

October 20, 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 the 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 – October 6, 2015.
Regular Meeting – October 6, 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

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – October 6, 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

Certificate of Recognition – Annie Eng

Accepted by: Annie Eng

Proclamation – Red Ribbon Week

Accepted by: Barbara Hilliard

Ordinance Hearing:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-11 NO STOPPING OR STANDING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET CODE TO RESCIND ORDINANCE NO. 1548-14 AND TO RESTRICT PARKING ON REVERE COURT AND ON A SECTION OF CONCORD DRIVE AT CERTAIN DESIGNATED TIMES WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Introduced: October 6, 2015.

Published in The Asbury Park Press, issue of October 9, 2015. Proof on file.

Posted in Town Hall – October 7, 2015.

Hearing is scheduled for October 20, 2015.

Hearing:

Charles Benoit- I am concerned with this ordinance I thought it was going to affect both sides of Revere Court both sides of Concord and both sides of Bunker Hill. Can you please tell me why it was rescinded?

Mayor Sachs- This is the complete recommendation of the Chief of Police. He is the one who is responsible in his department for enforcing and this is his recommendation and that is why we chose to go with what he recommends. It will be both sides of Revere Court from 11:30 am- 12:30pm the entire length Monday thru Friday when school is in session. Concord Drive on the East side 11:30 am- 12:30pm the entire length Monday thru Friday when school is in session from Bunker Hill Road to Middle Road. We have had numerous discussions on this and this is what he feels will be the best.

Donna Benoit- Prior to the signs of course you know our main concern was safety and we still feel that has not been addressed no matter what this is. Even prior to that, that limited parking right there our side had already been blocked off from Revere which was great because we could get out of our houses. Didn't stop them from parking behind us.

Mayor Sachs- I don't want you to take this the wrong way but these are public streets we are trying to accommodate the residents who pay the taxes in this town as well as you who pay the taxes to the Board of Education. We are trying to do the best we can. Last time they did the ordinance with the permit parking you and maybe one of your neighbors were the only ones who came in and got permits the first year. What has happened over the last year is that these students have now moved across Middle Road to the next street to the new development next door to you in between your development. They are starting to spread out. This again is the recommendation from the Chief of Police and again I am going to encourage you to go to the Board of Education with these concerns also. Don't go to just one meeting you need to stay on top of them. I unfortunately was only able to get 12 additional parking spots out of them last year. We will try and go back and get more this year.

Mr. Benoit- With all due respect to the Chief I don't understand why Allison Village has to be an extension for a parking lot for Hazlet High School.

Mayor Sachs- That is a question for the Board of Education.

Mr. Benoit- By opening up the West side of Concorde once again you are going to have a problem with traffic from the students they are going to speed and they litter. The street is going to be a mess and a safety issue they back up onto the south end of Concorde and they will be parked on Bunker Hill. They are not going to stay on the west side of Concorde.

Mayor Sachs- If I do that again all I am doing is shuffling them from your street in your neighborhood to someone else's neighborhood.

Mr. Benoit- Why can't the committee approach the Board of Education?

Mayor Sachs- I have I did last year.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The permits were supposed to be renewable every year. technically right now including all the residents would be getting tickets at this point. That is the way the system works for permit parking pass is basically a one year permit. The one side of Concorde which is basically no houses that is why we felt it gives some relief and it would not affect the residents. Putting this restriction for one hour during

mid-day students wouldn't be parking on Revere Court or the other side of Concorde because they won't be able to get out of school, move their car and come back in that hour. Residents will also have to make sure their cars are off the streets for that hour because now this gives the police a clear indication to come in and give these people tickets who are parking during that time.

Mr. Benoit- Why did the Chief elect to rescind both sides on the south end of Concorde and the entire length of Bunker Hill.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- We felt it was not going to be affecting yourselves and passage through your streets as far as safety is concerned in those areas.

Mike Pelletier- You have met with the police chief has anyone from the board including Mayor Sachs met with anyone from the Board of Education regarding opening up their own parking lot which has 40 spaces every day?

