

# **HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of February 9, 2016 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 11, 2016 and January 14, 2016 and advertised in said newspapers on January 13, 2016 and January 19, 2016 respectively, and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 19, 2016 has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a 2017 copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER** – by Mayor Dickinson at 7:30 P.M.

## **FLAG SALUTE**

**ROLL CALL** – present were Committeeman MacLachlan, Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman Fitzpatrick and Mayor Dickinson. Also present were Administrator/Clerk Leo F. Selb, Jr. and Solicitor Theodore Costa.

## **MINUTES**

**A. APPROVAL OF REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** January 5, 2016

**B. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** January 5, 2016

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.**

## **REPORTS**

**A. Tax Collector** – January, 2016

**B. Code Enforcement** – January, 2016

**C. Fire Official** – December, 2015, January, 2016

**D. Construction** – January, 2016

**Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collector's report across the minutes: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

## **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**

## **A. New Jersey State Police Report**

**Trooper Storm Colleton** reported to the committee and public. He said since we are into the winter season he wanted to remind the public to be careful moving about and to take precautions. If they are removing snow from their homes or vehicles to be careful. Some of their first aid calls are for people who have over extended themselves. Trooper Colleton said they are doing some community outreach for various things like clothing and food donations. He asked if anyone was interested to contact the township committee and he would be in touch with them. He reported that there was a serious accident on Route 541 this past month. There were also several domestic violence issues between spouses and also between family members. Trooper Colleton said there was a runaway from the group home in Hainesport that was returned to the home. There was an escape from a hospital by a fugitive that had been charged with theft and the escapee was apprehended. He said he would be in the building during and after the meeting if anyone wanted to speak to him about something in particular. Trooper Colleton introduced Lt. Mike Anderosio who is the commander of the Bordentown State Police Barracks. Also at the meeting was Captain Jeff Noble and Mayor Dickinson said he was a Hainesport resident and is very involved in the township along with his wife and 3 children. In Washington, D.C. last year Officer Noble was given an award from the International Homicide Investigator's Association and in Chicago he was given recognition from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Mayor Dickinson said as well as a good friend Officer Noble is a great person. Mr. Selb commented that there was a situation in a neighborhood concerning a dog complaint and the State Troopers handled it and the people in the area are pleased with the results. The neighborhood has gotten a lot quieter and they are very happy that the troopers took an active role in the situation. Mayor Dickinson said if the public has a problem they should contact Mr. Selb or the State Troopers so they can be helped.

## **B. Snow Storm Jonas**

**Mr. Selb** said Jonas was probably the fourth biggest storm that we have had in the area; 28.5 inches of snow. Public Works went out first thing in the morning and worked until about 11 o'clock in the evening. There were some equipment malfunctions. They sent out notifications asking the residents to move their portable basketball nets from the courts so the snow plows could plow better and most of the people complied. There were extra contractors brought in to help and some of their equipment broke down. We had 3 trucks go down. In some cases, we weren't able to clear the snow until Sunday and/or Monday because there was so much snow. We know there were some issues and we did an after-action report with Public Works and the mayor to find out how we can improve things. The final cost of the storm was approximately \$12,000 including the maintenance on the trucks that had to be done. There were some questions about whether or not we had a backup plan and the mayor said that the backup plan was bringing in the outside contractors for the cul de sacs. Once it got over 14 inches, we couldn't use our trucks in the cul de sacs so the outside contractors had to come in. After they got backed up and our trucks went down it really set us back. We were lucky this time because some of the social media let us know where some issues were. Mayor Dickinson said we are revamping the website and a lot of information will come out on the website. There were

several things that helped the township inform the residents about what needed to be done to allow the men to plow the streets. One of them was a new program that the county gave us to telephone people about the storm. Some people got the message and some didn't. It depended on whether or not your phone number was registered. There was also a mass email letting people know to get their cars off the streets for the plowing. If any resident is not registered to receive email notifications they should contact Paula Tiver to do so. Mr. Porto asked Mr. Selb if there was a shortage of salt this year and was told there was not.

