based upon an equivalent dwelling unit, basically every house we pay a certain amount. It is no longer based on flow. This is going back about 2 years you have paid based upon the number of homes and so does Union Beach. The flow kept on going up and going down and it made no sense. There is a number that is the estimated calculated average flow over those years so we no longer have extra payments to make or big reimbursements to receive from the BRSA that ended 2 years ago.

Mr. Shewan-Appropriation summary other expenses can you give me an idea there is no line item. That went up from \$7,577,000.000.00 to \$7,617,000.000.00 what are the major components

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Other expenses would constitute anything other than salary or wages.

Mr. Shewan- What are the substantial components?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Insurance, benefits, supplies, maintenance, tools.

Mr. Shewan- That is why the detail is so important because you can see what the cost of insurance are, etc. Is our reserve for uncollected taxes \$1.150, 000.00? It seems like a high percentage against our overall tax base. Is that an accepted amount?

Tom O'Hara, CFO-Yes there is a sheet that is part of the annual financial statement that gets filed with the budget where we have to substantiate that number within our collections that we have experienced. That number is designed to account for the fact that we collect all the taxes for the town, fire district, county and the school district. If the tax payer fails to pay their taxes it does not relieve our obligation to pay the fire district, county and school district. It is a way of protecting the townships cash flow.

Mr. Shewan- I know myself and a lot of the citizens are concerned with the roads and the road program and we can't decipher with the budget the way it is proposed here but has that line item gone up or down? If it went down how much did it go down or up?

Mayor Sachs- I believe it went up very slightly. There is a good portion of what we budgeted this year is going to go into half of a grant for Laurel Avenue two years ago I guess it was that we had to hold off on other work that was being done. That is a 50/50 grant so I would say we are in the neighborhood of \$700,000.00 this year. To me it is not enough money to do a whole lot of anything. That work is very expensive to get done. I have thoughts in my mind that I will be discussing with Tom and the Committee at our next meeting to put together a different type of plan for road program so we can continue to go from spring through fall and just pick back up in spring and fall again instead of going through this year after year. If it calls for a large bond with what you budget yearly in your road program I think that is a better way to go so we can get much more work done.

Mr. Shewan- I did notice the capital improvement went down and what is the reason for the capital improvement going down against last year?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Some of the projects that were in capital improvements last year are moved. If the projects are initiated they are not funded through the capital improvement fund any longer they were paid off through Bond Anticipation Notes. In the past, last year we had a cushion for if any projects came up that were not identified at budget time. We had some funds available for any unforeseen projects and we eliminated that portion of the capital improvement fund. The total of \$1,261,000.00 and change that is in the budget is made up of approximately a dozen different projects.

Mr. Shewan- Swim & Tennis Club I take note that the expectation is up from \$451,000.00 to \$488,000.00. My perspective it needs a little bit more pencil sharpening I know it is the way it's been drawn up but we have competition out there this year. I don't know what is going to happen to the Belly Flop I am not privy to that. We did very well last year but again that is a big increase to anticipate and you could be in short fall by the end of the year. With regard to that there was a line item for debt service and I thought the bond was paid off.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- There is no debt service to the pool club.

Mr. Shewan- I saw it on the internet but I got my explanation so that is fine. I do feel we have a lot of competition out there. Is there any fund balance left from 2013 into 2014?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- That would have flowed into fund balance as of December 31, 2014.

Deanna De'Liberto- When we were at a meeting at the Hazlet Republican Club and Committeewoman Kiley announced to us that there would be a 2% increase in the municipal portion of our taxes. Last year when Committeewoman Kiley campaigned

Mayor Sachs- I am going to cut you off right there and don't take offense to this. This is to pertain to questions on the budget this is not political. If you have a question on the budget on any line item or the rate increase of the budget you are more than welcome but if you are going to start going into politics I am not allowing that. This is strictly on the budget.

Ms. De'Liberto- I am on the budget.

Mayor Sachs- You are not on the budget because you are starting to bring in individuals from different campaigns and that is not part of our budget.

Ms. De'Liberto- What have you done to bring new business into the highways?

Mayor Sachs- That is not a budget question. This hearing right here is strictly pertains solely to the 2015 budget. You can hold off on these questions if you would like and wait to the public portion if you would like and wait to the public portion.

Ms. De'Liberto- Am I correct in understanding that this 2015 budget would increase taxes by 2%?

Mayor Sachs- Yes.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- There is a tax levy increase of 2%.

Ms. De'Liberto- I am correct in saying that there is a tax increase in the municipal portion of our taxes. One of the ways that I would say we don't have to increase the burden of residents who are already in foreclosure or pre-foreclosure has to do with keeping businesses from leaving Hazlet and bringing new businesses into Hazlet.

Mayor Sachs- I understand your relevancy there and your point behind it but that is not relevant to the budget that sits on this table tonight. If you have a question on the budget so be it. The questions you are asking are outside the budget.

Ms. De'Liberto- I am urging this Committee not to approve this budget because it will increase taxes by 2% which our residents are unable to afford the current taxes. If they are unable to afford the current taxes then do you really think they are going to be able to afford them when you increase them by 2%. So that is relevant before you pass this budget so you understand how many people in Hazlet are in foreclosure and pre-foreclosure status with all due respect. I do see how we can discuss a budget without talking about the impact it has on Hazlet residents, senior citizens people cannot afford an increase even if it was a dollar a month. They are already in foreclosure they are already losing their homes.

Deputy Mayor Agre- So your question is what we would do if we had a zero budget. If Mr. O'Hara could answer that we would have no road programs and we have increases based on insurance, salary increases by contract contractual obligations. If it went to zero what would we have to do to do that? Basically take out the entire road program of \$1.2 million. Is that o.k. to bring it down to 2% we had to cut out a lot.

Ms. De'Liberto- With all due respect when the democrats had control over the Committee they did not increase our taxes and they had my street Bedle Road to be repaired and repaved now all of a sudden our street is off the list.

Deputy Mayor Agre- Because of them going over the budget numbers that were established by doing this by collecting excess funds or surplus in order to that we are at a point where we have to increase based on just necessities.

Deputy Mayor Agre- That list has not gone away.

Committeeman DiNardo- Your street is still on the list. Bedle Road is going to get curbing and paving.

