

**HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 6, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 8, 2014 and advertised in said newspapers on January 10, 2014, posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2014 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 Township Administrator Leo Selb, Jr. at 7:10 P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **Oath of Office to:** Committeemen Porto and Dickinson by Judge Phillip Haines
4. **ROLL CALL** – Present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Fitzpatrick and Committeeman Boettcher. Committeeman MacLachlan arrived at 7:25 P.M. Also present was Township Administrator Leo J. Selb, Jr.
5. **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **2015-1-1** Appoint Mayor, Chairman of Township Committee – Committeeman Fitzpatrick

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

Oath of Office

Judge Haines performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Fitzpatrick.

2. **2015-2-1** Appoint Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman of Township Committee – Committeeman Dickinson

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

Oath of Office

Judge Haines performed the Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor Dickinson.

3. **2015-3-1** Appoint Liaison & Deputy Committee Persons

Public Safety – Liaison – Committeeman Boettcher
Public Safety – Deputy – Committeeman Dickinson

Construction/Code Enforcement – Liaison – Committeeman MacLachlan

Construction/Code Enforcement – Deputy – Committeeman Boettcher

Administration – Liaison – Committeeman Dickinson
Administration – Deputy – Committeeman Porto

Finance – Liaison – Committeeman Fitzpatrick
Finance – Deputy – Committeeman Dickinson

Public Works – Liaison – Committeeman Boettcher
Public Works – Deputy – Committeeman Dickinson

Economic Development – Liaison – Committeeman MacLachlan
Economic Development – Deputy – Committeeman Boettcher

Hainesport Education Foundation - Liaison – Committeeman Fitzpatrick

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher.
Abstain: Committeeman MacLachlan. All others: yes.**

4. **2015-4-1** Appoint Senior Citizens Committee (2) –

Liaison – Committeeman Dickinson
Deputy – Committeeman Fitzpatrick

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

**At this time Mayor Fitzpatrick will entertain a motion to approve the following Resolutions
item number:**

5. **2015-5-1** Adopting Committee Dates
6. **2015-6-1** Naming Official Newspapers
7. **2015-7-1** Establish Township Holidays – It was noted by Committeeman Porto that the last date
on the list should be January 1, 2016
8. **2015-8-1** Establish a Temporary Budget
23. **2015-23-1** Authorization of Committee Before Encumbering Expenses
24. **2015-24-1** CFO Notification of All Appointments which Obligate Township to Expend Funds
25. **2015-25-1** Cash Management Plan
26. **2015-26-1** Fixing Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Miscellaneous Charge
27. **2015-27-1** Authorizing Assessor to File Appeals with the Burlington County Board of Taxation

- 28. 2015-28-1** Authorizing Tax Assessor to Handle Rollback Assessment Matters on Behalf of the Township
- 29. 2015-29-1** Depository of Funds
- 30. 2015-30-1** Establish the CFO \$250 Petty Cash Fund
- 31. 2015-31-1** Authorized Check Signers
- 32. 2015-32-1** Authorizing State Contract and County Contract for Purchases
- 33. 2015-33-1** Designate Primary Care Physician for Employees
- 35. 2015-35-1** Authorizing Tax Sale in Delinquent Installment Payments for Special Sewage Assessments
- 36. 2015-36-1** Authorizing Tax Collector to Refund or Apply Credits for Taxes
- 37. 2015-37-1** Authorizing Tax Collector to Mail Notice for Tax Sales
- 38. 2015-38-1** Closing Municipal Complex Fields on Certain Dates

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

9. **2015-9-1** Appointment of Township Planner – Ragan Design Group

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

10. **2015-10-1** Appointment of Township Solicitor – Theodore Costa

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman Boettcher: No. All others: yes.

11. **2015-11-1** Appointment of Township Bond Counsel – Capehart and Scatchard

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

12. **2015-12-1** Appointment of Township Auditor – Bowman and Company

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

13. **2015-13-1** Appointment of Township Engineer – Alaimo Group

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

14. **2015-14-1** Appointment of Council on Affordable Housing
Special Counsel – Parker McCay

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

15. **2015-15-1** Appoint Risk Management Consultant – TC Irons Insurance

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

16. **2015-16-1** Appoint Employment Practices Liability
 Attorney – Armondo Riccio

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

17. **2015-17-1** Appoint Fire Official – Edward Ruggiano

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

18. **2015-18-1** Appoint Members of Joint Land Use Board
 Class I – Mayor Designate – Committeeman Porto
 Class II - Official of Municipality – Leo Selb, Jr.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

19. **2015-19-1** Joint Land Use Board Governing Body
 Class III – Committee Member – Committeeman Boettcher

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

20. **2015-20-1** Joint Land Use Board
 Class IV – 4 year term expiring 12/31/2018
 H Krollfeifer, Jr. and Thomas McCay

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

21. **2015-21-1** Class IV – Alternate #3 and 4
 2 year term expiring 12/31/2016 –
 Gerard Clauss

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

22. **2015-22-1** Environmental Commission -
 3 year term expiring 12/31/2017 – Paula Uhland

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

34. **2015-34-1** Appoint Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner – Leo Selb Jr.

Alternate Fund Commissioner – Edward Ruggiano
Claims Coordinator – Edward Ruggiano
Safety Coordinator – Edward Ruggiano

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

39. **2015-39-1** Resolution Reappointment to Recreation Commission – Donna Casey

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

40. **2015-40-1** Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer – Leo Selb Jr.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

41. **2015-41-1** Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Conflict Counsel for 2015 – Parker McCay

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

42. **2015-42-1** Resolution Awarding a Contract for Animal Control to M & R Wildlife

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

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kathy Newcomb, Hainesport Township Zoning Officer and Construction Tech – wished the committee a Happy New Year and congratulated them on their appointments. She wanted to thank the committee for their support during the year in regard to helping the public and the community. She said the 2014 can drive netted 1977 cans and the goal was for 1500. Ms. Newcomb thanked the committee again for their support. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it couldn't be done without the employees and the committee greatly appreciates what they do.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – congratulated everyone who was just appointed. He then asked for a website to have everything printed for the residents. He said he was holding something that was pretty important that he wasn't going to get into right now but it sounds to him that there are

things going on that shouldn't be. He said he wants to make it clear that everything should be open. He said this is not an Obama administration. There is stuff that is going on that he is not real happy about. Mr. Selb told Mr. Murdy that we have a website and the minutes and other things are put up there for anyone to see. There is also a newsletter that is placed on the website. Mr. Murdy said he has other things too but this is a nice night and he hopes the committee does really well and also does the correct things.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman MacLachlan apologized for being late but congratulated everyone on their appointments.

Committeeman Boettcher congratulated Mayor Fitzpatrick on his appointment and jokingly said it he needs any help don't call on him.

Committeeman Porto thanked everyone for coming out tonight and participating in his swearing in ceremony. He also thanked his son Christopher for participating in the ceremony. He thanked the public for the confidence to put him on the committee and he looks forward to working for another three years to make Hainesport a better place to live.

Deputy Mayor Dickinson congratulated Mayor Fitzpatrick on his appointment and also congratulated Committeeman Porto for another great election. He thanked everyone for another opportunity for three years and also thanked his family for their support as well as the team that has been built here. As Kathy said, we are a very strong team. He looks forward to another three years.

Mayor Fitzpatrick congratulated Committeemen Porto and Dickinson for their election and he is very happy they will be sitting on the committee again for another three years. He also said the committee is a very good working team and they need to stay that way. Committeeman Boettcher was our mayor last year and as always did a great job. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he has the utmost respect for him and said there were many times he called on him for help and advice. There is a lot that Committeeman Boettcher does behind the scenes. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he is very grateful to follow in his footsteps. He went on to say that he looks forward to a great year working; he knows there will be questions and he is hoping they will do the right thing as Mr. Murdy said. We will have a good dialogue with respect on the committee's end and hopefully will get the same respect back and work together as a community to get things done properly to keep Hainesport moving together in the way it has been running. We have some great professionals working with us again and Mayor Fitzpatrick said he is glad they are all aboard. He also said he wanted to thank his family for coming out and supporting him.

8. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:45 P.M.

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 8:00P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** – present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman MacLachlan, Deputy Mayor Dickinson and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo F. Selb, Jr. and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa.
4. **MINUTES**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** December 9, 2014

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson.
All yes.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** December 15, 2014

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson.
All yes.
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tax Collector** – December, 2014, 4th Quarter December, 2014, Year End December, 2014
 - B. **Code Enforcement** – December, 2014
 - C. **Fire Official** – December, 2014

D. Construction – December, 2014

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

6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Trooper Storm Colleton gave a report on the various incidents that occurred in the township in the past few weeks.

Virginia Cliver, 118 Mt. Laurel Road – asked if there were any break-ins in the township and Trooper Colleton said there were none.

Mayor Fitzpatrick read a statement to the audience concerning the health benefits.

A. Basketball Hoop – Mr. Selb brought up information from other communities that have prohibited basketball courts/hoops in the street right of way. He wanted to bring it up because the press got ahold of it and it almost got sensationalized like we were going to jump out and punish people when, in fact, we are only trying to protect the homeowner. We are not the only municipality that is involved in that. Mr. Selb gave several examples of the townships that have ordinances against having basketball hoops in the right of way. He asked that when they get a chance they digest the information so if they want to go further we have something to base an ordinance on if they wish to do it. There was a discussion concerning the basketball hoop situation. Nothing was decided tonight.

7. ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE 2015-1-1 – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 5 of the Township Ordinances Entitled Claims (**First Reading and Introduction**)

Mr. Selb said there are times when bills hit us in such a way that we have to cut a check and pay it before the next bill period is approved by the township committee. By law, the committee is the only one that can approve that payment and we are not supposed to cut checks prior to the committee approving the payment. In speaking with the auditor he says we need to put this ordinance through and that is why the change is being made. There are guidelines set in here; it's not just a blank check. There are a series of people that have to sign; not only the CFO, but a couple members of the committee and the clerk. So there are quite a few number of people that would be consulted; just not two people signing the check. There are some checks and balances. Mayor Fitzpatrick reminded the committee that this is the first reading and introduction so if there is any thoughts he would ask that they consider the ramifications of such and if they feel it is

something that they want to stipulate that is okay as well. Mr. Porto asked if the full committee would be notified if something comes up. Mr. Selb said in the past it was just paid and the committee didn't know about it until the bill list was approved. What he is trying to do is set it in place where the signers would not only be the CFO but the mayor, the municipal clerk and one other township person designated as the check signer. We could add in that all committee members would be advised of it. That is just a simple addition to the ordinance. Mr. Selb said this ordinance would have to be amended and if they want to concur with that he would just have to add line in there that when this occurs the full committee members would be notified.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-43-1** – Resolution of the Township of Hainesport Authorizing Transfer of Funds During the Last Two Months of the Current Fiscal Year and the First Three Months of the Subsequent Year

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-44-1** – Authorizing Release of Performance Bonds for Shoprite Expansion

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

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

Virginia Cliver, 118 Mt. Laurel Road – said that she thinks Mayor Fitzpatrick should make his statement a little clearer. She asked if the committee members feel that they are entitled to the health benefits with one meeting a month. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that the eligibility requirements for the committee members is put into place and they meet those requirements as per state law. She asked if anyone could get a copy of those laws. She also said she checked with other townships and they don't seem to agree that they pay their committee members health benefits. She said she thinks the committee members are in a different position than the other people that are hired to work in the township. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that is her thought and even if she looks at Mr. Paff that brought the suit against the township and read his findings, he was rather surprised that we even thought about an appeal because he said there was no smoking gun. There was nothing that he found that was surprising to him or that he felt was illegal in any way. Mrs. Cliver said she doesn't understand why it was kept a secret. She said she remembers the mayor sitting up there and someone asked him if he was getting health benefits and he said no. Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Porto said the same thing. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that happened in 2005 and at the time he was not getting benefits. He went on to say that the question was not posed to him in 2013 or 2014. Mrs. Cliver said it was a shame that

the public made a mistake that way. She said she certainly wasn't happy. Do they realize how much the churches in Hainesport give out because there are so many poor people at the end of the year? She said that money could go to some better use than what they are using it for. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he is heavily involved in the church and donates more money to it than a lot of people.

Pat Macken, 116 Masons Woods Lane – said that she heard Mayor Fitzpatrick's statement and the lawsuit he was talking about was initiated by her about two years ago. She had requested who was getting benefits and was denied that information. Mayor Fitzpatrick said the reason she was denied is that she was asking for information on all employees and the committee felt it wasn't fair that the information should be given out about all the employees. Mrs. Macken read something about "best practices" and who could or could not collect health benefits. There was a discussion between Mrs. Macken and Mayor Fitzpatrick about who is eligible to collect health benefits. She stated that to pay as much as the township does for the committee members to have health benefits that only come to one meeting a month is a lot of money. For them to only pay \$700 or \$800 a year for benefits is wrong. Florence, for example, their committee members don't take any pay for their work and they do not receive health benefits. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if she wanted to talk about Willingboro and she declined. She said she doesn't think the committee members are entitled to have health benefits paid for by the township. Mrs. Macken then asked if the committee would re-consider having the public comments after the comments from the committee. She said it would enable the public to comment on any comment that the committee has had to say. There was another discussion between Mrs. Macken and the mayor about the request and Mayor Fitzpatrick said no, they would not be changing the structure of the meeting.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she is sure if they got the minutes from the last two years that they would hear the committee members deny that they were taking health benefits. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he is certain that no one has denied getting them. Mrs. McNelis said there was a document that stated that no other committee member besides Mr. Boettcher and Mr. MacLachlan would receive health benefits. She said they can say that they do so much for the township but they make decisions behind doors. She said they tell people one thing and then do another. In her opinion, they are robbing, they are like leaches drawing the blood off the poor people in the township. There are so many people that don't have insurance and, she said, the committee members could care less. Mrs. McNelis talked about the committee voting for the senior citizens being put out on Route 38. She said the committee has cost the township a fortune.

Laila Gilmore, 101 Devon Lane – said she is one of the senior citizens from the Glen at Masons Creek on Route 38 and all the 259 senior citizens that live there have to pay taxes like everyone else in the township. She is on the board at the Glen and as such, she has a certain sympathy and appreciation for the township committee. It is a satisfying and heartbreaking job at times to be misunderstood by the residents. She puts in sometimes over fifty hours a week and does not get paid so she knows it takes a lot of the committee members' time along with their businesses that they run. Mrs.

