

**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA  
HAZLET TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**March 28, 2023**

**Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.**

*(Subject to change pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d) – this agenda is tentative to the extent known at time of posting)*

*Time will be allotted for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker will be allotted a Five (5) Minute time limit when recognized by the Mayor. Individuals wishing to address the Committee, shall give their name and address.*

*Although the Township Committee encourages public participation, it reserves the right, through the Mayor, to terminate remarks to and/or by an individual not in keeping with the conduct of a proper and efficient meeting. The*

*Township Committee will not, during the public portion of this meeting, discuss matters involving any specific, prospective, or current employee.*

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1. Public Meeting Call to Order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 with adequate notice of this meeting being provided to the Township’s two official newspapers and published on the Township’s website.

2. Roll Call by Municipal Clerk

COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE
Committeeman Cavuto	X		
Committeeman Glackin	X		
Committeeman Preston	X		
Deputy Mayor Terranova	X		
Mayor Sachs	X		

3. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

4. **Citizen Hearing** – Anyone who would like to address the Township Committee regarding any matters including those items listed on the Agenda, please come up, print your name and address on the sign in sheet. Each speaker will be allotted a Five (5) Minute time limit when recognized by the Mayor. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.

**Nicholas Masia- 608 Line Rd-** We are having problems with the Creek. We are by the parkway and there is a pipe that goes under the Parkway. Something must be clogged in the pipe and in a small amount of rain, we are getting flooded. It is affecting 606, 608, 610 the bottom of Line Road.

**Committeeman Glackin-** Do you see anything?

**Nicholas Masia-** There is nothing directly in front of the pipe. Must be somewhere inside. Something is happening as we have had days of rain and no flooding. Recently we had a small amount of rain and all day the creek was up to the banks, not moving. Then we had about an inch of rain and it came up half way to the back yard, close to the house and sat there. One thing is when we have had floods that come over to the back yard, it comes up quick but when the rain stops, it moves down.

**Mayor Sachs-** I will contact the engineer, the administrator says he is aware of the issue. I need to find out who owns the pipe and if it needs to be cleaned out. It could be a pipe that belongs to the State of New Jersey.

**Joey Elbeck- 606 Line Road-** My parents owned the home for 25-30 years prior to me owning it. I have never seen water reach my house. I am 300 ft away from the creek. In the last three years, if we get a severe rainstorm, I am flooded. The cuvert that is under the parkway is only 2ft round from what I know. New Jersey Transit came and checked it out and from what I was told, they denied the request to make it bigger,.

There was nothing they can do. Also, we are on the borderline of Hazlet and Aberdeen, we are at the bottom of the two hills. On the top of one hill there is a factory, they built some sort of draining system on the side. When Hurricane Ida came, as I was passing it, it looked like a waterfall.

**Mayor Sachs-** Is that the industrial area?

**Joey Elbeck-** Yes, and I am getting all this extra water. I do not know how to pursue this.

**Mayor Sachs-** I will go out there with the engineer and check the property and we can address this with Aberdeen.

**Mike Lencsak-610 Line Rd-** I want to make sure that NJ Transit takes care of the culvert that runs under the train tracks.

**Mayor Sachs-** That pipe belongs to them. Like I have mentioned prior, we will have the engineer go out there and have him inspect the site.

**Ruth Alvarez- 434 Middle Rd-** I want to thank you for coming out and agreed that there is clear cutting of the site. I have gotten the final approvals and it is a direct violation of what is in there. What I am asking, I don't believe a five foot tree line is sufficient for me.

**Mayor Sachs-** Before the end of the week the engineer will again reach out to get the information. Also, I think the engineer noted and made comment to him that he wanted large trees to be put back in.

**Ruth Alvarez-** I am concerned about the continuous build.

**Mayor Sachs-** I must say that when it comes to construction developments like this, this is out of our hands. This is a Land Use issue. However, we will stay on top of it with the engineer to make sure the he complies with the Developers Agreement. We will make sure that it is done. If I have to I will instruct the engineer and Rob if things are not done in a timely manner, to stop all construction until that takes place first.

Motion to close:

Offered Committeeman Glackin                      2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Cavuto

Voice Vote: Yes

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Executive Session**  
3/14/2023

**Roll Call**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

6. **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING BY TITLE** – None

**Roll Call**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto						
Committeeman Glackin						
Committeeman Preston						
Deputy Mayor Terranova						
Mayor Sachs						

7. **ORDINANCE – FIRST READING BY TITLE** – public hearing set for April 11, 2023 at 7pm.

23-1706 An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45:14)

Hearing Date: April 11, 2023

**Roll Call**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs		X	X			

23-1707 An ordinance of the Township of Hazlet, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, amending and supplementing Chapter 305, Section 9 of the Township Code entitled “§305-9. Construction Zone”.