Committeeman DiNardo- Scott brought up about the insurance and our major insurance is employee group health insurance. Last year we budgeted \$2.2 million and the actual was \$1.84 million which was a significant surplus.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- There is an \$800,000.00 increase in that line item.

Committeeman DiNardo- That is a major increase in our insurance and we know our contract is good until October 1, 2015.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- We have a signed contract that is only going up \$47,000.00.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Committeewoman Ronchetti the amount budgeted for group health insurance is the exact same as in the adopted 2014 budget there is no \$800,000.00 increase.

Ms. De'Liberto- I urge you to vote no on this budget as it will impact negatively upon Hazlet residents that you represent. Thank you.

Paulette De'Liberto- I want to agree with Bill I would like to see a line item detail report also in the budget. Could we do that for this particular budget and when will it be done?

Mayor Sachs- To put the line item on the website how long would that take on your side?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- It could be there tomorrow.

Mayor Sachs- Give us 48 hours.

Paulette De'Liberto- On the Swim & Tennis Club is that self-sustaining on everything?

Mayor Sachs- Yes it is a self-sustaining utility.

Paulette De'Liberto- I see that they are blasting and painting the pool. Who is paying for that?

Mayor Sachs- It is a project that is underway right now as we speak.

Paulette De'Liberto- Who is paying for that?

Mayor Sachs- The swim club utility.

Paulette De'Liberto- Why is that not listed there so we don't have to ask the question and waste the panels time. Can you tell me how much money is in the surplus?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- There are 3 different funds. Current fund \$2,688,258.48; Swim Pool \$170,000.00; Sewer Utility \$724,712.65.

Paulette De'Liberto- Why would there be a surplus for the swim pool when they are self-sufficient?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- They have taken in more revenue than expenses so it accumulated funds in the swim club utility to

Paulette De'Liberto- They turn over membership money to the township and they you pay the bills?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- All the money for the swim club is in its own bank accounts and its own set of books. It is as if it's their own stand-alone entity with its own set of books.

Paulette De'Liberto- If they have their own books and they are self-sustaining why is money in the town as a surplus and not in their own account for the swim club?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- That number that I gave you is in their own account. That is three different budgets that I gave you money for.

Paulette De'Liberto- Sewer budget that is a nice chunk of money for the sewer. How much do you wind up using out of budget for the sewer in the year do you need to use?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Can you rephrase so I can understand the question?

Paulette De'Liberto- If you take a certain amount of money in then you have a surplus of it at the end of the year and yet that is a lot of money that none is going back to the residents of Hazlet.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- That is exactly going back to the residents of Hazlet because if we did not generate surplus and utilize it in the budget the only other source of revenue in the sewer utility is to increase sewer fees. By utilizing surplus from prior year we are off setting the need to increase rates.

Paulette De'Liberto- You still have a very big surplus that is not being used. I have a problem with that I live on a street in Hazlet since 1994 and since I moved here the problem has only gotten worse and at least two people on the panel know about it and it has never been taken care of and you have that much money in the sewer budget.

Mayor Sachs- You are going off the path. I will inquire tomorrow about this and find out whose problem it is.

Paulette De'Liberto- The main thing is the itemized budget so I know where the money is going. I appreciate you for doing that in a very short period of time.

Bill Shewan- I don't mean to belabor a point but I think the public should have a full explanation on what Committeeman DiNardo was stating was \$800,000.00 and difference between the insurance that is a line item budgeted. The difference is more than the tax increase so what is going on here.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- I pointed out the amount budgeted in this introduced budget for group insurance is the exact same amount as the amount in the adopted 2014 budget.

Committeeman DiNardo- I have numbers right here that were supplied to me by Tom Group Health Insurance 2/15 budget as introduced \$2,850,000.00.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Correct.

Committeeman DiNardo – Last year actual was \$2,207,000.00 we expended.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Correct.

Committeeman DiNardo- We budgeted \$2,774,000.00.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- The final budget ended up.

Committeeman DiNardo-We have roughly \$550,000.00 that we over extended. The problem is we are increasing it when we have a signed contract.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- We budgeted for the full cost of our payments to our health insurance vendor per originally township contracts and state law employees are required to contribute to the cost of their health insurance. That amount gets refunded back to the health insurance line item that is why the net expenditure in that line is lower than the budget. We budget for the full cost to the vendor.

Mr. Shewan- Where does it show on the budget the reimbursement by the employees if they are on a weekly payroll you are getting reimbursed every week, if they are on a biweekly it is every two weeks.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- There is a page in the introduced budget it is sheet 3B which shows an estimated calculation of those reimbursements.

Mr. Shewan- Does it come up to the difference that Mr. DiNardo pointed out?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- It is a projection.

Mr. Shewan- Does it come to the near difference?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- I have a number of \$340,000.00 projected.

Mr. Shewan- Do you approve of that?

Committeeman DiNardo- I don't see those numbers. I am not provided I do not see that.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- On sheet 3B of the introduced budget.

Mr. Shewan- It was worth asking the question, in view of the fact, it seems to be wide differences particularly in view of the fact the differences are higher than the tax increase.

Paula De'Liberto- Who do I call to find when the budget is itemized?

Mayor Sachs- Check online.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- It will be on the web page.

Paula De'Liberto- I would like advise this board to say no to the increase on the budget. I am now a senior citizen. People can't afford the increase.

Deanna De'Liberto- I ask that the Committee does not vote on the budget today until such time as the residents can see the line item budget.

Administrator Pino- Just to be clear those line item budgets and the worksheets were all available to the public during the initial budget hearings when we established the budget. It was not like these documents weren't available. That was the final budget that they submit to the state so the details have always been available. This year they just did not wind up on the web site. You can ask for copies at any point and time but the details for every line item what was approved, what wasn't, what was scratched off, what were proposals it was all available to the public and the meetings were open to the public held right here. Normally we get a lot of people attending but this year there were not many. All this information has been out there and always has been. Last year was the first and only time that we put it on the website and I believe all these worksheets with all the details. The problem with worksheets it is not necessarily the final budget. Someone may be asking for money in the budget but may not get it. The information has been out there and just to be clear to everyone and nothing here has been hidden from anyone and it is has been a full process which includes the public.

Deanna De'Liberto- I am asking the Committee not to vote tonight.

