

**HAZLET RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES—July 10, 2014**

PRESENT- Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P.

Alternates: Joyce F., Cliff M.

Absent: Steve S., Kevin L., Mike S., Linda S., Pat T.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday August 14, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Mike C. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM the meeting started with a salute to the Flag and a moment of silence. Sunshine Law Statement Read.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Pat R.- We need to change Natarese to Matarese and also when Kevin asked about the liability for the insurance she said the town will cover the insurance but it does not say Keyport or Hazlet.

MOTION: Henry P made a motion to accept and amend the minutes of the June 12, 2014 and Cliff M. seconded.

PRESENT- Mary H (abstain), Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P.

Alternates: Joyce F., Cliff M.

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Executive Session Minutes June 12, 2014

MOTION to approve Cliff M., seconded by Pat R.

PRESENT- Mary H (abstain), Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P.

Alternates: Joyce F., Cliff M.

Absent: Steve S., Kevin L., Mike S., Linda S., Pat T.

Purchase Orders for approval in the Trust Account: Offer to pay bills

Mike C.- Some things on here are old because we did not have approve any bills at our June meeting. That is why we are seeing fireworks and the DJ for the fireworks.

Offered: Mary H.

2nd Scott W.

Yes: Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P., Joyce F., Cliff M.

Scott W., - We are no longer a Commission has that been voted on by the Township Committee?

Mike C.- Yes.

Scott W.- So we are a Committee?

Mike C.- Right.

Scott W. – So we are not Commissioners anymore?

Mike C.- No. Because there was no line item in the township budget for this department for that purpose we are still acting the same way. Legally we are no longer an entity.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fireworks: Scott W. – Being V. Chair I was in charge that night but Kathy, Mary P and Steve S and Chris M and everyone was helpful. Everything was going fantastic, vendors came and JB roped everything off. The only problem was that the Zambelli employees came late. I saw them about 6:30 pm and asked how it was going they said everything was good. I told the guy we were looking for an 8:45-9PM start possibly. JB was also very helpful and gave out radios to everyone. I called up and asked how everything was going and JB said the guy said he couldn't start until 10PM. I said there is no way we can do that. Myself and Steve went to talk with them. I told them 10pm was too late we have kids in the park and safety concerns. I told him at 9:35PM that whatever he has loaded is what you will shoot off and I will be back up immediately afterwards to count what was not used which is what I did with Steve. It was short and a little disappointing. Steve and I counted what was not used and we signed a paper with the gentlemen. The man took the paper with him. We took a picture of the paper and a picture of the boxes that were not opened on the truck. We sent it to Kathy via email. That is where we stand and that all I know at this point.

(Kevin Lavan entered room 7:15PM)

Kathy V. –They emailed me what the inventory was and Bob called and I told him we were pretty much shorted a third of the show and he just wanted to give us a credit for next year. I did not think that is what we wanted. I called Mike and Mike spoke with him.

Mike C.- When I called him up he had sent an email to Kathy basically itemizing over 988 shells and there were approximately 300 plus returned. 33% of the show as returned. Of the 32% of the show they figured of the shells that what were returned those shells were worth approximately \$1,500.00. The show cost \$10,000.00 and they basically took back 32%. I spoke to Bob Turco and at first he wasn't interested in giving us any type of refund. We have a purchase order. We have had a good relationship with them.

Pat R.- Monday morning stop payment on that check.

Mike C.- I had a real good conversation with Bob and at first he wasn't receptive but then he said due to Hurricane Arthur it was an act of God. I said it was beautiful all day here Saturday the weather was gorgeous. We had a packed park.

Scott W.- In the conversation with his employees one of the gentlemen let the cat out of the bag. They had some rainouts the night before so they went from a 7 show set up day to an 11 show set up day. We must have been last on their list on Saturday.

Mike C.- That in essence is what he told me. Because of all the rainouts the day before they took a number of the guys that were slated to work for us and moved them somewhere else. I said I can understand that but it is not our concern nor our problem we contracted for this particular show. While sometimes there are things that they couldn't do certainly 32% of the show going away would warrant some sort of discount. I had asked for \$2,000.00 which is 20%. He said he does not have the authority to do anything like that.

