

January 15, 2019

AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Hazlet Township Committee held at 8:05 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 2, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at:
1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, New Jersey
- (B) On January 3, 2019, advance written notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Independent and the Two River Times. On January 4, 2019 advanced written notice of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press.
- (C) On January 2, 2019, 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, 2019.

Time will be allotted for public comment at this meeting. Each speaker will be allotted a 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.

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.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

ABSENT

Committeewoman Clark

 X

Committeeman McKay

 X

Deputy Mayor Glackin

 X

Mayor Aagre

 X

Resolution S-3

Appointment of William Marvel and Robert Dickens as Police Sergeants in the Hazlet Township Police Department.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

Oath of Office: William Marvel

Oath of Office: Robert Dickens

Proclamation – National School Choice Week

Correspondence

A letter was received from Jared Belasco resigning from his position as a Truck Driver Heavy effective January 1, 2019.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Committeeman McKay

Voice Vote: Yes

A letter was received from Christopher Dos Santos resigning from his position as a Police Dispatcher effective January 2, 2019.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Committeeman McKay

Voice Vote: Yes

Mayors Appointments

Resolution S-4 – Appointments to the Environmental Commission – Daniel Nothstein and Bob Friesendorf.

Resolution S-5 – Appointments to the Library Commission – Chris McManus, Leonid Rabovetsky and Tanya Moore.

Resolution S-6 – Appointment to the Recreation Advisory Committee – Anthony Amodeo.

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes
 Committeeman Sachs Abstain Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes
 Mayor Aagre Yes

43. Authorizing the Engineer to execute Progress Payment Estimate No. 1 for Lucas Construction Group, Inc. for the Middle Road Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin 2nd Committeewoman Clark
Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes
 Committeeman Sachs Abstain Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes
 Mayor Aagre Yes

44. Affirming the Township of Hazlet's Civil Rights Policy.

Offered Committeewoman Clark 2nd Committeeman McKay
Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes
 Committeeman Sachs Abstain Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes
 Mayor Aagre Yes

45. Appointment of Pamela Browdowski of BRB Valuation & Consulting Services as an independent appraiser to defend 2019 tax appeals.

Offered Mayor Aagre 2nd Committeeman McKay
Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes
 Committeeman Sachs Abstain Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes
 Mayor Aagre Yes

46. Appointment of Realty Appraisal Company to prepare appraisals for Commercial, Industrial and Apartment Buildings for 2019.

Offered Committeewoman Clark 2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin
Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes Committeeman McKay Yes
 Committeeman Sachs Abstain Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes
 Mayor Aagre Yes

47. Appointment of Barry Fisler as a Maintenance Repairer in the Department of Public Works.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman McKay

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

48. Appointment of Christopher Leveroni as a Permanent Full Time Laborer in the Department of Public Works.

Offered Committeewoman Clark

2nd Deputy Mayor Glackin

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

49. Appointment of Bridget Neary to the Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee.

Offered Mayor Aagre

2nd Committeeman McKay

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

50. Appointment of Walter Clark to the Bayshore Regional Environmental Council.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Mayor Aagre

Roll Call: Committeewoman Clark Yes

Committeeman McKay Yes

Committeeman Sachs Abstain

Deputy Mayor Glackin Yes

Mayor Aagre Yes

51. Authorize an agreement with Jobs 4 Blue.

Offered Deputy Mayor Glackin

2nd Mayor Aagre

minutes to keep current on Hazlet happenings. I as well as many citizens consider the non-availability of the minutes as in the past on the Hazlet Township website a major issue. Of the Township minutes we use the minutes of the previous meetings have been approved. If the minutes are available to the Committee, then they should be made available to the citizens. Both in a timely OPRA Request and posted on the Hazlet website. Your considerations and time are always appreciated. Now the minutes that requested and that are not posted are 12/18 and I can understand that because you'll probably approve them tonight. I really couldn't hear what you approved. 12/4/18, 11/20/18, 11/8/18, 10/16/18, 10/2/18, 9/18/18. According to the law that covers it, it's supposed to be available in a timely manner and it's to the public whether on the website and not necessarily through an OPRA Request. But the point is, don't take this as a complaint...I'm not filing a complaint with the State but a lot of these people use these minutes. They look at the minutes. That's the only way they know what's going on in the Township. So, I understand Evelyn was out and I'm glad she is back but even when she is out in the past I've never had a problem quite frankly. I know this time I sent it into Evelyn. I sent it to Mary Lynch while she was absent and Mary Lynch passed it on to Annie Eng. So then it sat there. I am not complaining about Annie either, but apparently, it's not structured correctly when Evelyn is out for something to go back to September? All those minutes not posted? ...