Gilmore said it may not be equal time for equal pay but she understands the relationship of benefits along with monetary pay. She understands and appreciates what they do and personally would never do it. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked her for her comments.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – welcomed everyone aboard on the committee and said he is a teacher's assistant at Burlington County Special Services works with highly non-functional autistic children and is familiar with how the "upper crust" feels about everybody else. The teacher's assistants that make about \$1,200 to \$1,400 a month are now having to pay about \$1,200 to \$1,300 a month for health benefits. The teachers, that the teacher's assistants do about eighty per cent of the work for, are in the same health program that the committee members are. As far as who is doing what, he has no idea, but if it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck and leaves footprints on the ground like a duck, it's a duck. He went on to say that the committee members are going to be around for a few years and it took a young man that isn't in the township to get the information about them. It cost him about \$5,000 and the committee didn't file anything to block it probably because they would have had to pay for his fees. Now, he is out \$5,000. Mr. Murdy is not saying that they do not deserve it, but, as President Obama says, "your clear attitude" is what's going on with the whole township. People don't like it. He said if the committee members want to hold on to their jobs, they should change something. He said he would change it fast and let the townspeople know. He would like to see a change. He said if they don't change they will only be here a few years and then the Democrats will come in, and look at the Obama administration, all the stuff they have done. He has no problem with that, at least he knows they are lying to him. He hopes the committee has a great New Year. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Murdy what he meant about the committee lying to him. Mr. Murdy said that there is a five piece lot at the corner of his street that has been sub-divided and he was told that the previous owner wanted to sub-divide it into three lots and was denied. He said the reason the new owner was able to sub-divide it is because he is a "railroad guy". That might be a contradiction term, a miss-speak, a miss-spoke; there was something not entered correctly, that's one example. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked how that meant that someone lied to him. He said that is a strong word. Mr. Murdy said he changed it to a miss-speak. The previous owner had tried to get three properties there and was denied and now the new owner has been able to get five properties there. Mr. Boettcher said that the sub-division was legal. He doesn't like it but it is legal. Mr. Murdy said he lives on Creek Road and it is a precursor to 295 and that sucks for him. He is fine with that; the police are there monitoring the street. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he still doesn't understand how we lied to him. Mr. Murdy asked Mr. Boettcher if it was correct that the previous owner had tried to sub-divide it into three properties and Mr. Boettcher said when the new owner came in to sub-divide it was the first time it had been tried. He said it was done with due process of the law. Mr. Murdy asked when it was done and Mr. Selb said it was just done in 2014. Mr. Murdy said he is wrong then and will stand up that he is wrong; he will find out the information and get back to them. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he should take it to the Planning Board because it is more of a planning issue. Mr. Murdy said when he finds out he will get that information to

them. Mr. Dickinson also said that this is a Planning Board issue and he should talk to them about the situation.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said that our ambulance was involved in a slight “fender bender”. It wasn’t anything that was a result of our actions. Someone ran into the ambulance and because of that there were about \$3,000 worth of damage. It was the bumper that was damaged. The claim is being filed with JIF; no one was injured. They were transporting a patient and fortunately no one was injured. The committee should have in their packets some training opportunities that are being offered for different things. We have the JIF Safety Breakfast coming up in February. There is the Elected Official seminar coming up in March and we get credit for that. There is also an event that will be held here in regard to what is a sovereign citizen. It is this month. He received a letter from the county that stated that the county gas pumps have been cleaned up. The county now has to mediate that site. The committee also has a “state of the fund” book from JIF that they can look at during their leisure. They will see that we are compared to many other communities and we do very well when it comes to JIF. Mr. Selb has been working on some sewer issues and we are close to having some positive news for some of the residents that are going to have some assistance. He is holding off with the announcement until he makes sure that it is confirmed. It looks very positive. Mr. Dickinson asked how the communication with the MUA is. Mr. Selb said at this point they have communicated with our solicitor; they want to know what is going on. We will be drafting a letter, sending something to them through our solicitor, letting them know what direction we are going with this assistance and would ask for their patience. It involves between twelve and fourteen homeowners who have asked for assistance. It looks positive that we will be able to get them some kind of help. Maybe not 100% but a good chunk of it. That will still leave some remaining people and between now and July first Mr. Selb would like to sit with the solicitor and come up with some decisions on the directions we are going to go. The MUA is pressing very hard; they want to know what action will be taken. Mr. Selb said to remind people, it is on the website, we have some COAH homes in the Glen at Masons Creek up for sale. Anyone interested in this should contact Triad Associates in Vineland. We took delivery of the fire proof cabinets for the permanent records. That office is the old Court Clerk’s office and will be used in an emergency if power goes down. We equipped it with a copier, computer and various equipment that we had on hand. So if the power goes down we will still be able to function on a limited basis. We had some meetings with some individuals about the environmental remediation of the Hitco site and he is waiting to hear back from them to see what kind of proposals they have to remediate those tanks that are in the ground.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa thanked the committee for the re-appointment and congratulated Mr. Porto and Mr. Dickinson for their re-election and Mr. Fitzpatrick for his appointment as mayor. He is looking forward to the year ahead serving the public.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman Porto wanted the Hainesport Fire Department and the surrounding fire departments that responded on New Year's Day to the gigantic fire on the border of Hainesport and Mount Holly. He believes it is currently owned by the Arrow Safety Company. He awoke at about three in the morning to the fire and the building is about the size of a city block. It was engulfed in flames. They were able to quickly get it under control. Thankfully it never spread into Hainesport and there were no fire fighters injured. He just wanted to thank all the volunteers that serve our community and put themselves in harm's way to protect our citizens.

Committeeman Dickinson thanked Mr. Porto for his coverage of the fire. Once again he wanted to thank everybody for the opportunity to serve as deputy mayor. He is looking forward to this year moving forward. He also thanked Mr. Boettcher for a great year last year.

Committeeman MacLachlan had no comments tonight.

Committeeman Boettcher thanked everyone for making his life a little easier last year while he served as mayor. He wished Mayor Fitzpatrick a lot of luck this year. It will be a trying year with all the contracts that are up.

Mr. Selb asked for the opportunity to thank Mr. Boettcher for working with him this past year as administrator. He made it very easy for Mr. Selb this year to acclimate to the job. Mr. Boettcher is a wealth of knowledge and he hopes he could be kept around for another forty years, at least his knowledge. Mr. Selb said he may be letting the cat out of the bag, but Mr. Boettcher is going to be inducted into the elected officials' hall of fame in February. That is quite an honor when the date gets closer he will let everyone know.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said when he took on the job as mayor this year he knew there would be issues and a trying year. It wasn't something that he was going to shy away from. Contrary to some people's thoughts, the committee members are a group of people and they work very hard for this town. As we move forward this year he invites their comments and questions. He thinks they have been very transparent here; when they are asked questions they tell the truth. He doesn't think they hide anything from the public; if they ask the right question they will be given the answer. That is the bottom line. They are not bad individuals or are trying to hide things. As we move forward he looks forward to a year of respect; he will respect everybody and he hopes that they will respect him as well. He thanked everyone that came out on this very chilly evening and he looks forward to working with them.

13. BILL LIST

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

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-45-1** – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session to discuss Professional Contracts.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes. No action to be Taken

- B. Motion for short Cookie Break. Enter into Executive Session 9:07pm

- C. Motion to exit Executive Session back into Public Session: 9:48pm
Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

15. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:49pm P. M.

Motion: Committeeman. Second: Committeeman. All yes.

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MINUTES

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- C. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF** January 6, 2015
- D. **APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF** January 31, 2015
- E. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF** January 31, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

F. REPORTS

- A. **Tax Collector** – January, 2015
- B. **Code Enforcement** – January, 2015

C. **Fire Official** – January, 2015

D. **Construction** – January, 2015

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

Trooper Ruczynski was here to report on last month's activities. He said it was a quiet month. There is a class graduating and there will be more troopers on the road soon. He also said they had set up speed traps in the various neighborhoods. Fred Cordova of the emergency squad commended the troopers on their work and thanked them.

Mayor Fitzpatrick presented a plaque to Committeeman Boettcher from the New Jersey League of Municipalities for serving in local government for 20 years or more.

There were also awards presented to the township from the Joint Insurance Fund for the all-inclusive playground that was built last year and an award for the safety newsletter Mr. Selb puts out for the employees. Committeeman Boettcher mentioned that Mr. Selb was presented an award personally and the township employees will receive a free luncheon as part of the award.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. **New Heater for the Senior Center**

Mr. Selb said the heater in the Senior Center has broken down and needs to be replaced before a luncheon that will be held in a couple weeks. The amount for the heater repair will be \$3,220. It will take about a day to replace it.

B. **Approval of Cleaning Heater Ducts and Carpet in Municipal Building**

Mr. Selb said the cleaning of the ducts will be about \$1,965 and the cleaning of the carpet will be \$850.

C. **New Computer**

The computer tower will be about \$1,000 to be placed in the public media room. It is for people who don't have access to a computer at home; it will not be capable for email. There will be word and power point and those types of things. It would be open to the public as long as we are open.

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

D. **2015 Capital Budget**

Mr. Selb said the first item that he has up for discussion is the ambulance. He said it is a very busy ambulance squad and there is a need for an ambulance. He gave reasons that we might want to wait until 2017. Mr. Selb also talked about some items that the Fire

Department needs within the next several months. The cost for those items is \$8,000 each. The Fire Department has submitted a grant request to FEMA for the full amount of the breathing apparatuses but they won't find out whether they were approved until March or October. Mr. Selb went on to tell the committee about the other items on the Capital list; a pickup with a plow for \$35,000, an emergency generator for the building for \$60,000, a new roof for the township building in the amount of \$100,000, new carpet for the township building for \$26,000 to \$36,000, a replacement vehicle for the Construction Office for \$35,000 and road repair at a price that he cannot give. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked some questions about the debt that is coming due and when that debt is paid off we will have the money to help with an ambulance or even the breathing equipment and Mr. Selb agreed that he was correct. We could finance it a lot easier if we could hold off until 2017.

Rich Litton of the Emergency Squad came up and talked about the reasons they need a new ambulance. He gave the committee some examples of various things that could be done. The one thing he said is that the ambulances should match each other because when the volunteers go into the ambulance the items should all be in the same place. There was discussion about how the debt could be paid off and whether or not the squad could contribute to the cost of a new ambulance. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Litton if the squad could wait the period of time the township may need before they could buy an ambulance. Mr. Litton said there are things now that they cannot replace because there are not too many ambulances that are this old. The ambulances are getting closer in age for both of them. Mr. Selb asked if they are having problems with them that are causing a real problem. They have been to the mechanic a couple times a year. Committeeman Porto asked if Mr. Litton had an opinion on which way he thought the ambulance should be replaced; a completely new one or have the one they have being refurbished. Mr. Litton didn't really have an opinion on it, but preferably they would like a new one. Mr. Litton got called away on a call. Chris Maccar then got up and spoke for Mr. Litton. She said if they have to wait 2 more years and there were an accident, would there be a way that they could get another ambulance. Committeeman Porto said to her that the township has their back. He asked what was needed to do to support the Emergency Squad; what is a necessity not a luxury. Ms. Maccar said they could push it another year until they receive another box for the ambulance. Mr. Selb said that would be better for the township. He went on to say that he would recommend that the squad members get together and have a discussion and have their priorities ready to bring back to the committee. He asked if they would address it in a letter to the committee by next month so they could have it by then. Mayor Fitzpatrick said they appreciate everything the squad does for the people of the township.

Bill Challenger of the Fire Department also came up to speak to the committee on their needs for the year. Mr. Selb asked if it is true that there are 10 breathing apparatuses that need to be replaced this year and 9 next year. Mr. Challenger said that is correct. He went on to say that they wrote up a new grant request for all 19 units to FEMA. If that grant is approved, that will alleviate the issues for the township. Mr. Selb said if they don't get the grant or all of it, the township has calculated that each unit would be \$8,000 and Mr. Challenger agreed. Mr. Selb asked if that would be enough and Mr. Challenger said it would. Mr. Selb said he thinks the township has to budget for at least 10 units to

be purchased this year. Mr. Challender said the township has been great to the Fire Department and he is very grateful to them; he also said without the units he can't send his men into a building. Committeeman Porto asked if there was anything else the Fire Department needs to replace in the next few years and Mr. Selb said that was one thing he was going to ask the chief to do; get together with him to figure out what would be needed in the next year or so. Mr. Challender said he has a cost effective way of doing gear for them. Mr. Selb said he would get together with him and talk about it.

ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-1-1** – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 5 of the Township Ordinances Entitled Claims (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

This has to do with being able to pay something between meetings and it is an auditor recommendation. It occurs every once in a while and it will take 4 signatures to issue one of these checks. It will need the administrator, the CFO, the mayor and another committeeman to sign the check. There are a lot of checks and balances here but it has to be done. If this isn't done properly the township could be written up and Mr. Selb doesn't want that to happen.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-47-2** – Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License to Hainesport Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – Casino Night

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-48-2** – Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License to Hainesport Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary – 50/50

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-49-2** – Resolution to Award a Professional Service Contract for Special counsel for Affordable Housing Legal Services – **Parker McCay**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-50-2** – Resolution to Award a Professional Services contract for Bond Counsel – **Capehart & Scatchard**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015- 51-2** Resolution Authorizing Approval of Specifications and Solicitation of Bids for Solid Waste Contract

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

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015- 52-2** Resolution to Award Professional Service Contract for Rancocas Hts. & Samuel H. Robins Park – **RAGAN Design**

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

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015- 53-2** Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Planner – **RAGAN Design**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- H. **RESOLUTION 2015- 54-2** Resolution Authorizing Contract for General Planner for Hainesport Township – **RAGAN Design**

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

- I. **RESOLUTION 2015- 55-2** Resolution to Award Professional Service Contract for General Engineering – **Richard A. Alaimo & Associates**

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

- J. **RESOLUTION 2015- 56-2** Resolution to Award Professional Services Contract for Conflict Counsel – **Parker McCay**

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

- K. **RESOLUTION 2015- 57-2** Resolution to Award Professional Service Contract for Auditor – **Bowman Company, LLC**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- L. **RESOLUTION 2015- 58-2** Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Solicitor – **Robert E. Kingsbury**

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

- M. **RESOLUTION 2015- 59-2** Resolution Authorizing Contract for Township Solicitor – **Theodore A. Costa**

This resolution was tabled.

- N. **RESOLUTION 2015- 60-2** Resolution to Award Professional Services for Employment Practices Liability Attorney Consultation Services – **Armando V. Riccio**

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

There was a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AERIAL LARVICIDE APPLICATION

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

BUSINESS

A. Approval of Video/Pinball Amusement Machine License

- **2015-001** – Dunleavy’s Restaurant
- **2015-002** – Tricorp Amusements, Inc.

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

B. Approval of Mobile Home Park License

- **2015-001** – Twin Shade, LLC t/a Russlyn Mobile Home Park
- **2015-002** – Goss Mobile Home Park

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

C. Approval of Charitable Clothing Bin License

- **2015-001** – Kathleen Colligan’s Clothes for Kids Located at the Corner of Industrial & Lawrence Boulevards
- **2015-002** – Garden State Wipers, Inc./AMVETS Located at Crossroads Plaza
- **2015-003** - Terry Kaplan/Planet Aid Located at 2805 Marne Highway

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

D. Approval of Junk License

- **2015-001** – AmeriCycle, Inc.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Joint Land Use Review Board** – Resolution 2015-02 – Resolution Adopting Annual Report Pursuant to N.J.S.40:55D-70.1

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

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked why the committee is crying poor mouth when the township can afford to send out post cards that say the same thing that was said in the calendar the next day. It seems a little silly to her. She said if some of the committee members could give up their medical benefits they could afford to give some of the stuff to the Fire Department.

