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## HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 3, 2023

6:30 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of October 3, 2023 with instructions for internet access was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on August 11, 2023 and advertised in said newspapers on August 16, 2023, and August 17, 2023 respectively posted on the website and the bulletin board in the municipal building on August 10, 2023 and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

### 1. **FLAG SALUTE**

2. **ROLL CALL** - present were Mayor Clauss, Committeeman Montgomery, Committeeman Levinson, Committeewoman Gilmore and Committeewoman Evans. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie.

### 3. **MINUTES**

#### A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**Mrs. Evans** requested the following changes for clarity to her Committeewoman comments and those of Sue McMullen: adding “in the previous minutes” to Ms. McMullen’s comment after “Anna Evan’s comments...” and “any offense taken over her comments concerning the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser. None was intended” to Committeewoman Evans’ comments apologizing to District 2 residents.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.**

### 4. **REPORTS**

A. **Tax Collector** – September 2023, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ending September 2023

B. **Code Enforcement** – September 2023

C. **Fire Official** – August & September 2023

D. **Construction** – September 2023

E. **Emergency Services Reports** – September 2023

**Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. All yes.**

F. **NJSP In-Person Report** – September 2023

No comments.

## 5. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

### A. Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**Mayor Clauss** announced the Proclamation and asked if there were any comments from the Committee. **Mrs. Evans** said she had a close friend pass away from breast cancer and it is very important to recognize this disease. **Mr. Montgomery** showed his pink tie and ribbon supporting breast cancer awareness. He wholeheartedly agrees with the proclamation. We all know someone who has suffered from this disease. He encouraged men and women to get tested.

**Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

### B. Resolution 2023-121-11 Amending Area in Need of Rehabilitation for Certain Property Along Route 38 and Specifically Block 72.01, Lot 1, an Existing Mobile Home Park, to Include Greenwood Avenue ROW

**Mr. Gillespie** explained that this resolution would be referred to the Joint Land Use Board. Greenwood Avenue has been used by the property owners for parking by both Allen's' Oil and the mobile home park. The redevelopment proposed would allow that to continue, but be on private property. The Township would not have any obligation to that strip. Amending the area of rehab would cover that area of Greenwood Avenue that is not needed for public use and the property owners could continue to use it as they have been. **Mrs. Evans** clarified that this was the same mobile home park we were talking about a couple of meetings ago. **Mr. Gillespie** said yes – it is an additional piece of property in front of the mobile home park. It backs up to Allen's.

**Mr. Gillespie** asked for a motion to refer to the Joint Land Use Board.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.**

## 6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Agenda items only (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)

No comments.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

The items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Hainesport and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

### A. RESOLUTION 2023-105-10 – Authorization for Mayor to Execute Statement of Consent for BTC III TWA Application as Required by NJDEP

### B. RESOLUTION 2023-106-10 – Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at 6 Applewood Court

### C. RESOLUTION 2023-107-10 – Authorizing Advertisement Request for Qualifications for Professional Services

- D. **RESOLUTION 2023-108-10** – Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran Block 100.05 Lot 17
- E. **RESOLUTION 2023-109-10** – Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran Block 11.03 Lot 9
- F. **RESOLUTION 2023-110-10** – Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran Block 101.06 Lot 40
- G. **RESOLUTION 2023-111-10** – Authorizing a Request by the Township of Hainesport to the NJDOT for a Four Month Extension of Time for Construction Contract Award for the “LA-2022 MA Hainesport Township Pulaski Avenue, Laurel Ridge Road and Fenimore Road Improvements 03”

**Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## 8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2023-112-10** – Appointing Full Time Public Works Laborer/Driver

**Motion: Committeewoman Evans. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- C. **RESOLUTION 2023-113-10** – Establishing Compensation for Visual Lead Based Paint Inspections in Rental Dwelling Units

**Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.**

- D. **RESOLUTION 2023-114-10** – Confirming the Need for the Construction of a 72 Unit Residential Multi-Family Housing Development and Approving a Financial Agreement

**Mrs. Evans** said while she is for affordable housing, this is not the right way to go about it. The original idea of the Mt. Laurel doctrine is to mix affordable housing in with regular housing developments. The way we interpret it now is that builders pay us and put money into a fund not to do that. Then we take that money and build a chunk of affordable housing in a corner of Hainesport where nobody wants it to be. Now that we have the agreement with the courts, and we are not going to be pursued for Builder’s Remedy, she would like to slow the process down and rethink it. We had some affordable housing in Eric Ravikio’s development (7 units) and they were pulled from it. It seems like that is where it should be, or in the senior development by the diner. If we did those two things, maybe we could reduce the height of the 3-story apartment block down to two stories. That is one of the things the residents in the area have complained about. **Mayor Clauss** asked if we should have the representative from the Walters Group speak at this time. **Mr. Gillespie** said not yet. This is just for the PILOT, which is a standard 6.28% for an affordable housing agreement. **Mr. Levinson** clarified that this resolution confirms the need for the affordable housing, not the place. **Mr. Gillespie** answered confirming the need and the agreement for the PILOT program. It is the same 6.28% that Davenport pays.

**Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. No: Committeewoman Evans. All others yes.**

E. **RESOLUTION 2023-115-10** – Authorizing First Amendment to Affordable Housing Agreement

**Kevin Dowd**, Director of Development Finance for the Walters Group, was present to answer Committee questions. His company has been working with Hainesport since 2017. They have had the Creek Road site in their possession since 2020. He said since Hainesport has signed their Fair Share Settlement Agreement; we have an opportunity to move this forward. The State program as funded by Governor Murphy, \$305 million dollars to pair State capital subsidy tax exempt bonds and 4% tax credits for communities that agree to deed restrict - to be 100% affordable housing. This is a \$10 million capital subsidy given to a project, or \$150,000 per unit. This site is for 72 units to meet Hainesport's state requirement in this round. **Mr. Levinson** asked if these are 2 story instead of 3 story buildings, does that take the profit out and ruin the project? **Mr. Dowd** answered it does not. There is a design in process to de-densify the project along Creek Road, but we need to fit in the 72 units. **Mr. Montgomery** asked what it meant to "de-densify". **Mr. Dowd** explained they were trying to make it a two-story visual impact from Creek Road. **Mrs. Evans** asked if it could be reduced to 66 units and put the 7 units back into the Ravikio project. **Mr. Dowd** answered that the 72 units are established in our Settlement Agreement. **Mayor Clauss** clarified that we get more affordable housing credits than one for one with this project. By building 72, we do not have to build 140 units. **Mr. Dowd** confirmed. He said with Fair Share (Housing Center), they will still want their 144 units. If you only do it by inclusionary housing with a 20% affordable set-aside, it is a lot more impactful in terms of adding market units to the town and the school district. That is why towns pursue the 100% affordable. **Mr. Levinson** asked **Mr. Gillespie** about the Agreement with Fair Share (Housing Center) – what rules do we have to abide by.

**Mr. Gillespie** said the Settlement Agreement was approved by this Committee unanimously for the 72 units and did not include anything with Ravikio. If the issue was should we have taken units out of this project and put them in Ravikio, the time for that would have been before that was voted on and approved. The 72 units are giving the town 50 bonus credits, totaling 122 credits. We are getting 50 credits toward our number that will never be built. The units from Davenport's expansion and the Senior housing project at the church are already included in our numbers. The money from the Township will come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund – not taxpayer dollars. The money was contributed by developers from residential and commercial/industrial projects. **Mrs. Evans** agreed that she voted to approve the plan. She clarified that this was something we needed to do to protect against Builder's Remedy. **Mr. Gillespie** agreed. She said it was not her understanding that the plan was set in stone, that it had to be accomplished within a set period of time. **Mr. Gillespie** said it was made very clear to the Committee during all of their discussions. She asked if there is a time frame in which we have to accomplish this and what is it. **Mr. Gillespie** answered it was given in the order that was distributed to all of the Committee after the hearing in early February - 150 days for compliance. **Mrs. Evans** asked what compliance meant. **Mr. Gillespie** explained that we have some ordinances and management plans to adopt, the plan will become part of the Master Plan and the JLUB will review it. The zoning was changed 3 or 4

