

May 5, 2015

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 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 – April 7, 2015 and April 21, 2015.
Regular Meeting – April 7, 2015 and April 21, 2015.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti
Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes
(abstain 4/21/15) (abstain 4/21/15)
Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes
Mayor Sachs Yes

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – April 21, 2015.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti
Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Abstain Committeewoman Kiley Abstain
Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes
Mayor Sachs Yes

1. HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Hearing:

No one spoke at hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti
Voice vote: Yes

Resolution S-1 – Community Development Block Grant.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti
Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes
Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes
Mayor Sachs Yes

2. ACTION ON THE 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Sachs- Before I ask for an action on this I will grant anyone on the Committee who wishes to briefly make any statements before I ask for a vote.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I still don't agree with how the DPW salaries are charged to the pool club and not to the DPW line items and they are not removed. The recreation we had to put in \$100,000.00 for them this year is true but we don't show their income. Recreation makes money everything they do except a few programs. We usually take in summer camp alone anywhere from \$45,000.00-\$65,000.00 that is not shown there.

Committeewoman Kiley-At our last discussion on April 7, 2015 there were a lot of things said about the budget that I wanted to clarify. First of all, we talked about the process when we first got the budgets from the different departments that was in January and that total budget was \$21,417,792.00 which was \$634,000.00 plus over what we had spent last year so we went back to the drawing board. We went through every line item and we worked on the budget with the departments and we tried to find ways to bring that down and we did. We met again in February and we brought that down by \$307,000.00 and that still wasn't enough so we met again and worked on it harder. On March 20 we met again and we were able to reduce the overall original budget that was submitted for 2015 by \$412,000.00 which brought us to the number that reflects a 2% increase. We have to be clear on what that 2% increase means total budget dollar is broken up 61% of that budget dollar is your school budget that we have nothing to do with. Another 3% of that is fire district then you have 12% which is county and 24% is the municipal budget that we are talking about a 2% increase on. What does that mean? the average home in Hazlet is estimated to be valued at \$291,000.00. That homeowner with a 2% tax increase will pay \$34.92 more a year with this increase which nets out to \$2.91 a month. Just so we are clear on what this 2% means. The other thing is how are we doing against other towns in the last five years we will have increased our taxes by 5.83%, Holmdel has increased by 20.17%, Middletown by 9.56%, Keyport by 9.61%. There were many statements made about this budget at the April 7 meeting and I said quite frankly that they took me by surprise and they were not my understandings of the budget so I want to clarify them. Committeewoman Ronchetti stated that they added \$800,000.00 to the insurance line item which was not necessary and over inflated, this is incorrect. If you look at the budget, which is available to all of you on line and you can find it on sheet 14 of the current funds appropriations, for budget 2015, you will see that the employee group health insurance in 2014 adopted budget was \$2,850,000.00 and in 2015 budget proposed budget it is \$2,850,000.00 it is exactly the same number, it is not higher by \$800,000.00. The other thing you will see if you compare the two is that the overall health costs are budgeted by \$25,000.00 less in 2015 than they were last year. Committeewoman Ronchetti said while taxes are being raised significant raises are being awarded to some employees which is approximately 10% of their salaries and this in addition to a 2% increase that all employees received as of January 1, 2015. There is some clarification that has to take place on that. We have 100 employees approximately in our town, 80% are union employees that are under contracts that predict with certainty what their raises are going to be and they got 2% raises in January and we gave the other 20 people, that are employees, that are not in the unions, that same 2% increase out of fairness to them. Out of 100 employees there are two employees that have extenuating circumstances and are in the budget for a proposed raise of \$5,000.00 each. That does not mean they are going to get those raises. It means it is in the budget and we will still have to discuss and vote on it. Those are extenuating circumstances for two people. Committeewoman Ronchetti said we had a Joint Court with Matawan, Keyport and Hazlet last year and Keyport pulled out and that is correct. We had a contract with all three of them and we cancelled that contract because once Keyport pulled out we had to negotiate a new