Marco Agostini, 112 Spruce Lane – said the last time he was here the seating was different and he welcomed the new mayor. He went on to say that whatever the committee is doing they should keep it up because it is working well for the town. He was looking at a website and they rated Hainesport as one of the top towns in the state. He said the website sited the municipal complex and the various walking trails that connect to other areas. He used to live in Voorhees and said he had a house that was assessed the same as the one here and he was paying \$12,000 a year and he is paying \$6,500 a year here. He is very grateful for the taxes here. He said the committee should keep up the good work.

Pat Macken, 116 Masons Woods Lane – went to the county engineer to see about putting up a banner pole out on Marne Highway to advertise for the Fire Department for their various events. The engineer said the poles would have to be 17 feet high and you need permits and all that kind of stuff. They suggested that it be put to the left side of the building so it wouldn't interfere with the cross walk. She thought she would give it over to the township to go forward with it. That would help the Fire Department immensely. She then asked if the committee had given anymore thought to community gardens. Committeeman Dickinson said they were going to wait and see how that went with Lumberton before they decided to do it in Hainesport.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – said on the other side of the street from him and behind the residents who live there is a place that creates an awful lot of noise. On Saturday it sounded like sonic booms going off. He doesn't hear this on the weekdays because he is at work. He went on to say that they are moving things but on Saturday it sounded like a cannon going off. He asked who he should call to talk about the situation. Mr. Selb told him if it was the Hainesport Industrial Railroad he should call him so he can pinpoint it exactly to see where it is coming from.

Ginny Cliver, 118 Mt. Laurel Road – said she thinks she can answer Mr. Murdy's question and she believes it is the Hainesport Industrial Railroad. When she smells something she knows it is from them. Mr. Selb or Mr. Murdy can come to her house anytime to hear the commotion and smell the odor. Mrs. Cliver also said she has talked to an awful lot of senior

citizens about the fact that the committee members are getting health benefits from the township and they do not want to pay for it.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – asked Mayor Fitzpatrick what drives him to want to become a politician. Mayor Fitzpatrick told him this was a public comment and not an acquisition so he chooses not to answer the question. Mr. Ruble said last month that Mayor Fitzpatrick said he could get the right answers if you ask the right questions. On the designation of the medical benefits there are 3 letters (M F S) and Mr. Ruble asked Mayor Fitzpatrick what they meant. Mr. Selb told Mr. Ruble there was an explanation on the document that was released to Mr. Paff. Mr. Ruble wanted to know why it says “an employee and spouse/children”; he wants to know what that means. Why doesn’t it say family? Mayor Fitzpatrick said he doesn’t have an answer for that. Mr. Ruble questioned Mayor Fitzpatrick about why he said that Mr. Paff wasn’t a resident. He then asked if someone should be a resident to file an OPRA request. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he could do whatever he liked. Mr. Ruble then asked what the purpose was for the 5 minute rule. Mayor Fitzpatrick said so they wouldn’t be here until 3 o’clock in the morning. Mr. Ruble said according to his calculations the meetings last year lasted about 61 minutes, so he thinks the committee members don’t want to be there. He asked why the committee doesn’t want to change the way the agenda is set up. He wanted to know why they don’t have the comments from the committee before the comments from the public. Once again Mayor Fitzpatrick said this is a public comment session. Mr. Ruble walked away.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said things have been very busy the past month. Tonight they finalized all the contracts except 2 that are outstanding. Paparone has begun construction on Washington Street. They have pulled a permit for their first house. Today they were working on the drainage culvert that goes under Washington Street. The newsletter is out and on the web. The website has been updated and shortly the annual finance statement, the annual debt statement as well as the first township annual report will be on the website. The new safety newsletter has been given out to the employees. The new dump truck should be in by the end of the month. The safety breakfast went well. Last year we received \$1,300 for safety incentive awards. That helped to pay for shirts and jackets for the employees as a thank you as well as a thank you luncheon in December. Next year it will go to \$1,600 because the JIF is doing so well. We also received \$750 in safety equipment that went to purchase safety cones. We reimbursed the Emergency Squad \$250 for a purchase they made. Mr. Selb said he needs to know how the committee wants to go for a lime machine that we loaned to an individual who was representing the soccer club. They have asked him in what direction the committee wants to go with that. We are in the process of getting prices for having a shredding event in town. Mr. Selb let everyone know that there will be a shredding event on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 22000 Columbus Road in Mansfield from 9 AM to 1 PM sponsored by the county. That is the Burlington County Resource Complex. We are going to try to get that on the website to get it out to even more people. We had a threat of a large snowstorm recently and when Public Works went to get salt the county shut us down; that is a concern. Fortunately, we already had some salt on our trucks which we used for ballast for the trucks to plow as well as salt the roadways. Eventually they opened it up and allowed us to go in and get salt for several days thereafter. That is something Mr. Selb is going to look

into. Committeeman Porto said we should bring it to the attention of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mr. Selb said in the past we have purchased salt and stored it at the county complex because we don't have a place to store it. Fortunately the storm didn't hit us. There were some questions in regard to the budget and the fire program. He will give the committee that information so they can understand why he wants that fire program. Also, the committee asked a question about the tax map issue; Mr. Selb clarified that with the Tax Assessor. He also asked the Assessor to give him a detail of what kind of appeals we have pending right now and was told we have 3 major appeals pending and Mr. Selb will address that in a letter to the committee. Perhaps the solicitor can give them a more of a detailed update.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR – Mr. Costa said we still have to talk more with the sewer authority; a move will have to be made this year and he has some recommendations but nothing for this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman MacLachlan asked if it was possible to get a letter to our new congressman about the turn out gear; maybe the fire chief and Mr. Selb could sign it and even the committee. Whatever it takes to get some attention. Mr. Selb clarified it was for the breathing apparatus and also said he didn't think that would be a problem. Mr. Costa offered his help if it was needed.

Committeeman Boettcher had no comments this evening.

Committeeman Porto had no comments this evening.

Committeeman Dickinson had no comments this evening.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He said he was getting over the flu so he hoped they could understand him.

BILL LIST

Mr. Selb said before they move on to the bill list there is a correction on page 19 he wants to bring to the committee's attention. It is \$407.50 and it should be \$203.21. There is also an addition to the bill list which involves 2 bills.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **RESOLUTION 2015-61-2** – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- **Sewer Litigation**
- **Personnel Salary**

- Solicitor's Contract

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

ADJOURNMENT @ 9:05 P. M.

Motion: Committeeman. Second: Committeeman. All yes.

There may be action taken after the executive session.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**MARCH 10, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of March 10, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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 Fitzpatrick at 7:30 P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** – present were Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo F. Selb, Jr. and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa. Committeeman MacLachlan was absent.

Mayor Fitzpatrick welcomed the audience to the meeting and told them the township is doing something new in town which is “Spotlight on Business”. The first business being recognized is The Bradford House and representing them is Alex Namico. Mr. Namico brought some sandwiches, salad and drinks for the public to enjoy. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that The Bradford House has put on a very nice addition to their building and helps the town shine. He said he hopes and suggests that we support the local businesses. The public can start by utilizing The Bradford House for anything that they see fit. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked Mr. Namico for coming out to represent The Bradford House and for putting on such a nice “spread” for the people. Mr. Namico thanked everyone for allowing The Bradford House to come out and showcase itself.

Trooper Ruczynski was here to report that there was a bank robbery in the township at the Fulton Bank last month. He said he doesn’t have anything more he can say because the investigation is ongoing.

4. MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF February 10, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

5. REPORTS

- A. **Tax Collector** – February, 2015
- B. **Code Enforcement** – February, 2015
- C. **Fire Official** – February, 2015
- D. **Construction** – February, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

6. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Heater Maintenance Contract

Mr. Selb said we haven't had heater contracts on the heaters for some time now. We recently had a heater installed in one of the wings and we have a proposal; he is waiting for a second quote to come in. The proposal he has now seems reasonable; it will take care of the heater in this building, in the Street Building since we had to replace the heater there and in the Public Works Building. They will take care of the filters, they will tweak the air conditioning units to make sure there is enough Freon in them to keep them cold and make sure the heaters are running efficiently. **Mr. Selb** said he is bringing it to the committee's attention because the cost will be over \$2,000. He is looking for a motion from them to go forward with this. **Mr. Porto** wanted to see the details of the contract. He asked if the township will wait for the other quote to come in before they make a decision and **Mr. Selb** said if the other quote is lower than the one they already have he would go with that one. He just wants to get the authorization from the committee to move forward on the maintenance contract. **Mr. Porto** asked if this is something new and **Mr. Selb** said he doesn't know if there has ever been one before, he said this will be a scheduled maintenance on all 3 buildings and since we have the new heaters he thought it was prudent. **Mr. Porto** asked if **Mr. Selb** would make copies for the committee next time.

B. Fishing Tournament Donation

Mr. Selb said the donation is \$150.00 and it is through our Recreation Committee. It is in conjunction with the Mt. Holly Fishing Tournament that they hold every year and the money goes towards providing trophies for the Hainesport residents that participate in the tournament. The tournament will be held in Mt. Holly at the Iron Works Park on the 13th of June.

C. Stop Sign/Calming Devices on Bancroft Lane

Mr. Selb said he had been contacted by some residents that live on Parry Drive as well as residents that live on Bancroft Lane. They are asking for a calming device on both streets. Their complaints are for the speeding. They would like to have calming devices, otherwise known as speed humps, placed on both streets. He said there is money in the budget this year for this. **Mr. Porto** asked where they would be located and **Mr. Selb** said they would have to co-ordinate that with the residents and the engineers because in the

past, somebody might want one but 95% of the residents say no. It is something they would have to face; he would put a letter out to the residents along those streets saying that this is what they are planning on doing, what is their feeling on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham, 40 Bancroft - were here to express their concerns and interest on having speed humps placed along Bancroft Lane to slow down the speeders. Mr. Latham said there have been incidents that cause concern about the speed along the street; there are blind spots, a light pole was “taken out” and there are skate boarders that ride along the street. Some of the people drive as fast as 45 miles per hour. Mayor Fitzpatrick said Mr. Selb would investigate the situation and get back to the committee as to whether or not most of the residents want the speed humps along the streets. Mr. Boettcher asked if there was a certain direction where the drivers go; is it going up the hill or down from the hill. Mr. Latham said it was going both ways. Mr. Selb said he would provide the committee with the correspondence from the lady on Parry Drive. He has explained to both parties that there will not be stop signs placed on the streets because that would be a “mid-block” stop sign and that wouldn’t comply with DOT or engineering regulations. The calming devices may be the answer, but again, he wants to check with the residents on both streets to see how receptive they are to that concept.

D. Free Seedling Giveaway

Mr. Selb said we were contacted by the Department of Environmental Protection and they are offering free tree seedlings to be given out to different communities. He has asked for 1,000 seedlings. They cannot specify which type of seedlings they want; there is an assortment of over 25 types of trees. We are looking to give away the seedlings, which come anywhere from 2 feet to 4 feet, on April 4 from 9 to 1 and again on April 11. This will be put in our newsletter which will be coming out for the April first quarter. Each resident, who has to bring their id, is entitled to get 5 seedlings. There is quite a variety of trees and Mr. Selb does not know how they will be distributed. They may come in a bundle of 5 trees and cannot be separated, he doesn’t know. He said they will record who has received the trees so they can show the DEP how they were distributed. They will also tell the residents to be very careful of where they put the trees because of certain problems that may develop from where they are placed. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if there are trees left over, is there a plan to put them in various places and Mr. Selb told him he has talked with the planner, Mr. Wisnosky, and there are areas that they have been looking at for more trees. Depending on what is left over, the various parks should benefit from the program. Mayor Fitzpatrick said the best bet is to advertise it and Mr. Selb agreed; he said it will go in the newsletter and also on the website along with the email alert the township has. It will be well advertised. Hopefully it will be in the Burlington County Times.

E. Roadway Drainage Issue 839 Deacon Road

George Curry, 839 Deacon Road – spoke about the situation on his property. The previous neighbor, many years ago, put extra asphalt along the roadway about 2 feet above Mr. Curry’s driveway. This has caused a drainage issue for Mr. Curry and he would like the township to help to resolve the problem. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it looked

like Mr. Selb has already been there to observe the issue and Mr. Selb answered yes. He took pictures of the area and showed the committee members. There was a discussion about the situation and it was decided to have the engineers come out and examine the problem to see what can be done to resolve it.

7. ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-2-3** – Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) (**First Reading and Introduction**)

This is an annual procedure and the public hearing will be April 14th.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-63-3** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Hainesport Township Solicitor for Year 2015 – **Theodore M. Costa**

Mr. Boettcher asked that they table the resolution until there is further discussion during closed session. It was agreed to do that.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-64-3** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Joint Land Use Board Engineering for Year 2015 – **Richard A. Alaimo Consulting Engineer**

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-65-3** – Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle **July, 2014 – June, 2019**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-66-3** – Resolution Authorizing Participation Hainesport Township to Enter into a Shared Service Agreement with **Mount Laurel Fire District No. 1**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. Committeeman Boettcher abstained because he is a member of the Fire Department. Mayor Fitzpatrick: yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-67-3** – Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget

Mr. Selb handed out a thumbnail sketch of the budget; they have the 40 page budget but this is more of a synopsis of it. This shows the potential impact of where we stand on the residents as well as the tax rate and lauds the great collection rate we have from our tax collector. This was prepared by the auditor. The CFO is here tonight for any questions. Mayor Fitzpatrick said the committee spent a lot of time on the budget this year. They came up with some major concerns within the budget they felt were important to address.

The Fire Company requested money to purchase the breathing apparatus equipment. Mr. Selb said this is a backup plan because the Fire Company did apply for a grant for the apparatus. Unfortunately, they have asked for this numerous times and have been denied so the township will provide the money if the grant is denied again. There is also funding for a new ambulance in the budget. Mayor Fitzpatrick said this will have little or no impact as far as the taxpayers go. Mr. Selb explained how the township will be helping to fund the ambulance. The amount the township will be funding is \$160,000. The ambulance committee were able to get some money out of their treasury to get some extras for the ambulance. The ambulance takes about 10 months to build so once we have the budget in place he has to meet with the CFO to make sure we can go forward. Then we have to go out to bid and the process will continue. Mr. Selb doesn't see the ambulance becoming a reality until after January 1 of 2016. The public hearing will be April 14th.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

F. RESOLUTION 2015-68-3 – Self-Examination of Budget Resolution (as required by DCA)

This was tabled by request of the auditor.