Mary H.- You should of requested a third back.

Mike C.- If you read the contract it is questionable. The words he was using was a script in front of him.

Pat R.- He knew he blew it and he was trying to get out of it.

Mike C.- He said he would have to go talk to his boss I told him we have had a good relationship over the years and you have been good to us and we in turn have been good to you. We would like to continue our relationship. However, I told him I am going to need to go back to the Township Committee and the Commission, the Township Committee being half the money belongs to the Township Committee. He said the fireworks they took back was worth \$1,400.00 so he was willing to give us \$1,500.00. 32% is there number that they agree they put back on their shelves. What they are saying the shells are worth only \$1,400.00.

Scott W.- There were 5 inch shells, 4 inch shells, 3 inch shells and finale shells. We counted them all and wrote them down as what they were but I do not know what they cost per shell.

Mary H.- I heard there wasn't much of a finale.

Scott W.- There were a couple of boxes that were considered finale shells.

Mike C.- I thought there were 65 finale shells. Which sounds like a lot.

Scott W.- I remember writing that number down.

Mike C. - After going back and forth with Bob over the phone he said he had to talk to his boss. I told him we meet Thursday and I was hoping we could put this behind us. He called me yesterday afternoon around lunchtime and said that his boss will split the difference and give us \$1,750.00. I told him that I am only one vote but I am not happy with that and I will bring it to Commission and talk to the Township Committee. As it turned out I called Jimmy and after talking with him he said he was not comfortable with it. I called Bob back and told him I am going to get marching orders to come back and get the 33% from your company. At that point he said we don't have to give you anything and I said well you are making a business decision and whether you chose to give us something and I did not want to make it contentious. He was supposed to get back to me prior to our meeting tonight after he talked to his boss but I have not heard from him.

Scott W. - What was his final offer?

Mike C. - \$1,750.00. I told him you took that \$1,400.00 or \$1,500.00 worth of product and put it back on your shelves you can resell that. You are actually asking me to take back \$250.00.

Scott W. - What if we got the \$1,750.00 and asked him for a \$1,000.00 deduction for next year's show?

Pat R. - I don't want to put us in that predicament.

Scott W. - Why would you not want that?

Liaison Ronchetti - Because you don't know if he is going to give you less shells next year and say they cost him more.

Mike C. - Mary just asked why couldn't we shoot them off at Hazlet Day. First of all Hazlet Day ends a little earlier than that. There is a lot more involved in shooting off fireworks then just pulling them out of your trunk and firing them into the air. It would cost us more money. You are not the first one to have that thought but there are a lot of things that would make it not the best way to go. To turn around and have them give us a credit in my mind them giving us a credit of \$1,000.00 they will turn around and charge us \$1,500.00 more for the fireworks and then we are locked into them.

Scott W. - The bottom line is he can just say come get me for the money and we are going to get nothing.

Cliff M. - He is putting \$1,400.00 back on the shelf but it is more than that he is saving money on the labor he would of sent to you. If he would of sent 3 people he is saving that as well.

Scott W. - He was definitely short on labor.

Mary H.- We had the parked packed and they were here to expect a full show.

Mike C.- You are 100% right.

Mary H.- They can be a lot of complaints and letters to the paper he can get a lot of bad publicity about this.

Mike C.- We can make a real good case as to why we should get back 1/3 of the money. Keeping that in mind do you throw \$10,000.00 after \$3,000.00?

Liaison Ronchetti- First of all I do not know why he is telling you that he has a boss he is the owner of the company.

Mike C.- He was supposed to get back to me today and I can tell by the last conversation we had that it went from a real good conversation earlier in the week and I think at the end he was quite upset that I was not jumping through hoops thrilled about getting \$1,750.00. I told him there is tax money involved and the Mayor is upset.

Liaison Ronchetti- If he is telling us that it is only worth this much why is charging us more for them.

Mike C.- What are we going to do?

Pat R.-Tell him we want \$1,750.00 and the Township Committee wants \$1,750.00.

