

November 16, 2015

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:13 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	_____	___X___
Committeewoman Kiley	___X___	_____
Committeewoman Ronchetti	_____	___X___
Deputy Mayor Aagre	___X___	_____
Mayor Sachs	___X___	_____

Ordinance Hearing:

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

Introduced: November 2, 2015.

Published in The Asbury Park Press, issue of November 5, 2015. Proof on file.

Posted in Town Hall – November 3, 2015.

Hearing is scheduled for November 16, 2015.

Hearing:

No one spoke at hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Voice vote: Yes

Action of Committee: Adopt X

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti absent

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #288 through #289 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.

288. Waiver of construction permit fees for St. Johns United Methodist Church.

289. Refund of the fees for strength training classes to Maryellen Casey.

Offered Mayor Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

290. Transfer of funds. **Pulled**

291. Amending Resolution #226 Appointment of Nicholl Field Design, LLC to provide architectural services for the police station.

Offered Committeeman Kiley 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

292. Authorizing the payment of Accumulated Absences for John Fitzsimmons.

Offered Mayor Sachs 2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

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

Ordinance Introductions:

1. CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$420,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, APPROPRIATING \$420,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Title read by: Deputy Mayor Aagre

Hearing Date: December 1, 2015.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre 2nd Mayor Sachs

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

2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-19 ONE WAY STREETS

Title read by: Deputy Mayor Aagre

Hearing Date: December 1, 2015.

Offered Deputy Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeewoman Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti absent

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-20 THROUGH STREETS

Title read by: Committeewoman Kiley

Hearing Date: December 1, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Absent

Committeewoman Kiley Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti absent

Deputy Mayor Aagre Yes

Mayor Sachs Yes

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 305-21 STOP INTERSECTIONS; PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 39-4-140 THE INTERSECTIONS DESCRIBED ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS STOP INTERSECTION, STOP SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AS PROVIDED THEREIN

Title read by: Committeewoman Kiley

Hearing Date: December 1, 2015.

Offered Committeewoman Kiley

2nd Deputy Mayor Aagre

Frank Waldorf- I have the same question from a couple of weeks ago so I guess I will get the same answer?

Mayor Sachs-You will get the same answer I am still waiting for engineer to get back to me.

Andrew Kolibas- - Why was the 2% cap not adhered to?

Mayor Sachs- Sure it was.

Mr. Kolibas- No it wasn't and I can prove it on my tax bill. Municipal only and I know it is municipal went up 19676.12 last year 208977 this year. That is an increase of \$122.65 and 2% of that is \$39.34 you subtract the \$39.34 from the \$122.65 I get \$83.31 you guys owe me a refund. Someone owes me a refund here.

Mayor Sachs- No. It is a 2% increase of the whole budget overall not your property tax overall.

Mr. Kolibas- That is what I was told I was told it was municipal only.

Attorney Gorman-I understand what you did but you have to understand the cap is 2% of the municipal budget. That is not a hard cap at 2% anyway because a lot of things are outside that cap. Some items are going to be outside that cap and if Mr. O'Hara was here he would tell you exactly what the number was. In general that number is 2 plus because of things that are outside the cap.

Administrator Pino- I think we are about \$2million underneath the 2% cap was the number.

Attorney Gorman- Last year there was a reassessment program in place.

Mr. Kolibas- 100% valuation I got that. I understand the 100% valuation and here is the problem out of 8 items on here the rate per 100 on six of them went down to state level yet my taxes still went up and the reason why is because you jacked me \$43,000.00 last year. Now I got my new one this year and you are going to jack me another \$9,000.00 this year from 2015-2016. I was told that the rates per 100 were going to be lowered enough to compensate for the raise in the 100% valuation.

Mayor Sachs- I don't know who told you that.

Attorney Gorman- Under the 100% reassessment that means that some properties were under assessed and some properties were over assessed as compared to others. In some areas in the town it does not mean everyone went up 22%.