Administrator Pino- Again, you are more than welcome to see the information tomorrow of the details it does not mean the governing body should not take an action tonight because one person or 10 did not see details. All the required information has been published, all the laws have been met.

Deanna De'Liberto- When you don't have line item on the budget it is easier to hide money.

Administrator Pino- The line items are there just not the details that you are requesting now which we would give you as we would to anyone who asks. Bill will be the first one to say anything that anyone asks for I make sure we give. We will have them for you tomorrow if you had asked yesterday you would have had them yesterday.

Deanna De'Liberto- To essentially vote on something that the majority of the residents of Hazlet have not been able to see.

Administrator Pino-The majority of the residents were given the information whether or not they chose to come and look at it or participate.

Deanna De'Liberto- How was the information given to every resident?

Administrator Pino- We advertised in the papers, we put it on the websites and we make everything publically available during our meetings. You can come in and get a copy of everything. You can get it at any point and time you don't have to wait for a Tuesday night. If anyone is waiting for a Committee meeting to get information from us don't. Come to us sooner we will get you everything you need. It is a very wide open office we can get you anything you need.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti- Mr. Mayor may I have your permission to speak before we take our vote?

Mayor Sachs- Go right ahead Barbara.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I am going to give you some information that I have accumulated about this budget and tell you my reasons for how I am going to vote. We have had a surplus of over \$1.6 million total over the anticipated revenue the last two years which is a significant amount. That is in addition to the following \$770,000.00 in insurance savings is enough to have a flat budget or a decrease. The last two years we saved over \$770,000.00 in employee health insurance. This year the insurance only went up \$48,000.00 and a signed contract to this affect is for October 1, 2014 through October 2016. Even if we put an additional \$200,000.00 into the line item for safe measure for this insurance we should still have significant surplus for no tax increase. They have added \$800,000.00 to the insurance line item that is not necessary and over inflated and has gone down in 2014 \$566,916.00; in 2013 it went down \$503,119.00. While taxes are being raised significant raises are being awarded to some employees which is approximately 10 percent of their salary and this is in addition to the 2 percent that all employees have received as of January 1, 2015. These are unrealistic raises to award while residents are struggling to pay their taxes and keep their homes out of foreclosure. I am not referring to our CFO who at our request took on classes to become the tax collector and Purchasing Agent to save the town money by combining three different positions. For his fortitude in this he is going to receive a significant increase which is great and is still far below the savings we will have from not having to hire 2 additional employees. Many employees have had to take on extra duties to help their town without asking for increases. They have good jobs with benefits and they are all good conscientious workers. Singling out a few and ignoring and putting extra burdens on the rest is unacceptable. We had a joint court with Matawan, Keyport and Hazlet last year Keyport pulled out. However Hazlet has had to keep on the extra personnel to cover the lingering cost of Keyport's unfinished business which we don't know how long it will take. Keyport is not reimbursing us for this. For some unknown reason Matawan was given a discount on their court costs for the court this year. Hazlet has become a charitable town while raising your taxes. I asked at several meetings who negotiated this charitable agreement and I have not received a reply. We have 6,250 homes in Hazlet down from over the 7,000 we had several years ago. How many more homes are we going to lose? Thank you for the time Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Sachs- When this budget process started in January and the information that is being spoken about now I do not know why all this was not brought to the table. This is information

and you wanted to get into the budget and make sure the budget was flat why wasn't this part of our conversations at the budget hearings where it comes out now. This is nothing but in my opinion and my opinion only, the ugly head of politics rearing again. It is a shame and this is the way I have to understand the way it has to work if that so, be it fine I got it.

Committeeman DiNardo- First of all, as far as the budget was run, the way our Business Administrator Mr. Pino ran it was the best thing I ever seen and I have been involved for 12 years. We sat at a round table and had it on an overhead screen and we had every department head there to present their budgets and other departments go to scrutinize their department heads budgets also and be able to pick and choose. That I think was a major flaw in this year's budget the way it was orchestrated. Before I vote on this budget I have a few things I would like to say there is no reason for any increase in Hazlet's municipal budget this year over the last 2 years our surplus has increased \$750,000.00, \$2.7 million dollars. Through our negotiations we have saved roughly \$700,000.00 in medical insurance. We have negotiated a five year contract with our Police and Blue Collar Unions and a four year contract with our White Collar Unions which has given Hazlet the ability to project future budgets with certainty. We are also in the process of putting your sewer bill as a line item in your taxes and outsourcing our recycling which would save Hazlet additional money. I can say that this administration can take credit for is the sweet deal that you made with Matawan to stay in the court room which is costing the Hazlet tax payers an additional expense.

Mayor Sachs- Can I have a motion on the budget please.

Deputy Mayor Aagre – Since apparently there are new revelations and new numbers the course of action I will take an action to defer.

Mayor Sachs- Offered by Deputy Mayor Aagre to defer.

Evelyn Grandi, Clerk- When until next meeting?

Mayor Sachs- Lets defer until the first meeting of May.

Attorney Gorman- Tom is that going to cause any problems?

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Now we are going to have a late budget as far as the State is concerned. We are not going to meet the requirements of budget adoption.

Mayor Sachs- is that a huge problem or can we ask for an extension or do we need to go to the end of April?

Tom O'Hara, CFO – It is not a huge problem but it is not going to win us any favors in Trenton.

Committeewoman Kiley- I just feel like the information that Barbara shared today is not my understanding of the way the budget stands today. If in fact, what she is saying is correct then we should all circle back and look at it again because that is not my understanding of the way the raises went, the raises were substantially lower then what I am hearing here. There were some exceptional raises and they were for very good reason. As Barbara said, these are very great employees that had got a minimal increase which I think they should expect. What she is saying is very different then my understanding. I think we should defer it as well.

Action of Committee: Defer until May 5, 2015

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

Reports

MUNICIPAL COURT – February 2015 – Total fees collected - \$27,691.10.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – February 2015 – Total Calls Handled – 1,584.
March 2015 – Total Calls Handled – 1,774.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – February 2015 – Total fees collected - \$30,896.00.
March 2015 – Total fees collected - \$28,588.00.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – February 2015 – Received and read.

TAX COLLECTOR – January, February & March 2015 – Received and read.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Joseph Schroeck resigning from his position as a police officer effective April 10, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Voice vote: Yes

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #99 through #104 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.

