

November 2, 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>
Committeewoman Kiley	<u> X </u>	_____
Committeewoman Ronchetti	<u> X </u>	_____
Deputy Mayor Aagre	<u> X </u>	_____
Mayor Sachs	_____	<u> X </u>

Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – October 20, 2015.
Regular Meeting – October 20, 2015.

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

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – October 20, 2015.

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

Reports

MUNICIPAL COURT – September 2015 – Total fees collected - \$30,531.15.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – September 2015 – Total fees collected - \$34,723.00.

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #272 through #277 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.

- 272. Refund of the overpayment of sewer charges made by Scudieri Enterprises.
- 273. Release of the maintenance guarantee for Barrier Electric, Block 194.01, Lot 76.04.
- 274. Refund of construction fees to Jacqueline Home Remodeling.
- 275. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the 2016 SCAT Municipal Shopping Contract.
- 276. Authorizing the Fair and Open Process for Professional Contracts.
- 277. Waiver of construction permit fees for the Hazlet Bible Church.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

278. Transfer of funds. **PULLED**

279. Authorizing Progress Payment #7 to Jads Construction Company for the 2014 Road Improvement Program.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

280. Support for Senate Bill S2677 – Amending the law concerning County and Municipal stream cleaning activities.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

281. Participation in the Monmouth County High Water Mark initiative.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

282. Person to Person liquor license transfer from MJM Liquor and Deli Inc. (Shore Café) to 36 Steak LLC.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

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

283. Approval of an item of revenue and appropriation N.J.S. 40A:4-87 Body Armor Replacement Fund.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

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

284. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4059 and RL-4060 to Husky House Inc.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

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

285. Award of bid to S. Brothers Inc. for Improvements to Lammers Street, Coral Drive, Garden Terrace and Stanford Drive.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

286. Authorizing the Township of Hazlet Staff to Process an Involuntary Disability Retirement Application for John Fitzsimmons effective December 1, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

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

287. Authorizing rights-of-way agreement with Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, LLC.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Ordinance Introduction:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 133-2.E PENALTY FOR LATE REGISTRATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Title read by: Committeewoman Ronchetti

Hearing Date: November 16, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent 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 Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Absent

Citizens Hearing:

Bill Shewan- On the ordinance I know you can't talk about it right now but it seems rather odd I believe the penalty is \$5.00?

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Yes.

Mr. Shewan- Why are we wasting so much time on \$5.00?

Evelyn Grandi, RMC- We are just extending the date of the late fee from the end of January to the beginning of April.

Mr. Shewan- Who cares about \$5.00.

Ms. Grandi- We get a lot of elderly people who can't make it in because of the weather and what not and so we get quite a few complaints.

Mr. Shewan- I think you should wave it. Some of the questions I have are really township protocol. I wrote down having to do with the resolution process. When does the Committee actually get each one of those resolutions? Do they get it the day of the meeting or the week before?

Committeewoman Ronchetti- We get it the Thursday before.

Attorney Gorman- There are some exceptions to that. For example, there is one on there for cablevision tonight. I did that at 3pm this afternoon.

Mr. Shewan- At time and again I have heard complaints from the Committee that they haven't had time to read it. I don't think any resolution should be on there unless everyone has had the opportunity to read it.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- Many of the items discussed in workshop took place at the prior meeting before and typically you give authorization for the clerk to put that on the agenda but there are exceptions.

Mr. Shewan- I have been before other town boards and councils and the County and their process on a resolution is more open to the public. Meaning that the resolution is posted and there is a public comment if you wish before. They say if anyone has any comments make it now. You don't comment on each one as it comes up and then you can make a comment. A lot of the resolutions lend a lot of importance on the function of the town.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- The County also lumps all their resolutions into one paragraph and they enact them as one motion for all the resolutions. We do ours individually.

Mr. Shewan- What I am saying is they give you an opportunity to comment on them before hand. Whether they do them all at one time or one separately. Other towns have done it that way.

Attorney Gorman- There is no requirement that there be public comment on resolutions before the governing body. Some towns have 2 citizens hearings one in the beginning and one at the end.

Mr. Shewan- It is more openness that is the way I feel. Why are the workshops not held out here as well?

Committeewoman Ronchetti – A few years ago they were. I believe Mayor Coughlin was the Mayor.

Attorney Gorman – That was before this building.

Mr. Shewan- With regard to the Pay to Play the figure is \$17,500.00. How do we establish that why is it \$17,500.00.

