

August 2, 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> X </u>	<u> </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 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016.
Regular Meeting – June 21, 2016 and July 5, 2016.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes
(abstain 6/21/16)

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Approval of Executive Session Minutes – July 5, 2016.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Reports:

MUNICIPAL COURT – June 2016 – Total fees collected - \$28,777.62.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – June 2016 – Received and read.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL – June 2016 – Total fees collected - \$30,375.00.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – June 2016 – Total Calls Handled – 2,060.

Resolution S-1 – Mayor’s Appointment – Recreation Advisory Committee

Chris McManus as Alternate #2 – for an unexpired term ending on 12/31/17.

Resolutions, Motions and Appointments:

Resolutions #211 through #219 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.

211. Refund of Swim Club Fees.

212. Refund of CCO fee for 476 South Laurel Avenue.

- 213. Authorizing the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to have an “Out of the Darkness” walk to raise money and awareness of suicide prevention on September 25, 2016.
- 214. Authorizing the Township to assess a Municipal Lien on various properties – property maintenance.
- 215. Issuance of Raffle License RL-4084 and RL-4087 to the Bayshore Anglers Association.
- 216. Refund of CCO fee for 27 Dogwood Lane.
- 217. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 166.01, Lot 9.
- 218. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 168, Lot 3.
- 219. Refund of the overpayment of taxes for Block 213, Lot 50.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Deputy Mayor Kiley

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

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.

Bill Shewan- #222 authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to execute the assignment of tax abatement agreement for Bethany Towers. The way it is established in 1979 of the moderate income and that is why the tax abatement was given. My hope is that the township has clarified that the new owners will abide by the current structure as well or is there a law in place that it will remain moderate income or will the people be forced to move out because the rental is going up?

Attorney Gorman- Nothing is changing there is a new owner and the new owner requires basically this is a resolution to allow the tax abatement agreement to be modified to reflect the new owner that is it.

Mr. Shewan – So they cannot restructure what was originally created?

Attorney Gorman- All those restrictions are still in place all we are doing is recognizing a new owner.

Mr. Shewan- The other question is on #225 Acceptance of the 2015 Corrective Action Plan. The way I see this is it leaves it wide open for, I don't know how you fit this into the budget, if you don't know what the actual accruals will be. It looks like you don't post it as an accrual account because it has in here you pay as you go. Meaning that you are going to determine what the expense is when it happens.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- The Corrective Action Plan is based on the budget and what they are going to do is what the things that have been audited for are infrastructure stuff like they have to get their checks deposited more quickly that is what is it, it is not costing us anything it is the employees have to this and Tom has to oversee it.

Mr. Shewan- What does pay as you go mean?

Deputy Mayor Kiley- Where do you see pay as you go?

Mr. Shewan – Explanation of Corrective Action, the township recognizes that there is a significance and material outstanding liability of other pay as you go payment of this liability. In addition the GSB has issued new pronouncements. That is where it states it and pay as you go would indicate to me that you are paying as it comes up and therefore you don't know what the liability is. I think you should look a little closer at it.

Committeeman Sachs- The Corrective Action Plan was done by the CFO so I am going to stand behind whatever he wrote in there.

Attorney Gorman – Is there something Mr. Shewan in the plan that you are referring to? The plan that is attached to the resolution.

Mr. Shewan- This has to do with the explanation and Corrective Action and the way it is written it sounds like with the system that you have it would be too expensive to go ahead and make any changes to accommodate those charges that are accrued which they are not accruing them.

Committeewoman Ronchetti – I think you need to read what the findings were first and you will see that the findings tell you that most of the stuff is done in house. Proper sewer receipts, controls over the sewer receipts, who is in charge in the sewer office, interests on delinquent sewer which we go out and have auctions for and upgrading the current billing system. They are telling us to look at it which we have already done since the audit was done and we have updated our Edmunds System to include the sewer. Most of this is in house and the stuff is already done already.

Deputy Mayor Kiley – I sat in on the exit interview when the auditors went through their findings and a lot of things they identified are things that have to be changed for example the sewer billing or things we have in place already or are in the process of changing. There wasn't anything that was going to be substantially expensive for us to change.

Mr. Shewan – I will pass a compliment to the CFO because on the audit I do not see a repeat of those items that have been repeated for numerous years so currently actions were taken.

Charles Hoffman- I am a little bit new to the business of Tax Abatement that facility has been there since 1984. Does this abatement go for perpetuity or does it for the first 20 years?

Attorney Gorman- The abatement that was put on that property so they can get the government funding to build it under the low and moderate income housing federal government and off the top of my head I think it was 50 years. After that it is no longer required as a condition of their financing that they be low and moderate income section 208 housing. It could be anything at that point but the new buyer that is what they do.

