

June 21, 2016

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 4, 2016, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey.
- (B) On January 7, 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 February 10, 2016.
- (C) On January 4, 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> </u>	<u> X </u>
Committeeman Sachs	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Deputy Mayor Kiley	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Aagre	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – June 6, 2016.
Regular Meeting – June 6, 2016.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – June 6, 2016.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

REMOVAL AND REPAIR OF CURB AND MINOR DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS FOR WEST SUSAN STREET, WEST RICHARD
STREET AND LORRAINE AVENUE

Hearing:

No one spoke at hearing.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Voice vote: Yes

Resolution S-1 – Community Development Block Grant.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #186 through #192 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.

- 186. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4083 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4303.
- 187. Refund of a CCO fee for 43 Bucknell Drive.
- 188. Waiver of construction fees for the Hazlet First Aid Squad for the replacement of the heat/cooling package unit.
- 189. Refund of Swim Club Fees.
- 190. Refund of a CCO fee for 196 South Park Avenue.
- 191. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 220, Lot 3 because a duplicate payment was made.
- 192. Authorizing the disposing of office furniture from the Police Department because it is obsolete and has no monetary value.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

Anyone who would like to address the Township Committee regarding the below listed Resolutions on the Agenda, please come up, print your name and address on the sign in sheet and then state your name and address for the Committee.

No one spoke at hearing.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Voice Vote Yes

- 193. Demotion of Gary Kruk to the position of Laborer.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

194. Authorizing CME to provide Engineering Services for Laurel Avenue Phase III.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Abstain

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

195. Salary Step Increase for Steven Venticinque.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

196. Salary increases for Joyce Feirstein, Thomas O'Hara and David Rooke for their additional responsibilities for the operation of the Hazlet Township Sewer Utility.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo No

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

197. 2016 Recreation Camp Salary.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

198. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Briscoe Terrace Sidewalk Improvements Project.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Ordinance Introduction:

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 196 (FEES) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, RECREATION FEES

Title read by: Committeeman Sachs

Hearing Date: July 5, 2016.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Absent

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Citizens Hearing:

Charles Hoffman- In the past year we have had 3 people doing more in the sewer utility, are we active now with our truck since the people got promotions and increases?

Mayor Aagre- The resolution for the increases are actually office workers. It was based on the reorganization of personnel with the retirement of Marilyn Colas who ran the sewer utility. Additional duties were put onto the Superintendent of Public Works, he now runs the full operations of it and the CFO, Tom O'Hara now oversees in Addition to his current duties the sewer finances also and we promoted internally a current employee to the administration portion of the sewer utility and tax.

Mr. Hoffman- Doesn't the state say you can't have the same person managing the township money and the sewer utility money?

Mayor Aagre- The CFO does the money on both.

Administrator Pino- It is a separate budget.

Megan Croken- I did not want to come here but I did not have a choice, yet again. I am aware Mr. Gorman that you spoke to my lawyer today but I do want to reiterate once again you brought up Pauline Hines. I am not Pauline Hines and she has nothing to do with me. She is also putting OPRA Request and she is falling on the same exact situation as I did she is not getting what she is requesting. Mayor Aagre I appreciate the fact that you and I met and I thought our meeting was great and I was excited we were going to meet with the tenants and we were going to look into the OPRA issues and I had asked you if we could meet in like 3 weeks with the tenants and then you went on vacation and Sharon was on vacation and if you knew that prior to that meeting then the 3 weeks was undoable.

Mayor Aagre- During our meeting I know you mentioned about meeting with the tenants but I never agreed to a date or time and I checked with Evelyn that was with us and Jim Gorman and we don't recall that. As far as the information I told you it was going to take a while.

Ms. Croken- I am personally trying to sell my trailer and I cannot do it because it is in Mieleville and Dennis Pino has the authority and had the authority since 2012 to correct wrong and it just has not happened. We are all stuck and time is of the essence. I gave you a whole list of things tenants wanted to go over. Once again I am giving spreadsheets to you guys. I give it to you neatly and in order and very nice and I have been begging to please work this out. All I am hearing is I can sue, we all could I guess if we had the money but none of us do.

Mayor Aagre- If multiple tenants or a lot of tenants have issues they should be calling the Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Croken- They are not getting anywhere there and they all saw what happened to me. They are not coming here because they are afraid.

Mayor Aagre- They have an issue with the park or conditions anywhere in the open areas that the landlord needs to address they have to call up the Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Croken- We are past that point and now we are at the point where I had to meet with you. The tenants are not being informed of anything that is happening in the park and the we are entitled to know that.

Mayor Aagre- In regards to what?

Ms. Croken- The extensions that Mr. Conti got we have all been waiting to sell our trailers and yet Dennis Pino gave extensions to Mr. Conti. We know there were condemned stickers on these trailers, we see them still sitting there inhabitable and yet the charges were dismissed. You know all the issues and the tenants are well aware of what should have happened and they are all very upset. They got violations and they weren't even told if they were cleared or not. Have them didn't even call back so how could they be cleared? There is obviously something very wrong going on and are going to get to the bottom of it. I don't know how we are going to do that if you are not going to cooperate if there is something that you are hiding.

Mayor Aagre- You are getting everything we have and you are saying you are not getting everything so you are saying we are holding something back.

Ms. Croken- I showed you five different examples that I am not getting what I requested.

Mayor Aagre – Now that I am back from vacation I will continue to look at this stuff.

