

June 20, 2016

AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 7:00 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 June 14, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.
- (B) On June 14, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and Asbury Park Press. It was also published in the Asbury Park Press on June 16, 2016.
- (C) On June 14, 2016, 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, 2016.

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 Ronchetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Committeeman Sachs	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Deputy Mayor Kiley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Aagre	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Citizens Hearing:

CITIZENS HEARING ON THE JCP&L RELIABILITY PROJECT

Mayor Aagre opened the hearing to the public, requesting anyone wishing to speak to first give their name and address to the Clerk.

EVERYONE WHO SPOKE IS AGAINST THE POWER LINES BEING PUT UP

Elie Mingione – I have been living here since 1984 when I read these plans from JCP&L that say we have to build above ground especially when they are going along the Right of Way of the railroad they can bury this stuff and they can put redundant cabling and have huts above ground or manhole bunkers put in place or so you can repair, replace antenna and there is no maintenance issue and it is to protect our people.

Mayor Aagre- On that topic NJ Transit won't let them bury the lines in their Right of Way.

Zeko Abas – Works for AT&T and the power lines can be put underground.

Anthony Restaino – I work for Verizon and property value will go down.

Karen Bachmann – The power lines are too close to the HYAL football and baseball fields. Does not want to see property value go down.

Laura Pavlicek – Opposes project because of health, noise and the unsightly aesthetics.

Bernice Curto – I live within 200 feet of the tracks. This is my dream house. I am literally sick over this project. The website photos are misleading. This is not the only option. I would not have purchased the home if the poles were there.

Joseph Rotondo – I oppose this project. What do you need us to do? Can JCP&L override us?

Attorney Gorman – In 1989 NJ Transit did not grant the easement. JCP&L will need to get approval from the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It is important to do this opposition before JCP&L applies to the BPU. These places are where the public can go to object to the project.

Janice – Congressman Pallone's Office – He is very concerned about this project and has requested a meeting with JCP&L. He is also looking into seeing if there is federal money involved.

Deputy Mayor Kiley – Congressman Chris Smith is working on this also and will try to meet with Congressman Pallone to try and get them to bury the line.

Committeewoman Ronchetti – JCP&L was considering 17 routes. They took 16 off the list. Can the Congressmen get what all the routes were? Maybe we can come up with another alternative.

Theresa Latham – I was told that if JCP&L bury the lines right near the train tracks it would make the health issues worse.

Geraldine Allard – I was at the JCP&L meeting. It was a dog and pony show. I asked about alternatives like the Parkway. I was told it was too expensive and would affect the businesses. I vehemently oppose this project. They had a tree guy there and I asked if the required feet is available behind everyone's house? There is not. The whole train line needs to be scoped to see if there will be enough room.

Committeewoman Ronchetti – I live four houses from the train station so if anyone wants to put a sign on my lawn see me after the meeting.

Jack Bennett – I live on Hazlet Avenue which is very close to the train line. I have a friend that is even closer than me to the train line and I don't know much about property expenses but I don't want a 200 foot power line outside mine or my friends window and I will be going to Beers Street School and just as the same as my house I don't want the power lines right on my school.

Louis Itzkowitz – I grew up in Long Island the breast cancer rate from the EMF fields that will be emitted from the wires will increase the chances of getting cancer. It will be a major health issue.

Tanya Moore – The train is right behind my house. There is not 30 feet between me and the train. They are going to remove all the trees. Neighbors will be able to see into everyone's homes from their windows.

Rosalie Preuss – I am a Registered Nurse. I am very angry. I went to the JCP&L meeting and they said they have studies that say it is safe. You can find studies for everything. We went through 911 and the air was safe to breathe. I have relatives who have passed away because that air was safe to breathe. Everything comes out later.

Scott Goldsberry – I am an active member of HYAL we take great pride and we are fighting other things in order to get kids down to the field; get them out of their room and away from video games. Our home butts right up to the train. We just invested a lot of money in our house.

Maureen Cassiano – Is the Board of Education making any presentations to oppose the project?

Deputy Mayor Kiley – I just received an email from the President of the Board of Education, Will Kolibas and they just voted unanimously to oppose this project.

Maureen Cassiano – Will this impact the energy need? Will the lines make more power plants? Property values will go down. Have they presented any formal need for the upgrades? With numbers, facts and figures?

Mayor Aagre – I have not seen any.

Committeeman DiNardo – Neither have I.

Maureen Cassiano – How about change, or forecast or plan or any type of information to be available to the public?

Committeewoman Ronchetti – I don't even remember them saying anything, at that meeting, in all their presentations. No one mentioned the long term effects.