Mayor Sachs- I myself, Committeewoman Kiley and Deputy Chief Meehan have met with the Board of Education. They gave us 12 extra parking spots out of a total of 40-45 that are open on a daily basis. It is imperative for the residents of your neighborhood to go push along with us to one of their Board of Education meetings and voice your concerns to them and let them know what the impact is on you. We are trying to do what we can do but they can do some more by giving up some more parking spaces.

Mr. Pelletier- With all due respect these are tax payers we pay for these parking spots. So are tax payers on Nappi Court on Buckingham. Why aren't they sharing wealth why is it dumped on us?

Mayor Sachs- With the proposal before you tonight eliminates them from parking on what I described to you before.

Mr. Pelletier- They are not allowed out during those hours, however, there are staggered shifts in the high school and there is the Monmouth County Center for Building Trades and Mechanics there and they really have staggered hours. The problem is not altogether alleviated. I thought it was solved on a handshake and on your word back the last time we were here.

Mayor Sachs- The Chief of Police advise was to take them down because the way they were is unenforceable.

Mr. Pelletier- I don't see how the Chief couldn't of been overruled in this case too because again we pay taxes too and the other streets pay taxes and it should be a shared commitment to help the high school kids and including the fire dept. North Centerville who has offered their lot more than once. There are solutions to this that don't involve the dumping on Concorde Drive.

Elizabeth Jascoviac – I am not directly involved in this but however I will tell you that kind of the joke in town is that the area we are talking about is the Junior Parking Lot. It is very disconcerting that when I pull onto Concorde and I have to back up because the garbage truck and I cannot fit on the street together when those kids are parked there.

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

266. Authorizing the payment of Accumulated Absences for Thomas Murray.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

267. Authorizing the payment of Accumulated Absences for Ken Larity.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Mayor Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

268. Additional compensation for additional responsibilities for Kathy Viscardi and Ed Huber in 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

269. Settlement between the Township of Hazlet and T&M Associates.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo No Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti No Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

270. Authorizing the Township of Hazlet Staff to Process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application for John Fitzsimmons.

Offered Committeewoman DiNardo 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

271. Authorizing Reduced Performance Guarantee for 3153 Route 35.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 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

Mayor Sachs- Committeewoman Kiley has one announcement to make before I open up the citizens portion.

Committeewoman Kiley- The Economic Development has been started and we committed to doing a quarterly report to the Township Committee during a public portion of the meeting and this is our first Quarterly report.

Economic Development Committee- October 20, 2015 Quarterly Report to the Township Committee

The group is made up of

1 Freeholder- Tom Arnone
2 Residents- John Byrne and Steve Sanfilippo
1 Small Business Owner (Representing HBOA) Nick Mariolis
1 Large Business Owner- Ed Turkot
Township Attorney- Jim Gorman
Township Business Administrator- Dennis Pino
2 Township Committee Members- Scott Aagre and Sue Kiley

The committee mission is to:

- Serve as a conduit between the commercial economic interests in Hazlet Township and the Municipal Government
- Encourage the economic well-being and expansion of the existing commercial businesses located within the Township
- Responsibly develop environmentally sound project within Hazlet Township in an effort to improve the aesthetics of the township while providing additional revenue.

We would like the township committee to approve moving forward to investigate three key areas:

1. **Shop Hazlet-** This is a program that promotes growth of our local businesses and benefits the residents. Every time a resident uses a business that is involved in the program, they are accumulating credits that reduce their annual tax bill. Their taxes are reduced at the end of the year based on their use of the program. We have done preliminary investigation of this program, discussed it with other towns who are in the program, and with a few of our own business owners. We would like your approval to continue to a proposal for this program.
2. **Ordinances-** In surveying our local businesses, we have been told that Hazlet is not an easy town to do business with- by that I mean that the bonds and performance guarantees associated with improving and existing business can be excessive. Also Ordinances that describe "Permitted Use" on our highways are prohibitive. Many times a business does not even approach Hazlet because the ordinances state that their type of business is not allowed. We would like to meet with members of the land use board and the Land Use Attorney to explore modifying some of these ordinances.
3. **Public Information Officer /public participation specialist-** We would like the Township Committee to consider a new needed position in Hazlet. This individual would be responsible to interact with business owners and act as a liaison regarding municipal services; events, promotions etc. including promoting all municipal activities, events and services for all departments. This individual would be actively managing programs like "Shop Hazlet" if we decide to implement that. Additionally this individual would develop and manage a new website further promoting what Hazlet has to offer residents and businesses through social media as well. Below are NJDOP Job Descriptions for the proposed title/position.