Ms. Croken- How long of a time frame, people want to sell their trailers.

Mayor Aagre- There are several items in town and county wide that are urgent at the moment because it affects basically the 20,000 people that live here, I cannot give a time frame.

Ms. Croken- I am sorry to hear that you are busy but you are the Mayor and I have already been here for a year and four months and I think ours should take precedence because this has actually been going since 2012 and 20 years prior to that. What am I supposed to go back and say to the tenants oh sorry the Mayor is busy.

Mayor Aagre – If there was a meeting with residents the township would have to send out notices to them because I do not know who you are noticing or who you are talking to or what parks you are talking to. I appreciate what you have been doing but I have to do research myself.

Ms. Croken- The residents don't care about the OPRA issues they want to know when they are going to be able to sell their trailers and they want to know why Mr. Conti wasn't given any repercussions they want to know a lot of things.

Mayor Aagre- That first question which I do not remember talking about but I will find out why people can't sell their trailers I don't know that. Our meeting was based on your OPRA request and missing information or that you didn't have certain information. If residents are concerned about why they can't sell their trailer I will find out where they need to go to and what is holding them up.

Committeeman Sachs- What you showed him what is in the building he has to clarify that is what he is trying to explain to you. He is not going to go on your word. He is going to do his own investigation to make sure the facts he is getting and that you are given him are 100% correct.

Ms. Croken- I can see that.

Committeeman Sachs- That is what he is working on. These positions here are part time positions we are not full time employees this Committee nor the Mayor.

Ms. Croken- It has been 4 years and I don't need a lecture.

Committeeman Sachs- We don't want to hear a lecture either because we have been hearing it for the longest time. We got your information what you are looking for, he took the time to sit down with you now give him the time to get what he needs to get for you.

Ms. Croken- Mr. Mayor I came here to address you. If someone wants to input now after a year and four months it is great but I have been begging you to please get involved and no one would. In fact Mr. DiNardo did and we didn't get anywhere because he said the same thing he did and Dennis Pino did so that was useless too. They should of gone back and did what you are doing now one year and four months later. When is the township going to finally make Mr. Conti do what you told him he needed to do? That is what we need to do.

Mayor Aagre- On that note I will try to find out what is holding up the sale. We will start with your trailer and I will find that out.

Ms. Croken – What is holding up the sale, the conditions of the park. It is a disgusting, filthy mess. The open areas, the vacant trailers the condition of the park. There are 58 trailers that no one claims ownership. There are 57 that Mr. Conti owns now they got violations and so did the vacant trailers and we know those didn't get fixed and Mr. Conti didn't fix up the ones he needed to. He didn't remove them or make them habitable they are still boarded up and it looks like we live in the projects. I tried to sell my trailer 3 times during the course of 8 years that I lived there and I could not get anywhere close to the value of what my trailer was worth because of the conditions of the park. All you have to do is look at the pictures and see what the problem has been so now why were the charges dropped? How can the charges be dropped when they were supposed to be made habitable or removed that is what it says in the building inspectors report. So how can the charges be dismissed?

Attorney Gorman- They were dismissed in municipal court. Those charges were resolved in municipal court, how, when it is not up to the committee there is a Municipal Court Judge.

Ms. Croken- Carol LaManna told me the town wrote a letter. I have the letter that Sharon wrote saying please dismiss all these charges. I showed the Mayor at the meeting. Why were they dismissed?

Committeeman Sachs- Because the violations were corrected according to Mrs. Keegan.

Mayor Aagre- All I can do is follow up.

Ms. Croken-They are supposed to do testing on the lead paint I have asked for that, they don't have it then how can you dismiss the charges. The building inspection violations are all serious things. We need a time frame maybe send out a letter saying we are working on it.

Mayor Aagre- I was the Chairman of Rent Control for many years prior to its dissolution and you cannot represent other people or other tenants. That is why I am saying if tenants have a complaint or a condition of the park they need to call and put it on record.

Ms. Croken- They did and also during that phone call Mr. Finnerty talked about my rent issues that I owed \$7,000.00 to be clear. There is a lot here that you are not aware of and Dennis is aware of. I am not here to speak to you Mr. Sachs.

Committeeman Sachs- I don't care if you are not here to speak to me I am going to tell you now I am tired of listening to you and the reason is because you ask for things that we cannot accommodate you with at this time. You are told to put in an OPRA Request.

Mayor Aagre- I will follow up as soon as I can I do not have a time frame for you.

Ms. Croken- Then never mind because it is going to be useless then.

Charles Hoffman- What is going on with Foodtown?

Administrator Pino- I reached out about a week or so ago and haven't heard back yet. When they apply to the DEP for something like that it can take months or years.

Mr. Hoffman- The next two months are you going into a once a month meeting schedule?

Mayor Aagre- Yes July and August.

Mr. Hoffman- On this five year waiver on home improvements how is that accomplished is it based upon a construction permit?

Administrator Pino- There are different items that are applicable and allow you to get the abatement you speak with the tax assessor and tell her what you are doing and what you plan to do and she can go over all the details.

Mr. Hoffman- There was a very interesting article in the Independent in relation to the tax rebate by local program and hopefully it will fly. Do you consider Walgreens and Shop Rite to be small businesses, no you do not, correct?

Deputy Mayor Kiley- Big businesses like that would never participate because they already discount their stuff and they have all kinds of marketing and promotional things in place. It is really geared towards small local businesses.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Voice vote: Yes

Time: 8:40 PM