

May 19, 2015

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:05 p.m.

Salute to the flag and moment of silent prayer called by the Deputy 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> </u>	<u> X </u>

Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – May 5, 2015.
Regular Meeting – May 5, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – May 5, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Proclamation – Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day

Ordinance Hearing:

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

Introduced: May 5, 2015.

Published in The Asbury Park Press, issue of May 7, 2015. Proof on file.

Posted in Town Hall – May 6, 2015.

Hearing to be held May 19, 2015.

Hearing:

Charles Hoffman- I thought the Recycling of Electronics covered precious metals?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- No.

Administrator Pino- This is totally different this is for Pawn shops or Mercantile type establishments that buy jewelry or gold.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #136 through #138 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.

136. Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Community Development Block Grant certification prohibiting the use of excessive force and a certification prohibiting the use of federal funds for lobbying. **As corrected**

137. Authorizing the change of custody for the Swim Club petty cash fund.

138. Authorizing the change of custody for the Recreation petty cash fund.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

139. Award of bid to Century Industries for a Mobile Sound Shell Stage for Recreation.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

140. Amending Resolution #130 (Corrected Salary for Cody Sachs).

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

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

141. Appointment of Dan Ling and Jane Olving as part time shift managers for the Hazlet Swim and Tennis Club.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

142. Granting exemptions and abatement for 8 Mountain Avenue and 508 Laurel Avenue.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

143. Authorizing Progress Payment #6, for Jads Construction, for the 2014 Road Improvement Program.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

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

144. Authorizing CME to go out to bid for Phase II Laurel Avenue Improvements.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

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

145. Authorizing CME to proceed with drawings and specifications for Laurel Avenue Phase III Improvements project 2015 NJ DOT 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 Absent

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Citizens Hearing:

Bill Shewan – A member of HAQLA.

Cliff Moore – Business owner and a member of the Hazlet Land Use Board.

Mr. Shewan- We are coming forward to reopen a discussion we had previously as non-partisan, non-political with the approach with regard to government. There are different forms of government within different townships. It is our feeling that a study is necessary to come up with what would be the best for our town not saying that what we currently have is not the best. Our previous discussion did involve quite a bit of feedback from the town with regard to setting up a Charter Commission that would be rather complicated and you have to take certain steps and we did look into that and we thank you for bringing that to our attention and that is in accordance with the Faulkner Act. Also, in accordance with the Faulkner Act you can create a study committee and the study committee does not have to go through all that routine. In contrast with the Charter Study Commission a Charter Study Committee operates on a purely advisory basis while it may perform the same research functions as a commission the Committee cannot place its recommendations on the ballot. This is a way we feel we can work with the town on it instead of doing it as an independent, individuals or committees on their own.

Attorney Gorman- Bill do you have a site for that I have the statute in front of me I just want to make sure we are looking at the same thing.

Mr. Shewan- I can provide that to you later I do have a copy of the Faulkner Act that spells all that out and it does cover the different traditional forms of government. Once the petition is submitted if the local governing body does not agree with it they can reject it. So a study is done the same thing occurs but you don't have to go through all the manipulations that would require under the original council that was talked about. However, if the Committee rejects it then the individuals can file a petition and it then can be submitted directly to the voters anyway. The best method in our opinion is to have something where we are working with the township not where we are working independently. When I say we I don't mean two people there would be others involved. With regard to the Faulkner Act and the towns that have taken this approach (giving list of towns that have converted under the Faulkner Act and a list of towns that have converted).

Deputy Mayor Aagre-Have you talked to the people of Atlantic Highlands?

Mr. Shewan – I just talked to Atlantic Highlands last Saturday and they have a Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- I understand that I'm just wondering how it is working.

Mr. Shewan- I met the person running for office and that person said it was running fine.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I talked to their Business Administrator, Tim Hill, and he said it has been working very well for them for about three years now.

Cliff Moore- I am approaching this from a business perspective so I know whether something is broken or not you need to constantly look at what you currently have and see if there are other options. Last time we made a mistake by coming up here and Mr. Gorman I thank you because you were great in pointing us in the right direction to find out what we needed to do. All we are asking is if this is something that the Committee does not want to entertain we do have the ability to do this on our own but we are on a very, very tight time line.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- You want this on for the upcoming election?

Mr. Moore- We are trying to get the exploratory piece on not necessarily the Commission that is what Bill talked about earlier.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Are you talking about the referendum on the ballet? What is the time line?