Mayor Aagre: There's been some adjustments in job titles and duties. Mary Lynch is no longer with the Clerk's office. Annie Eng is new. She's trying to keep up with what we have...as you mentioned the Clerk has been out for a while. We haven't approved the minutes so we haven't seen them. As soon as they've been approved they get posted. We are trying to catch up to speed as fast as possible. Towards the end of the year and the beginning of the new year, there is a lot of things that have to get done just on the organizational side and again as I mentioned we are trying to catch up on our meeting minutes to post them on the website. So, as soon as they are available, they will be on our agenda to approve and then they will be up on the website as soon as possible after that.

Mr. Shewan: Well as I said, I think it should be given a priority for the benefit of the citizens and open government that they are informed of exactly of what's going on. I have no intentions as I said in filing any kind of complaint against the Township. Quite frankly, there is one specifically that I am interested in for a good reason. But I don't want to bring that up because it's not about me personally.

Mayor Aagre: We will work hard and see where we are with the status of each.

Attorney Gorman: Can we create a file for the audio and put that up there? Or is that going to be too much data?

Mayor Aagre: That's a lot of data.

Administrator Pino: The file is too big to put up on the website in that way. There may be a way to compress it but I will say Bill this is the first time in the past four and half years I've been involved that we have ever been this behind. 2018 was a crazy year. We have had half the staff change positions...some leaving...and we just had a ton of work which backed us up and that's what's been boiling down. When you have a meeting that goes on for five or six hours, that's pretty unusual. So that's going to put us back and I know that there's priorities but there is a lot of priorities. Everything we do in the Town is a priority to somebody. So we're getting there. We're trying. Unfortunately, we've had people out including myself...today is my first day back.

Mr. Shewan: Well if you'll recall I don't know how many times I've complimented the Township on posting the minutes...

Administrator Pino: I can tell you that when you look at other towns, they are typically that far out. We're usually about a month or month and a half normally.

Mr. Shewan: As long as you mention the website, it's been down a lot lately. It says problem with the server.

Administrator Pino: It's got to be on your side.

Mayor Aagre: I access it every day.

Administrator Pino: In fact, we would normally get a report when it does go down.

Mr. Shewan: Well the calendars weren't current. They are current as of today but in the...

Administrator Pino: We are still updating the calendar now because the committees are still reporting ...they haven't even adopted meeting dates some of them ... I don't think...

Mayor Aagre: We still have reorganization meetings with some of the committees and boards.

Mr. Shewan: Really? Because you're supposed to do that by the tenth of the month.

Attorney Gorman: That's for Committee...

Mayor Aagre: Yes.

Administrator Pino: Right.

Attorney Gorman: For the rest of the committees and boards, I don't there is really any statutory requirement other than they meet during January.

Mr. Shewan: I know with regard to the website, and other people have experienced it too and I know I had brought it to your attention...if you go to access some of the functions there, it always takes time. It has nothing to do with the speed. I can do it from work...I have super speed ...so it's really slow.

Administrator Pino: I agree with the slowness.

Mr. Shewan: Some of your meetings are not that long. We've had a couple of exceeding long..

Mayor Aagre: Well towards the end of the year, this is the period that is behind.

Sam DiMartino: My name is Sam DiMartino. I was just wondering what the next step was for the Town after the fairness hearing...is there an Ordinance that needs to be passed?

Attorney Gorman: There are a handful of Ordinances that have to be passed. The Judge has set a Compliance Hearing for June 15th or June 25th ...I can't recall off the top of my head. We have to have everything done before then. There has to be a report from the Special Master back to the

Judge. There have to be Ordinances adopted to implement the plan. There has to be a spending plan...there's a bunch of things that have to be done.

Mr. DiMartino: I thought that there had to be something done ...like a certain time period after that hearing. Maybe I was wrong.

Attorney Gorman: Oh right sorry. I think the Judge's order provided that within sixty days that some of the Ordinances be adopted and the Committee intends to meet that schedule.

Mr. DiMartino: I just thought that it would be on today's agenda.

Mayor Aagre: We have drafts we didn't get a chance to review in addition to Land Use Board hasn't reviewed it...Special Master Caton has to review it. So, we are looking to get the introduction by next meeting.

Attorney Gorman: To be clear, that introduction is for the one part of this is an Ordinance to rezone the Highview property. That's the one with all the particulars have been worked out. That is the easiest one to put on for Ordinance. There will be further Ordinances down the road.

Motion to close hearing:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeewoman Clark

Voice vote: Yes

Motion to adjourn:

Offered Committeeman Sachs

2nd Committeewoman Clark

Voice vote: Yes

Time: 8:48 p.m.