Mr. Kolibas- I have asked everyone in my neighborhood and everyone's taxes went up they jacked everybody's house up. Everyone got revalued higher. What are they going to do with all this extra money now?

Attorney Gorman- There is no extra money.

Mr. Kolibas- Sure there is. If everyone's taxes went up and you have a budget you hand us and you vote on it.

Attorney Gorman – You seem very angry, lets calm down for a second. You have to understand that part of the reassessment program is to do pretty much what you just talked about. In some neighborhoods because the property values increased more than other neighborhoods those property values went up and the assessments went up. Other property values in town went down in different areas.

Mr. Kolibas- I have been here for 30 years and my taxes never went down except for 2008 when the market crashed.

Attorney Gorman- We are not talking about taxes going down we are talking about assessments right now. Your assessment went up because there were sales in your neighborhood.

Mr. Kolibas- I have comparable market analysis and all kinds of stuff. Prices did not go up the house around the corner from me, the same house is selling for \$319,000.00. You guys got me right now at \$339,000.00 going up to \$348,000.00. I don't understand. You just keep jacking the value up so you get more and more.

Attorney Gorman- The municipal cap is 2% and the reassessment program requires that every house be valued and assessed at 100% of fair market value. That is being done right now there is a lot of statistical information that goes into it. Every sale of every property is analyzed,

Mr. Kolibas- Who does the reevaluations in this town because no one was at my house to reevaluate?

Mayor Sachs- Not every year will they come into your home to do an evaluation.

Mr. Kolibas- They just jack it up and say this is what you are worth.

Mayor Sachs- They go by market value.

Mr. Kolibas- Where do they get the money from?

Attorney Gorman- The tax assessor is the one that puts that number on your property. The numbers have changed over the last year because property values went up.

Mr. Kolibas- Property values did not go up. This country is in a hole.

Mayor Sach- I got my assessment card today and I went back to 2012 and in 2012 my assessment was \$302,900.00 and a year later it went up and the next year it went up. This one I got today is over \$355,000.00.

Administrator Pino- This was something that was ordered by the county this was not the decision of this committee to go ahead and raise taxes.

Mr. Kolibas- You have to be collecting more taxes in this town way more then what the budget calls for. Where does all this extra money go? You put out a budget every year of how many million dollars and we vote on it and I don't quite understand the budget last year was 20.7/21.4 the difference was only \$700,000.00 you guys got a windfall profit of millions here.

Committeewomen Kiley- That would be great but it is not the case.

Administrator Pino- It is not what it appears.

Mr. Kolibas- You guys have control of this town and why can't you lower the rates. Something has to be done here this is crazy.

Administrator Pino- The entire county is going through the same issue we are not alone.

Attorney Gorman- Sir I know you are not going to like this answer and you are right. There is a 2 percent cap on the overall spending by the town and when you look at that you say well then everyone's taxes should go up no more than 2%.

Mr. Kolibas- Everything went up 2%.

Attorney Gorman- I am agreeing with you. Under the reassessment program everyone is brought to the 100% valuation. That means yours may have gone up because of sales in your neighborhood.

Mr. Kolibas- You are not paying attention are you. Everyone's taxes went up.

Committeewoman Kiley- We collect a total of 2% some people pay more than 2% others pay less than 2% but we net out at a 2% increase for the township.

Mr. Kolibas – Why isn't it equal for everyone who pays taxes?

Attorney Gorman – Under the reassessment program it is somewhere about 30 different statistical areas within the township that are evaluated.

Mayor Sachs- You had a 3.5% increase in taxes from the Board of Education.

Committeewoman Kiley- Yes 65% of your tax bill is related to the school budget.

Mr. Kolibas- Yes I pay over \$5,000.00 for school tax. The people don't have enough say on what goes on around here.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Mayor Sachs

Voice Vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Kiley 2nd Mayor Sachs

Voice Vote: Yes

Time: 8:37 PM