contract with Matawan and Hazlet. She continued to say Hazlet has had to keep extra personnel for covering the lingering costs of the Keyport unfinished business and we don't know how long that will take. There was no provision in the old contract for what happens if Keyport pulls out and they keep sending cases so that was something we did not anticipate. However, the two employees that we kept are employees that we need for Matawan whether there is additional Keyport business coming in or not. It is a little bit misleading because they are not additional employees because of what is happening with Keyport. The statement continued for some unknown reason Matawan was giving a discount on their court costs for the court this year, Hazlet has become a charitable town while raising your taxes. First of all, there is new contract in place it is not an old contract it is a new contract. On the new contract Matawan is being charged \$160,000.00 a year to use our court. Keep in mind our court is a cost center we are going to run that court whether Matawan does it with us or not. They are helping us pay for our court. We have added two part time employees or we have two part time employees of the cases that they bring in and they more then cover that with the \$160,000.00 that they pay us. Last year they paid us \$138,340.00 this year they are paying \$160,000.00 so they are actually paying us more this year than last year by \$21,659.27 and this can all be found in the online budget. This happens to be on the current fund anticipated revenue sheet 7. The last thing I wanted to say was there were a lot of questions about what can we do to bring new business in and we already put together an Economic Development Committee and Freeholder Tom Arnone has agreed to be part of that Committee with us and it will contain people from our township committee and our legal counsel, business owners and residents so that we can bring business in. Please keep in mind the last thing I want to keep you with is that this increase is \$2.91 that is less a month then you will pay for a cup of Star Bucks coffee.

Committeeman DiNardo- First of all Sue, as far as the courtroom goes you're pretty far off here. We are about \$410,000.00 I do not have the direct number in front of me. Hazlet when it was on its own they were probably about \$202,000.00 to run the courtroom and as far as being fair and equitable Matawan should be paying more money than \$160,000.00 so that is wrong o.k. Second of all in defense of what Barbara said any increase in any budget right now is tough on anyone in this town. If you have gone on any type of real estate website and you can use Zillow the pre foreclosures in Hazlet are astronomical. Raising any tax is tough and as far as any other towns in the area this is about Hazlet. It is not about Holmdel or about Keyport it is about Hazlet and that is what we are here we are not for Keyport or any other town we are here to represent this town. This budget as far as the health care goes is staying flat again but there is still a significant surplus put in there. I want to commend the Chief of Police and he is here tonight if you trend his salaries and his budget he has been going down every year for the past 3 years we tend to add \$100,000.00 for salaries. There is no reason for any tax increase at this time on this 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 was held on April 7, 2015.

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo No

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti No

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

Ordinance Hearing:

1. AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES, SALARY RANGES, INCREMENTS, WAGES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF HAZLET TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2015

Introduced: April 21, 2015.

Published in The Asbury Park Press, issue of April 24, 2015. Proof on file.

Posted in Town Hall – April 22, 2015.

Hearing to be held May 5, 2015.

Hearing:

No one spoke at hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

Reports

MUNICIPAL COURT – March 2015 – Total fees collected - \$31,054.80.

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

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #125 through #129 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.

125. Authorizing the First Aid Squad to solicit donations on Highway 35 and Poole Avenue.

126. Refund of 2015 Railroad Parking Fees to Chad Vahosky.

127. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4042 to Special Teen and Recreation Supporters.

128. Waiver of the Townships Raffle License fee for Special Teens and Adult Recreation Supporters (S.T.A.R.S.).

129. Refund of the overpayment of the Landlord Registration Fee for various properties.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

130. Authorizing retroactive pay to Cody Sachs for his promotion to Sewer Repairer I.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Abstain

131. 2015 Swim Club Salaries.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

132. Requesting Approval of items of Revenue and Appropriation N.J.S. 40A:4-87 Click it or Ticket 2015 Seat Belt Mobilization Grant.

Offered Mayor Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

133. Resolution Authorizing the Township of Hazlet to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

134. Authorizing the Municipal Administrator to execute Progress Payment No. 3 and the final progress payment for the Blasting and Painting of the Swim and Tennis Club Pools.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

135. 2015 Summer Camp Employees.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

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

Ordinance Introduction:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 331 PRECIOUS METALS AND SECOND HAND GOODS OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Title read by: Committeeman DiNardo

Hearing Date: May 19, 2015.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

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

Citizens Hearing:

Deanna DeLiberto- I want to address what Committeewoman Kiley said about the average home going up \$34.92 per year which comes out to about \$2.00 per month.

Committeewoman Kiley- \$2.91 per month.

Mayor Sachs- That is on an assessed value of \$291,000.00.