Attorney Gorman- State Statute.

Mr. Shewan- The transfer from the budget you are moving money around. The total is approximately \$77,000.00 that is quite a bit of money that you are moving. Money is being moved from Recreation \$10,000.00, social security \$10,000.00, Building and Grounds \$20,000.00, Administration \$9,500.00 and then \$10,000.00. Moving money that has not been spent to another area to be spent. If we are talking about trying to conserve money I am taking a fiscal conservative approach. Why is that we have to move money and why not reduce the budget instead and have money left over so the taxes aren't raised the next year? Here we take \$77,000.00 and this is not a small amount of money and move it for maybe worthwhile projects but \$50,000.00 maintenance on vehicles that sounds like poor planning. That all of a sudden we have to pay out \$50,000.00 that we have to pay out on maintenance of vehicles. I think if this resolution was public then I would have gotten up and spoken on it and maybe there would have been more consideration on it maybe not. I do think that when we are moving that much money around, \$77,000.00 and you are moving it from other areas that in the beginning of the year I am sure we would have known we weren't going to spend that \$10,000.00 in recreation that we possibly weren't going to spend that \$20,000.00 and our budget would have been lower.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- It is getting distributed to other things during the year. We are taking \$20,000.00 from buildings and grounds and putting it into streets and roads.

Administrator Pino- At the time of budget preparation it is not always known when we will have an issue with a truck that may cost \$25,000.00 to repair or another expenditure that recreation decided not to do something that they may have initially planned or saved money by doing something else. In the scheme of the budget the \$77,000.00 is very conservative and low. This is not abnormal for municipal government especially one of this size.

Mr. Shewan – I look at the budget every year and every year we automatically increase it 2% and we always went for the extra percent when it was allowed. It doesn't matter in most cases what party sits as the majority. I think as far as it goes when you have citizens who can't afford taxes that you better start looking at the 2% forget that you are allowed to do it and you better look very closely and maybe we can cut in some areas instead of the automatic increase.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The 2% that was adopted that started at about 6.5%. That was cut down and the process was not as open as it was in the past.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- There are two things that are set here for instance Social Security is a set fee and we should know how much that is during the year and ahead of time when the budget is done. To have \$10,000.00 left over in social security is unusual.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The CFO is not here to explain this.

Mr. Shewan- One of the towns has sued the county having to do with the new tax program. Is there any way we can loop onto this. Everyone is getting hit with higher taxes.

Attorney Gorman- It has nothing to do with the issues that you read in the paper. The County Pilot Program went into effect a year or so ago. The inspections are being done by the RDS Company in Hazlet and elsewhere. The County system right now requires statistical analysis to be done every year on every property and it gets fed into a computer program and because of those current sales next year's assessments move up or down based upon those sales. In Hazlet assessments generally went up because property values went up. Some went up more than others and some went down less than average it all depends. Your assessments in general had gone down in the recession and came back up again in the 2015 year. So far in Hazlet there hasn't been any impact whatsoever based upon the county pilot program for 20% a year inspections. Those inspections have been done for 40% of the line items in town and they will be in affect next year. The controversy arises over those inspections.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- How the bidding was awarded for the company not so much the program it was how it was done where in at Middletown has the staff where they can do that portion of it but they are still doing the program. We don't have that capability. The program is still going forward and the company is still doing it for us because we don't have that staffing and the procedure of how it was awarded is not the issue.

Committeewoman Kiley – The County is looking at that program again.

Mr. Shewan- Mr. Gorman thank you for that explanation because it did not explain it.

Michael Conti- Shore Café-Thank you and compliment the township that the people that are purchasing my place said the township was very business friendly and worked with them and things went very smooth. You should be proud of that Hazlet. Thank you.

David Kestner- You said this tax reassessment thing was not voluntary. The State asked for volunteers and one county they first asked turned it down and Monmouth said o.k. we will do it. I have one little problem if you look at your tax bill they have State assessment, County assessment, local assessment, school assessment and three of those it does not matter because it is distributed it all the way. The State we are paying this year's rate for everybody and everybody outside the county could be being assessed in paying on ten years ago. We are being discriminated against.

Deputy Mayor Aagre- The whole process of the pilot program originally was that we had to reevaluate every five years and what that did previously before this program was that every five years and that was over a million dollar process. I see the attraction to it on the county's side here now you have to do a couple of hundred thousand.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 8:35PM