99. Authorizing the Clerk to readvertise for the receipt of bids for a Mobile Sound Shell Stage for Recreation.

100. Refund of a service charge to Jim Finley.

101. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4040 Acts Society of Keyport.
102. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 255, Lot 38.
103. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 70, Lot 5.
104. Refund of Recreation Fees for a cancelled trip to see Honeymoon in Vegas.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

105. Confirming the appointment of Nick Fabiano as a part time Building Inspector in the Construction Department.

Offered Deputy Committeeman Aagre 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

106. Granting exemptions and abatement for 10 Miriam Place, 22 Linda Place and 1684 Union Avenue.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

107. Authorizing the carryover of vacation time for Kathy Viscardi and Ed Huber to the end of 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Mayor Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

108. Authorizing the Township to participate in Intra-county Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements with participating units in the County of Monmouth.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

109. Adoption of the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Mayor Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

110. Authorizing the acquisition of police mobile data terminals via GSA Contract.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

111. Authorizing Progress Payment Number 1 for the Blasting and Painting of the Swim and Tennis Club Pools. **Pulled**

112. Award of a Competitive Contract for Concession Services at the Hazlet Swim & Tennis Club to The Belly Flop Café, LLC.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Mayor Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

113. 2015 Recreation Summer Camp Salaries.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

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

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Mayor Sachs

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

Citizens Hearing:

Charles Hoffman- The media thing for the police is a great idea. I was at a few BRSA meetings and Mr. DiNardo you said a few years back that the sewer bill is going to show up on the quarterly tax bill instead of being billed separately?

Committeeman DiNardo- We are proposing that we were moving forward on it.

Mr. Hoffman- I realize it has to be separate that is the law but it doesn't necessarily mean it can't be on the same piece of paper. That would save us some billing money.

Committeeman DiNardo- Correct.

Attorney Gorman- I don't know about that because Tom stepped off the podium. If people pay you have to have two separate checks coming in otherwise we don't know how to split the money up.

Committeeman DiNardo- We talked to Tom about it he said they can't write it off on their taxes but you can do it as far as collection procedure. A lot of towns do it that way.

Mr. Hoffman- In relation to our "sewer bill" and the sewer fund you said it was maintained separately, are the two employees who are dedicated to that service being written off against that account?

Committeeman DiNardo- Yes and to be exact there are 3 employees.

Mr. Hoffman- We pay \$99.00 but that is not necessarily what the BRSA is saying what it costs to support me because you have to maintain your own sewer system which is part of the sewer system that you own?

Committeeman DiNardo- Yes.

Mr. Hoffman- So that is all in that account. So even if you have a big surplus that does not mean you won't have a horrible collapse somewhere along the way next month.

Committeeman DiNardo- You should always have a significant surplus in your fund in case of a catastrophic problem.

Megan Croken- I am 53 years old and I went through Keansburg High School and I have a large family who are all involved in the community. I have relatives all over and I am saying this to let you know that I have watched Mieleville go from a beautiful park into an atmosphere that is like the projects or the ghettos. I got involved because I couldn't get a hold of my landlord John Conti. My issue is that at Meileville I have tried to sell my trailer a couple of times. I was told from realtors that the property is just so bad and he scrutinizes anybody who tries to buy a trailer in the mobile home park is scrutinized because they have to have perfect credit. Someone who has perfect credit would not want to move in there and I beg you to go in and look at the way meilieville looks these days it is scary. If you want to call me please do I will give you my phone number I will walk you through. I have a couple of things to address. I have been there for 8 years. I have been trying to reach out to all of you. He is an absentee landlord and he never returns my phone calls ever. I spoke to the Board of Health concerning sewerage, asbestos, mold and a couple of years ago I spoke with Michael DeAngelo and he said he wasn't allowed to come in to Mieleville because it was a private park. I told him everything is privately owned but we are residents of Hazlet Township. I also spoke to Richard Kirk from Board of Health and he is going to go in and check out the situation. I am begging you to check out all the parks, he owns three parks, and he owns Shore Haven which is gorgeous. He is able to enforce all the laws there. In our park he tells us he has no control over anybody. Isn't that his job as a mobile home owner? I was told by Dennis Pino that he heard he was trying to sell it. Also, Dennis spoke to me and tried to use intimidation. I am not intimidated and I don't care who is who I am just here because I have issues, we have issues and mobile parks have issues and we are a part of this township. I spoke to a lot of people, Carol LaManna from Court and the cops. She was very helpful and she gave me some information and told me to keep calling him every day twice a day. The Monmouth County Courthouse gave me Rules and Regulations which I have here and they also referred me to the Township. They also gave me Tenant/Landlord Division of Social Services and they gave me information. I am appalled by the reaction I received from my township when I tried to get help from anyone. No one knows the answers about the trailer parks in town. I am joined here by Bill Lawton and we are going to try and get something accomplished. I am paying \$700.00 in rent and some people are paying \$740.00 to stay in Mieleville and some people are spending that same money in rent, taxes and water in Shore Haven which seems to be a decent park way more better than Mieleville.

Mayor Sachs- I don't mean to be rude but we do have a time limit for those people who want to speak. Ask Mr. Gorman the questions you have and if you want to remain afterwards to speak but everyone else needs to have ample time to come up and speak.

Administrator Pino- I can meet you there tomorrow like I told you I would have met you last night.

Ms. Croken- Who is the owner of the park?

Administrator Pino- We will have to check our records tomorrow to find out the owner of record

Attorney Gorman- It could be owned by an LLC or Corporation. In part, it is maintained by the Department of State, Department of Treasury but probably not as much as you would like.

Ms. Croken- I have the Rules and Regulations that the County sent me and it states that at least a one year lease is required. I have never had a lease and I knew nothing of these Rules and Regulations. You have not taken care of Mieleville in so long there are a lot of questions that need to be answered.

Attorney Gorman- The township has nothing to do with the enforcement, negotiation or breaches of leases between landlords and tenants. That is a private matter between you and your landlord and if you have a dispute about that you have the option to file a complaint in landlord/tenant court in Freehold.

Ms. Croken- When I talk to the Board of Health and they tell me no, I pay taxes.

Attorney Gorman- We are part of the County Board of Health System.