9. BUSINESS

A. Charitable Clothing Bin Permit

2015-04 – Better World Books Located at 1520 Route 38, Crossroads Plaza

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

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

Jennings Black, 2505 Elm Avenue – said that his concern is for the condition for the water of the creek behind his property. He has noticed that the water condition has deteriorated for the past few years. He has been trying to track the problem but has not been able to. This morning on the incoming tide there was a film and scum on the water. Then when the tide changes it cleanses back out. He has placed numerous phone calls to various people and so far nothing has happened. He cannot figure out where this is coming from and would like the township to help him. He has contacted the county and the DEP and they still haven't been able to do anything. Mr. Porto asked when it started and Mr. Black said it has been going on for about 2 to 3 years. After a discussion it was decided that Mr. Selb would contact the DEP and inform Mr. Black what is going on.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – when Mr. Murdy got up Mayor Fitzpatrick explained to him about 2509 Creek Road. The gentleman who previously lived there wanted to sub-divide the property into 3 separate pieces but did not want to go through the expense to do so. When the next owner decided to sub-divide the property into 5 separate pieces, he made the

decision to go through with the expense of doing so. Therefore, the property has been subdivided into 5 pieces. Mr. Murdy seemed satisfied with that answer. He said he was looking at the municipal budget and it looks like they want to go 3.5% over the budget. He thinks that since the new owner of 2509 Creek Road spent a fortune to sub-divide the property the township should have the extra money from last year. Mr. Murdy then said at the last meeting he told the committee he wasn't very happy with a lot of people in the township taking really lovely benefits on their health insurance. He is not going to say anything about that tonight but if that gets taken care of they would have over \$125,000 extra a year plus he heard that some people that are barely working over part time that have picked up health insurance. He will get back to them about that too. Since he handed a piece of paper to each one of the committee members last month and made note of it the beginning of January, he won't say anything tonight except they all have notice because it's not documented anywhere. Next month he will read the whole letter publicly so everybody knows as to who is doing what.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said it was really nice how the committee got an answer for Mr. Murdy but it would also be really nice if they gave everyone answers like that. She said most of the time they don't get an answer. Mayor Fitzpatrick said if there is an answer that can be had we will come up with it.

Jennings Black, 2505 Elm Avenue – got up again to compliment the Fire Department on their work at the Easton Bible Church; they really prevented a disaster from happening.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb echoed the comments from Mr. Black about the Fire Department. He said Public Works is working with them on the clean-up. The new program we have, "Spotlight on Business" seems to be working well. As you know, The Bradford House is here tonight with sandwiches, salads and drinks for all to enjoy. We don't know yet who will be here next month. The auditor certified the audit today and things are very good. Mr. Selb complimented Public Works on a job well done during the most recent ice and snow storms; we have a great staff. The newsletter will be coming out in early April. April 18th is Cleanup Day and there will be a shredding machine there from either 9 to 1 or 8 to 12. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28th at 12 PM. There is a new "Internet Room" for the residents in our building for their use. The Hainesport School will be selecting someone to be "Mayor for a Day" in May. The Hainesport Fire House will be hosting a "Casino Night" April 18th and we hope everyone joins them for the fun.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa had no comments tonight.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Boettcher had no comments tonight.

Mr. Porto said that the budget does not exceed the 2% cap, we are simply banking the difference between the 2% and the 3.5% should we need to use it to purchase fire equipment,

emergency equipment, roadways in the future. It is not part of our spending but capping our possible excess should an emergency arise. We do have our budget under the 2% cap as per the law. The other thing he wanted to mention is that the issue with Middlesex Avenue and Marne Highway is still ongoing. What happens is that when it rains the water runs down Middlesex Avenue and ever since the county repaved Marne Highway, and put in the handicapped sidewalk, there are 2 properties where their entire sidewalk becomes engulfed in water. He asked Mr. Selb to call the county and talk to them about the situation.

Mr. Dickinson wanted to send out a big thank you to Public Works for the work they did for the school and the residents, they did a really good job. He also wanted to send a thank you to Kathy Newcomb and the girls in the office for their work on the food drive recently. We partnered with Haddon House and were actually able to donate over 4 skids of food to St. Vincent de Paul in Mt. Holly. Kathy did a fantastic job and it really satisfied a lot of needs. Mr. Dickinson also wanted to send good luck to the school for their TAG program; they are going for a state title this week.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said he wanted to touch base on the budget for a second. The committee put a lot of time and energy on it to keep it under the 2% cap, which they were successful in doing. He knows the breathing apparatus for the Fire Company and the ambulance are large ticket items and they were able to get the money for them and once again they will have little impact on the taxes as far as the residents go. As we saw with the recent fire at the church, we rely heavily on the volunteers for the Fire Company and they do a heck of a job. He is very happy that we are able to supply them with proper equipment and such that they can continue to serve us. Mayor Fitzpatrick also wanted to thank Alex Namico for coming in this evening and supplying us with some treats. He also thanked the public for coming out.

14. **BILL LIST**

Mr. Boettcher said he had a question on the bill list so it was tabled until after the executive session. Mr. Selb said there would then be action taken after the closed session.

15. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. **RESOLUTION 2015-69-3** – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session, if necessary

- **Sewer Litigation, Personnel Issues and the Bill List**

8:50 PM Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

Motion: Go Back in Regular Session by Committeeman Porto; second by Committeeman Dickinson at 9:30PM All yes

RESOLUTION 2015-63-3 – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Hainesport Township Solicitor for Year 2015 – **Theodore M. Costa**

Motion: Committeeman Porto Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Vote Committeeman Porto yes. Committeeman Dickinson yes. Committeeman Boettcher No. Mayor Fitzpatrick yes.

Bill List

Motion to Pay Bills: Motion Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

16. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:38P. M.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2015

7:30 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of April 14, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 7:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

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

Mayor Fitzpatrick announced that this month's "Spotlight on Business" is Aziza's Restaurant and he thanked Kelly Gadallah for bringing food and refreshments from their restaurant for the public to enjoy. Mayor Fitzpatrick encouraged everyone to partake and also to support Aziza's Restaurant. It is located on Marne Highway. Unfortunately, with the road being closed for the past few weeks, it has had an effect on their business. He thanked her for coming out tonight. Kelly thanked the township for all their help during this trying time for allowing them to put up signs that the businesses along Marne Highway were open for business. She also said they continue to support the township in everything that they do.

Trooper Ruczynski was here to report on the police activities for the past month. He said it was a relatively quiet month. He also said the road closure was a problem for the State Police as well as the residents and businesses of the township. Trooper Ruczynski said they are still investigating the bank robbery from last month and have a few suspects but nothing more to report about that. Donald Brauckmann of 1 Parry Drive asked the trooper if the bank had any cameras along the perimeter of the building and the trooper said they do but the suspects seem to park farther away than the cameras can view.

MINUTES

Approval of Regular Committee Minutes of March 10 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

REPORTS

Tax Collector – March, 2015, 1st Quarter Ending March, 2015

Code Enforcement – March, 2015

Fire Official – March, 2015

Construction – March, 2015

Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collectors report across the minutes: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

At this time the committee went into closed session to discuss something with our attorney for COAH, Kevin Sheehan. Mr. Selb explained rather than have Mr. Sheehan wait all evening until the end of the regular meeting, and to save money, they would go into closed session early. The information they are going to discuss is litigation and cannot be discussed because of that.

RESOLUTION 2015-82-4 – Resolution to enter into Executive Session.

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

The committee went into executive session at 7:30 and returned at 7:47.

Motion to re-enter into regular session: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

Kevin Sheehan, Esquire – COAH

Mr. Sheehan gave a lengthy presentation on the new COAH rules and what the township can do to comply with the rules. Mr. Selb asked Mr. Sheehan if the committee needs to make a decision tonight as to whether or not they file for declaratory action to give the township 5 months to come up with a plan for the new COAH rules. Mr. Sheehan said he would supply the committee with a written synopsis of his presentation tonight. There were several questions from the committee and the township attorney and answers from Mr. Sheehan.

Temporary Seasonal Help for Public Works

Mr. Selb put this on the agenda because we need the man power for Public Works and he wants to be ready for the future season. It benefits the township because they have been putting some things off that should have been done. It was asked if there were any candidates and Mr. Selb said no, not at this time. It would be nice to have some college

“kids” home for the summer to hire. He hopes to come before the committee at the next meeting with 2 candidates that need to be hired.

Rancocas Park/Rollins Park Grant

Mr. Selb said they have a grant for the parks of about \$101,000 and the Public Works men will be doing some of the work to save some money. When they looked at the things that have to be done it appears that there is still about \$5,000 to \$10,000 still needed. He would like the committee to consider taking that money out of the Open Space money because 1 of the issues at the Rollins Park is that they will be installing an all-inclusive playground equipment that will handle handicapped children at the tot lot and would like to use the same type of surface that was used at the township building. A few things are being done that puts them a little over the budget but it's pretty close to staying in the budget. Mr. Wisnosky, our planner, will make that presentation at our next meeting. Mr. Porto asked Mr. Selb where we are going for our next grant and was told that he will discuss that later in the meeting.

2015 Park Grant – Pickle Ball

Michael Golenda, the Physical Education teacher at the Hainesport Elementary School, was here to do a presentation on a game called “Pickle Ball”. Mr. Golenda said the game is all the rage right now and he would like the committee to consider putting in Pickle Ball courts for the public to use. He described the game to the committee and distributed some letters that were written by students and former students about the game. Initially the game breaks down more to learning basic rules and understanding how to call them and interpret them fairly. Mr. Golenda reiterated that it would be a great thing for the committee to consider putting the courts together for the public. Mr. Selb said when Mr. Golenda first came to him he thought it would be a great opportunity to interact with the school. It would really reach out to a lot of people and Mr. Selb thinks it would add another diamond in our crown for the municipal complex. That's why he thought it was a great thing to bring to the committee. He said we are initially going to put 2 courts out at Chase Park where we have the wall and that gives them an opportunity to start but his proposal would be to go after a grant from the county and build them back behind field 1 which is just over the walkway which is actually school property which we are engaged in a 100 year lease. They would like to put 2 tennis sized courts big enough to accommodate 8 pickle ball courts. But he would like them big enough to accommodate a tennis court. If pickle ball does not go on at least we would be able to adapt those courts back to tennis courts. Mr. Porto asked if we have the land and Mr. Selb said it is land that the school owns but we would share the land like we do with the soccer fields. He thinks they would probably be willing to do that. Someone from the committee said they would approach the school but he doesn't know if they have had the opportunity to do so yet. It is property that the school is not using and is also a recreational area. Mr. Selb said he thinks the freeholders would support a concept like this; especially since we are talking about 8 potential courts. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked how this would be funded and Mr. Selb said it would be a grant specifically for something like this. He also said it would be in the area of about \$110,000 to \$120,000 according to our planner, Mr. Wisnosky. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it seems that we have reached a plateau with the park

that we can do more luxury items per se. Mr. Selb agreed with him. We are accomplishing things at the Chase, Rollins and Rancocas Parks and this will just put another recreational activity available to the community and school children. There was more discussion between the committee members, Mr. Selb and Mr. Golenda and it was decided to do a motion to go forth with the plans as soon as possible.

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

Concession Stand – HSC

Mr. Selb said he brought it up because he was informed that the Hainesport Soccer Club was entertaining an idea to put another concession stand closer to the fields. He wanted to bring it to the attention of the committee but he doesn't have any more details. They are talking about a permanent or portable structure. He is bringing it to their attention because he is sure the soccer club will want to make a presentation. Mr. Selb asked if they wanted to discuss that now or wait until the soccer club comes forward with more details. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he didn't think the committee could entertain that discussion until they have more information. Mr. Selb said he would inform the soccer club that if they want to continue to go forward they will have to bring something to us so we can have something to look at.

ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-2-3** – Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) **(Public Hearing and Final Adoption)**

Our Finance Officer, Dawn Emmons, got up and explained to the public that this ordinance allows us to exceed the CAP Bank if the need arises. We are not going to do so because we follow within the state guidelines and that's all we raise our budget; we don't raise it an additional amount. We are literally banking that amount of money in case something comes up subsequently after this. For this year, it is not that we are not passing an ordinance that allows us to blow our budget up bigger. The budget the committee is passing tonight is well within the state guidelines. Mr. Selb said we have been financially sound as a result of the decisions we've made in the past it allows us to continue to do this without dipping into that 1.5%.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

ORDINANCE 2015-3-4 – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Township of Hainesport Chapter 26 Officers and Employees **(First Reading and Introduction)**

Mr. Selb said this is some clean up language on our ordinance that involves adding some positions that were already adopted in the budget but were not in the original heading of

the first part and then we added some additional positions to lift officially these positions. These positions are already in place.

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

ORDINANCE 2015-4-4 – Ordinance to Provide and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officials and Employees of the Township of Hainesport (**First Reading and Introduction**)

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-68-3** – Self-Examination of Budget Resolution (as required by DCA)

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-71-4 – Resolution to Read Budget by Title Only

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-67-3 – 2015 Municipal Budget (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

Mr. Selb said our CFO was here in case anyone had any questions; she has worked very hard trying to put this budget together with our auditors. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked her for working closely with everyone in putting the budget together. Mr. Selb said he thinks we gained in our surplus if he remember correctly.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-70-4** – A Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for the Year 2014

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-73-4 – Resolution to Award a Contract for Lawncare and Field Maintenance at the Municipal Complex – **South Jersey Turf Consultants**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-74-4 – A Resolution authorizing a Donation to **Mount Holly Recreation**

This is a resolution for the fishing tournament.

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

RESOLUTION 2015-75-4 – Resolution for Person to Person Transfer of Liquor License – Bradford Estate Operating Company, LLC

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

RESOLUTION 2015-76-4 – Resolution Authorizing employment for Seasonal Public Works Employee

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

RESOLUTION 2015-77-4 – Resolution Approving a Block Party for 1 Hastings Lane to 15 Hastings Lane

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

RESOLUTION 2015-78-4 – Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for the HITCO Property Redevelopment Plan – Ragan Design Group

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-79-4 – Resolution Adopting Job Descriptions for Public Works Positions

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-80-4 – Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between County of Burlington and the Township of Hainesport for Emergency Asphalt Paving Services

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-81-4 – Resolution Approving a Performance Bond for G3 Enterprises – Gallo Wine Warehouse

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

RESOLUTION 2015-72-4 – Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

Bob Nahilla said the auditors left about 2 weeks ago and the township was given a clean audit; there were no findings in the report. There are no issues to disclose and no issues to bring to the committee. Mr. Selb said this is a long standing situation since Ms. Emmons has been the CFO. We have continued to go forward and have always come out with no recommendations. He said it is a positive for us and a positive for the CFO. Mayor Fitzpatrick commended the CFO for putting us in the position where we don't have the findings. Mr. Selb said as Bowman as the auditors it says a lot for them also; they keep us on point and when they do find things and make suggestions, we adjust

accordingly. So we have been very fortunate with them as auditors and with Ms. Emmons as the CFO.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from Linda P. Mather - Re: Fire, March 3, 2015 – Easton Bible Church

Mr. Selb read the thank you note.

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked the committee if the grant for the pickle ball courts was coming from the same place that the other grants have come from. It was stated that the grant will be coming from the freeholders; just like the previous grants for the parks. Ms. McNelis said since it is going to be on school grounds will the people be able to use the courts during school hours. Mr. Selb said there is a lacrosse field there that everyone is allowed to use; because of the lease that they are looking to get from the school, people will be able to use the courts just like they are able to use the lacrosse field. There was a discussion about the fields that are used and it was noted that the pickle ball courts would be used the same as the tennis courts are being used now. Ms. McNelis thanked the committee for replacing the microphone at the podium.