Deanna DeLiberto- The concern that I have about this in all honesty is that while that may sound to be an insignificant amount for the residents of Hazlet that is significant for the residents who are not getting any increases. We are talking senior citizens who are not getting an increase from their social security or social security disability or people who are unemployed that obviously are not getting an increase and we have people that are unemployed that are no longer on the unemployment statistics. We also have a number of people who simply can't afford the increase they are working more than one job. Everyone wants to say it is only this amount of money but you have to say it's not really just this amount of money because as we know the county has increased the taxes, the school board has increased the taxes and the school board budget 80% of their budget is also salaries and benefits so really they did a very good job in keeping the budget as low as they could. As you mentioned the fire department is part of that budget so when you say it is only this it is all of only this added up. The sewer goes up the water goes up the electric goes up. Where do the residents get the money when they are not getting the increases?

Attorney Gorman- This is public comment.

Deanna DeLiberto- It is a point that I have to make. We have people that have lived here for over 37 years that have to leave. We need to balance this budget instead of on the backs of the tax payers. I would like to volunteer officially right now to be on the Committee for economic growth.

David Kestner – Attorney Gorman how is that Committeewoman Kiley can vote on a budget that directly affects her son, her nephew and her retired husband. She voted on allowing retired police officers to use a qualifying gun range at Hazlet Police Station for free. The overturn in the police budget directly affects her relatives and she also negotiates the Chiefs secretary salary increase. Is this not unethical or that the very least a conflict of interest?

Attorney Gorman- No.

Mr. Kestner- Why does Mayor Sachs recuse himself when a vote regarding his son comes up?

Attorney Gorman- If you ask questions with yes or no answers I will answer if you make them essay questions I cannot answer.

Mr. Kestner I am asking questions for the record. Committeewoman Kiley mentioned an increase in taxes over a period of time in Hazlet, during that time how much of that raise was during republican control and how much during democratic control of the township? You don't have to answer that one either.

Charles Hoffman- I apologize to you Mr. Pino this information I have obtained this morning in my old home town up in NY State at about 9:30 this morning and haven't had a chance to send you an email about it. I have raised this issue with you before counsellor told me what I should do but I don't know how to operate my phone. However I was down at the Village office in my old home town talking with the township clerk about somethings and when I came out I ran into the head of public works and he told me there are a lot of trucking centers off I-84 exit 5 which is about 1 mile outside my old home town. They have a lot of trouble with trucks losing their way ending up on the secondary roads off a state highway trying to go back the other way. They have signs posted now stating it is a \$4,000.00 fine. He advised me that there is such a thing as a commercial GPS that dominates all these roads that have weight restrictions on them. I raised the issue with you before about sending a letter I believe to the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation has a contractor who maintains the GPS system here in the United States and I have said that you should write a letter to this managing outfit and delineate the roads where there are weight restrictions and I think you should still do that. You have these roads posted as 4 ton weight limits you don't say no thru trucking, which is really accepting the local delivery but not allowing your road to be used as a transit lane. What does the ordinance say for a fine of violating the rate restrictions in the township?

Administrator Pino- I would not know that off the top of my head. I don't know if the Chief of Police would know that off the top of his head. We can find out and I can definitely get back to you tomorrow.

Mr. Hoffman- I would like to say I am back at the well again.

Len Rapoport- Mr. Pino my name is Len Rapoport I live in Raritan Valley at 15 Carlow Way in Hazlet NJ and I have lived here for over 40 years. I made some copies and I want to speak to the Committee.

Hazlet Township Committee Meeting - May 5th, 2015

I want to thank those in this room that have offered their continued support for these past 8 months as I developed and grew the Hazlet News website and our presence on Facebook. As I travel through Hazlet, I hear people saying there is the Hazlet News guy, or they come over to speak to me and voice their concerns. It is a wonderful feeling to see how I have been able to touch so many in such a short time.

To date we have close to 8,000 LIKES and in our Group 2,000 members.

Our site continues to publish informative articles about the Home and Garden, but also about local and area events, health issues and much more.

Our readership is growing. IN January we had 91,000 page views, we are now averaging close to 30,000 views each month. We now have close to 3,000 unique visitors each month. As I continue to write and publish new articles that readership and views will continue to grow.

Our site not only serves the Hazlet Community but many others . We even see views from international visitors too.

That said, I think we have proven our point that it is vital to have a method to communicate with our towns residents and to help them maintain and improve their homes and lives by offering them the information in a way they can understand. The internet is how we all communicate today and we must keep up with the many changes that take place daily.