Liaison Ronchetti- We do not want less than \$2,000.00. I talked to the Mayor and he thinks that \$2,000.00 is a fair number it should be \$3,300.00 but we are giving him a break.

Mike C.- I think \$2,000.00 would be fair.

Mary H.- How long have we been using him?

Liaison Ronchetti- A long time at least 10 years.

Mike C.- We are talking \$250.00 is it worth either having the Township Attorney write a letter. I read the contract and it stipulates that any and all disputes related to the contract will be heard by the Western District Court of Pennsylvania.

Scott W. – Once again it brings me back to the thought of get the \$1,750.00 and try and get a \$1,000.00 discount on next year.

Pat R. – We don't have to use him next year.

Scott W. – It is not that he purposely tried to rip us off he got caught up in a weather problem. Even what they did light that night was good but short. He always does a good job.

Cliff M. I make a motion that we ask for \$2,000.00 in cash in or \$2,000.00 in credit.

Kevin L. – How many people did he do this too and if he decides to change his name next year and come under a different.

Mary H.- He has been that company forever.

Henry P.- I would like to take the \$2,000.00 in cash and get a credit of \$1,000.00 for next year. We only want the \$2,000.00 and if we get the bonus of the extra \$1,000.00.

Scott W.- He doesn't want to pay the \$2,000.00 so anything even a credit after that he doesn't care about that.

Mary H.- How about the \$1,750.00 he is offering and a \$1,250.00 for next year.

Scott W.- That is fine with me.

Mike C.- If you read the contract it states that they have at their discretion they can make modifications to the show due to weather, acts of God.

Scott W.-I like Mary's offer because it is the only cash we are probably going to get out of him plus we might get something as far as a credit.

Pat R.- We had a problem once before with him, I do not remember what it was but he came back the following year with a credit and our show was phenomenal.

Scott W. – So \$1,750.00 plus \$1,250.00. If we make a motion on this tonight the Township Committee can still turn around and say that they are not in favor of it.

Mike C.- Correct.

Mary H.- Then why are we here?

Cliff M.- To make recommendations to the Township Committee.

Mike C.- Barbara I realize that you are only 1 of 5 and we know you are not binding on anything but what do you think of asking for \$1,750.00 along with a \$1,250.00 credit?

Liaison Ronchetti- I would ask the lawyer first. Asking him a question does not cost us anything.

Mike C.- Can you get in touch with the township attorney tomorrow morning and explain to him what we are looking to do and we would like some direction.

Kevin L. – Pu a motion on the floor, vote for it and le the township attorney take it from there.

Mike C.- The Township Committee is the other half of the equation they put up \$5,000.00. They have to be on board.

Scott W.- Our motion is a recommendation to the township committee.

Mike C.- There is a motion on the floor right now by Mary H. that we ask Zambelli Fireworks for a refund of \$1,750.00 along with a \$1,250.00 credit towards 2015 fireworks and that will be our recommendation to the Township Committee. We will ask for direction from the Township Committee and township attorney on how to proceed.

Offered: Mary H.

2nd Henry P.

Yes: Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P., Joyce F., Cliff M

Movies in the Park: Kathy V.-We had a little bit of a problem with the first movie. Shore Flicks was supposed to get the DVD's and did not. It is a he/said she/said thing. I am new to all this.

Liaison Ronchetti- He has always gotten the DVD's we have never gotten them.

Kathy V. – He said we were supposed to get them and then we were supposed to call Swank and for licensing we had to pay “x” amount of dollars.

Cliff Moore- I use Shore Flicks for two other organizations and we have always been responsible for getting the video.

Mike C.- Chris was good enough to go out and get the movie from Red Box

Scott W. – Shore Flicks is supplying the other two?

Kathy V.- No we are getting it from Swank.

Pat R. – We never did that before.

Liaison Ronchetti – We had to pay for concerts we never paid for films.

Cliff M.- Interesting if you want I can dig further because I know him. I used to be a sponsor for Keyport. You are probably right that you never did anything because the sponsorships are the ones that pay for that.

