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## HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 23, 2018 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 8, 2018 and advertised in said newspapers on January 11, 2018, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 8, 2018 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. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Masciocchi at 7:00pm.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** present Deputy Mayor Gilmore, Committeewoman Schneider, Committeeman Costa, Committeeman Fitzpatrick and Mayor Masciocchi. Also present were Township Clerk/Administrator Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie.

### 4. **MINUTES**

#### A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2017.**

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

### 5. **REPORTS**

- A. **Tax Collector** – December 2017, 2017 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, and 2017 Year End
- B. **Code Enforcement** – December 2017
- C. **Fire Official** – December 2017
- D. **Construction** – December 2017, 2017 Year End

**Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collector's report across the minutes: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

### 6. **RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **RESOLUTION 2018-44-1** - Creating Change Fund for the Municipal Clerk's Office

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

**B. RESOLUTION 2018-45-1 – Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement**

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

**C. RESOLUTION 2018-46-1 – Authorizing Aerial Larvacide Application**

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

**D. RESOLUTION 2018-47-1 – Enter into a Contract with Geese Chasers for Clearing and Maintaining a Geese-Free Environment**

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

**E. RESOLUTION 2018-48-1 – Authorizing the Participation in a Cooperative Purchasing System**

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

**F. RESOLUTION 2018-49-1 – Authorizing a 1 Year Extension of its Contract with CGP&H for the Administration of Affordable Units in the Township**

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

**7. BUSINESS**

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

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

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

**2018-01 – Twinshade Mobile Home Park, LLC**

**2018-02 – Goss Mobile Home Park**

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

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

**2018-001 – Better World Books**

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

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

**Catherine McNelis**, 407 Bischoff Avenue – brought up flyer and that it states “we will never accept taxpayer funded health benefits and we will vote to end them for elected officials”. She read from another flyer “no health benefits for part-time officials”. You also stated you would start filming the meetings and post on the website. She said committee can take the

\$30,000 it will be getting from Mr. Fitzpatrick for that. She doesn't see why he needs township health insurance. Saw no problem with stopping Bill Boettcher's insurance. She stated that Mr. Costa is the liaison for the Senior Citizens. At the Senior Citizens meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, she stated to Mr. Costa that he passed his business card around to the seniors. She said she is putting him on notice, that if he does it again, she will ask for a formal reprimand against him from this committee. She said he is an employee of Hainesport. It is a conflict of interest for him to put his personal business card and interest ahead of the township interest.

**Roger Schneider**, 611 Broad Street. Want to bring up a situation that Mr. Skeenes who lives next to the Municipal Building has brought to his attention. There is a ditch behind the building for the 100-year flood. He is concerned about the debris and small trees in it. If there is a flood, could pose a problem. A solution he suggested is possibly asking the mosquito commission to come out and clean the ditches and cut the brush. Recently, people have been told they have to get flood insurance policies. Something is going on, hopefully it doesn't happen but this is something we should be aware of. Mayor Masciocchi stated the flood plain has changed. People are getting some notices and are becoming aware of it. Regarding the clean up, we will look in to it. Administrator/Clerk Kosko asked where the ditch is located. Mr. Schneider explained the location runs along soccer fields, behind school, Broad Street, under Broad Street where new pipes were installed and out to where Jay Jones lives and eventually goes out to the creek. It is a man-made ditch. At one time, Hainesport DPW would clean it. Now Hainesport is so much bigger, would be hard to do now.

**Scott Cooper**, 44 Patriot Way. Requested an update on the due diligence on the sale of the Kleiner Property. **Mayor Masciocchi** stated township went to closing this month and will be cleaning it up and moving forward on plans needed to get the property ready.

**Luis Lopez**, Mt. Holly citizen. Thanked committee for a great reorganization meeting. He gets a lot of comments on Facebook with the videos and on Instagram and a music site. He stated that the committee should consider letting the public comment before resolutions are approved and asked if the committee will change the way the agenda is so that this can happen. Mayor Masciocchi stated it is the way meetings have historically been done and it seems work but they are always open to suggestions. Mayor Masciocchi stated that it is done for ordinances. A difference between an ordinance and resolution is the regular business of the town is done by resolution.