Our town has been behind the curve in the way it communicates to its residents. As I have stated over and over again, we need to join the rest of the world and embrace the 21st Century and the digital age. A vibrant website is a start. One that can entice prospective business owners and potential residents to come to Hazlet because we are a great town to live in and do business in.

Like any good sales brochure, our website is our towns sales brochure and not only has to inform our residents of important events as well as other information, but has to highlight all that is good in Hazlet in a visual and exciting way. Great Photos, interesting articles, videos, reasons to come to Hazlet to live and work here.

If you want to have a new cabinet built for your home you wouldn't hire a plumber to do it. If you want to create an informative attractive and vibrant website you need to enlist those that are capable of doing the job. What was acceptable years ago is no longer acceptable today. 75% of those that view websites now do it on a mobile device. So your website has to be mobile friendly and needs to have the most current and up to date applications to deliver the type of information viewers want to see. Our current site doesn't do that.

Remember the old saying you only get one chance to make a first impression. Everyone today will go to the internet and find the information they need there. If they visit our website, does anyone in this room really believe that their first impression will be a good one?

I have spent the better portion of my career in marketing and corporate communication and have worked on many online publications including our IMPress Magazine an international publication that publishes members of our organizations works from around the globe. I am president of the International Press Association a 25 year old global organization of photographers and journalist. My son is the CEO of Hedgeco Investments and developed an innovative web platform for investing in Hedgefunds, we are a technology oriented and creative family.

It was my contributions to our town to create the Hazlet News. I will not accept advertising, ask for any payment of any kind and for me it imy way to give back to my town. I have lived here for over 40 years I won't give up on Hazlet, and hope Hazlet won't give up on its residents.

I have offered my services and guidance at no cost to our towns committee in the past and was ignored. It is important that our town seek out those that can help us grow. We should not become an exclusive group of elected officials, we must become an inclusive group that looks for qualified individuals that offer their services to help us move forward.

Once again, I offer my services at no cost to this town and its committee. My goal is to help us find solutions for our communications and marketing needs. To that end, I would recommend forming a small group of qualified individuals to evaluate our real needs and suggest solutions. My first mission would be the collection of email addresses for those residents that have email accounts. It is the best way to communicate quickly when we need to and our town doesn't have any list of this kind that I know of right now.

I hope to meet with some of the Aberdeen Township's committee and their Mayor Fred Tagliarini and Maxine Rescorl who is their new Business Liaison who I hope will share some of their successes with me. As the publisher of the Hazlet News, I have access to people and events others may not have. I hope they will share with our readers how they have accomplished some of their goals.

I would like to discuss their programs and how they work with local and prospective businesses. They seem to have a number of programs to encourage new and current businesses and an informative and attractive business newsletters and website.

I would invite everyone here to simply go to the Aberdeen website at <http://www.aberdeennj.org/> and see what they have done to accomplish these goals.

On a personal note...

Many of you know I have supported Sue Kiley's election to the township committee and am a supporter of her mission to better the means of communication between our town and its residents and businesses. Sue understands that any sales or marketing person looking to sell a product must have the ammunition to do so. Whether it is a great website, or an individual who is capable of meeting with and encouraging new business. Sue's background in sales and marketing makes her the perfect candidate to steer this effort.

I hope we can count on the other members to the committee to listen to our suggestions and accept my willingness to help. Lets all work together to make Hazlet the best it can be.

Len Rapoport
The Hazlet News.com

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Publisher: IMPress Magazine - ipaimpress.com
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Administrator Pino- The Townships website is a responsive website, in fact when you first came to us you told me to go to your website and your website was not responsive.

Mr. Rapoport- You were looking at an old website.

Administrator Pino- Then you corrected it the next day and sent me the link. Just so we know we are going back that far. That website was put together by employees by the needs and by a study from Monmouth University of what type of records should be what, where and when. I will tell you Committeewoman Kiley did mention that you wanted to get involved again. I said let's sit down and talk and see exactly what you want to do for us. The last time we left off Mr. Rapoport we offered you the ability to provide photos and do a column and everything on our website.

Mr. Rapoport-I never got that.

Administrator Pino- You responded in an email to me that you were working on another project and that you would not be able to do it. I have emails if you would like to see them. That is where we last left off. The door is open. If you want to volunteer you are more than welcome to help us out.

Committeewoman Kiley - I think Len we do want to talk to you.