years ago. This has been on the books for a number of years. **Mrs. Evans** replied that she has only been on the Committee for 9 months. **Mr. Gillespie** responded that she has been coming to the meetings the entire time. She said she has been

protesting this development the entire time. Mr. Gillespie said he is not arguing about her votes – her votes are her votes. Her positions on the record before she became an elected official are her positions on the record. We were given unanimous authority to present this plan to the court. It was approved by the court and it included this 72-unit project with the 50 additional bonus credits. There was no opposition to it during those discussions in Closed Session or by the Township Committee. The sole issue this evening is the additional \$625,000 in gap funding, which is available in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. In terms of facilitating an outcome that protects the Township, this gets you 50 more credits than are being proposed to be built. That is 60 some percent of the total number. If you want to criticize the outcome, but I do not know where else you are going to find it. **Mr. Levinson** asked what would happen if we did not move forward – would we be subject to a Builder's Remedy like in Haddon Point and Mt. Laurel. Mr. Gillespie said yes, we would lose protection from Builder's Remedy and could end up with those types of developments. We were responsible for 437 units and this agreement negotiated it down to 197. Builder's Remedy would cause our professionals, Township Committee and Planning Board to lose control of the amount of affordable housing coming in. This is the third round of requirements. In 2024, 2025 we need to be thinking of the next round and how it will be placed in the town. We do not know how many units will be required. The 197 units is not 197 units of new construction. It is probably less than half based on the formula they use and 50 of those are credits we do not have to build.

**Mayor Clauss** asked Mr. Gillespie to clarify the trust fund that will be used and what it can be spent on. Mr. Gillespie answered that the affordable housing trust fund can only be spent on affordable housing related activities. **Mr. Levinson** asked where the money came from. Mr. Gillespie answered the money comes from commercial and residential developers who are required to contribute a certain percentage. **Mrs. Evans** asked if some of the money comes from housing developers that do not have affordable housing in their developments. Mr. Gillespie answered yes, they have to make a contribution. She said then it is true that they are escaping their actual obligation to include affordable housing by giving money into a fund which enables us to build it somewhere else. Mr. Gillespie responded he would not call it escaping their obligations. Their obligations are available in different forms. The municipality has a say if they want affordable housing in a certain development, or whether it would prefer to take a contribution in lieu of that. In many situations, it is not financially viable if a project is in a small development, to set aside X number of units in terms of financing they need to build the project. **Mrs. Evans** asked again about the 7 units in the Ravikio project originally – was that the percentage required? Mr. Gillespie answered he does not remember it was so long ago. Getting past that was ratified by this very Committee, including Mrs. Evans this year when the settlement was approved unanimously. **Mr. Montgomery** clarified that this money is set aside to help our town with affordable housing and it is only for that purpose – it is not taxpayer money. This has been ongoing since 2017, before he was on Committee. We have an opportunity to put up 72 units and get credit for 50 additional units we do not have to build and it keeps the control of affordable housing where it needs to be – within the Township, not the courts. We voted unanimously to do this and the court approved it. This protects us from the 4 story developments we see going up on Route 38. This mandate is forced on us by the State. This is not low-income housing. It is affordable housing. This could be for some of our young adults that graduate from college not making \$100,00 a year.

These are employed people who apply for this housing. The Walters Group manages the community. They do not just build it and leave.

**Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeeman Levinson. No: Committeewoman Evans. All others yes.**

- F. **RESOLUTION 2023-116-10** – Recognizing Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day October 6, 2023

**Motion: Committeewoman Evans. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. All yes.**

- G. **RESOLUTION 2023-117-10** – Renewing the Shared Services Agreement with Westampton Township for Construction Code Enforcement Services

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.**

- H. **RESOLUTION 2023-118-10** – Authorizing Execution of Deed for Property at 2813 Lake Avenue, Also Known as Block 60, Lot 6 in the Township of Hainesport

**Motion: Committeeman Levinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

- I. **RESOLUTION 2023-119-10** – Authorizing Issuance of Raffle Licenses to Ladies Fire/EMS Auxiliary

**Mrs. Gilmore** suggested we waive the \$100 Township fee. All agreed.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Levinson. All yes.**

## 9. BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of Business Licenses** (See Attached)

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.**

**Mayor Clauss** suggested we develop an application process for our Boards and Committees to make it easier for residents to apply for the positions. It will also give us a record of who has applied and who is chosen. **Mrs. Evans** said she thinks this is an excellent idea. The Administrator was directed to create an application.

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.**

**Mayor Clauss** also wants to do ethics training for all Committee members with John Gillespie.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 5 minutes)

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Ave. – asked about getting a hole fixed in her road. **Ms. Kosko** asked if this was a pothole, or if she was asking about getting the road repaved. Since it was a pothole, it can be patched by the Public Works Department.

Ms. McNelis was glad the handicap door was working. She said her box for the Veterans looked better than the boxes for the plastic that is being collected.

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Road – said he knows the State voted we need to do the affordable housing. When we get done with this round and it creates all this burden for our township, what do we do next time they say we have to do more - when does it stop? You can see how wonderful Mt. Laurel is looking with all this crap they are putting up everywhere. Their schools are going to start doubling and their taxes will skyrocket. He asked about the young people getting out of college that want housing. What do the prices start at? **Mr. Gillespie** answered \$550/month. He said if that works out, it works out. The traffic on the road is already bad and his water pressure is not great now. Adding 72 units will not make it any better. He is not happy about it. Not happy with what the State has done.

**Janice Ludden**, 14 Heather Lane – thanked Bruce Levinson for leading the way for the Rain Garden.

**Eileen Dixey**, 120 Masons Woods Lane – asked if the Creek Road traffic could empty on to Marne Highway instead. – maybe go through the industrial park. **Ms. Kosko** answered that the decision would be made with Burlington County because Marne is a county road. We discussed it with the owner of the industrial park. It is not feasible due to existing septic and well systems that would disallow us from building any infrastructure over it. There are still ongoing discussions with the County.

**Pat Macken**, 116 Masons Woods Lane – asked if Tristan Sylk offered his road. **Ms. Kosko** replied that it was discussed, but after investigation the existing septic and wells disallow it. She requested a map of the area showing the sewer and the septic. **Ms. Kosko** answered that she would need to ask Tristan Sylk to review it because it is private or, if we have it, we can provide it if an OPRA request is put in.

**Bruce MacLachlan**, 33 Easton Way – said affordable housing is a rough issue. He commended the Committee for their work. He reminded everyone that we must be compliant with COAH. He was a little shocked how the vote is coming down. He asked **Mr. Gillespie** if final details would be decided at the Planning Board for the site plan. **Mr. Gillespie** responded yes.

**Kim Rivera**, 127 Masons Woods Lane – said they were told there would be a plan for traffic, public transportation, water and sewer. **Mr. Gillespie** responded that this is all done at the site plan process, so it probably will not be until next year. Those documents will be on file and public notice will be given to the residents within 200 feet.

**Mark Murdy**, 2614 Creek Road – asked what if it fails at the Planning Board. What about wetlands on the site. Do they still keep the money they use for the training and planning. **Mr. Gillespie** answered everything will be reviewed at site plan next year.