Mr. Hoffman- Yes I am well aware of that. Housing does not create jobs business creates jobs, blue collar business creates jobs. In NY the abatement does not apply to school taxes but it does apply to property taxes, sales tax, etc.

Attorney Gorman- This is not on the agenda but in NJ it works differently basically you have a payment in lieu of the tax plan and essentially you can negotiate whatever you want with a property owner in terms of payment in lieu of taxes. The entire town is designated as an area in need of rehabilitation so you can do a pilot program in payment lieu of taxes.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

Voice Vote Yes

220. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Hold Harmless Agreement with Holy Family Church to use their school parking lot as the staging area for the Hazlet Day Parade.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

221. Appointment of Hazlet Township Recreation Camp and Swim Club Employees for the 2016 season.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

222. Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the assignment of the Tax Abatement Agreement for Bethany Towers.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeewoman Ronchetti

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

223. Authorizing the cancellation of unexpended and dedicated General Capital Appropriations for Ordinance #1584-15 Refunding Bond Ordinance.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Committeeman Sachs

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

224. Adoption of the 2015 Audit Report.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

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

225. Acceptance of the 2015 Corrective Action Plan.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley 2nd Committeeman DiNardo

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

226. Authorizing the Engineer to execute Payment Estimate #1 for Improvements to West Jack and Sycamore Drive Storm and Curb Improvements.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo 2nd Committeeman Sachs

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

227. Authorizing the Engineer to execute the Final Payment Estimate for Improvements to West Jack and Sycamore Drive Storm Sewer and Curb Improvements and the Closeout Change Order in the amount of \$24,312.00 decreasing the total contract amount.

Offered Committeeman DiNardo

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Payment of Bills:

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Ordinance Introductions:

1. AN ORDINANCE TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF AZEE DRIVE AND MARSAND DRIVE AND THE INTERSECTION OF AZEE DRIVE AND GERALD TERRACE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Title read by: Committeewoman Ronchetti

Hearing Date: September 6, 2016.

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

2. CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,570,600 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$1,062,500 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$240,000 FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO LAUREL

AVENUE PHASE III AND \$268,100 FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO HAZLET
AVENUE PHASE II

Title read by: Committeeman Sachs

Hearing Date: September 6, 2016.

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

3. BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION
IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF AN E-TICKETING SYSTEM,
BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAZLET, IN THE COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$350,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$305,000 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Title read by: Deputy Mayor Kiley

Hearing Date: September 6, 2016.

Offered Deputy Mayor Kiley

2nd Committeeman DiNardo

Roll Call: Committeeman DiNardo Yes

Committeewoman Ronchetti Yes

Committeeman Sachs Yes

Deputy Mayor Kiley Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Citizens Hearing:

Maureen Miller – At the last meeting I mentioned about the tennis courts and I am here tonight to thank you. Two gentlemen worked very hard on the courts. Is there going to be any continuation of what was done because they are playable but after the swim club closes is something else going to be done to the tennis courts?

Administrator Pino- Dave Rooke and I had a discussion and we are getting close to the point where they almost need to be reconstructed. It is not going to happen this fall.

Ms. Miller- Are you involved at all with what happens at Raritan High School Tennis Courts because they were in terrible condition but they didn't go and tear them up they fixed it.

Administrator Pino- There is an underlayment problem there is something wrong with the base that is what it is boiling down to. I am talking about our courts I don't know anything about the school courts.

Ms. Miller- With what you have done already and with what the pool club has made I know that usually right after the swim club closes you kind of sit down with the committee and you decide what is going to be done. So you are saying politely to me that it is not going to be the tennis courts.

Administrator Pino- This year all that money has been allocated for projects we do not know what is going to happen next year because we don't know what dollar funding we are going to have. At this point we just put a band aid when we need surgery.

Ms. Miller- Who decides what the money gets to be spent on?

Administrator Pino- There were a lot of improvements that were listed 5-6 years ago by an engineering firm. We have been dwindling away at that list with the rebuilding of pump houses, installing new electrical service to the facilities a lot of big improvements. Equally we have been spending money up on top ground where you can see the improvements.

Ms. Miller- Was the playground one of the things being considered?

Administrator Pino- It is always is but the problem is those things are \$60K-\$80 K they are not cheap. That is only open for two months out of the year and I know people want that and we have heard so much that may be an item that gets warranted at this point because of the demand. There is a lot more families in there now than last year.

Ms. Miller – There are a lot more camps coming and they do use the playground. Over the last couple of days there was a situation that happened and I am here tonight too see if there is a way the confusion or lack of communication between the members of the pool club trying to come to the pool and the pool being closed. People go on Facebook and they go on your website and there was nothing that said the pool had been closed for the day or someone made a decision to close the pool, it was Friday July 29 people came to go to the swim club me included and it was closed no sign nothing on Facebook.