Administrator Pino- There is no argument there.

Bill Shewan- Just a consideration on the website changes I would assume ours is bullet proof on hacking. That is one of the most important factors that you must consider. I would look into anything having to do with a new website. With regard to the budget I would thank Committeewoman Kiley for giving a full detail on the budget on the reverse side I would also thank both parties on each side for giving contrary to that. I think it was good for the township for the citizen's to hear this, I really do. It is the first time in a long time that the budget has been discussed more than just presented, voted on and a few people get up and ask a couple of questions and I feel like I am the lone person sometimes that gets up and asks questions. However I would recommend, I don't know whether you can consider this, I no longer attend the school budgets but what they have done in the past is they have a presentation they make to the citizens of what the budget is about and they go into detail and you can ask questions. I think that would be very fruitful for this township to take that approach so that you don't delay a budget. I don't think it is a good thing to delay a budget but I do again think what did occur was good for the township and discussions presented for the people and there was a lot of discussion after the fact by the citizens and they are concerned. I would make a note and most people are aware of it but when it comes to senior citizens on the increase there is an exemption that they can get from the state to freeze their taxes. I think it is like \$85,000.00.

Attorney Gorman- No it is less than that.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- It is all things considered they take in everything not just their salary.

Attorney Gorman- It is a pretty low number I don't remember it off hand but most senior citizens would not qualify with social security and some pension are not going to qualify for that. If you drop down below a certain level you do.

Mr. Shewan- It is worth looking into. There is also the Veteran status they can also apply as well. With regard to the tax rate and you mentioned the increases compared with other towns taxes are

usually bases on per hundred. How does our tax rate compare to other towns per hundred of assessment?

Attorney Gorman- The rate has not been established for 2015 and the other thing you have to remember is right now in the pilot program in Monmouth County every town is supposed to be at 100% assessment. The rates themselves will translate from town to town because it is going to be based upon the same 100% assessment.

Mr. Shewan- The tax rate would be higher in a town that was not at 100% in order to meet the tax base.

Attorney Gorman- Right but in Monmouth County every town is supposed to be at 100%. I don't know if they all are but we are.

Mr. Shewan – There has been some citizen grumbling with regard to the assessment where they will be visiting the houses on a regular basis. I am just putting that on the line so you are aware of it.

Administrator Pino- That was ordered by the County 20% every year for the next five years and then they may continue that program there after so there will always be somebody out in the neighborhoods evaluating the homes. It is not us.

Len Rapoport – There is a state program called the Property Tax Reimbursement or Senior Freeze Program and eligibility requirements are 65 or older receiving social security benefits and living here at least 10 years and having a certain income. I have been on that program for the past five years my taxes have not gone up and I receive \$1,300.00 as a rebate alone. Whether you raise the taxes or not and I fit into that program I am not affected. I do not know what Deanna was talking about when she said people that can't afford the increase when in fact, they can because they are not being increased. It is an income of \$85,000.00.

Paulette DeLiberto- The mention of the senior citizens not being able to afford increases and you can apply for a lower amount of seniors to be frozen. That does not cover every citizen in Hazlet. We don't have the number on how many that does cover. As far as what Deanna saying also people who have a disability do not qualify for any of those tax cuts. We have a lot of disability people in Hazlet what are you doing for that. That \$1,300.00 that he is talking about look around people are packing up as we are walking around and leaving. You can clearly know it does not cover everyone that senior freeze it does not work. You are saying Hazlet is being reassessed every year for five years?

Attorney Gorman- There is going to be an inspection of 20% each year with a reassessment every year on the 100%.

Paulette DeLiberto- On that reassessment the person who comes out is reassessing on the improvements done on the house has the state paid for those improvements or the town paid for the those improvements on the house that we pay for that we are getting reassessed for? If we do trees, and a roof and windows and it makes our house more valuable and our home is being reassessed for more money.

Mayor Sachs- It increases the value of your home it is fair market value.

Paulette DeLiberto- The citizens are the ones improving the house and we are taking care of it and you are getting the benefit, the town.

Committeeman DiNardo- Like Jim said before it is a Pilot program controlled by the Governor.

Paulette DeLiberto- We need you up here on the town to speak for us.

Committeeman DiNardo-It is something we cannot control.