Citizens Hearing:

Charles Hoffman – I have been having a running commentary with the County Maintenance people about our little bridge over by the school and the last interchange I had with them was I was told to go look at it sir and I went and looked at it is not satisfactory. My reply to him was it sounds to me sir like this thing has been on the bottom rung of your maintenance list for at least a year if not longer and is probably going to remain there. This is still a serious safety hazard for elementary school children. I went and looked myself instead of driving by it. Between the bridge and the walkway you have an opening. Sticking out into this opening you have great big timbers that are supporting the bridge and whole bunch of very large nuts and bolts sticking out. Some kid is going to drop their book down there and we all know what could happen. I think it is time for you Mr. Mayor and the Committee to get a letter together to the county and tell them this is unsatisfactory and it is a serious safety issue.

Mayor Sachs- I will have a letter drafted before the end of the week and send it to the county. We will also send a letter to the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders.

Joe Belasco- I have 350 reasons why I am going to help you guys out. If I have specific complaints about properties and I make that complaint how do I know it has been followed through? Will I get back up from Zoning? The property I saw was a property I had a house knocked down on and now the weeds and everything are growing over the fence on Hazlet Avenue that can be seen from the outside. I am a little disappointed when I saw this resolution but I think we should of gotten a triple amount of money from T&M for the amount that we lost on that grant. We lost a lot of money on that grant. This is just Joe Belasco's feelings.

Mayor Sachs- That dollar amount had been discussed by the township attorney the attorney handling this case and neither one could give a definitive answer as to if we went to court this would have won and worst case scenario we could of end of with a lot less. My opinion and the majority's opinion.

Joe Belasco- I respect your opinion. This was not premediated to come up here I just heard at the meeting. I just thought we lost a lot of more money out of that case then what we got back.

Mayor Sachs- I would have liked to get a lot more too but I will take the most that I thought we were going to get in my opinion.

Bill Shewan- #269 Hazlet Township and T&M obviously there was a problem with the professional approach of workmanship what was it exactly and what was the defect in their workmanship professionally?

Attorney Gorman- The state did not fund the grant because the paperwork from the contractor was not complete and T&M was supervising the administration of that contract.

Mr. Shewan- Do we require professional insurance above and beyond standard liability insurance which is normal when someone has credentials.

Deputy Mayor Aagre – Is there something in the RFP?

Attorney Gorman- My recollection is that the RFP's for the town did not include a requirement that malpractice insurance be proven.

Mr. Shewan- I would recommend that any RFP that we put forward that we are dealing with professionals that they should place professional insurance. Most large firms will have that as well as small as small firms with anyone with license credentials. I am a member of the Hazlet Area Quality of Life so I am speaking on behalf of that organization as well as myself. I have been involved personally as well as the members of that organization and other citizenry on preserving Stone Road Meadows. Back in January I went before the Parks Commission and after that time Keyport, Union Beach passed a resolution supporting preserving Stone Road Meadows. Hazlet did have a resolution in the past and that was restated just recently. Over time both parties have supported that whether it is Democrat or Republican and as of October 8, 2015 the County passed a resolution supporting that. I would like to read it into the record.

Agenda Item# 16

County Counsel

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE OF HAZLET TOWNSHIP
TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "STONE ROAD MEADOWS"
LOCATED BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 36 AND STONE ROAD
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth supports initiatives to preserve open space for natural resources conservation, public park and recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015, by Resolution R-222, the Township of Hazlet passed a resolution supporting the preservation of the property commonly known as "Stone Road Meadows" as open space or developed for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth support the initiative to preserve the property commonly known as "Stone Road Meadows" and find it to be a good local land preservation project that may be eligible for Monmouth County Open Space Grant Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Monmouth strongly supports the initiative to preserve the property in the Township of Hazlet commonly known as "Stone Road Meadows" and find it to be a good local land preservation project that may be eligible for Monmouth County Open Space Grant Funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Office of County Counsel, Land Preservation Office of the Monmouth County Park System and the Township of Hazlet.