Mr. Lopez asked if Hainesport is going to apply for the county grant. Ms. Kosko asked Mr. Lopez what grant he is referring to, the Municipal Park Development Grant? He confirmed. She stated that she has not received notification for the next round of funding. The committee has discussed various projects for the next application. She will look into it further to see if they have announced it. Mr. Lopez spoke more about another grant.

He asked for more information on the Geese Chaser program. Ms. Kosko provided him with an explanation about the program, how Hainesport utilizes the geese harassment services at its parks and its benefits.

Mr. Lopez asked about 2018-46-1. Ms. Kosko stated it is approval for the Burlington County Mosquito Commission to spray for mosquitos to reduce mosquito population in Hainesport. It is a form resolution that most towns adopt annually.

Mr. Lopez asked if it is new to have to get a license for a mobile home park and other related questions. Ms. Kosko responded that the governing body can only license entities within its

township. It is an annual licensing fee for an entire mobile home park, not individual mobile homes. Ms. Schneider thanked Luis.

**Catherine McNelis** spoke again. She commented on what Mr. Lopez spoke about regarding the public comments at the end of the meeting. She stated the public are not allowed to come up twice. She said the agenda does not say that, just says only have a five minute time limit. All the residents are asking is if someone says something at the end of the meeting, there is an opportunity go back up to make a comment on it. The way it used to be.

#### 9. **COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Ms. Kosko** received an invitation for a presentation on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Westampton Library from 2pm-3:30pm on the TNR Program. It is with sadness that Rick Ragan, Hainesport's Planner since 1986 is retiring. Request for Proposals has been advertised and they are due February 8<sup>th</sup>. We closed on the Kleiner Property on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### 10. **COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR**

**Mr. Gillespie** stated he knows committee understands the resolution but perhaps the public should as well. Resolution 48-1 authorizes participation in the cooperative purchasing system NJPA. This allows the committee to go out and find another source for acquiring services or products that saves the taxpayers money. This is a good resolution. He also responded to the comments regarding the inability for the public to come up twice and stated the committee just allowed Ms. McNelis to do so. This is a transparent committee and since he has been the solicitor, he has not seen this committee prevent the public from coming up a second time. He also does not see the committee hold people to the 5-minute rule. In over 35 years of being at committee meetings, he has never seen the public get to go back up to comment after the committee comments. It is not a 'gotcha' situation. It is the committee's meeting.

#### 11. **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Costa** stated he had the pleasure of meeting and having lunch with the senior committee at the Street Center a couple weeks ago. It was a pleasure to be there and volunteer his time to give a lecture. All he knows is law so he can give people some group advice on any given topic of the law. It is his pleasure to hand out his card so that people can contact him in that regard.

**Mrs. Gilmore** stated she is very sorry to hear that Rick Ragan is not going to be the township's Planner. She read the upcoming meeting dates of the senior citizen group. Tai Chi is starting up on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Building. It is a good program for balance and general health. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Miss Schneider** stated she recently met with Rich Litton of the Emergency Squad and they need volunteers. She asked for people to please spread the word. It is hard to get word out as many members are not on social media.

**Mr. Fitzpatrick** reiterated Committeewoman Gilmore's sentiments about the loss of Mr. Ragan as the township's Planner. He has done a lot to shape Hainesport Township into what it is today. He wished Mr. Ragan and his family the best.

**Mayor Masciocchi** stated the committee tries to be as transparent as possible and accepts feedback from the residents. He hopes to reestablish the closeness this town is known for. Since this is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of this committee, he hopes this is the message that the committee is sending out to the public. He thanked Mr. Ragan for all the years of service to Hainesport Township.

## 12. BILL LIST

**Motion to approve the bill list: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. Committeewoman Gilmore: yes. Committeeman Fitzpatrick: abstain from 18-00018, all others yes. Mayor Masciocchi: Yes.**

## 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### A. RESOLUTION 2018-50-1 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

#### 1. Anticipated Litigation

**Mr. Gillespie** requested the resolution be amended to include “Matters Falling within the Attorney-Client Privilege. Mayor Masciocchi asked if they needed a motion to amend. Mr. Gillespie stated the committee can move to adopt the resolution with that wording in there.

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

**Mr. Gillespie** stated committee will be in Executive Session for about an hour. Will reconvene around 8:30pm. Mr. Gillespie does not think there will be formal action, just direction given to staff.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:25 P. M.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Paula L. Kosko*

Paula L. Kosko, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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