Hearing Date: April 11, 2023

**Roll Call**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto		X	X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston			X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs	X		X			

8. **RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS (CONSENT AGENDA):**

*Resolutions #94 is 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*

23-94 Issuance of Raffle Licenses RL-4317 Rocket Launchers Association.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

**9. RESOLUTIONS SEPARATE FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

23-95 Authorizing promotions in Department of Public Works pursuant to salary ordinance 1703-23.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto	X		X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

23-96 Appointment of Linda Dugan and William Bruncati as part-time Clean Communities Laborers.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto		X	X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston			X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs	X		X			

23-97 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to read the proposed 2023 Municipal Budget by title.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston			X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs		X	X			

23-98 Authorizing the introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

23-99- Requesting permission for the Dedication By Rider to the Budget of the Township of Hazlet for Anticipated Revenue derived from the collection of senior program fees as required by the N.J.S.A.40A:5-29, et seq.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs		X	X			

23-100 Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Sports Engine Inc. for the purpose of completing background checks.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto			X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston		X	X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

23-101 Emergency Temporary Appropriations.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto		X	X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston			X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs	X		X			

23-102 Authorizing T&M Associates to provide design and construction administration and observation services for Pickleball Court in the Municipal Complex.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto		X	X			
Committeeman Glackin	X		X			
Committeeman Preston			X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** Hazlet Municipal Court - February 2023 Monthly Report- Received and read.

11. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** - Amount -\$ 146,260.37

Advance bill lists have been supplied to each Committee Member.

**ROLL CALL**

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman Cavuto		X	X			
Committeeman Glackin			X			
Committeeman Preston	X		X			
Deputy Mayor Terranova			X			
Mayor Sachs			X			

**Robert Bengivenga, Township Administrator-** I received a hardship letter for 44 Hudson Ave, a sewer lateral that needs to be replaced, it is an emergency situation. They are asking if it can be done. I have spoken to Kenny Kruk and Kenny Lind, they said it has to get done. If the committee is okay with that, we will put that on the record and I'll have them take care of it. Any objections?

**The Township Committee has agreed, no objections.**

**Robert Bengivenga, Township Administrator-** Joanna Levy from the US Customs and Border Patrol has reached out to me. They are requesting to utilize the municipal building, and/or NATCO Park building, they will be using the space “to provide a relaxing environment for the officers who will be in training. They want to train officers for suicide prevention and resilient skills.” They will also offer this to any of our employees as well as police officers that want to participate in this training. They are asking to start in May every Wednesday from 8am to 3pm. It is 15 people that they will have each class.

**Committeeman Glackin-** Why Hazlet?

**Robert Bengivenga, Administrator-** What I was told is the Newark office does not have the ability for them to walk around, have things to do outside. They said that Hazlet was more of a central location in the state.

**Mayor Sachs-** I would think the NATCO building would be best.

**Deputy Mayor Terranova-** Would there be someone that will let them in the building?

**Robert Bengivenga, Administrator-** We will provide them with a ley. As the Pickleball Courts were approved tonight for the design and bids located at the tennis court. There will be two Tennis Courts and four Pickleball Courts. We are trying to get this done before the swim club opens. I submitted a request on Thursday to Open Space for \$150,000.00 of Open Space monies for that and the replacement of park equipment at Veterans Park. It was approved on Thursday night. A quick overview of the introduced budget for 2023, total amount to be raised by taxation is \$16,631,000.00 is exactly the same as of 2022.

2023 budget is \$1.2 million less than 2022, the overall budget. We are utilizing \$130,000.00 less in surplus this year than we did last year. The tax rate is down 8 points. For taxpayers, the average assessed home in 2022 was \$382,000 and the average home paid \$2,149.00 in municipal taxes. This year 2023, average assessed home is \$445,000.00 but local municipal tax will remain at \$2,149.00. Although the values of the homes have gone up, the tax rate dropped 8 points but the amount you pay in taxes as a resident or business in Hazlet for the Municipal portion of taxes is the same as 2022 with zero increase. The public hearing is May 9, 2023.

**Mayor Sachs-** A presentation will be presented.

**Robert Bengivenga, Township Administrator-** Yes

**Grace Huntington-18 N. Clark St. –** I attend Brookdale Community College and for my History class, I had to come and observe a counsel meeting. I am required to interview one of the Township Committee Member before April 4<sup>th</sup>. It would be about a 20-minute interview.

**Mayor Sachs-** In person or by phone?

**Grace-** Either is fine.

**Mayor Sachs-** You can speak to Deputy Mayor Terranova.

**Deputy Mayor Terranova-** I will give you my information.

12. **RESOLUTION – Executive Session**

Authorize the entering into an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231 for the following item(s): Personnel, Contract, Litigation

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Committeeman Glackin

2<sup>nd</sup> Committeeman Preston

Voice Vote Yes