Mr. Moore- Referendum no, by August 14 we have to have it to the County Clerk. That means we need to submit it to you so you can either approve it or disapprove it and the clerk has to take a look at it for 20 days to make sure it is worded properly. We have an entire time line. We went to the Board of Elections we got the entire process. We are just looking to open up the way we are thinking of how the government works and we can say things aren't broken but without talking out of school we know that things are broken. We know grant money gets lost over time and it doesn't have to be a strong mayor. We are just asking for an exploratory committee that can look into this to find out whether or not a referendum should be addressed.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- I don't know if you want to call it broken I mean there are pros and cons within every system.

Mr. Moore- I am looking at always exploring things for what they are and seeing if there is a better way of doing it. We might come back and say this is the best form of government to have.

Attorney Gorman- You are talking like this is a new development in the State of NJ the Faulkner Act was adopted in 1947 post WWII. It is not like you are comparing 1928 form of government to 1947 it is not like we are talking about something that happened at the turn of the century. I did some quick calculation and under the Faulkner Act I came up with 320 types of government when you start talking about the number of people whether its 3,5, 7 or nine, whether it is partisan or non-partisan, whether there are wards or not wards, whether it is a strong mayor or strong council, a strong manager form, you start going through that stuff whether it is partisan or non-partisan I came up with just doing the math and 320 different ways this can come out.

Mr. Moore- Can I get a general feel on where we stand so if we need to do something we can start it?

Attorney Gorman- That is premature but with all due respect you guys think it's a great idea.

Mr. Shewan – To do the study.

Mr. Moore- To do the study not necessarily change the government.

Attorney Gorman- Here is the issue. Once the ball starts rolling downhill you lose control over it. If there were to be a Charter Study Commission either by referendum or by ordinance you then wind up with that study commission picking one of those 320 to infinity different options and then that goes before the voters.

Mr. Shewan- I am talking about a committee not a commission there is a big difference.

Attorney Gorman- I asked if you could give me the site for that.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- He will look into it and we will get back to you.

Mr. Shewan- This came from the State to me to refer it to the Faulkner Act so this was not something I researched in terms of trying to hunt something down. I went to the State and they sent that back to me refer to the Faulkner Act and I pulled it up.

Attorney Gorman- I am just asking if you want to give it to me now or you can send it to me.

Mr. Moore- I will give you what the steps are they sent to me to get it done and you can take a look at that also.

Mr. Shewan- When a Mayor is in office for three or four years that person becomes someone that is being held accountable more so then the committee.

Mr. Moore-Thank you for your time and I am just saying sometimes you have to look at things differently and when you look at them differently you make a change and hope it is for the better.

Mr. Shewan- If you would like us to come to a workshop and discuss it in more detail I am sure we will both be available.

Charles Hoffman- If you do go to a Ward and that is a final decision that is one way to increase political competition and allow more of the public to participate in the political undertaking of the community. It would be impossible for someone like me who considers myself an independent to compete in an election now as it stands because I would have to compete township wide. To run as a Ward representative it would be much more easier for me to participate.

Attorney Gorman- You are misunderstanding Mr. Hoffman but I do not want to prolong the night I would be glad to talk to you in the hall.

Jim Derricks- I am here about the condition of the street on Stanford Drive yes we got new curbs and can't thank you enough but if you only took a look at that street right now it is deplorable, it really is. Just fixing the pot holes is not going to cut it I just want you to take a look at these pictures. There are 3 pictures there that were taken within 300 feet of the corner of Annapolis and Stanford Drive and it gives you a real good idea of how bad the street is. I know money is an object it always is but this is only going to get worse and our hopes are you give it some consideration when you make up that list of roads to be fixed.

Tony Bernard- Road conditions look I know you guys don't have money and we had a terrible winter and a lot of things went down a lot of money got spent but really, truly we need to take a look at the pot holes. We need to do something about pot holes and I know you can't do the streets and I know it didn't come from you guys it came from the people you hired to do the streets. Fleetwood drive has a gigantic tub in the middle of the street hiding the hole. God forbid someone moves that and a car gets into that hole and loss of a tire or maybe the axle goes. It is nice weather now so what is the harm in looking at these drastic situations and fixing the problem.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- DPW is going through a full repair up until last month they were just doing a cold patch. Now they are going through each street they just haven't gotten to the streets you are mentioning.

Administrator Pino- Last year they did not get done until July there is a lot of roadway.

Mr. Bernard – So there is activity?

Administrator Pino- Yes there is constant activity.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The hole on Fleetwood I will have Dennis look into it but if it is flagged it is definitely getting looked into.