Hazlet Day Festival: Chris M. – Everyone has a list of the vendors, businesses and entertainment. As of right now we have \$1,625.00 we received in so far.

Pat R.- Nothing more from the rides?

Mary H.- Why does Debbie O's pay more than the others?

Chris M. – Because she is from Toms River. As of right now for entertainment we have NJ 101.5.

Pat R. – We sent letters out to PERNA and all those entertainments.

Chris M. – Everyone we had last year.

Scott W.- I don't care who we bring back but let them know any equipment that they need to out their show on they are responsible to bring.

Chris M.- Is there a sub-committee I should be talking with? I have been talking with Mary P and Pat R. should I be talking with someone else?

Scott W. – Sounds like a committee to me.

Mike C.- Sounds like you just named the committee.

Pat R.- Add Barbara to that list..

Mike C. Everything that goes on in this building goes through Kathy. She is the main person and she is the one we go to for the answers so we don't want her to be surprised with anything.

Mary P. – The National Association for Social Work who are they?

Chris M.- They are Alexis Lemonade stand. They are a 501.3 non-profit.

Mary P. – Is that someone we should be charging?

Scott W. No they don't get charged they are a non-for profit organization. I do not know what the Alexis Foundation is about though.

Chris M.- It is a fundraiser for Children's Cancer. I was talking to Mary about doing races like potato sack races, scavenger hunts, etc.

Pat R.- We don't have the people to do games and stuff like that

Scott W. – You would need people to run that and it is a long day.

Pat R. – I like the idea of a Scavenger Hunt if we could figure out something with that.

Mary H. – I got a list years ago from the environmental commission when they did a Scavenger Hunt and they did a list of all things that can be found around the park.

Mary P.- We would some kind of rhythm or rhyme that they would have to figure out with the vendors. They would go to the vendor and the vendor would give them tickets.

Liaison Ronchetti – They do that at the conferences when we do down. You have a list of the vendor and you have to find something at each vendor and have your list stamped that you got at the vendor.

Mike C.- Cliff can you research the inflatable screen and find out how to go about buying one?

Cliff M. – Yes.

Summer Camp: Mike C- Although it has only been one week there have been no issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swim Club camp refund –Carton: Kathy- Someone who came in and registered in person for camp. She had her ex-husbands check and she had the \$26.00 swim club fee in the check. She insists that we just give her the money so she doesn't have to deal with her husband.

Liaison Ronchetti- Technically the refund has to go back to her ex-husband.

Mike C.- Whoever wrote the check is the person who gets the refund back. Anyone have a problem with that?

Commission: No.

Keys for Cullen Center and barn: We need to get side door keys made. We need a key for the barn and maybe we can keep it somewhere. They are starting to get expensive.

Mike C.- Barbara when is the barn coming down?

Liaison Ronchetti- It is coming down I don't know when but we are hoping this year. The raccoon is gone.

Scott W.- They closed off the holes and they put a trap inside. I don't think they caught anything.

Mike C.- Get a dozen keys for the barn and a dozen keys for the Cullen Center.

Camp drop during Middle Road Construction: Liaison Ronchetti- This is a conversation for the Chief and Deputy Chief they are the only ones who can tell you how to redirect traffic.

WII purchase and remotes: Josh and Jaimie asked if we would buy a WII and the remotes that go with it for the game room.

Pat R.- The whole idea of camp is to keep the kids outside.

Kathy V. – When they bring them in to cool off they can use them inside.

Mary H.- I think it is a good idea.

Pat R. – They are playing it at home they don't need to play it here.

Scott W. Do any other camps in the area have these games?

Liaison Ronchetti- I can speak for Holmdel and say no they don't. Put a movie in so everyone can watch it.

Mike C.- As a parent I would rather have them playing the game and moving then sitting watching a movie. We can make a motion and vote if not we will move on. Seeing no one we will move on.

New Camp Counselor's resolutions: Mike C.-These were hired since we met last.

Scott W.- Do you guys remember when we did the hiring we said it was not a complete list, so this is going to complete the hiring of counselors. We are hiring the following as counselors for the summer camp.