Ron Napoli, 120 Paisley Place – said he was recently surprised when he read in the paper that all the committee members are receiving health benefits again. He said he isn't aware that the township is "flush with cash" to make that kind of significant change. And of course we were embarrassed with the controversy to try to prevent people from getting that information. The committee had to be taken to court to get that information and had to pay their legal costs and also the costs of the individual who initiated the suit. Mr. Napoli asked if there were any other "less than full time employees" that are receiving health benefits. Mr. Selb answered that the employees that are receiving health benefits are all clarified as full time employees. The committee members are grand-fathered in by the law that was passed in 2010 by Governor Christie when he revamped the law. Because they were in office and have consistently stayed in office according to the law they are eligible for medical benefits. Mr. Selb said there was a resolution that was passed to allow the present members that were in compliance with the 2010 law that if they so choose to participate they can. Mr. Napoli asked if there was a subsequent resolution that did pass that allowed the members to participate. Mr. Selb said he believes it occurred in 2012. He also said if Mr. Napoli wanted more information he should contact him and he will be more than willing to give it to him. Mr. Napoli suggested that a question be put on the ballot to make honest people of one another. Most people don't think that part time employees like committee members should get full health benefits. He said they should give the residents an opportunity to weigh in on the subject and that way once and for all it could be an issue that is put to bed.

Donald Brauckmann, 1 Parry Drive – thanked everyone for their dedication. He also thanked Mayor Fitzpatrick for his dedication; every time he runs into Mike he always asks if there is anything that can be done. He said he has addressed the subject of the corner of Route 38 and Creek Road; he thinks it is one of the darkest corners of Hainesport. Mr. Brauckmann said there is definitely a need for a light there. He also thanked Mr. Selb for sending out surveys to the people on Parry Drive; it has been a concern of his for some time for the heavy travel on Parry Drive. When the cars come around the bend closest to Creek Road the speed of the vehicles is in excess of what it should be. It is a very congested and tight area. Mr. Selb put the survey out asking if the people wanted speed bumps on the street. Mr. Brauckmann said he hasn't gone out and knocked on any doors to see what the consensus is but he is very concerned about the traffic on the street. His last comment was concerning Bancroft Lane; the road in 1 area goes from 35 feet wide from Creek Road down and when it gets down to a little place where there is a little recreation area the road becomes less than 22 feet wide. There is a curve and there is parking on both sides. He said it is an accident waiting to happen. There was some discussion as to how things are done to keep the traffic at a slower pace and Mr. MacLachlan said when Bancroft Lane was planned it was decided to narrow it to calm the traffic. Today the answer seems to be putting in speed bumps. Mr. Selb said maybe an idea would be to restrict parking there. Mr. Brauckmann asked if the committee has the right to refuse the medical benefits from the township and was answered yes.

Leila Gilmore, 101 Devon Lane – asked since there will be 2 more people in Public Works will there be more time for them to fill in the pot holes in the streets. Mr. Selb said there would allow them to break people free to look at some different situations that we have going on. There are so many hours in a day and the guys stay very busy; they have not forgotten about the pot holes. Ms. Gilmore also asked if there was any way the township men could help with the fire hydrants and was told there was not. New Jersey American Water does not allow anyone to do anything with the fire hydrants. Ms. Gilmore said the hydrants are in terrible shape and they would like to see if anything could be done. Mr. Selb said he would do what he can.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – said since there was so much discussion about the medical benefits he would like to read into the minutes how much the committee members received in benefits and how much they paid for them. Mr. Ruble said when he asked about the 5 minute rule for the public comment it was said so we wouldn't be here until 3 o'clock in the morning. He then asked how many times the committee has been here until 3 o'clock in the morning because of public comments. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it hasn't happened and Mr. Ruble asked why he would say something like that. It makes him look like a fool. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he doesn't feel foolish. Mr. Ruble said Mayor Fitzpatrick read a statement at the January 6, 2015 meeting and the statement was not written out in the minutes; all that was said was that Mayor Fitzpatrick read a statement about medical benefits. Mr. Ruble said if there was a statement read it should have been followed through as far as he is concerned. He went on to say that as far as the lawsuit is concerned, maybe the person saw a reason for it and was helping the residents out; evidently he did because it went to court and they got the information they wanted. And that total cost was \$5,964.92 and it could be more. Mr. Ruble said if there was more open government, let the people get involved, and not do so much in executive session, maybe things would be a little clearer.

Pat Macken, 116 Masons Woods Lane – asked if Rollins Park and the Rancocas Park be finished before we start with the pickle ball courts and Mr. Selb answered yes, we haven't even applied for the grant for pickle ball. She also asked if they were going to enlarge the basketball courts at the parks so they would be dual purpose courts. Mr. Selb said that would not be the case. Mrs. Macken then asked if there would be any way that resolution could have the title of each position and then the money and thirdly who holds that position. Otherwise, if the public wants to know who holds what position, they would have to do an OPRA request. Mr. Selb said he doesn't think it is a major issue to come in and get the information from him. Mrs. Macken said it would be open to the public if they put it on the website. Mr. Porto said there is a reason why salary ordinances are written like they are. It's not a personnel matter for the public to barrage certain employees. It's a salary ordinance establishing salaries for those titles. Mrs. Macken said if the public doesn't go in and get the information from Mr. Selb, they wouldn't know who holds what position. The information is always open; they can always come in and get what they want. Mrs. Macken then asked about the banner posts she had talked about last month; has the committee made a decision on them. Mr. Selb he went to the county about that and was told that it would cost about \$40,000 to put banner poles across Marne Highway. There had been a discussion about whether or not to put them on a local road but he didn't go any farther with it because he didn't hear if there was a desire to do it. Mrs. Macken said she still wants to go with Marne Highway banner poles. The banner on Marne Highway would get the notice of all the traffic along the road. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if there could be some grant money for this and Mr. Selb said he had asked other towns if that was something that could be done and was told that they incorporate that into the redevelopment of their main streets because they own their own main streets. When he talked to the gentleman from the county he was hit with the phenomenal price. He said that is a lot of money to spend and Mrs. Macken said it would be such a great thing for the town. Mr. Dickinson said maybe the township could go into a shared agreement with the county and Mr. Selb said he could look into it if that is what the committee wanted. Mrs. Macken said they would be up like Mount Holly and Moorestown's all the time and when any function came up they could advertise with the banners. They have to be 17 feet above the street to allow tractor trailers to travel along the road. It was suggested that Mr. Selb look into it more and he said he would. He also mentioned that the banner poles could be put on Broad Street which is a township road but Mrs. Macken said it wouldn't get the exposure that it would on Marne Highway. There was a discussion about the banners and it was decided that Mr. Selb would look into the matter. Mrs. Macken asked why back in January he was hired as our solicitor at \$50,000 a year and after executive sessions went on his salary was raised to \$75,000 a year. It was noted that it is not a salary, it is a cap. He can't go over \$75,000 a year. Mr. Selb said that it was established during budget sessions that we have some legal issues that may force us to go over that and we would have to transfer money over so they felt that that cap would be a better thing to do. It was noted that he has been monitoring the solicitor's bill monthly.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said the tree give away was very successful; we gave away over 1,000 trees to over 110 residents. The Easter egg hunt was also very successful. The most recent newsletter is out; it is on the website. If you need a copy please come in and check with one of the ladies and they will see to it that you get one. Casino night for the ladies auxiliary on Saturday the

18th from 6-10 P.M. They are asking for a \$30 donation for the food, drinks and games. Please come out and support your local fire company. The road closing is now open as many of you know. There was some discussion of them closing it again in 3 weeks but there was enough furor from the business owners and residents that it will stay open for a month and then be closed again for 2 weeks because they have to put the railroad bridge in. Mr. Selb went on to say we have a road overlay program going on from the county; we have one road, possibly Lumberton Road by Dunleavy's, that may get paved. He has to get a clarification from the county on that. We did replace the microphone at the podium for the sound system. We also found out that the problem at the last meeting was a sound card that had to be replaced, which was done. That is why our sound system is working so well tonight. Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 18th at the old township building from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Also at the same time on the same date there will be a shredding event at the new township building. All our carpets and duct work have been cleaned to enhance the health quality for our employees and the public. Our alarm system has just recently upgraded for the concession stand so we can give individual codes to our individuals and we can have the login information properly recorded. Our new dump truck has come in; it's being lettered and a few last minute items are being taken care of by the dealer. Once that is done it will be put into service. After tonight we will go forward and get the approval to spend the money to get it registered. The concession stand bathrooms are open so if the park facility is being used you should be aware that the reason they were closed for the winter was to be sure the pipes wouldn't freeze. Mr. Selb met with the contractor in regard to Chase Park yesterday. We have extended his contract an extra 30 days to address the issues of concern for the basketball court, the tennis court and the wall that was put up. Mr. Selb said that was his report tonight except to tell them that New Jersey American Water's bill cost us about \$8,300 this month just to let the water flow through the pipes. He said there was a survey done on Parry and Bancroft and it came back 50-50 on Parry and Bancroft came back with a 2 to 1 yes versus no. He will share the comments and results in a report to the committee. Mr. Selb asked for a motion from the committee to get the equipment to seal the cracks across the roadways. The quotes are from \$2,600 and \$2,800.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Abstained: Committeeman Porto. All others: yes.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa offered his property on the corner of Lumberton Road and Route 38 as a spot for the ladies auxiliary sign to be placed.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman MacLachlan thanked Mr. Selb for the unbelievable amount of energy he has put into the position; he has every little nuance covered in that position. Mr. MacLachlan said he really appreciates level of energy, the communication that he has embarked on with the committee as far as the texts and emails keeping the committee informed about every little thing that is going on. He is very happy with the level of energy that he brought into the position.

Committeeman Boettcher echoed Mr. MacLachlan's comments and went on to thank Aziza's Restaurant for providing the refreshments for this evening. He said that the day of the Easter Egg Hunt he and Mr. Selb were in Mount Holly representing the township and a wreath was laid on the fallen officer's memorial. He said it was an overwhelming crowd in his opinion. This was on the anniversary of the gunfight that ended up taking the lives of 3 officers.

Committeeman Porto said when we put the proposal in to the county for the pickle ball courts we should have at least something to compliment the pickle ball courts so it will give us a leeway for an application of possibly another \$120,000 to \$130,000 that we can use to apply to improve our park that already exist. Mr. Porto thanked Aziza's Restaurant for coming in and said the food was excellent.

Committeeman Dickinson thanked Kelly from Aziza's Restaurant for coming in also. One of the things that happened last month has caused is to understand that we should support our local businesses. It must have been very tough for Kelly and everyone else had to go through as well as the noise. Hopefully we will continue our support for local businesses.

Mayor Fitzpatrick acknowledged Paula Tiver for the work she did on the Easter Egg Hunt. She and her crew put together a very nice presentation that day. He was lucky enough to join in on the festivities. He also thanked Shoprite for being involved as well. Mayor Fitzpatrick encouraged everyone to go to Casino Night. It was a good time last year and he is sure it will be a good time this year as well. He had the privilege of attending the annual firemen's, ems, ladies auxiliary dinner a couple weekends back and it is interesting to see the comradery that they have with each other and the enthusiasm they have about what they do as volunteers. He doesn't think the community gets to see that enough or realize the hard work and effort they all put into their jobs. It is very much appreciated by the people like himself. Mayor Fitzpatrick thinks it is something that everyone needs to recognize. He went on to recognize Pat's son, Nick Macken, for being brought in as firefighter of the year. That is a great honor and Nick does deserve it because he does a lot of work there. He thanked Aziza's Restaurant for being here tonight and said he would be there to say hello and said the food was great. He also thanked everyone for coming out tonight and for their comments, be it positive or negative, that's what they are here for.

BILL LIST

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 2015-82-4 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session, if necessary

No resolution necessary.

Motion to adjourn: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:13 P. M.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2015

7:30 P.M.

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of May 12, 2015, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Fitzpatrick) at 7:30 P.M.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS – DUNLEAVY’S Mayor Fitzpatrick announced that this month’s “Spotlight on Business” is Dunleavy’s Restaurant. He said that Dunleavy’s “Restaurant has been a staple in the township for many years and we appreciate the “goodies and drinks” that they brought for everyone to enjoy.

PROCLAMATIONS – (read by Mayor Fitzpatrick)

Police Week May 10-16, 2015

Student Government Day – Aiden Emery(Honorary Mayor)

Mayor Fitzpatrick introduced the student who was selected to be “Honorary Mayor of the Day”, Aiden Emery.

FLAG SALUTE (led by Aiden Emery)

ROLL CALL (announced by Aiden Emery) – present were Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman Porto, Committeeman MacLachlan, Committeeman Dickinson and Mayor Fitzpatrick and also Honorary Mayor Emery. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo F. Selb, Jr. and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa.

MINUTES (announced by Aiden Emery)

(Mayor Aiden Emery reads) APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF April 14, 2015 - Say “motion to approve the minutes”..... After someone makes a motion say” is there a second”..... Call the roll please....

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

REPORTS (announced by Aiden Emery)

Say **“motion to approve the reports”**..... After given say **“is there a second”**..... After given say **“all in favor”**..... After response **“all against”**.....

- A. **Tax Collector** – April, 2015
- B. **Code Enforcement** – April, 2015
- C. **Fire Official** – April, 2015
- D. **Construction** – April, 2015

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

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION (Read by Aiden Emery)

A. **Presentation to Honorary Mayor – Aiden Emery** (Mayor Fitzpatrick)

A proclamation was read for Aiden Emery to serve as Honorary Mayor of Hainesport for the evening and a special gavel was presented to him.

Trooper Ruczynski of the Bordentown Barracks reported there was an attempted robbery at the Country Deli but the suspect fled before anything happened. The next night the suspect actually did rob the Seven-Eleven in Mount Laurel. Other than that, the month was fairly normal for the troopers. Brenda Dennis of 12 Colfax Lane asked the trooper about a home invasion she had heard about in her neighborhood but Trooper Ruczynski said he had heard about the incident but did not have anything to report on it.

B. **HSC – Field usage**

Brenda Dennis, 12 Colfax Lane – spoke for the Hainesport Soccer Club about the various activities that the soccer club has been doing. She said the club is asking for two more lights for the fields and is willing to pay for them. They would like the same arrangement that they have for the other lights; for the township to take them over as assets and to store them for the soccer club. Pete Scarpati of 3 Eckert Road, who is also a board member of the soccer club, spoke more about the activities of the club. He said they have set up a summer soccer league for the children of Hainesport and other towns. It was stated that the fields will be open for the various nights. The committee members all said it is a very good activity. It was stated that the club is going to look into the issue of more lights for the fields. They asked if there could be some advertising by the township for the summer league.

C. **COAH – Mike Wisnosky**

Rick Ragan of Ragan Design actually reported on COAH and suggested that the committee set up a special subcommittee to go over the options that COAH has given the towns and evaluate the best way to go forward. This is a rather complicated issue.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if Ragan Design would also be involved with the committee and Mr. Ragan said he and Mara Wuebker would be joining them on the subcommittee.

D. RAGAN DESIGN – Open Projects

1. Chase Park

There was a grant received in 2012 for Chase Park and the work began on the basketball court, the tennis court and a wall was put up for tennis practice on one side of the wall and lacrosse on the other side. After a meeting with the contractor it was determined that work for all the above items shall be completed by the end of May. The wall will also serve as Pickle Ball courts which is the new wave right now.