### **C. Purchase of Electricity**

**Mr. Selb** said he had been contacted by PSE&G notifying him that the township could purchase electricity for the buildings from companies other than PSE&G. We contacted them and evaluated what we use in electricity in 2015 and he included that in a spreadsheet he gave to the committee members. The first page on the spreadsheet shows the quote as of Monday morning and he will receive another quote tomorrow morning which will be good till 3 o'clock. Compared to the amount paid for electricity from last year, we could possibly save \$4,100 this year based on the quote. The last page of the papers is a resolution which he would need if they decided to go with this contract. There was a discussion among the committee members and it was asked if they could get a discount on the lights in the township and Mr. Selb said he didn't believe so. Mr. Porto asked if the delivery charge was included in the cost and was told it is all included. Also, if there are any problems, we would still call PSE&G. We are just paying for the actual cost of the electricity. Mayor Dickinson asked if there was any way we could revisit this and see if they would put in the street lights also. Mr. Selb said he would do so. It was also noted that with all the work that has been done on Route 38 recently would the cost of electricity go up? Mr. Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb to check into whether or not they would include the street lighting in the package. He said he would do that if the committee wishes for him to go forward with this. There was more discussion and it was decided to have Mr. Selb talk to the company and try to have the street lights included in the package and possibly, if necessary, have a special meeting on the subject later.

### **D. 2016 Budget**

**Mr. Selb** said he has been working with the CFO and the budget is pretty close to being done on our part but we will need to pick a date; it has to be introduced at our March meeting and adopted at our April meeting, so he is going to need a date when the committee would like to review it. It was decided to have the meeting for the budget on February 27 at 10:00 A.M.

## **ORDINANCES**

- A. ORDINANCE 2016-1-1** – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 85 Fire Prevention
- B. ORDINANCE 2016-2-1** – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 152 Smoke Alarms

After discussing some things, it was decided to table the above ordinances and have the Fire Official come to the next meeting and talk to him about these questions.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**A. RESOLUTION 2016-47-2 – Resolution Authorizing Aerial Larvicide Application**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

**B. RESOLUTION 2016-48-2 – Resolution to Award a Professional Services Contract for Special Counsel for Affordable Housing Legal Services – Parker McCay, P.A.**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

**C. RESOLUTION 2016-49-2 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Engineer for Year 2016 – Richard A. Alaimo & Associates**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

**D. RESOLUTION 2016-50-2 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Planner for Year 2016 – Ragan Design Group**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

**E. RESOLUTION 2016-51-2 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Solicitor for Year 2016 – Robert E. Kingsbury, Esquire**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

**F. RESOLUTION 2016-52-2 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Hainesport Township Planner for Year 2016 – Ragan Design Group**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

**G. RESOLUTION 2016-53-2 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Hainesport Township Solicitor for Year 2016 – Theodore M. Costa, Esquire**

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Porto.  
Committeeman Boettcher: No. All others yes.**

**H. RESOLUTION 2016-54-2 – Resolution to Award a Professional Service Contract for Bond Counsel for Township of Hainesport – Capehart & Scatchard, Attorneys-at-Law**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

**I. RESOLUTION 2016-55-2 – Resolution to Award Professional Service Contract for Conflict Attorney for Township of Hainesport – John Gillespie of Parker McCay, P.A.**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. Committeeman Fitzpatrick abstained. All others yes.**

- J. **RESOLUTION 2016-56-2** – Resolution to Award a Professional Service Contract for Hainesport General Engineering – **Richard A. Alaimo & Associates**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

- K. **RESOLUTION 2016-57-2** – Resolution to Award Professional Service, Employment Practices liability Attorney Consultation Services – **Armando V. Riccio**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

- L. **RESOLUTION 2016-58-2** – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant-Cycle July 2014 – June 2019

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

- M. **RESOLUTION 2016-59-2** - Resolution Authorizing Contract for Computer Services for Year 2016 – **Networks Plus, LLC**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Committeeman Fitzpatrick abstained. All others yes.**

- N. **RESOLUTION 2016-60-2** – Resolution Authorizing Advertisement Request for Proposals for Reconstruction of a Baseball and Softball Field

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

- O. **RESOLUTION 2016-61-2** – Resolution of the Township of Hainesport Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

## **BUSINESS**

- A. **Approval of Video/Pinball Amusement Machine License**

**2016-001** – Dunleavy’s Restaurant

**2016-002** – Carollo Bar & Restaurant

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.**

- B. **Approval of Mobile Home Park License**

**2016-001** – Russlyn Mobile Home Park

**2016-002** – Goss Mobile Home Park

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

**C. Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin License**

**2016-001** – Better World Books Located at Crossroads Plaza – 1520 Route 38,  
Hainesport, NJ 08036

**2016-002** – Clothes for Kids Sake, Inc./Big Brothers Big Sisters Located at  
Corner of Industrial & Lawrence Boulevards