Mr. Bernard- If it wasn't for former Mayor DiNardo jumping in back then and helping us with the curbs this would probably be my 29th year trying to get curbs. You all listened and you did it and the entire Fleetwood area looks good.

Deanna De Liberto – At the last meeting we were at there was a reference made to forming an Economic Development Committee and I would like to know the status of that?

Committeewoman Kiley – The basic structure of the Committee has been identified and it will include, we know for sure Freeholder Tom Arnone will be involved, township Committee people and a representative from small business in town and representative from a large business in town and potentially citizens. Some of those people have been identified not all yet. We are working on establishing the date for the first meeting. Some of the things that Cliff said tonight we want to circle back and find out what the good work was that has already been done so that we can bring that to the first meeting as well.

Ms. De Liberto- As a resident I mentioned at the last meeting I would be interested in serving on that Committee is that possible?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- It is duly noted but there has not been a resolution to that affect yet. We are looking at all the people that are interested and we will be making a list. Is there a time frame?

Committeewoman Kiley- We are trying to get this done as quickly as possible obviously so we can continue to move forward. We do have several people in town who have voiced interests in being on the committee so we are going to continue to gather that list and try and make a decision as quickly as we can.

Ms. De Liberto- I would assume this is a Township Committee the people of Hazlet?

Committeewoman Kiley- Yes.

Ms. De Liberto- You would have people from both parties and you would gather resumes.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- As Committeewoman Kiley said we are looking for a representative from small and large business and we will look for about 3-4 residents and their experience will play into it.

Ms. De Liberto – I have been talking to some businesses in Hazlet and one question is they want to know why Hazlet businesses are not posted on the Hazlet website?

Attorney Gorman- That would be commercial and we are trying to keep it non-commercial.

Administrator Pino- There was a time 3-4 years ago and it basically went nowhere. We are a public entity and we are trying to keep as much of that out of the mix as possible.

Ms. De Liberto- In Marlboro they provide incentives to residents to shop local businesses is there any reason why we are not doing that in Hazlet?

Administrator Pino- We talked about that a few months ago and there are a few other programs we are looking into right now.

Ms. De Liberto- Would this be looked into by the Economic Development Committee?

Administrator Pino- I do not know that.

Maureen O'Neill-Sacher- My main concern is the bridge on Middle Road and I know you did the other bridge, fantastic job. Those bridges are old I have lived here for 53 years and the bridge right by the old library (Flat Creek) I was wondering when that bridge is going to be done?

Committeeman DiNardo- She is talking about the one by 319 Middle Road.

Ms. Sacher- The creek goes behind my house and I think they should redo that bridge.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- They are done by the County. The one by the police station was done by the County. We will reach out to the county engineer to see when the last time that has been inspected.

Jerry Sacher- They did a great job on the bridge and Fleetwood Drive. The creek behind my house is there anyone who debrushes the creek or does anyone ever walk the creek.

Administrator Pino-We do open them up there are a lot of limitations. The debris we take out actually has to stay on the bank.

Alex Mustilli- I am a homeowner at 11 Dutch Lane, Hazlet and have been living there 17 years and prior to that I was in Hazlet for 20 years on Molly Pitcher Drive. I am here tonight representing 19 other homeowners in our development and I know in the earlier workshop you guys were discussing Dutch Lane and what was the decision on the engineering and I am here to find out what that decision was. I got pictures this street is so bad there are 3-4 inch holes that I am afraid someone is going to hurt themselves and it is very dangerous.

Administrator Pino- There was no decision and we are still reviewing some estimates and numbers that we have been provided in the past. You have to remember this is a private road still it is not a township owned road so if there is any safety issue the Association needs to handle it themselves.

Mr. Mustilli- There is a home on our road that does not belong to us.

Administrator Pino- That may have been part of the approval to build that development way back when is that home accesses its site through your road. Again just to back up if you have a safety issue you need to take care of it on your own as soon as you can. We can't take any action at this point.

Mr. Mustilli- I should report back to them that no decision has been made.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- We are actively looking into this maybe another couple of weeks.

Committeeman DiNardo- I have been working with Jeanine we have gotten the numbers together so we will bring it to a head.

Mr. Mustilli- What should I tell them?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Hopefully by the next public meeting we should have a better direction for you.

Cliff Moore- There is currently a website that businesses go to it is the Hazlet Business Owners Association. I would like to request when a business comes in with a question or problem that you refer them back to them. The other incentive to shop local is referred to as Shop Marlboro and when I was the president of the Keyport Improvement Business District we did research that and it was not something that we thought was business friendly for smaller towns.