2. Rancocas and Robbins Park

In 2014 Hainesport received a grant for the Rancocas and Robbins Parks. Mr. Wisnosky showed a design of the improvements that will be done on the Rancocas Park. In an attempt to stay under budget the Public Works department will install some items at the park. For the Robbins Park there will be a smaller tot lot area and the surface will be like the all-inclusive park at the township building. Mr. Wisnosky said they are ready to go out to bid. They are just waiting for the committee to select one of the items for the park. He said he would pause if they want to decide now on which item they have selected. After a discussion it was decided to go with one item that has a climbing wall and some slides along with a steering wheel. Mr. Wisnosky said he would add that to the specifications and have everything delivered to Mr. Selb tomorrow.

3. HITCO

In February of this year Mr. Selb and Mr. Wisnosky sat down with Alan Miller from the state of New Jersey Brownfield Development Department and Ed Fox and Mark Remsa from the county to talk about trying to get additional funding for improving environmental quality of that site to make the final improvements to get it clean and redeveloped. Since 2002 the Redevelopment and Housing law has changed and there has been some amendments to that law. Our current redevelopment plan is out of date and inconsistent with the current law. One of the suggestions coming out of that meeting was to have our redevelopment plan brought up to current standards to meet the law. Simultaneously, Mr. Miller is seeking brownfield funding to help us take the final step of getting an action plan developed to clean up the site. There is going to be a redeveloper's conference in November that Mr. Miller is going to attend where folks take their projects to other developers and ask if they are interested in this project, and he would like to take our revised HITCO redevelopment plan to that conference. Our goal is to amend the development plan to make it consistent with the current regulations and law. There is a process to go through; we will talk about permitted land uses on that site and things of that nature and then hopefully have that adopted so Mr.

Miller can take that to his conference and find a redeveloper who specializes in troubled sites such as this to come in and redevelop that site for us.

4. Phase V Well

Mr. Wisnosky said that in our previous grant, when we had the new playground constructed, a portion of that grant was for a new irrigation well for the back fields. This entire complex including the athletic fields runs off the one well up front along Marne Highway. The fear is that if that well ever goes down in the summer the whole complex would dry out, including the soccer fields. Part of the Phase V was to have a new well drilled for the back fields. Our budget for Phase V was a little more than we expected so we ran out of funding for the well. However, our grant money that we received for the Chase Park was well under budget, so we have grant money available to have the well installed. **Mr. Selb** said if we decide to use that money from the Chase Park Project, we will have to make an application to the county to have that modified so we can use that grant money to put this well in. If not, then we will be looking at Open Space money. There is a definite need for the second well to be put in, it will act as a backup but also give the first well a chance to rest. **Mr. Selb** said they have looked at places to put the well, they have already talked to an electrician, they are going to meet with some other people to get a cost idea and to find out how long it would take to do the well. **Mr. Wisnosky** said the county has already given the township money for the well so they are aware of it and they are fairly flexible in transferring grant money as long as it meets the same vision so he really doesn't think they will object to us using the grant money for the well. **Mr. Porto** asked if it wouldn't be a good idea to put the well outside of the wetland area. **Mr. Selb** said they are looking in that area, it is just a matter of getting the electric there because it will have a separate line.

5. New Liaison

Mr. Wisnosky said this will be his last meeting as a planner in the state of New Jersey. **Mara Wuebker**, a younger planner, who is well seasoned, will be representing the Joint Land Use Board and **Mr. Ragan** and she will tag team any other issues that come up before the committee, like the COAH issue. Also, **Dan Nichols**, the third person in the firm, an architect will be overseeing the park improvement program. **Mr. Boettcher** thanked **Mr. Wisnosky** and said he has served the town well.

E. Paul's Tank Farm

Mr. Selb met with a representative from USEPA. They did a final report and it said that Paul's Tank Farm meets what they consider the industrial level as far as developing that site. **Mr. Selb** asked them if we could go ahead and encourage someone to build on it and was told that we need to contact the New Jersey DEP to either light a fire under them and

say if you have something to do let's get it done or, if they are accepting EPA standards, then get a letter to release the land so that we can now develop it. Mr. Selb said at one point there was a gentleman that was interested from what he understands, he has the name, but he does not know if he is still interested. He wanted to bring that to the committee's attention and if they have no objection, reach out to the DEP and ask what is up with the site and can we release it and develop it. He is under the impression that it is a brownfield site and if the gentleman is not interested maybe Mr. Miller can take this out to Chicago in November also. Mr. Porto asked what the gentleman was looking for and Mr. Selb said he thought it was for warehouses. There were no objections to him reaching out to the DEP.

F. Sewer Connection – Rate Rising

Mr. Selb notified the committee that the Mount Holly MUA is going to increase the cost of the sewer connections. He let them know that there are three people that were awarded the grants for the connection of the sewer. After the bills are approved tonight the township will have the authority to release the checks to the MUA to get those three homes done. Mr. Mayberry of the MUA told Mr. Selb that we are at around forty-five homes that still have not connected. At some point, perhaps in June, they are going to have to sit down and discuss what the next step is because we will have done everything possible. We will be looking to sit down with Mr. Costa and come up with some ideas and start moving forward. He would like to move forward this summer. Mr. Porto asked if they want to discuss this in executive session tonight and Mr. Selb said they could if they want. Mr. Costa said it would be a good idea to discuss it in executive session because there could be a potential for litigation if discussed in open session.

G. New Park Grant Idea's

Mr. Selb said they had talked about Pickle Ball and going to the school. The school has a meeting on the 27th of May which he won't be able to make. He has been in contact and will be in contact with them during the day to explain what our concerns are. He located the lease the township has with the school for the soccer field and one of the things he found out is that if they come to an agreement with the school they still have to go in front of the state Board of Education to approve it. So it is not something that is going to happen overnight and he believes we need to have a couple more ideas on the shelf. One idea that he has been approached with is to extend the walkway into the park system. Another idea was to continue to enhance the fields on Chase Park. Mr. Selb is open for other ideas to take to the county. They have to be submitted by June or July so they need to be ready to submit the ideas. Whatever is drafted should be done right away.

H. Solid Waste Contract

The bid was submitted to the solicitor and he presented a resolution that we may be able to adopt tonight. Mr. Selb gave the committee some spread sheets to look at. He was just given the resolution today so he will be amending the agenda to include the resolution. Copies have been dispersed to everyone. Mr. Costa said he recommends the lowest responsible bidder which is the one outlined in the resolution. The bids were all

over the place and this one was the lowest by \$4,000 each year of the contract. The lowest bidder and the one he thinks should be awarded the contract is Exclusive Service and Maintenance Company doing business as Garden State Removal Company. Mr. Costa recommended that the township go with the five year contract as it saves the township the most money. This contract does not include the school. That allows the school to go out and get their own quotes. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if he should reclude himself if the company is involved with Mansfield Township which is where he is the Township Administrator and it was noted that he should reclude himself.

I. Memorial Day – May 30, 2015 - 8am – Wreath Presentation

Mayor Fitzpatrick announced that for Memorial Day on May 30, 2015 we will have a wreath presentation at the complex. He said we would appreciate it if the public would come out and honor the presentation. Mr. Selb said it is the traditional Memorial Day not the shopping holiday.

J. June 9, 2015 meeting to be rescheduled

Mr. Selb asked if the committee could reschedule the meeting for June to June 16, 2015 because he will not be able to attend the meeting. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he would also not be available to attend the June 9th meeting. It was agreed to make a motion to reschedule the meeting to June 16, 2015.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. Voice vote: all yes.

Mr. Selb announced that on May 20, 2015 at 8:30 AM the township will be placing a wreath in honor of Patrolman Bill Wurst who was killed in the line of duty and was a Hainesport Township officer. Then at 11:00 at the Burlington County Communications Center there will be a ceremony to honor all the officers that have given their lives and all for their communities. The mayor will be attending both ceremonies.

K. Special Presentation – Michael Wisnosky

Mr. Wisnosky has been working with the township for 29 years and it was decided to honor him with a presentation. He is moving on to work in Maryland. Mr. Wisnosky thanked the committee and the township for all their good wishes.

ORDINANCES

- A. ORDINANCE 2015-3-4** – Ordinance of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Amending Township of Hainesport Chapter 26 Officers and Employees (**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**)

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- B. **ORDINANCE 2015-4-4** – An Ordinance to provide for and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officials and Employees of the Township of Hainesport (**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION**)

It was noted that the retroactive date should be January 1, 2015.

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

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-86-5** – Resolution to Amend the Adopted Budget for Additional Items of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriation (Chapter 159)

Mr. Porto asked if once we use the funds for connecting to the sewer, do we have the ability to allocate the other funds for sewer or any other purpose and **Mr. Selb** answered no. There were only three people who qualified.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-83-5** – Resolution Authorizing Release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a Sewer Connection Project – **214 Haines Avenue**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-84-5** – Resolution Authorizing Release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a Sewer Connection Project – **421 Alloway Avenue**

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-85-5** – Resolution Authorizing Release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for a Sewer Connection Project – **1301 Tasker Avenue**

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

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-87-5** – Resolution Authorizing Hainesport Township to Sign off New Jersey Department of Environmental Application for a Permit for Hainesport Enterprises, Inc.

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

F. **RESOLUTION 2015-88-5** – Resolution to Lease Copy Machines

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

G. **RESOLUTION 2015-89-5** – Resolution Authorizing Employment for Seasonal Public Works Employees

Justin Macintosh and Gage Murphy have been hired.

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

H. **RESOLUTION 2015-90-5** – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Chase Park Contract – **Nickolaus Construction Company**

This was to install the pickle ball courts. Mr. Selb said it was for \$800 and they needed a change order.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

I. **RESOLUTION 2015-91-5** – Resolution Establishing Public Works Employees Classification and Anniversary Dates

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

J. **RESOLUTION 2015-92-5** – Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Taxes from Judgment by Burlington County Tax Board – **Jeremiah T. and Tammi Trotter**

Mr. Selb said this is from an appeal that was won. Mr. Porto wanted to clarify that the final judgment was from the Tax Court not the County Tax Board. He also said that it says the Township of Lumberton but it is for Hainesport.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

K. **RESOLUTION 2015-93-5** – Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for the Rancocas Heights/Robins Parks

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

L. **RESOLUTION 2015-95-5** – Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Help

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

M. **RESOLUTION 2015-96-6** – Resolution Approving a Block Party for Rancocas Heights Park Area on June 6, 2015

Mr. Porto mentioned that the date of the resolution has a misprint of 2014 and would like it corrected.

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

Mr. Selb asked for an amendment to add **RESOLUTION 2015-97-5**

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

N. RESOLUTION 2015-97-5 – Resolution to Award a Contract for Solid Waste Contract

Exclusive Service and Maintenance Company doing business as Garden State Removal Company

Mayor Fitzpatrick noted that it is for a five year contract.

Mr. Porto noticed a misprint on the date of the meeting in the last paragraph as being held on May 12, 2015.

Mayor Fitzpatrick recused himself and left the room.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes but Mayor Fitzpatrick.

The owner of Garden State Removal Company stood up and thanked the committee for approving the contract.

BUSINESS

A. Approval of Video/Pinball Amusement Machine License

2015-003 – Carollo Bar & Restaurant

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

B. Business License Enforcement

Mr. Selb said that today is the last day for businesses to renew their licenses; after today he will be sending them a letter stating they have one week to renew them and then they will be issued a summons. He has already talked to the court and it will be enforced. Quite a few businesses have not filled out the forms for businesses and now we are left with a handful who have not signed up and we are going to enforce our ordinance.

C. Dog License Enforcement

Mr. Selb said there a quite a few people that have not registered their dogs. This is a way to insure that the dogs have their rabies shots and to protect the people of the

township. He will be sending out letters to the dog owners and they will have thirty days or they too will be issued summons. Burlington County had the highest rabies level last year in the state.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Letter from Congressman Thomas MacArthur** – Support for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
- B. **Letter from Mount Holly Municipal Utilities Authority** – Public Hearing for Proposed Adjustment to the Rate Schedule Scheduled for June 11, 2015

Mr. Selb said this is noted because the rate is going up \$7,123 for connection to the sewer. The hearing will be held at the MUA building at 6:00 PM.

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said that what she “likes” best about the sewer charges going up is that she is paying the same monthly as what she paid quarterly before. They ought to be ashamed of themselves. She brought up that she doesn’t appreciate that our CFO is doing our work from home. She said to Mayor Fitzpatrick that when she brought it up before he said he had three businesses and he does his work from home and that she was behind the times. Ms. McNelis said that was him and she doesn’t want her work done in various parts of the country, she thinks it should be done in the township. Mayor Fitzpatrick said her point is well taken and wanted to bring to her attention how well the CFO is doing her work; Ms. McNelis said nobody is questioning her work, just that it should be done in the township. This is where the business should be done. Ms. McNelis then asked about the grant for the park; could that money be used for any equipment or is it just for programs. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that is going to be used for park grant money. She was wondering if the township could acquire some bicycles that the residents could rent or whatever. Mr. Porto said we should specify that the grants are for permanent equipment; facilities on a park plan. He has not heard of the county providing anything like she is talking about. Ms. McNelis asked if that was like basketball courts. Mr. Dickinson said the city of Philadelphia just did that and she said that is where she got the idea. Mr. MacLachlan said to check with our insurance person before anything is done.

Virginia Cliver, 118 Mt. Laurel Road – said that she and her neighbor had some brush out in front of their houses and she told the driver when she caught up with him that he should have a rake to clean up their work. She said he did the sloppiest job. She went on to say that he told her he was so afraid of the road because the cars all go so fast. Mrs. Cliver said that she remembers a remark that someone on the board said that the speed limit should be faster than 45 miles per hour. She went on to say that she doesn’t live in the Claremont section of town where she can get her speed limit reduced anytime she wants. She suggested to the driver that he should get some cones to put out when he is raking up leaves. Her other item is that the seniors are very unhappy with the committee members because they are receiving health benefits from the township. They have a

suggestion that the township would pay for their second health insurance which goes along with their medical coverage. Mr. Napoli suggested that this be put on the ballot and let the public decide if the public of Hainesport and the taxpayers want to pay for the committee members health insurance benefits. She thinks that is a very good idea and it would be the easiest way for the committee to find out whether they are doing the correct thing or if they are stealing from the public.