**2016-003** – Terry Kaplan/Planet Aid Located at 2805 Marne Highway

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

**D. Approval of Junk Yard License**

**2016-001** – AmeriCycle, Inc.

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)**

**Jeanne Chonus, 117 Merion Way** – said that she has recently moved from one part of Hainesport to the Glen at Masons Creek and she said since the move in order to cross over from Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road onto Route 38 there is no arrow for the turn. She said this is a very dangerous intersection. Mrs. Chonus went on to say she had talked to the administrator and he assured her he would look into it. Mayor Dickinson told her the township is well aware of the situation there and have checked into it several times. He said they have been pushing the county and are doing what they can to get a left turn arrow at the light. Mrs. Chonus said she hopes they continue to expedite something on this matter. Mr. Selb said they have been in contact with the state because it is a state controlled light. The mechanism is in the computer box, they just don't have the light standard or "head" to put up and that is what they are saying. He said the township was never included in the discussion of the light when they were updating the lights or we would have brought it to their attention then. He has sent numerous emails to the state about the situation and their answers are always about money.

**Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road** – said he was looking at all the drafts and apologized for missing last month's meeting. He keeps seeing "in accordance with the fair and open procedures established in the pay to play law NJSA". He said he thought New Jersey did away with pay to play 10 years ago. Mr. Porto said that is what that law is. That is the law that requires that we go out to bid and what you would have to announce if you are not following the law. You would have to announce that and publish that you are not complying

with open public records. Mr. Murdy asked what the minimum was on that bid – is it \$20,000? Mr. Selb said that it is \$40,000 because we have a Qualifying Purchase Agent. Any contract that is issued over \$17,500 is called a “window contract” and the committee is mandated to approve that. Mr. Murdy said he was looking things up today and said that he knows everyone is complaining about different sanctuary cities and wondered if the committee knows that Burlington County is a sanctuary county. He just got done talking with the trooper and he said the same thing.

**Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road** – read the amounts of the benefits that each member of the committee received for 2015. He also read the amounts of how much they pay for the benefits. Mr. Ruble stated that he listened to the disc of the 2016 Re-organization meeting and he thinks there was some joking or laughing and would like to know what that was. He offered to play the disc for them and the committee declined to hear it. He thinks it was very unprofessional. Mr. Porto said he believes someone from the audience said something and his son laughed at it. Mayor Dickinson agreed with that. Mr. Ruble said he still didn’t think it was very professional of the committee. Mr. Selb agreed to listen to the disc in his office after the meeting. Mr. Ruble also said he believes it was very childish of Mr. Fitzpatrick to make fun of his last name. He said Mr. Fitzpatrick called him Mr. Rubble...rubble is trash and he doesn’t think it was professional to have been called that. Mr. MacLachlan said he doesn’t remember hearing that but he is sure it wasn’t intentional. Mr. Ruble offered to play the disc so they could hear it. The committee declined to hear it. Mr. Ruble said that at the last meeting there was a miscommunication about the benefits for Mr. Porto – he was talking about benefits and Mr. Porto was talking about pension. There was a discussion about the matter.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Mr. Selb** had no comments tonight.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR**

**Mr. Costa** had no comments tonight.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. MacLachlan** had no comments tonight.

**Mr. Boettcher** thanked Public Works for the great job they did during the big Jonas Storm. We got a year’s worth of snow in one storm and Public Works did as good a job as humanly possible.

**Mr. Porto** had no comments tonight.

**Mr. Fitzpatrick** had no comments tonight.

**Mayor Dickinson** also said that Public Works did a great job...they were in constant communication during the storm. The trucks going down had an impact on the snow removal. As we say every month, we are trying to communicate better with the town. The

new website will be very interactive. Mr. Selb and Paula Tiver are doing a fantastic job setting it up and it should be ready within the next month or so. Mr. Selb is hoping by March first.

## **BILL LIST**

**Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. RESOLUTION 2016-62-2 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session, if necessary**

- **Litigation ref. Sewer**
- **COAH Discussion**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.  
Time was 8:32pm**

**Motion to come out of executive, no action taken 9:37 pm Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes**

## **ADJOURNMENT @9:38P. M.**

**Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.**