Ms. Croken- I was told a few years back by Mike DeAngelo that the Board of Health cannot come into the park to inspect the sewerage in my tub and there is a man who pees in a bucket and throws it out the window. These are Board of Health issues.

Attorney Gorman- I am unaware if the Board of Health can enter the Mobile Home Parks. I represent Hazlet Township not the County Board of Health.

Ms. Croken- You don't know if the Board of Health can come in the trailer park?

Attorney Gorman- He told you he could not come in. I am trying to answer you and I am listening to you so I would appreciate it if you did that for me. As far as I know Michael DeAngelo is retired. You are going to have to contact the County Board of Health for someone to come out and inspect the issues and if you are not satisfied they have bosses.

Ms. Croken- I just told you I did this and the Board of Health told me they are not allowed on private property. I can't ask my landlord because he is an absentee landlord he is always in Florida.

Administrator Pino- What is the problem with the sewerage is it on your property or someone else's and I need you to speak only on you property because there is no one else behind you right now. Unless they tell us there is an issue with their property then I can go into something else.

Ms. Croken- I am going to say this one more time and I don't want to be interrupted.

Administrator Pino-What is the address.

Ms. Croken- The address is Mieleville Trailer Park on Palmer Avenue.

Administrator Pino- Not good enough.

Ms. Croken- Tough because you are going to come there.

Administrator Pino- This is not a township issue and I am trying to help you.

Ms. Croken- It is and I pay taxes here and I vote in the Township of Hazlet and we support the businesses that Mr. Conti owns.

Mayor Sachs- I am going to interrupt you and ask that you step away from the microphone because you have been here a lot longer than 5 minutes.

Ms. Croken- Evelyn said that if I had some questions I could stay a little bit longer.

Mayor Sachs- No. 15 to 20 minutes is ample enough time to ask your question. If you want to ask a question that is fine, if you don't like the answer that is fine too.

Ms. Croken- We have lots of fire issues who do I address?

Mayor Sachs- The Fire Official.

Ms. Croken- The Fire Official not the Township?

Mayor Sachs- The people who work for the township the fire official.

Ms. Croken- I have to do all your work.

Administrator Pino- You gave me that list today.

Ms. Croken- What about code enforcement.

Mayor Sachs- Sharon Keegan.

Ms. Croken- I went to Sharon she had me escorted out by the police because she wouldn't give me the answer.

Administrator Pino- May I make a suggestion?

Ms. Croken- No thank you.

Administrator Pino- We can meet and you can tell me every issue.

Ms. Croken- No thank you.

Administrator Pino- I can bring it to whoever needs to help you.

Ms. Croken- I said no thank you because you have been rude to me.

Administrator Pino- I am trying to help you but you don't want my help.

Committeewoman Kiley- I don't know if this will help you or not but Dennis and I have made arrangements to go through all the parks and do an evaluation of them. We have been in close

contact with Bill and we already have a meeting set up with him to sit down and discuss the issues in the trailer parks.

Ms. Croken- Well he didn't tell me that.

Administrator Pino- This was long before you came to the microphone.

Ms. Croken- You should of told me we are addressing it.

Administrator Pino- For years we have worked with Bill with anything he has brought to me and we have done anything in our power. I need to know what is wrong so we can help you if we can if I can't then I will tell you.

Ms. Croken- Go through the park and you will see what is wrong and call me up and I will bring you through. Our rent increase is constantly and we are told constantly it is from tax and water. I have old records from the way the park used to be run wherein you told us how many pads there were and rented homes and vacant homes and now we don't even know how it is calculated. With a missing landlord I have to come to the Township.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- At that time it was a Rent Control Board. All nine parks were rent controlled so we had some jurisdiction over that. Each year's application had the increases and it was itemized out. The Rent Control Board was abolished.

Attorney Gorman- Those are private matters between you and your landlord that have to be decided and litigated in the Monmouth County Landlord Tenant Court.

Ms. Croken- Should we do that as a group suit?

Attorney Gorman- I cannot advise you as what you should do or don't do. Nor would I advise Mr. Conti what to do.

Ms. Croken- Does the Township recycle and are we expected to recycle in the park?

Administrator Pino- The answer is yes.

Ms. Croken- We don't so I am informing you that is another code we don't follow.

Administrator Pino- Well then that's a problem.

Ms. Croken- Where does the money go from the fines that John Conti has incurred? It should go back into the park of where he violated the codes.

Administrator Pino- We can't do that State law does not allow it. Eventually it winds up back into the municipal funds.

Ms. Croken- So then you are going to tell me we are not part of the township but yet you are taken the money coming from the park.

Administrator Pino- Ironically that is why we don't stick to very large penalties because it does not help the people. What we normally try to do is resolve the issue amicably with whoever is causing the issue.

Ms. Croken- I was told by Dennis Pino that there is no time frame for this.

Administrator Pino- That is not true what I said. I said we started a program about 2 seasons ago technically around 2013 which allows us for the first time in history to go onto private property where there are common areas such as a senior citizen complex, a business that may have 10-15 tenants to look at common issues that may be in common areas that could be considered health or safety related. It is not a requirement and we have started the process and we have been through about a 1/3 of the town. An initial round starts off with verbal warnings and some written details and some notices.

Ms. Croken- Can you keep it brief I have a couple of things in 2012 and 2013 we failed inspections with the code inspector.

Administrator Pino- At this point I think everyone here is pretty much done with you and we appreciate your comments.

Ms. Croken- Your so kind Dennis.

Administrator Pino- See you tomorrow.

Bill Lawton- Basically as you can see from Megan we have a serious problem and I had a meeting that was scheduled with Ms. Kiley and Dennis and I had told Megan that she would be invited with her concerns at that particular time.

Administrator Pino – Anytime.