Brenda Dennis, 12 Colfax Lane – said that the Hainesport Chase Park was fixed up very nicely and the park is beautiful but there are a couple of things they are questioning; there is a gentleman who is giving tennis lessons and is being paid for them and someone asked if that is ok. Another issue is that since the basketball court has been fixed up there are cars and people from other areas besides the Chase Park area. She wondered if it is being published as a public park on the website and was informed that it is not being published that way.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – asked if the computers that the CFO is using in other areas are protected against hackers. He thinks that anything that is done for the township should be done on township property and in the township. Mr. Ruble said when he talked about the five minute rule last month there were some jokes made about it and when he sat down and Pat Macken got up to speak Mayor Fitzpatrick said to her “five minutes, I don’t want to be here till three o’clock in the morning”. After talking about it Mayor Fitzpatrick had to make another smart remark about it. Mr. Ruble doesn’t think that was right. It was picked up on the disc real loud. On some of the articles in reference to the lawsuit Hainesport Township made the Inquirer and the situation was mentioned. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if his name was actually mentioned and Mr. Ruble said it was. The other thing he wants to talk about is that Mr. Boettcher should find out that we have enough money to pay the bills because every time he makes a motion to pay the bills he says “if we have the money”. Mr. Ruble then read how much each committee member received in health benefits for 2014. Tabernacle Township tried to reduce the medical benefits that the committee received a year or so ago and they said it would reduce the taxpayers taxes about eighteen dollars a year. Mr. Ruble said he thinks there are some things that should be looked at. He thinks there should be more communication between the committee and the residents.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said the township got its Clean Grant notification and it was increased by a couple thousand dollars. It went up to \$14,881 so it gives us more money to do something with it. Our finance person is getting certified as the Clean Community coordinator next week she graduates from school. She has already reached out to the school to try to put on some programs over there. Mr. Selb said he was approached by a gentleman to vacate Sandra Lane and he would like to discuss that in closed session. Our radar machine is being picked up tomorrow; the batteries have been replaced and when it comes back they will be putting it out on some roads to flash and let motorists know their speed.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa said he had nothing for regular session.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLachlan had no comments.

Mr. Boettcher had no comments.

Mr. Porto said he wanted to clarify a couple things. When the matter came up about lowering the speed limit on Mt. Laurel Road he said that he didn't think it should be lowered. He never argued in favor of increasing the speed limit. He also noted that in his entire life the speed limit has never changed in the Claremont section of Hainesport. Nor has it been petitioned to be changed during his term in office. He would recuse himself from any discussion that would be involved in his property. He also said the reason the speed limit decreases as it approaches Mt. Holly is because in Mt. Holly the speed limits are much lower. Mt. Holly is an older municipality where cars are parked primarily in the streets. As you go into Mt. Holly many children will dart out between parked cars. That is most likely the reason for the lower speed limit.

Mr. Dickinson had no comments.

Mayor Fitzpatrick had no comments.

BILL LIST

Mr. Selb said he had to add something to the bill list which was given to him by the CFO. He also showed them the purchase order for the bill.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-94-5 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- **Personnel – Administrator Performance Review**
- **COAH/Development/Litigation**
- **Action could be taken**

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

B. Motion to come out of Closed Session at 11:55pm

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

No Action Taken

C. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

ADJOURNMENT @ 11:56 P. M.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**JUNE 16, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of June 16, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On June 1, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on June 3, 2015 and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on June 1, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER - by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 12, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

REPORTS

- A. Tax Collector** – May, 2015
- B. Code Enforcement** – May, 2015
- C. Fire Official** – May, 2015
- D. Construction** – May, 2015

Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collectors report across the minutes: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

Trooper Vasil was here to report on the police activities for the past month. He said it was a quiet month and had nothing unusual to report. Leila Gilmore of the Glen at Masons Creek asked the trooper if there had been a break in there during the past month and he told her he hadn't heard anything about it. He was asked to find out and get back to the administrator. A gentleman from Cove Court asked if the troops are checking out

the area and watching for the speeders. Trooper Vasil said that when he is on duty he makes it a habit of checking out that particular area and there is a note on the duty board at the station to do the same. Peter Ruble of Creek Road asked if they could have more police activity at the intersection of Creek Road and Mt. Laurel Road. Since the road closing at Creek Road and Marne Highway the people have been going through the intersection and not even stopping or barely stopping. The trooper said he would make a note of it and they would have coverage there during the morning and evening for rush hour traffic. Mark Murdy thanked the troopers for all their work.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Speed Survey

Mayor Fitzpatrick said that a speed survey was sent out for Bancroft Lane and Parry Drive and about 50% of the letters were answered. He said there were several residents from the area here tonight and he was going to break from the regular policy and open the floor for discussion with the individuals that are here tonight.

Tom Latham, 40 Bancroft Lane – said they had distributed some flyers last night to the residents and noted that about 90% of the people they talked to were for the speed bumps. Mr. Dickinson asked him if he had gone all the way down to Creek Road and was told they did the entire road.

Tom Unfreed, 35 Bancroft Lane – said he thinks he speaks for everyone here tonight that they are all for the speed bumps. He has been there since the road opened. Towards the bottom of Bancroft it kind of tapers down so they are forced to slow down. He has already had his mail box taken out a couple times and people ride up on his lawn because they can't make the turn fast enough. The street light was taken down this winter because a truck hit it. The stop sign seems to be optional to some drivers. Mr. Unfreed said it has become a major thruway for the people that live on the other side of Creek Road and everybody that lives on this side of it. Anything that can be done to make people aware would be a good thing. He has even thought of having a trooper sit there and give out tickets or put out one of those signs that show how fast the people are going. He said he is 100% for putting speed bumps on the road.

Matt Sugra, 9 Cove Court – said he advocates for speed bumps anywhere in the neighborhood. He lives in a court and it's terrible even there. A friend recently moved from the area because he said the road is like Route 38 anymore. It is a beautiful community and there are a few houses that are bare and he is wondering if it's because of the speed on Bancroft. Mr. Sugra said he would vote for speed bumps even if they can't be in his area. Mr. Porto said even though he doesn't live on Bancroft Lane where does he think the speed bumps should be placed. Mr. Sugra said he didn't want to speak for his neighbors but he would have as many as possible if it were up to him. Mr. Dickinson said he wasn't aware until a few weeks ago that the problem was also at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Sugra said he would be willing to pay his own money to have speed bumps put on the streets. He said he doesn't know if that would be possible but he would for the safety of the children. He would love for them to play comfortably on their front yards.

Steve Scotton, 33 Bancroft Lane – said they do have an existing speed bump at the top of Bancroft Lane but it needs some improvements. Everybody comes in on it where only one tire hits the bump; they never really slow down. They come in at speeds up to 50 miles per hour and that needs to stop. People need to be aware of what is happening. Mr. Scotton suggested maybe putting up stop signs or even putting rumble strips down. He said he is stopped to pull into his driveway and people are honking their horn at him to move out of the way. Mayor Fitzpatrick suggested to Mr. Selb that he get the troopers out during certain times so they can ticket these people and get them to be aware of what is going on. Mr. Porto said the people on Washington Street can relate to this because they are having the same problems and having the troopers out would help the situation. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if the area had a homeowners association and it was answered that they did. He said that maybe they should get together and talk with the community and help to decide where the speed bumps might best be placed. The last thing everyone wants is to have them put where they won't do any good.

Rich Adornetto, 2 Heather Lane – said he lives on the corner of Heather and Lenox and would like Heather to be looked at also.

Manpreet Grewal, 9 Bancroft Lane – said he has been living there for 13 years and the speeding has gotten worse in the past few years.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said that obviously the people who have come out tonight are passionate about this and the committee appreciates them coming out to protect the children and the neighborhood. It is something they will be looking into but in government nothing moves fast. They won't see these bumps going in tomorrow but he thinks it is something they will be going forward with. Mr. Dickinson read a letter from a resident stating that she is very much for the speed bumps and would allow one to be placed in front of her house. Mr. Boettcher said that someone mentioned rumble strips; he has driven across them and said that would get someone's attention. At the time the "calmer" was put in it was supposed to slow the traffic down but apparently it is not doing its job anymore. He suggested that the troopers give out tickets and they would find out that it is probably some of the neighbors that are speeding. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that maybe Mr. Selb should talk to the engineers about the speed bumps on Bancroft Lane. He asked if anyone knew who the president of the homeowners association was and found out that it is Alex Deangelis. Mr. Latham stated that the president wasn't there when he handed out the flyers last night but he understands that he is for the speed bumps. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

B. Drainage Issue – George Curry – 839 Deacon Road

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb about what the engineers said about the drainage issue at 839 Deacon Road. Mr. Selb said that Mr. Curry was complaining about water coming off the road and running into his yard. This was due to the fact that his neighbor had extended his driveway in such a way that it was going into the gutter and raised such a berm that it was acting as a block and it was partly in the road. Mr. Selb said that the

committee had directed him to have the engineer look at it to see if they could come up with some resolve. The engineer said that the only way Mr. Curry could prevent the water from going into his property is to build up a curbing or a berm of some sort at the edge of the roadway and also build up his driveway so it would continue down the roadway. Mr. Selb said the engineer told him that it could be very costly to try to ultimately resolve this issue. Mr. Porto asked him about the part that is out in the road now and Mr. Selb said that it could be addressed but he doesn't feel that he can get the kind of relief he is looking for; the water will still naturally flow into his yard. Mr. Porto asked what responsibility is on our end if the topography of his lot is already conducive to the water sitting. He said we should resolve the thing in the road but going throughout the whole town there are many situations where the topography could be extremely costly to the township. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if anybody has changed the original water flow. Mr. Selb said the only thing that happened on Deacon Road is that we re-surfaced it when the sewer lines were put in. That did not, in itself, according to the engineer, increase the water flow. It was flowing that way in itself. The driveway that was extended to place an obstruction in the curb line that would prevent the water from flowing naturally down to the park. Mr. Porto wondered what legal liability we have. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if there were any permits issued to the homeowner for the extension of the driveway and Mr. Selb said there no permits for that. He went on to say that the engineer should have been involved and Mr. Costa said a permit should have been requested. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb to check into the situation to see if the permits should have or were issued and get back to him. Mr. Selb said since this work has been done there is a new owner. The previous owner had access to the equipment to do this kind of work. Mr. Selb said he would check with the Construction Department and get back to the mayor.

C. Landscaping Township Building – Remove Bushes & Replace with Flowers

Mayor Fitzpatrick said they are planning on removing bushes and replacing them with flowers in the back side of the building; the bushes are dying and there is a Girl Scout troop that wants to take this on as a project. He thinks it is a good idea as far as getting the dead bushes out and putting some flowers in and making it uniform. Mr. Selb said they would put a mixture of annuals and perennials in there so they will come back; it has to do with the irrigation system. The bushes have grown so high they block the other set of bushes and they die. The bushes are nice but they are impinging on the other landscaping. Mr. Boettcher asked if this was going to be a yearly thing. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts work for badges and this could be a good thing.

D. Environmental Project for Basin

Mayor Fitzpatrick said the ambassador for Rancocas Watershed submitted a proposal for alternatives for the basins located at Elsinore Drive and Easton Way as well as South Deer Place and Easton Way. They wanted to come in and plant foliage within the basins. Mr. Selb said the ambassador is an intern during the summer and needed to complete a project. He told her she could look at the basins but he couldn't guarantee that the committee would want to participate in. He told her to come up with a proposal and he and Jay Jones met with her. One of the basins she is looking at gathers quite a bit of

water and the residents are concerned that it could overflow the banks. What she is talking about doing is putting plants in the basins themselves. She is saying that will help absorb the water and we won't have the issues and let nature take its course. There was a discussion on whether or not the committee should agree to allow the ambassador to do what she is requesting. It was decided to deny the request at this time.

E. Concession Stand – Board of Health for three (3) Sinks

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if the Board of Health was inspecting the concession stand and Mr. Selb said they were. Jay Jones was there and advised Mr. Selb of what was going on. One of the issues was that there was a hot dog machine that cooks hot dogs and they are not allowed to cook food in there unless they have a triple bowl basin and they do not. If they put a triple bowl basin in there they would be allowed to have the hot dog machine and a slushy machine that they have. The concession passed inspection except for those items. Mr. MacLachlan said he had donated the top for the concession stand and would be willing to donate the triple bowl basin. He would have his men install it but could not hook it up because they are not plumbers. Mr. Selb said he would have Public Works take care of that. Mr. Porto commended Mr. MacLachlan for donating the basins. The Board of Health would pass the inspection if the triple bowl basin was there.

F. Vacation of Sandra Lane – Bob Shinn for Isaac Manning

Mr. Bob Shinn explained to the committee that Isaac Manning was interested in having a portion of Sandra Lane vacated. The portion that he talked about is behind the cul-de-sac on Sandra Lane. Mr. MacLachlan asked who owned the property along the area of the street and Mr. Shinn said there were various owners. Mr. MacLachlan said they would have to be contacted and given the opportunity to pay the costs to acquire the land. Mr. Costa said they would not have to pay and there was a discussion about it. Mr. MacLachlan said he thinks this should be treated as an informal use variance because there will be a number of people within 200 feet of that that will be affected and we should go through a process of notifying them and get a better idea of what it will look like. Mr. Porto asked Mr. Costa if the property is township owned and Mr. Costa said he assumes so. Mr. Porto said if it is township property why don't we sell the pieces of land to someone instead of offering it to various people? Mr. Shinn said it is a buildable lot. Mr. Selb stated that he thinks there are 2 issues here and he thinks Mr. Costa has framed it right. We really need to look at it more so he can provide a report and he can gather more information. There was a discussion about this and it was decided to get more information and look into this further. Mr. Boettcher said in his time here he doesn't remember a street being vacated without going to the Planning Board first. All the recommendations have come from the Planning Board to the governing body. They should be putting an input in on it. Mr. MacLachlan said he would like to see what the neighbors would think of it. It was also decided that Mr. Costa would talk to Mr. Kingsbury.

G. Clean Community Projects

- Programs
- Yearly Calendar

Donna Kilburn has recently become our Clean Communities Coordinator and as a result we found out that there were some other issues that we could be addressing and getting involved in to promote Clean Communities. We found this year that we got a raise in our money which is a direct result of our recycling. He and Donna met with the school the other day and talked about ways that we can promote clean communities to our students. It is important to educate the children. They talked about our yearly calendar about having the students draw some pictures having to do with the environment of clean communities. They would put them together and the art teacher would pick out 5 each of the 8 classes and the committee would pick out 1 from each grade and they would be put in our calendar. The Clean Communities would pick up the tab for the extra pages and then some. That would reduce the cost of our calendar in our budget. The parents would love it because there would be potentially one of their children's art in it and we would do this on a yearly basis. We think this is a win-win situation and that was one thing that we set up parameters when they would be due. We have the funds; it would not cost the tax payers anything other than using the Clean Communities money. They also talked about a potential for a \$100 scholarship for a student in eighth grade and we would provide it through Clean Communities. Mr. Porto said since they were on the topic, a while ago we had two rounds where the county came through and cleaned up the Rancocas State Park. There was an enormous amount of dumping that was cleaned up. Many of the organizations were involved in cleaning up the property. He said he will reach out to Mr. Selb this week to get him the contact information for the county to possibly do this again.

H. Sewer Hookups Grant

Mayor Fitzpatrick said there were 3 homes that were completed for the sewer hookup. His understanding was that only 3 individuals that met the criteria for the grant money. That being said, the amount of grant money given far exceeded the money that was spent, therefore we are going to be returning that grant money back to the county. Mr. Selb said we had anticipated 12-13 homeowners would be eligible for the grant money. We had numerous people apply but unfortunately, it whittled down to 3 people. We are down to 46 homes that still need to be completed. That will be discussed in executive session.

I. Fire Department Contribution

Mayor Fitzpatrick said there was some question about the money in the budget for the fire company. We had \$90,000 appropriated in the budget and we will be passing a resolution tonight to make sure they get the full amount.

J. Well – Municipal Complex

The well is still in its planning stages; there is no estimate at this time. We have discussed its location which is out front near the electrical access. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it is going to be funded utilizing our open space money.