Attorney Gorman- This Pilot Program if it works in Monmouth County is going to be adopted state wide. The reason why they are doing it is because when you wind up with towns some at 80%, 40% and some at 100% at true market value it throws so much distortion into the system. So if the pilot program works in Monmouth County and there is no indication that it is not, so far it is working pretty well, it is going to make it that everyone is going to be treated fairly, equally and on the same level for assessment purposes.

Paulette DeLiberto- Where do we, the people who are unemployed, are retired or on disability where is our increase to pay all the other increases that go up. Where do we get it from to pay everyone else that it keeps going up. It has to stop somewhere you have a \$3 million excess in the budget and you are raising the taxes.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Previously it was every 10 years it was reevaluation which put a burden on our town because it used to cost over ½ million dollars to do it. With this now on a yearly basis it is much lower and manageable for each town.

Mayor Sachs- If the assessment goes up the tax rate goes down. You can stay flat and you can come down that does not necessarily mean you are going up in taxes because your property value went up.

Paulette De Liberto- That's nice to say that when you all have jobs and it is not going to affect us. Where does the money go where the court fines the people?

Attorney Gorman- Some goes to the state and to the town.

Tom O'Hara, CFO- Some goes to the county. Municipal Court fines and budget sheet 4.

Paulette DeLiberto- Trees very good idea but was there a contract for that ?

Mayor Sachs- The state did that on their own and they will maintain their trees and it was at no costs to the tax payers of Hazlet because we pay state tax too. Contact the state we have no idea.

Paulette DeLiberto- The residents of Hazlet had their first community meeting last Thursday and we are going to have our second one, it is a real shame we couldn't have it in Hazlet. We are going to have our second one on May 7 at 8pm at the IHOP in Keyport @ 106 Route 36 Keyport.

Megan Croken- I had been here two times before and I still haven't gotten the answer to the original question a month ago. I am going to hand in paperwork and is everyone familiar with the pictures of Mieleville?

Administrator Pino- They were all invited to access and see them they are on our server at the moment.

Ms. Croken- You don't have all of them Dennis, I do.

Administrator Pino- I have everyone of them that Bill Lawton had giving to me off a memory card. He gave me photos and I have a copy of his memory card with more pictures that were not given to us the first time.

Mayor Sachs- We are not going back and forth. If you have something to say or a question to ask?

Ms. Croken- Why is it that you do this to me only?

Mayor Sachs- You are always up here to start an argument with Mr. Pino.

Ms. Croken- Mr. Pino sent me this letter who am I supposed to speak to?

Administrator Pino- That letter is in response to your questions.

Ms. Croken – My questions did not involve me climbing up a ladder.

Administrator Pino- You told me you climbed up on a ladder to take the pictures.

Ms. Croken- Me and the Mobile Home Association President did go and take those pictures we did not trespass if the door was open we opened it up and took a picture we did not go in any of these trailers which we were allowed to do. I do know that you made a mockery of everything and it is a very devastating situation and you have made a mockery of me and you have targeted me and now I also know I am up on charges and that is not fair to me. I have a petition that we signed and I have our answers to your letter.

Administrator Pino- Are you submitting something to us now?

Ms. Croken- Yes but I need copies because I did not have the money to make the copies.

Administrator Pino- We will make the copies before you leave.

Ms. Croken- Thank you. I had gone the first time to town hall and got this report and this report is the code inspections that were done in 2013-2014. This has nothing to do with the now current issues so I am allowed to address this.

Administrator Pino- I am not going to comment publicly on the summonses and notices that were given.

Ms. Croken- You are responding to something I did not say.

Administrator Pino- What is your question or problem?

Ms. Croken- The first time I came into town hall.

Administrator Pino- That is not a question, what is the question.

Ms. Croken- I am explaining to get to the question.

Administrator Pino- Just give us the question.

Ms. Croken- The first time I went into town hall to get the code inspection and it said we failed inspection 2013-2014. The second time I went in I got this paperwork you told me you didn't have this full package any longer.

Administrator Pino- That is right Bill Lawton had that.

Ms. Croken- When I get to the question you can answer me. The second time I went in you had this and you didn't have this any longer. I said well this doesn't say that we failed inspection in 2013, it also does not say that his license was, I asked for the abatement schedule to Sharon Keegan, she told me, the first thing she told me was things happen and I said well what happened with this inspection, she said things happen and I said what do you mean by that Sharon what does that mean. You weren't there. It says here, as I brought up at the last meeting and you cut me off, that the parks failed both inspections and the property rental licenses will be withheld until all violations are abated or mutually agreed upon abatement schedule is established. So I asked for that abatement schedule, Sharon did not want to give it to me and I did not get to the question yet. The second time I went in you gave me this paperwork and it doesn't even include that we failed inspection so I asked again why am I getting different paperwork the second time I went in and then you call the cops and the first time you called the cops on me for harassing Sharon for asking specific questions.