Mr. Lawton- The real problem from what I gather besides what we call the "Rent Control" the nasty word. In that particular Rent Control there were a lot of Rules and Regulations Ms. Croken did not understand that they are not enforceable anymore because of the nasty word "Rent Control". I found out that with the regulations being gone we have a couple of renegades out there not all of them but a couple of them. One of the big serious things I find is maybe because of the rent increases or the homes being sold. Some of the homes that were built prior to 1970 were not FHA built homes they were built very sloppy and haphazard and they only had a 10 year life and some of these well outran their ten year life. They cannot sell them the prices are too high so they abandon them. I did some research from the Department on Environmental Protection on abandoned homes. See these are very self-evident to me but maybe not to anyone else that is why I am bringing it up. It devaluates the surrounding properties not only ours. It becomes an illegal dumping ground which you all know we have had complaints about dumping to the township. It attracts illegal scavenging for pipes and copper wires, it becomes attractive locations for individuals who might use these structures for illegal purposes which we have had brought to our attention. Also a lot of these homes that have been built prior to the 70's have had substances such as lead based paint and some asbestos. No one seems to be adhering to our cries including the cries that you gentlemen put out there to the yearly inspections. First I want to thank you for getting those inspections back. There was 2 in one in 2013, one in 2014 and there should be one coming up. It was appalling to find out that a lot of these parks have just ignored

our complaints and not just my complaint but Megan's complaint and the Townships complaint. I don't know how to handle this except to ask what to do. What do we do if someone is breaking the law or request?

Administrator Pino- We can start with where Mr. Brady lives we had numerous electrical violations and issues that particular one park had numerous electrical issues that went back to probably the 1970's. There were some trailers there that were actually removed all the electrical conditions including the utility work that was performed by the owner. There was a lot of road work that was done maybe not to the best or prettiest but a lot of things were fixed. Drainage issue and a lot of individual issues with each particular individuals home that also had these issues which were not the parks responsibilities. So we approached every resident who had those issues as well as gingerly we spoke to the landlord and told them we need to do A,B & C and we will be back. There wasn't just one inspection they have been back to these things periodically to see if they did the road when they said it would be done or to see if they removed the trailer. We had one property owner who owns a park demolish an entire building maybe about 2,000-3,000 square foot. We are not pressuring anyone because we understand the dollars it cost to rebuild a park. To say they are compliant this isn't a code compliant inspection. What we are doing is looking at common areas to see if there are any safety issues that would be evident to the individual like we walked through that day and pointed out two particular individuals who owned a trailer and they were not maintaining it and dumping stuff in the creek and they had more debris on their property then probably the entire park. That individual cleaned up their act.

Mr. Lawton- What I am asking is to give you and your group teeth. Some of the parks like you are saying have knocked down a building and some have removed abandoned properties but some are snubbing. The information that I received we have parks that haven't even paid their licensing fees in two years.

Administrator Pino- That I do now know.

Mr. Lawton- We need the teeth back. If you could take the vision of the rent control and take that out of there and give us our teeth back.

Administrator Pino- We have the teeth and there is now a mechanism in place which we didn't have. We are also developing a system for all these landlords to register and make the payments and that takes time.

Mr. Lawton- What are we going to do with these abandoned trailers?

Administrator Pino- There are different rules and regulations that could get kicked in once they come to our attention. Once we discover them and once the landlord/owner don't take action on them within a reasonable amount of time.

Mr. Lawton- There are mobile parks in town that are not perfect but they are working towards an end and there are ones that are not.

Administrator Pino- That becomes the private matter between you and your landlord. We put ourselves into a position where we almost shouldn't be in the name of health and safety. We are doing the right thing. We are on it. Again, it is just not the parks we have properties throughout the entire town that need to have the same attention for different and various reasons. If you or

anyone else sees a wire hanging call us at the moment we can send someone out we can call JCP&L, we have the power we just haven't forced anyone into doing anything. We have to work with not only the landlord but the people who can't make repairs on their own trailers. Again I need to know I can help.

Mr. Lawton- We are going to have a meeting and I will be talking to you.

Deanna De'Liberto- I want to thank everyone on the Committee for deferring the vote for budget tonight. What has been done and/or being done to bring new businesses into Hazlet?

Administrator Pino- We are starting to review a couple of different programs that are out there but haven't pick or chose any which one because we are still looking into the legality of some of these programs.

Ms. De'Liberto- If Walmart comes into Hazlet that would actually cause problems for many businesses in Hazlet.

Administrator Pino- I don't know I haven't done any analysis and haven't seen any.

Ms. De'Liberto- When will that analysis be done.

Attorney Gorman- There are no plans for a Walmart, if you have heard rumors of a Walmart they are rumors. There is nothing before the boards and nothing has been rezoned.

Ms. De'Liberto- What is being done to keep businesses from leaving Hazlet? One of the ways to relieve the tax burden on residents is to make sure the businesses are happy.

Attorney Gorman- You have to remember we don't get paid a sales tax we get paid real estate taxes. Real Estate are on the sticks and bricks. To some extent if the store is empty the store may be less valuable and it may in some ways reduce the assessment but we get paid on sticks and bricks. We don't get paid on how much money they make or what their rents are or what their sales are.

Ms. De'Liberto- If there are vacancies in businesses?

Attorney Gorman- We still get paid the taxes.

Administrator Pino- There was a survey recently and Hazlet Township had one of the highest occupancy rates on Highway 35 in the entire corridor so we are not in bad shape.

Ms. De'Liberto- That is good to know. I am seeing a lot of residents are in foreclosure or pre-foreclosure status and they are obviously not paying their share of the taxes.

Attorney Gorman- We get paid every dime of every tax bill to the township plus interest, plus penalties. We may not collect it in the current year because people may not be paying their banks it may go into foreclosure there are a lot of things that can happen but it will get paid at some point down the road. Mr. O'Hara can go through the analysis of how we get it but we get paid every dime.

Ms. De'Liberto- That resident is not able to afford to live in Hazlet and that is a major concern for me seeing my area of Hazlet how many people who have lived here for 35 years and just simply cannot afford the taxes. You are going to have a ghost town if we don't fix the tax system. Any comments on that?

Administrator Pino- There is no comment to make.

Ms. De'Liberto- If Holmdel is able to cut their property tax rate why is it that Hazlet cannot do it?

Attorney Gorman- The rate is determined by taking all the total assessments in the town and you use that number you then have to find out how much the town has to raise to support its budget and you then compute the taxes based upon how much you have to raise over the total assessment base. Whether Holmdel's tax rate went up or down does not mean taxes go up or down because you have changes in assessments all the time. Monmouth County (this year) has gone to a 100% reevaluation every year. It is supposed to be a true market value every year.

Ms. De'Liberto- You explained that very well I would just like to see that happen in Hazlet?

Attorney Gorman- What would you like to see happen?