**Scott Cooper**, 44 Patriot Way – read a statement from Bob Mode thanking residents for their support for his campaign. The campaign has been endorsed by the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters and the New Jersey Young Democrats. Their next Meet & Greet is Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the municipal gazebo. There will be three more after that. Please see our Facebook page for details -

HarrisandModetownship.com. He thanked the Hainesport Democrats and his running mate Debra Harris.

**Anselmo Rivera**, 127 Masons Woods Lane – said the 72-unit affordable housing planned for Creek Road does not fit. The community does not want it. He asked how they could stop it and if they should hire a lawyer.

**Karen Tordy**, 4 Easton Way – said when she was asked to serve on Township Committee she was humbled and honored. She accepted and has enjoyed meeting people all over town and listening to issues important to them. She and Ken support local businesses and will continue to focus on bringing more businesses to Route 38. She would like to upgrade older parks. She supports the Fire Company and EMT's. She acknowledged the residents of the Glen wanting to keep their community safe. They are wonderful volunteers for our community and they should feel safe. She and Ken will continue their Meet & Greets on Thursday evenings. Everyone is invited to the Ark Road Brewery Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> for our next Club meeting. They will also be at the Fall Festival is October 14<sup>th</sup>. She appreciates all the support.

#### 11. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

**Ms. Kosko** reported on her site visit with our LSRP to Paul's Tank Farm. Soil samples were taken Thursday. Hopefully, there are no new contaminated areas of concern. Once complete, we will develop a remediation investigation scope and can apply to DEP for additional funding. She encouraged everyone to like our municipal Facebook page, "Hainesport Township Government Organization" with meaningful, current information on a regular basis. We will be adding an Instagram soon. We are having a masonry wall built to deal with stormwater issues by the playground. It will also provide some additional seating space and play area. It will match the look of our pavilion, walkway and tax box out front.

#### 12. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

**Mr. Gillespie** addressed the question of how to stop the affordable housing development. The Committee does not want to stop it. This has been a 6 year journey. We have a Constitutional obligation to provide affordable housing. This is a 72-unit facility that yields 122 credits – more than half of our obligation. This site has been discussed for 4 or 5 years. The site plan will be done in public at the Land Use Board meetings and all the issues including wetlands will be addressed at that time. It will all be part of the public process. The Committee would not have unanimously approved this plan this year unless there was a realistic opportunity that these units would be achievable. This process has and will continue to be done through public meetings. **Ms. Kosko** added the Walters Group and the Township held an informational meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> which everyone in the community along Creek Road was invited to. It was well attended and Mr. DelDuca answered many questions. We could arrange another meeting if the residents would like.

#### 13. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Committeewoman Evans** – said she voted for the affordable housing plan approved by the court, but plans change. They are not set in stone. For this plan, that potential



for change has been referenced on three occasions tonight. One was voting to change the financial agreement with the Walters Group, which she voted no on. Mark Murdy brought up there might be a problem with the water logging on the site. That might cause a change to the plan. Solicitor Gillespie literally said the Joint Land Use Board will decide if we can fit 72 units on the site and that might alter the plan. Plans change and opinions change. She does not believe Builder's Remedy suits are going to suddenly start flying because the Joint Land Use Board says we can only include 70 units. It is justified to accept change to plans and therefore, it is also justified to accept change to votes. She attended a tax seminar this morning. She thanked the two Dawns and Paula for all their work in the taxation department. She welcomed our new Public Works employee. She thanked everyone for coming. She will be at the Trunk or Treat and the Fall Festival.