Mayor Sachs- Can I ask that you please ask your question?

Ms. Croken- In a minute yes.

Mayor Sachs- I am not going to give you a minute because you are already at your five minute mark.

Ms. Croken- No I am not and people that are here I timed I timed I have it fifteen minutes.

Mayor Sachs- I do not care.

Ms. Croken- If you are not going to give me five minutes.

Mayor Sachs- I asked you for the question.

Ms. Croken- The second time I went in I got this paperwork.

Mayor Sachs- Can you please ask the question.

Ms. Croken- Excuse me! The question is, is there internal paperwork that Dennis said in front of two cops when they finally kicked me out, banned me from town hall from asking these questions and then he said right in front of two policemen, myself, and the president of the association?

Mayor Sachs- Are you asking me if the paperwork is here in town hall?

Ms. Croken- Is there internal paperwork like Dennis stated in front of all of us?

Mayor Sachs- I don't know that.

Ms. Croken- Well he would maybe know.

Mayor Sachs- He wouldn't know either.

Ms. Croken- Then I was told there was internal and external paperwork, Open Public Records. I don't understand what the issue was that the police were called and I how I got targeted in this letter saying that I am trespassing when you asked me specific questions and then I am trespassing and withholding information from you. I am doing all these really negative things and I am trying to do something good to clean up the park which is a disaster, it is a mess and you have the pictures. My question is now charges have been brought up on me, criminal charges that have been brought up on me and I have been made aware of that.

Administrator Pino- Not by us.

Mayor Sachs- Not by the Township of Hazlet.

Ms. Croken- Oh O.K. because I called a lawyer who said the Township of Hazlet brought me up on criminal charges.

Mayor Sachs- Not that I know and the Chief is sitting back there shaking his head no and he would know.

Ms. Croken- If that is the Chief I called him five times in a row and he never called me back ever. We don't have police protection because it is private property, we don't have the Board of Health protection because it is private property, we don't have any protection and we are scared. I am being retaliated against.

Mayor Sachs- If someone in the Mobile Home Park called the police officer they would respond.

Ms. Croken- I called the police officer every day this week. I called the criminal hotline and never got a response. I called the Chief of Police who never responded to me for five days. How is that possible that he is busy for five days when I called and said it was very urgent because I had people dumping garbage now in the back of my trailer. This is what this is all about I am doing something good and Dennis feels his job is in jeopardy so I am not allowed to ask questions.

Mayor Sachs- His job is not in any jeopardy.

Ms. Croken- Well it is when the code enforcements are not being enforced. Yes it is and that is his position right.

Mayor Sachs- Do you have any more questions?

Ms. Croken – Yes I do, do the Committee people know all of these issues that I am being brought on charges for?

Mayor Sachs- No we do not.

Administrator Pino- They know everything you brought here.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Who did the charges come from?

Ms. Croken- I got letters from lawyers saying I was up on criminal charges.

Attorney Gorman- I do not know what you are referring to but as far as everyone up here understands there are no charges against you by the Township. If someone told you that apparently they are wrong.

Ms. Croken- Lawyers called me and they had the code in there and it said when I five different lawyer letters in the mail.

Attorney Gorman- I can explain it to you.

Mayor Sachs- They soliciting your business is what they are doing.

Ms. Croken- Why would I get five letters from lawyers in one day?

Mayor Sachs- Do you have any more questions?

Ms. Croken- I have all this information for you and comments to the letters all of our letters are in here.

Mayor Sachs- Leave it with the Clerk and she will make copies of it for you.

Ms. Croken- I will and also we do, I personally have mold issues and Dennis himself told me I do not have to worry about that and they are going to be removing trailers.

Mayors Sachs- Mr. Pino has it under control and he will take care of it.

Ms. Croken- If he has it under control then we would like to be notified and it says it in the letter.

Mayor Sachs- You will be notified. I am done and you are done leave your papers with the Clerk and she will make copies for you. Thank you very much for your time.

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: 9:10 PM