Ms. De'Liberto- Taxes are overly assessed.

Attorney Gorman- We went through tax appeals this year which was relatively small on the residential properties. Everyone has a right to file a tax appeal. The tax assessor has done a great job.

Ms. De'Liberto- Unfortunately some people can't afford to file an appeal because they can't afford an attorney.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Residents can do it on your own you do not need an attorney.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- The budget that was introduced in Hazlet with a 2% increase would still result in a decrease in the tax rate because the assessments increased. You are pointing out Holmdel as a good example and I analyzed a number of surrounding towns and from 2011- 2015 Holmdel's tax levy increased over 20%. If we adopted the budget that was introduced in that same time period Hazlet's taxes would have gone up a total of 5.83%. When you see a decrease in the tax rate don't be fooled into how that relates to the actual tax levy. My analysis shows Hazlet with the second lowest increase with what I was able to discern from surrounding towns in that period from 2011-2015.

Ms. De'Liberto- I appreciate that, that is a very good answer. Thank you. Does Hazlet have a policy where hiring outside contractors to award contract to the lowest qualified bidder as opposed to the highest bidder that may be just as qualified as the lowest qualified bidder?

Attorney Gorman- Yes.

Ms. De'Liberto- Will I be able to see that policy?

Attorney Gorman- There are all different policies in state law depending on the size of the project and what you have to do for competitive bidding. The law basically requires that it goes to the lowest responsible bidder.

Ms. De'Liberto- Are residents allowed to see those bids that were put in?

Administrator Pino- Absolutely they are opened in public.

Ms. De'Liberto- Where can I get that?

Administrator Pino- You can request that from Evelyn.

Ms. De'Liberto- O.K. I am glad to hear that. These meetings are recorded so I would get the tape for these meetings from Evelyn?

Evelyn Grandi, Clerk- Yes.

Ms. De'Liberto- Thank you again for deferring the budget my understanding of that is at the next meeting you will be voting on the budget or will that just be another public meeting?

Mayor Sachs- The public hearing is closed for now whether or not it is deferred until then. We may vote on it or we may defer again.

Attorney Gorman- For the record as of right now the public hearing on the budget is closed.

Keith Wright- I am here with Kevin Wright about the property on 2017 Florence Avenue. We were here last meeting and I wanted to get the property in the back I block lot 31.01 and our property is 32, we want to get it from auction? I believe my attorney has provided Mr. Gorman information.

Attorney Gorman – I told him rather than giving me an Easter egg hunt just tell me what it said. He gave me a lot of information and a lot of it deeds handwritten from the 1800's. I asked him to tell me where in those documents is the relevant information he would like me to look at.

Mr. Wright- What is the relevant information you are looking for?

Attorney Gorman- You have an attorney and he has emailed me and you have emailed me back. I got a huge title binder and I went through it as quickly as I could to try and figure out where in there is the access to the property behind you that the town now owns. Mr. Luttrell sent me an email whether it was yesterday or today, it said it appears that there is a 10 foot easement to get to that property through one of the other lots within one of those handwritten deeds that go back to the 1800's.

Mr. Wright- Do I have to do all this leg work. Do I have to pay an attorney to do all this leg work? For me to do all this leg work and the property goes up for auction I have already paid thousands of dollars to get this done. I am trying to sell a house. I do not know how to present this sale to a buyer. 1/3 of it in the back lot is not my property it is owned by the township I own the front 2/3rds I will give an easement I will give whatever I can to move this property. I am losing money and I put a new roof on the house.

Attorney Gorman- We are going in circles here and it is not the towns fault.

Mr. Wright- Is it my fault? What can I do to rectify this?

Attorney Gorman- You don't own the property in the back the town does and you got a subdivision of your property to create two lots a condition of that approval was that you grant an easement across your property to the town lot. That is what you asked for and that is what the land use board approved.

Mr. Wright- We have the easement can I now put that property up for auction?

Attorney Gorman- You don't own it.

Mr. Wright- Can I ask the town to put it up for auction?

Attorney Gorman- In order for the town to put that up for auction at your request I think it is reasonable enough to say what do we own? You have title searchers, how do we get in how do we get out? What do we own. Because of the size of lot it has to be a public auction open to everyone not just the surrounding people.

Mr. Wright -That sounds fair so what do I have to do to get this to public auction?

Attorney Gorman- It is your request that we do that and what I have said and asked your attorney when he was here that night is that can you supply me with the title information. I got it but tell me in there where the information is that I need. Highlight, underline it tell me the page help me don't just give me a pile of paper. I am not your lawyer. He has said within one of those documents someplace in there is a 10 foot easement across one of the other lots in the neighborhood to get to that lot the town owns in the back. He didn't tell me where it is but it is in there someplace.

Mr. Wright-Am I required to do all this leg work?

Attorney Gorman- You are required to do nothing nor is the town required to sell the lot. If you want the lot to be sold then it is fair to say give us the information?

Mr. Wright- If I give you a drawing with an easement on it?

Attorney Gorman- If you file that document with the county then there will be an easement across your property to get to our property. At that time then the town can say we own this property, we have an easement we don't have to refer it to a deed from 1800. We have an easement from 2015 nice, clear and spelled out and easement to get to that property. Leave it alone and stop asking us to sell it.

Tom Freda- We have a drainage issue before we repave the streets there's only 2 catch basins on the lower end of the block but is about ½ mile and there are no catch basins on Colby Lane there are just two. I am out there every storm and in the winter cleaning out the catch basins to make sure that it is clear otherwise we get flooded. If you could send someone out from public works,

construction department I would appreciate it to have the issue resolved before we redo the pavement on the streets.

Maureen Miller- It is that time of year again, I drove by the pool club can't wait and I got my brochure in the mail it is fabulous whoever did it. Tennis Courts I did not see anyone working on them there is the grass growing up on them and all the cracks? Is that in the works to be fixed before it opens?

Administrator Pino- We have not gotten to that we are still chasing pot holes and some other major work in the swim club. The entire swim club filtration system has been replaced by our own employees. We also have a contractor there working on site which is literally taken all of the old paint and coverings down to the bare concrete and we are repairing any sort of miscellaneous minor cracks or issues that have been unraveled or that we have known of. It is on our list when it will be done I will be honest as always I do not know. Me and Dave have not gotten to that yet.