**Committeeman Levinson** – regarding the Hainesport Community Chronicle email newsletter, he thanked Janice Ludden for her rain garden article. He also thanked Jennifer Koutsouris, Alex Fisher, Vicky Burch and Donna Casey for their contributions. He also thanked the Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Pineland Preservation Alliance for their help with the rain garden. Committee decisions are sometimes painful. Sometimes they have to choose the lesser of bad options. He apologized for this. On another note, past actions are the best predictors of one's future actions. He hopes people will be judged for Committee seats not by party, but by consistent dedication to the wellbeing of the community. Do they have a record of doing, or of critiquing. He read a quote by Teddy Roosevelt about being in the arena and added it is easy to be a critic. Being a doer requires effort, risk and the task of making adult decisions from often bad choices. If you look where the four candidates have been you will know where they are going. Hainesport, please choose wisely.

**Committeewoman Gilmore** – thanked everyone for coming and thanked Donna Casey and Liz DiBenedetto for putting on the fantastic adult dinner dance. Thanks to the grant we received for the Mayor's Wellness campaign, we held our free adult Zumba class and sponsored 10 children for the Healthy Kids running group. She reminded everyone to download the township app and like and follow our Facebook page for the latest events. She invited the Committee to attend on October 14<sup>th</sup> as kids will paint pumpkins with police at the Fall Festival. Flu and COVID shots will be given at the Street Center on October 19<sup>th</sup>. October 27<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders event and November 10 is the Veterans Day luncheon. It is free for Veterans and \$10 for guests. Senior citizens club meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at noon at the Street Center.

**Committeeman Montgomery** – thanked Donna Casey and the Recreation Committee for the adult dinner dance. It was a lot of fun. We have the pumpkin painting on

October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Trunk or Treat, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Day and the Veterans Day event. He is happy to help out the disabled Veterans as approved earlier in the meeting. We cannot do enough to support our Veterans. He is glad to hear the tank farm is being cleaned up and the playgrounds are being taken care of with the new retaining wall. He thanked Bruce Levinson and Janice Ludden for the rain garden. He expressed concern over the forced curriculum in the schools that take away parents' rights and how the State has stripped funding from our Hainesport school. He is proud that the Committee helped provide the new gym floor to the school. Many residents use the gym for clubs and adult sports, not just the students. He is very proud of what the Hainesport Education

Foundation has done over the years. He listed the contributions of the Hainesport Education Foundation for the students, including their security system, Chromebooks, Smart Boards, the wireless scoreboard in the gym, electronic response clickers for students, a mobile computer lab, iPads and charging technology, compound microscopes and student scholarships. No complaints were ever made about how the entity was operated until most recently by one individual. As Bruce pointed out, it is really easy to be a critic. What is difficult is doing. He has served the town for 26 years.

**Mayor Clauss** – thanked everyone for coming and thanked Kevin Dowd for being here to answer questions. The Steamboat theme dance was a lot of fun. He addressed some of the comments made. Scott, speaking for Bob Mode, talked about listening to all the residents. Mayor Clauss assured the residents that they are all listened to, but he, as Mayor, does not have the power to override the State of New Jersey’s requirements on affordable housing. He moved here in 1986 and has seen Hainesport Chase, Sage Run and Masons Woods neighborhoods all be opposed due to traffic concerns. He is very aware of the traffic impact and the difficulty of the railroad bridge from where he lives. If the County and the board do not think people can manipulate the intersection, they will make some changes. He has never tried to stop any of the previous developments because people have a right to develop their property. These are not all easy decisions, but unfortunately, in this position we have to do things that are not easy. He thanked everyone for coming and their understanding.

#### **14. BILL LIST**

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.**

#### **15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. RESOLUTION 2023-120-10** – Enter into Executive Session

1. N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(6) Protecting the Safety and Property of the Public
2. N.J.S.A. 10:4-6(b)(1) Attorney Client Privilege

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. All yes.**

**Motion to re-enter regular meeting**

**Motion: Committeeman Montgomery. Second: Committeewoman Evans. All yes.**

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:10 P. M.**

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Montgomery. All yes.**

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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Paula L. Kosko*  
Administrator/Municipal Clerk

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**October 3, 2023**  
**6:30 pm**

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