Paulette De Liberto- Our website is being ripped apart and you are starting over?

Administrator Pino- It will be very shortly.

Paulette De Liberto- How old is that web site?

Administrator Pino- It is going to be its third year.

Paulette De Liberto- Was the company that did that from Long Island?

Administrator Pino- Yes.

Paulette De Liberto- Why did we go all the way to Long Island and not get someone in NJ or at least locally?

Administrator Pino- I do not know I was not here when that person was hired. It was done locally for years by a lot of individuals and there was a lot of problems. Somewhere along the way the previous Business Administrator reached out to someone in the public sector and that is how they came back with this gentleman and he is great. He does a great job.

Paulette De Liberto- Three years and you are redoing it because it wasn't great.

Administrator Pino- No actually the website is very good and it is still leaps and bounds ahead of others but the problem is there has been a major turn in the social media networking and the internet experience and that website no longer fits that bill.

Paulette De Liberto- Do you know who you are hiring for this have you put out any bids for it? Are you going to?

Administrator Pino- We will be talking to people in the very near future and it will not be going out to bid. There is no reason to it is a small dollar amount and right now it is about \$ 4k a year.

Paulette De Liberto- Will you be looking to hire the best person from New Jersey or Hazlet?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- We will hire the best person. We are going to look at all the people who are available and who could do the job for us.

Paulette De Liberto- What is the status that Len Rappaport offered to do for free because I am totally against it because it is very partisan and about the security issues and privacy.

Administrator Pino- He did post a few comments that I reached out to him about but he is one of the individuals that will make a proposal to us.

Paulette De Liberto- Bedle Road was done with the cold patch for pot holes and it is already coming up. My neighbor has a hole and I stepped into it.

Administrator Pino- Have you reported this hole to us or are you waiting for a town meeting to tell us about pot holes?

Paulette De Liberto- No and yes because it just happened yesterday.

Administrator Pino- When it happens call us don't wait for a town meeting a week later. We will send someone out to look at it.

Paulette De Liberto- Sidewalks have been done on one side Bedle Road but they ended the sidewalks differently than the sidewalks on the other side of Bedle Road.

Administrator Pino- Because the design for traffic control requires sidewalks and crossings of roads to be in different distances then what would have been aligned many years ago.

Attorney Gorman- Tell the person who is asking that they are responsible for the sidewalk in front of their property if someone trips they are going to get sued.

Paulette De Liberto- Resolution #140 corrected salary for Cody Sachs, what is the corrected salary?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- His total salary is \$37,369.72 as of March.

Administrator Pino- It was a contractual issue and he was owed about \$2,700.00.

Charles Hoffman- It is my understanding that when the state repaves they are responsible for repaving the jug handle and that part of the township road or county road and up as far as that.

Committeeman DiNardo- It goes in so far off every street on the highway to a certain spot where the county is responsible.

Mr. Hoffman- Bethany Road is a county road I presume?

Committeeman DiNardo- No it is a township road.

Mr. Hoffman- Outside the turn for Pathmark you need to get some hot patches in there quickly.

Deanna De Liberto- If I know a business that is interested in doing the website for Hazlet are they able to submit a proposal?

Administrator Pino- Anyone is welcome to submit a proposal.

Bill Shewan- On the Economic Development Committee I thought there was something associated with that last year and the year before and may have been working primarily with the business association. I had been at numerous meeting at the county where Tom Arnone so there is a lot of work done in that area already.

Committeewoman Kiley- That is why Tom will continue to be very involved and will get us up to speed on what is happening.

Mr. Shewan- I commend the website for the information that is put up there particularly having to do with the agenda and the extension of information. There is plenty of information up there prior to the meeting so I don't have to get up and ask so many questions.

Administrator Pino- Everything that is there will stay we are just looking at the new functionality that exists that we are not touching upon.

Mr. Shewan- In my area they have been doing the gas lines in the street and up to the houses as well and we are talking about a big job they have been there for 3-4 weeks. It is neat and they do a good job and they clean up after they leave and they repair the road and are very courteous. I believe the company that is doing it is Gray on behalf of the gas company. Another good day was the pool club and I would commend Chris and Kathy for putting it together it was a wonderful day. There are two petty cash accounts for the pool club and recreation. Can you tell me what the amounts?

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Voice Vote: Yes

Memorial Day Services May 25, 2015 @ 10 AM at the Cullen Center.

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 9:15PM