Introduced on: October 8, 2015
Adopted on: October 8, 2015
Official Resolution#: 2015-0880

I was asked and I did go again before the Parks Commission yesterday this week and spoke about it. One of the quotes from them is "The time has come" so we are hopefully going to mve forward on that. The Hazlet Area Quality of Life will be involved with it and if we could work

with anyone in the township or the Economic Development Committee who I would like to come before that Committee and talk about Stone Road Meadows and some of the assets that it has. Again I look at that as being a magnet that can help this town. Not just a question of preservation I do believe that it is something that will help the town in the long run in terms of improving Route 36 and be that magnet property that will attract either housing or other commercial stores along that area. I do hope we get the support of the town going forward.

Elsa Bruguier – I would like to speak to the Zip Code issue for the West Keansburg section of the township. I would like to begin by saying I appreciate the efforts of those that were involved previously when we got the memo that said we would transition into using Hazlet Township. With all due respect it is a bit like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic it really has not addressed the problem. I would like to explain to you what recently happened to me. Because of the zip code issue and because I have flood insurance policy my zip code states I live in Keansburg although my mailing address is my street address my insured property location on the policy because of the zip code is Keansburg. I have had to try to prove to the NFIP that I live in Hazlet Township and not in Keansburg I was recently to the tax office to try and get a copy of my tax bill to the NFIP and I submitted the URL from our township flood plan that clearly indicates that my house is in Hazlet Township. I submitted the BFE for my home and I don't know if any of this will be acceptable to the NFIP because I have a Keansburg zip code. Recently my flood policy was up for renewal I was not aware of that but only when I was called by my homeowners insurance who was contacted by the NFIP who sent my policy back to the homeowners insurance and called me and said Elsa this was sent back with a label on the address as vacant and you are now in the grace period. This places me and anyone else in this situation at significant risk and exposure in so far as had I not been able to pay my bill would I have been dropped moreover from an insurance perspective with all due respect to our friends in Keansburg, the Keansburg zip code is a problem for a number of reasons for resale for crime you name it. The other issue is that suppose there comes a time when disaster strikes and my policy says Keansburg and I tell them I live in Hazlet Township will a very clever lawyer be able to come back and say this is Keansburg. My concern is I understand our neighbors in N. Middletown, Belford went through something similar regarding a zip code issue may I please appeal to this body to once again revisit the topic of the zip code and as it said in the letter we are trying to unify Hazlet Township, can we not all of us use the Hazlet Township zip code.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- We were instrumental in meeting with Congressman Pallone two years ago and we were successful to get the name change we took the small step and have revisited at least 3 times this year alone meetings with Congressman Pallone because the former Postmaster General of New Jersey did not want to change the zip code nor did Keansburg because they would lose the mail. That is not true anymore because our mail in Hazlet 07730 is now generated through Matawan and they are quite capable of delivering through Hazlet and Matawan. We approached the Keansburg post office and explained this to them that we are not taken away their jobs or their mail everything would stay the same but we need to have the zip code changed. We recently after our last meeting which was probably just last month found out that there is a new postmaster general and we have sent through Congressman Pallone because it is federal, a new letter asking him to revisit this because the old Postmaster General would not do it. That is where we are right now in limbo waiting for the new Postmaster General getting back to us. We don't want to take any jobs away from Keansburg we are kind of on a wait period right now. It is a very long tedious process.

Ms. Bruguier – I appreciate the efforts because I can imagine this is not an easy resolve to come to. Do you think there is any utility as a resident backing up with some contact to Congressman Pallone to say “this is my very recent experience that could have exposed me in ways that could have been injurious to me as a Hazlet Township tax payer?”

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I could set up a meeting with Congressman Pallone if you would like to attend.

Ms. Bruguier- I will go.

Mayor Sachs- It all comes back to the Postmaster General. We have had numerous issues over the years. I lived in that part of town most of my life so I know where you are coming from. The biggest complaint is the zip code again like you said resale.

Ms. Bruguier- For a variety of reasons.

Mayor Sachs- Yes a variety but one of the biggest was trying to sell.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- We can speak after the meeting and I will get your name and address and I will contact Congressman Pallone and see what his schedule is and get a date set.

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: 8:55 PM