Matt Lindo-Counselor	\$8.25
Mary Bentley-Counselor	\$8.25
Andrew Gioia-Counselor	\$8.25
Kevin Casari-Counselor	\$8.25
Briana Hawkins-Counselor	\$8.25
Madeline Wodeshick-Counselor	\$8.25
Crystal Flagg-Counselor	\$8.25
Nicholas Carrington-Counselor	\$8.25
Natasha Ignatovsky-Counselor	\$8.25

Offered by: Scott W.

2nd Kevin L.

Yes: Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P., Joyce F., Cliff M

CAT: Mary P- We were told we cannot feed the cat.

Liaison Ronchetti- They were told no cat food in the barn it draws the raccoons. They can feed the cat out here or any place else they cannot leave the food in the barn.

Purchase new stage: Mike C.- Barbara how do we actually go about purchasing this?

Liaison Ronchetti- If it is state contract you just have to say you want to buy it.

Mike C.- This is state contract?

Liaison Ronchetti- I believe it is yes.

Mike C. – I would like to make a motion that we purchase the MSM2800 14ft x 28ft portable stage. This is a ShowMaster Enclosed Sound Shell Community Stage.

Offered: Mike C.

2nd Pat R.

Yes: Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Mike C., Henry P., Joyce F., Cliff M

Abstain: Scott W.

Liaison Ronchetti- I will let Dennis know to do the purchase order for this.

Scott W.- Where are we going to store this?

Liaison Ronchetti- It is self-contained. Middletown just folds it up and it stays there. They are putting a new building up at the garage so they are going to have more room down there. They have the TV trucks and all the other things and they have moved some of the offices out. We are going to have more room down at the garage so we would have to store it there.

Skate Jam: Cliff M. – We had a meeting and there are three things that are outstanding. They would need electricity is there any way to run electricity to that area?

Mike C.- We would have to look into a portable generator for the day. What are their needs.

Cliff M. – They have a sound stage so they can play music, announcements and prizes.

Pat R. – Can they check with their DPW to see if they have a generator.

Liaison Ronchetti- Cliff check the poles because when we had the 150th anniversary we had the stage down there and we tapped off a pole down there.

Mike C.- When is this happening?

Cliff M. – September 20, 2014.

Mike C.- By then hopefully we will have our stage and it had power.

Cliff M.- They run a Super 50/50 being it is happening here they need a license from Hazlet.

Liaison Ronchetti- It has to be at the place where the event is being held. You can use your number but it has to be applied for in Hazlet.

Cliff M.- If you remember correctly they said they have Ralph's coming as a vendor. It is not something they normally do so if we want to make money we can bring food vendors in and it has nothing to do with their program. It might be a way to make some money. I don't know if you want to do this.

Liaison Ronchetti- We are busy that day it is the Horseshoe Tournament.

Scott W. – How long are we talking about?

Cliff M.-It is about 5-6 hours.

Henry P.- I was involved with St. Mary's fair and for a week they charge these vendors \$2,000.00. I am just saying we can charge a little more.

Joyce F. –We are talking about charging vendors but if we have them here won't we need to have DPW here for cleanup.

Scott W. – If we have the stage we would need a DPW man here because of the gas for the generator. Someone that knows how to run it.

Pat R.- Why can't we call the hot dog guy we have been using and ask him?

Scott W. – When we make money from the vendors it does not go to recreation anymore it goes to the general fund of the town. I just want everyone to be aware of that.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Seeing no one. Close the public portion.

Motion to go into executive session:

Offered: Cliff M.

2nd Pat R.

Roll Call: Mary H., Pat R., Mary P., Kevin L., Scott W., Mike C., Henry P., Joyce F., Cliff M.

Motion to come out of executive session:

Offered: Kevin L

2nd Mary P.

Voice Vote: Yes

Mike C.-Kathy the Commission just voted to give you a dollar raise. You will get \$17.00 per hour.

Kathy V. – Thank you.

Mike C.- We appreciate all that you have done for us.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS:

No one spoke

REPORT FROM LIASION:

No one spoke.

Mike C. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting Mary H. made a motion and Kevin L. seconded. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 8:30 PM