Ms. Miller- It is separate from the pool.

Administrator Pino- There are only so many hours in the day and so many employees.

Ms. Miller- What about the sprinkler park?

Administrator Pino- It is not happening.

Ms. Miller- As of yet?

Administrator Pino- As of tonight, there is nothing happening with the spray park at the swim club.

Ms. Miller- I just want to remind people about Hazlet how Middle Road right now just trying to cross the street is a hazard. When that comes I hope it is brought to the people's attention before it is brought before you people to vote on it. I appreciate your time tonight you are doing a great job.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- What do you mean about crossing Middle Road?

Ms. Miller- Traffic issue trying to cross Middle Road.

Joseph Belasco- The Belasco family is doing their best to try and fill businesses up in Hazlet. Joey is opening Mr. B's Pool Shack on Middle Road and Highway 35. I am inviting you all to the grand opening on May 2, 2015 @ 8am.

Paulette De'Liberto- Mr. Mayor I wanted to apologize for the way I said "No" before. We go back a long way from when I first moved here when you first ran for Township Committee. What you ran on was the people of Hazlet whether it be a republican or democrat for all the people and betterment of Hazlet. You were the first person who ever said that to me and you had my total support, as well as Gary. We did everything we could to volunteer and do whatever was required that we were asked to do. It is not about political parties it is what is best for the people of Hazlet.

Mayor Sachs- I am not here to play politics and I'm not here now to do it. It has been 13 years and I am not going to start now. When it comes to the budget you will see it year after year and they will attest to it also, they know as well as I do if the republicans are controlled the democrats will vote against a republican budget.

Paulette De'Liberto- Why can't we all come together. It needs to stop.

Mayor Sachs- The last couple of years it didn't happen because I actually voted for the democratic budget for the past two years.

Paulette De'Liberto- You have been someone I have always respected in the past. Barbara am I able to have report about what you were saying about the budget?

Mayor Sachs- It will be in the minutes and you can get a copy of them when they are transcribed.

Paulette De'Liberto- I would like to talk about the pot holes.

Administrator Pino- When someone reports a pot hole to us we have to fill it no matter what the weather is, no matter what the conditions are and no matter what, it is a process to avoid the hazard of someone getting hurt.

Paulette De'Liberto- It is a waste of money, manpower and supplies.

Administrirator Pino- It is not a waste of money.

Paulette De'Liberto- You are going to have to come back.

Administrator Pino- We may have been to holes three times already.

Paulette De'Liberto- Oh you have been to my holes on the street. When can I expect it to be paved. I don't want it to be paved and then ripped up in that area.

Mayor Sachs- If it is your lateral that comes out of your house that connects to the main line of Hazlet Township that is your responsibility.

Paulette De'Liberto- The pipe is in the street, it does not come on my property.

Mayor Sachs- I have seen a tree root grow in his lateral. They dug up a 12x12 section of the road to do that repair on his dime. It is not the townships responsibility I have argued about this for years and years to no avail and that is the way it has been through the sewerage authority. That lateral is part of your property you own it.

Paulette De'Liberto- I had spoken to Marilyn Colas last year and she said the township was looking into the homeowners to be able to buy line insurance. I was wondering how that was coming along because I haven't heard anything.

Mayor Sachs- This is the first I am hearing of this.

Administrator Pino- There hasn't been any movement on that at this point. We are looking at the entire sewer department right now. We have reorganized a lot of different employees and processes and that is one of the items that is still out there and has not been brought to us formally.

Committeeman DiNardo- I worked with Marilyn on that last year and we are still in the process of working on it.

Paulette De'Liberto- It is a health issue where I am living.

Administrator Pino- You can buy private insurance on your sewer line but not from us but it is out there.

Paulette De'Liberto- When you pay for a permit to do work on your house and then someone comes out to inspect it to make sure the person who was hired did the job properly. Do you know what a cricket is that belongs on your roof?

Administrator Pino- Yes I do.

Paulette De'Liberto- What is a cricket?

Mayor Sachs- On the permit it tells you don't make your final payment until your final inspection has been made.

Administrator Pino- It is a component that is installed on some chimneys not all based upon the roof pitch which prevents water from going directly into your chimney. When a roof contractor takes out a permit they normally don't include a cricket as a listed element, if they do or don't need it. It is only a visual inspection that the town looks for code compliance on certain issues.

Paulette De'Liberto- How is a homeowner supposed to know all this.

Attorney Gorman- This is public comment on township issues. Not your roofer, crickets, etc.

Mayor Sachs- If you want more information on that make a phone call to Mr. Pino and he will explain it to you.

Paulette De'Liberto- When will all the properties be assessed again?

Attorney Gorman- October 1, 2015.

Paulette De'Liberto- I appealed my taxes but I did not do it this year because I thought it was going to be done the same way I did it the last time. I appealed it at the town level automatically it was denied. Out of the 50 people who appealed their taxes this year, how many were denied?

Administrator Pino- I would have to check with the tax assessor.

Attorney Gorman- I know the assessor has the list and the results and the Commissioners reduced their assessments and many they did not.

Paulette De'Liberto- On the local level when I appealed everyone was denied.

Attorney Gorman- On the local level?

Paulette De'Liberto- Yes it was at the police station.

Attorney Gorman- We don't do tax appeals here. You have every right to talk to the assessor about your property.

Paulette De'Liberto- When I paid the fee to appeal it, when it came on the local level it was denied. Everyone that was there was denied.

Attorney Gorman – Maybe you didn't have a good case.

Paulette De'Liberto- I took it all the way to Freehold hired an attorney and won the case. What is the fee to file an appeal?

Attorney Gorman- It depends on the property value?

Paulette De'Liberto- Do anyone of you from the town committee have an office in the building?

Mayor Sachs- No.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The old town hall did have a Mayor's office when we built this one we have a basic common area for any committee person.

Paulette De'Liberto- When is the water report coming out?

Mayor Sachs- That is Shorelands Water Company we have no control over that.

Paulette De'Liberto- On a final note I would like to thank you all and I definitely want to see, if at all possible, that we can all vote on what is best for Hazlet not what is best for the Republican or Democrat.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- We are here with you as a resident and that is why we are here.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Mayor Sachs

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Mayor Sachs

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 10:35 pm