Maureen Cassiano – They need to substantiate their need. Solar panels for clean energy, we are using wind or gas, will this have any impact on the energy needs that JCP&L claim that they need or alleviate some of the burden they say they are taking on?

Administrator Pino – That's a great question, we are not experts on energy. We will relay that question and see if we can get an answer.

Maureen Cassiano – will the addition of these power lines result in more power plants and will the plants have any emissions and will that conflict with the NJ state global warming response act?

Administrator Pino – we are not JCP&L. You need to speak with representatives of JCP&L.

Maureen Cassiano – but these are good questions.

Deputy Mayor Kiley – excellent questions.

Chris Colosi – I just bought my home about a year ago it is the first home I have ever purchased. I don't want to move again. I am totally against this.

Kim Arthur– Monmouth County – I am a core member of the RAGE team. We need to challenge the need for the additional source of power into the area. I spoke to Ron Morano from JCP&L and he said this is a redundant third line. There is not a great need for it. Who are the 214,000 residents that it will benefit? The proposed route is in an historical area. There are Environmental issues. I asked when construction will start and I was told from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This is a two year project.

Kevin DeYoung – There a lot of questions that we have and not enough information. JCP&L needs to supply the public with information.

Maureen Cassiano – Toms River explored energy aggregation. Try Eagle Energy.

Mayor Aagre – JCP&L just delivers the energy they do not buy it.

Richard Stokes – I live 50 feet off of the rail road tracks. The kids health is what I am concerned about. Side effects take time to show up (years). Property taxes will go down. You will have more foreclosures and mental health issues.

Laura Pavlichek – Can we organize something? Get media attention?

Jackie DeGroat – Does not believe JCP&L will give me the correct answers to my questions.

Joe Marques – Tracey Maffiore and I were very involved the last time JCP&L wanted to do this. What succeeded was getting Senator Pallone involved. You need prestigious officials along with JCP&L and NJ Transit. Need to bring a lot of attention to this issue.

Mike Riker – I am fighting this for my kids. I am against this.

Mayor Aagre – Assemblywoman Amy Handlin will be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, July 28th. JCP&L and NJ Transit have been invited.

Theresa Glen – Middletown – I live near the tracks. We all need to come together as an entire community, not as individual towns.

Debra White – Is there any noise emitted from this?

Mayor Aagre – Yes.

Debra White – I am against this.

Bernice Kurdo – Rage – We have a new website www.stopjcpl.org. There is a meeting on Wednesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Middletown Library, 55 New Monmouth Road. This meeting is just not for Middletown residents.

Rose Kestner – Every person in here should call one more person about this JCP&L project to let them know about this and the word will spread quickly.

Attorney Gorman – I can OPRA NJ Transit, DEP and the BPU. To get any information from the last time this project was brought up.

Mayor Aagre – We will attach a copy of the petition with the Resolution.

Shan Low – I have young children. I am against this.

Ed Matthews – It looks like there were two JCP&L workers here at the meeting. They proposed this same project 30 years ago.

Vivian Passos – Have people put signs in their windows at home and in their cars to get the word out. I am against this.

Justin Dempsey – I have four kids. I am concerned about the health issues. Can the township hire an electrical consultant?

Andrea Tsap – I am opposed to the project. The media should be called for the meeting on the 28th.

Renee Coppola – I plan to raise a family here. I do not want to have to be concerned about any health issues.

Theresa Latham – I am opposed to this. I have a 10 month old grandson that I watch every day.

Michael – Middletown – Other towns have opposed this. Atlantic City, NJ; Susquehanna, PA and in Chino, California. They are now going to bury the lines. I contacted CBS news for the Middletown meeting. I am going to call CBS and ABC for the Hazlet meeting. The power lines are going right over bloom energy boxes, which are fuel cells.

Ann Coyle – I have lived here for 40 years. Can the reverse 911 be used?

Tom Horner – Hazlet’s OEM Coordinator – No it is for police, weather or other type of emergency. It could be used to send texts or emails but then the program would have to have your information for you to receive it.

Committeewoman Ronchetti – Why can’t we use the Board of Education system to make everyone aware?

Tanya Moore – Here are two phone numbers for Channel 12 News – 732-346-3333 is the tip desk and 732-346-3270 is for the news room.

Laura Pavlichek – All the towns should get together and have media coverage at a meeting.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

RESOLUTION

185. Expressing opposition regarding the JCP&L Reliability Project.

Offered Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

 Committeeman Sachs Absent Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

 Mayor Aagre Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti 2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

Time: 8:30 p.m.