Committeewoman Ronchetti- I have been in town for 45 years and my oldest child is 42 since the time he was 3 we went to the swim club and back then we didn't have Facebook or websites so if it rained we didn't go to the swim club and if we did go and it was closed we turned around and went home. We have to close camp due to rain at the Cullen Center but it wasn't raining on the other side of town. You have to allow for a little slack.

Ms. Miller- It rained at 7am and at 11 am there was no rain the day turned out to be a great day weather wise. It was tough decision somebody made it and no one knew who made it that was Friday, OK it happens. August 1 another cloudy day but turned out to be a beautiful afternoon, 1pm they closed the club by a manager. I don't like to say a name because it is hearsay and yes I did make a phone call because people know my number and call me asking why the swim club is closed. I said it was open they told me they closed it. Friday it happened and now its Monday and the pool was open and then they closed it did not rain yesterday.

Administrator Pino- Only one employee said they were not contacted for whatever reason said they were not contacted. I am talking about Friday and I am not sure if that is true. The club was open until 1pm and we called it because there were only 3 people at the club all day. The 60% chance of the thunderstorms and the alerts that we were receiving from the county about flash flood warnings and to make action within an hour. We don't close because it looks like rain we rely upon a lot of other people other than us.

Ms. Miller- How come people can get things on Facebook.

Administrator Pino- Facebook is not the official site for Hazlet Township.

Ms. Miller- When I call the number nothing. Is there an answering machine for people to call and get the message that the swim club is closed.

Administrator Pino- We can do something like that.

Ms. Miller- We were so nice as a swim club and a township to open it on real hot days. We do that and I think that was great. We had an open house day and the heat that they can come in and see this pool club and we also had a great band that the Bayshore Community Bank sponsored. It was a great night and people were able to see the pool club. We have opened it up at the end of the season to see this pool club and come and hopefully join are we once again opening this to the public at the last two weeks that don't have memberships.

Mayor Aagre- Not after last year.

Administrator Pino- That was done for about five or six years something Brian had done when the club was going down the tubes and Middletown was closing. Bill has made recommendations to open up the first week of July instead of August because you will get more people and that makes sense.

Ms. Miller- The lifeguards and maintenance are doing a great job. If we go into the office and say something to a manager about the bathrooms, etc. they listen and it gets done right away and thank us for letting them know.

Charles Hoffman – What is an E-Ticket?

Administrator Pino- It is an electronic ticket.

Mayor Aagre- It is allowing the police officer to apply the ticket on line and it goes to the Court system and gives you a receipt.

Mr. Hoffman – Both sides of the bench here have always tried to keep taxes down. It is going to happen where taxes get raised but what portion of our township operating costs goes to our energy consumption? We have this building, the Cullen Center, police station, library. Mr. DiNardo said something awhile back when I raised the question about street lights and I believe you said somewhere you can get your money back in 25-30 months.

Committeeman DiNardo- If you rehab the street lights with LED Retro Fits and I think Jackson was leading the program about 2 years ago. It is a significant savings I can dig the information back up for you Mr. Hoffman but it pays for itself in a very short time.

Mr. Hoffman- I am a tax payer and I pay for this so you should try and do something about it. Grant or no grant please try to understand that is not the question the question is what are you going to do about it?

Committeeman DiNardo- We already had Aberdeen join with us about 2 years ago and they wanted to go forward with it.

Administrator Pino- The biggest problem we have is that JCP&L service the poles and lights and they would have to stock hundreds of these lamps in case there is a major event they are not willing to do that at this point.

Bill Shewan- I like what was said by Mr. Hoffman with regard to the LED and there is a firm in town that handles the grants for that and installs the bulbs in our town. They would consult and tell you what you can do. I do know on the new LED's particularly for offices they do come in various colors now so you just don't get that bright white you can get the soft yellow like you have here. In most cases if you have fluorescents anywhere the current ballast will work with it. I do want to compliment that I got from many people at the concert Brian Kirk and the Jirks but the feedback was a great night and people loved it. I sent an email which was correspondence between me and Dennis having to do with Lammers Street in that area I walk around and people stop and talk to me and I had mentioned that they resurfaced the road and you had sent a very detailed report because I asked why they didn't reduce the contract because it was an outstanding contract to do that road within a short period of time. Some of those roads in that area are done on both sides not just one side so it ends up only 35% of the road was not done. It came back that they couldn't reduce it because the fact is they resurface it in a different way. Now when you are doing Hazlet Avenue there is a statement from engineer there is an estimate for this project of \$378,000.00, it should be noted that NJ Natural Gas overlaid a portion of the roadway which reduces it to \$343,000.00.

Committeeman Sachs- Lammers Street had to be totally reconstructed down to the subbase.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeewoman Ronchetti

2nd Committeeman Sachs

Voice vote: Yes

Time: 8:51 PM