K. Chase Park – Items for Completion

Mayor Fitzpatrick listed off various items for completion for Chase Park. We still have some money left over from the grant and we will contact the county to see if we can transfer the money to offset the cost of the well or for a different project. The grant was given to us in 2013 and we need to have this completed by the end of the year for the spending of the money or it goes back to the county. Mr. Dickinson told Mr. Selb that he will be stopping by to talk to him this week because he did notice some issues on the back of the wall; he said it still needs a little bit of work. Mr. Selb said we are up to paying Mr. Nicholas tonight so the committee may want to put a hold on that. Mr. Dickinson said there are not major issues; we could probably take care of it ourselves.

L. 2015 Burlington County Park Grant

Mary Pat Robbi has been contacted at the county level about the park grants. The freeholders have not put out the information about that yet. As of now we are still waiting to see when that is going to move forward. Once those dollars are sent out and we can figure out what we want to do; we are still thinking about putting up lights for the soccer fields or building pickle ball courts. It's something that may take a while but we are looking into that as well. The maximum money that is granted is \$250,000. Mr. Selb spoke to Mary Pat Robbi and asked her to give us a little more time. She was going to make a recommendation to say 60 days.

M. Ambulance Bid Specs.

They are finalizing the forms needed for the purchasing and contract laws. That will be given to our solicitor. Once that all does pass a resolution will be put together and we are looking to go out to bid during the July meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-98-6** – A Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Payment for Overpayment of a Business License – **Christopher T. Taylor, DC PC**

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-99-6** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Fire Prevention Bureau Software – **Pro-Phoenix Corporation**

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

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-100-6** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Leaf Truck Parts for Public Works – **ODB Company**

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-101-6** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Purchase of Roadway Crack Sealer Applicator – **Asphalt Kingdom**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-102-6** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Purchase of Supplies and Equipment – **Seal Master**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-103-6** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Purchase of a Dump Trailer for Public Works – **Locked and Loaded Trailers, LLC**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-104-6** – Resolution Approving a Block Party for South Hunterdon Avenue Residents on August 15, 2015

Mr. Porto said it should say 6 South Hunterdon Avenue.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- H. **RESOLUTION 2015-105-6** – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the Chase Park Contract **Ragan Design Group**

Mr. Selb explained that they had entered into a contract with Ragan Design Group and there was a set amount, but in the contract it specified that it may not exceed a certain amount and they didn't anticipate it, nor did we, but unfortunately because of the issues that many of the committee are aware of at Chase Park, we needed constant inspections. That caused the over run and Ragan Design was gracious enough that when the original invoice was submitted they had reduced it by 50%. He believes that is a positive for us.

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

- I. **RESOLUTION 2015-106-6** – Resolution of the Township of Hainesport Authorizing Entering into a Contract with an Administrative Agent, **Triad Associates**, for the Administration of Affordable Units in the Township

Mr. Porto asked if this is a renewal because it says 2014 and shouldn't it say 2015? **Mr. Selb** said it should say 2015 and he would correct it.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- J. **RESOLUTION 2015-107-6** – Resolution Authorizing the Final Payment to **Nickolaus Construction**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

- K. **RESOLUTION 2015-108-6** – A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Construction of the Hainesport Township Recreation Rancocas and Robins Park Project –

Mr. Selb asked for this resolution to be tabled and it was.

- L. **RESOLUTION 2015-109-6** –Resolution Acknowledging Budgetary Commitment for Volunteer Fire Fighting Services

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

- M. **RESOLUTION 2015-110-6** - Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Help – **Jacey Dickinson**

Mr. Porto said it says 2014 and it should say 2015. Mr. Selb will correct that.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Committeeman Dickinson abstained. All others yes.

- N. **RESOLUTION 2015-111-6** – Resolution of the Township of Hainesport Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- O. **RESOLUTION 2015-114-6** – Resolution Approving Performance Bond for Chase Park Improvements

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- P. **RESOLUTION 2015-115-6** – Resolution Approving Purchase of Recreation Equipment for Robins Park

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

Mayor Fitzpatrick said they were going to need a motion to amend the agenda to add a resolution 2015-115-6.

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

- Q. **RESOLUTION 2015-116-6** – Resolution to Reject the Bids Because They Came In Outside of Our Budget

Mr. Porto asked Mr. Selb to correct the spelling of a word.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – Quarterly EPL/POL Loss Ratio Snapshot

- B. **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – Quarterly JIF Loss Ratio Snapshot
- C. **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – Quarterly MEL Loss Ratio Snapshot
- D. **Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – Loss Control Report
- E. **Public Notice Westampton Land Development Board** – Amendment to Zoning
- F. **Thank You** – Michael Wisnosky

Motion to receive in files the correspondence: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

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

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – said he has been a resident here for almost 20 years. He asked about the CAP bank that had been talked about a couple months ago and had it explained to him by several of the committee members. The committee passes that law every year but has not used it. Mr. Murdy talked to the committee members about the health insurance that they are collecting and told them they are wrong.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked the committee members about the CAP law and Mr. Selb explained to her as best he could. It is a paper thing that the legislators put together but it involves no money. Raising the taxes has nothing to do with the Cap bank. Ms. McNelis said if we didn't give all that commercial property to the townhouses we wouldn't have so many school kids.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – asked why is it that every time we have a lot of people in here that we could enjoy having them in here to the end of the program to hear the rest of the township committee actions and nonsense of what's going on? Mayor Fitzpatrick excuses them right at the beginning and now he did the same thing today with the group of people that was here. He said he would like to see them stay here to this part of the meeting. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he would like to see them stay also but if they choose to leave he can't make them stay. Mr. Ruble said the way the mayor says and puts it in their head to leave. He would like to see them stay for the public comment. Mr. Ruble said finally the nation and others have taken to recognizing the veterans on Memorial Day. He asked how many members of the committee had served and completed a tour of duty in the military. Mr. Boettcher said he had served in the military but he doesn't walk around and brag about. Mr. Ruble congratulated and thanked him for his service. He went on to say he wanted some kind of plaque with the names of people in the township that served in the armed forces. Mr. MacLachlan said he remembers the request and there really wasn't a good list of people to put on any kind of plaque. The bricks that Paul Tuliano came up with to put names on was a good idea to remember the various people. Mr. Ruble said an inquiry in the newsletter to find out who in the township had

served would be a good way to find out to make up an honor roll. Mr. Boettcher said he had heard about a board with the names of people that served and Mr. Ruble said he had pictures of the board. Mr. Boettcher asked if he would bring in the pictures. Mr. Ruble asked what kind of security there was on the computers. Mr. MacLachlan said the CFO was the only one that had the need for any security. Mr. Ruble asked the mayor why he hadn't voted on the contract for the solid waste company last month. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that he is a part time employee at another township where the same company is utilized and he didn't feel he should vote on the question.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – asked if the rubbery stuff to patch the streets is a rubbery sealer. Mayor Fitzpatrick said his understanding is that it is a tar. Mr. Murdy said he was told they couldn't have wells but the township is getting one and wants to know what that is about. He was told it is for irrigation only.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said the newsletter would be going out July first and he is gathering information and articles. If anyone has anything he would appreciate it if they got it to him right away. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb to put that on hold until we get the tax rate.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLachlan had no comments.

Mr. Boettcher thanked Mr. Selb for the new binders for the committee members for the meetings.

Mr. Porto said recently people have been having their own yard sales and he thought it might be a good idea to have a township wide yard sale next year and to put it on the calendar. He suggested May 14, 2016 with a rain date of May 21. That way everyone in town can plan on it. Mr. Selb said he would put it down and coordinate it with Paula Tiver.

Mr. Dickinson congratulated Mr. Murdy's son on an article he had in the Burlington County Times; he was honored as a student of the year.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

Mr. Selb said he needed a motion to add 4 items to the bill list.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if he could be informed when the trash company is going to be voted on because he would like to abstain from voting on that.

BILL LIST

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-112-6 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- **COAH**
- **Sewer Litigation**
- **Personnel – Construction**
- **Administrator**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.
At 9:21 PM

RETURN BACK INTO PUBLIC SESSION at 11:19PM

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ADD

Resolution 2015-113-6 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT COMPLAINT WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN IN RE ADOPTION OF N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Made by Committeeman MacLachlan. Second by Committeeman Boettcher. All voted yes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-113-6 by Committeeman Dickerson and Second by Committeeman Porto. Roll call Vote taken all Yes.

Motion to Adjourn by Porto, Second by Boettcher, all yes.

ADJOURNMENT @11:24 P. M.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**JULY 14, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of July 14, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER - by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

Mr. Selb said he would like to make an amendment to the agenda by moving the discussion about the HITCO property to the discussion section of the meeting.

Motion to amend the agenda: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF June 16, 2015

Mr. Porto had some corrections that needed to be made to the minutes of June 16 and Mr. Selb said he would make them.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

REPORTS

- A. **Tax Collector** – June, 2015; Quarter Ending June, 2015
- B. **Code Enforcement** – June, 2015
- C. **Fire Official** – June, 2015

D. Construction – June, 2015

Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collectors report across the minutes: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

State Trooper Ruczynski was here to report to the committee. He said there has been a string of burglaries in the past three weeks and he reported that they have arrested one person and there is another one pending. It is an ongoing investigation so that is all he can comment on. Other than that it's been a normal month. They did go out and beef up patrols at the four way intersection on Mt. Laurel Road and there were several tickets written. Anytime the resident bring something up the troopers go out and usually write summonses, but as soon as they are gone the incidents continue to happen. Mrs. McNelis asked if there were some incidents of vehicle break-ins and Trooper Ruczynski repeated that they had arrested one person and had another person of interest pending. Trooper Ruczynski suggested that everyone lock their cars all the time. Mrs. McNelis said the township should send out notifications that there have been break-ins of cars and Mayor Fitzpatrick said they had done that.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. County Park Grant

We are still waiting to hear from the county about the County Park Grant.

a. Pickle Ball

The pickle ball court is still an option. Mr. Selb said he did secure the land for the court from the school if that does go into fruition. There is an area that we can address for that without having to go through the state. The cost for that would probably be about \$170,000.

b. Stadium Lights

Mr. Selb has addressed the stadium lights with our engineer and he just received a proposal today to engage them to write up our grant. He met with their electrical engineer. To make it all happen out on the soccer fields, stadium lights would probably run about \$1,000,000 or more. If they were go to the park grants it would be a long term commitment. There is no way we could get that kind of money.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if that was something we had to decide right now and Mr. Selb said no but when the park grant comes in he is going to need to know just what idea the committee wants to go with. Normally the county gives very short notice so he wants to have something ready to tell them what the township wants to do. He went on to say that Chase Park was another option; to go in and enhance the park a little more. Also, we might want to extend the pathway on Oak Avenue. Mayor Fitzpatrick said if anyone has any ideas for the administrator they should get them to him as soon as possible.

B. Drainage Issue – 839 Deacon Road

There was a discussion concerning the problem that is occurring when it rains for the resident of 839 Deacon Road. It seems that the former owner of a property next to him had illegally put a driveway and placed a blockage in the gutter area that is causing flooding along the road and for 839 Deacon Road. The owner of 839 Deacon said he will put up a berm on his property but that won't completely correct the situation. The water will continue on down the roadway and we will have to see what happens. The engineer said it will ultimately drain into a park down the road but it could cause some flooding on the road. It is something that will have to be monitored. Mr. Selb said the blockage will have to be removed by the owner or the township and bill the home owner. There was more discussion regarding the situation. It was decided to request that the owner of the driveway have part of it removed to help solve the problem.

C. Ambulance Bid Specs.

Mr. Selb said we are ready to fund the purchase of an emergency medical ambulance with \$150,000 but have been notified by Mr. Litton that there are some unanticipated costs due to price increases and some change in regulations. Mr. Selb said he advised him to write a letter to the committee because we were getting ready to move forward; he has received no correspondence from Mr. Litton. The committee has an option to move forward tonight or put it off for another month. The goal was to adopt it in July, go out to bid in August and award it in September. We can put it off for another month. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if we had already budgeted it for \$150,000 and Mr. Selb said yes but Mr. Litton was going to ask for more money. Unfortunately, their committee doesn't meet until the week after our meeting. After discussing the situation, it was decided to go ahead and approve the \$150,000 and move forward with it.

D. HITCO Property

Mara Wuebker discussed amendments to the redevelopment plan of the Hitco property. These are minor changes. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if the property is ready to be marketed and Ms. Wuebker said it is with some restrictions. Mayor Fitzpatrick said then when it is marketed it will be done so as an "as is" property. Ms. Wuebker agreed that will be the situation. One of the places the property will be marketed is at a Brownfield Conference.

ORDINANCES

- A. ORDINANCE 2015-6-7 – An Ordinance Appropriating Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle (First Reading and Introduction) August 11, 2015**

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-108-6** – A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Construction of the Hainesport Recreation Rancocas and Robins Park Project –

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-117-7** – Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Raised by Shoebox Recycling to **Burlington County Animal Alliance**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-118-7** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Repairing Cracks and Sealing Chase Park Parking Lot – **Nickolaus Construction Co., Inc.**

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-119-7** – Resolution to Award Contract for Repairs of Storm Drain at 126-128 Paisley Lane – **Decker's Inc.**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-120-7** – Resolution to Award Contract for Repairs of Storm Drain at 138 Merion Way – **Decker's Inc.**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-121-7** – Authorizing Membership in a Burlington County Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with Participating Units

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-122-7** – A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Bus Transportation for the Summer Recreation Program- **GST Transport Corp.**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- H. **RESOLUTION 2015-123-7** – Resolution Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at **1203 Washington Street**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- I. **RESOLUTION 2015-124-7** – A Resolution Raising the Bid Threshold

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- J. **RESOLUTION 2015-125-7** – A Resolution to Award a Professional Services Contract for 2015 Housing Plan Element & Fair Share Plan – **Ragan Design Group**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- K. **RESOLUTION 2015-126-7** - A Resolution Reauthorizing Contract for Fire Prevention Bureau Software

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- L. **RESOLUTION 2015-127-7** – A Resolution Referring Redevelopment Plan Amendment to the Joint Land Use Board

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Thank you card from Kyle Prescavage** – Recognition by the Hainesport Municipal Recreation Program
- B. **Thank you card from Catelyn Petrucelli** - Receipt of Hainesport Municipal Recreation Award
- C. **Letter from Department of Environmental Protection** – Re: Burlington County Stormwater Quality Enhancement Projects

Mr. Selb said this is actually for the county to get funds from the state to buy a storm sewer video camera truck system and two portable water sedimentation treatment tank system units. This is to go around and address storm water management problems in specific towns. We are named in this and it may be prudent on our part to send a letter to support to DEP as well as the county.

Motion to receive and file the correspondence: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue thanked Mr. Selb and the township for getting the tables for the Senior Citizen Club. She said it is so nice to have clean and unused tables that haven't been taken all over. Everyone appreciates them. She said she knows that everyone is going to jump on this pickle ball and Mayor Fitzpatrick said that is not definite yet. Mrs. McNelis said she is trying to find out why they can't have a basketball court in the park. Mayor Fitzpatrick said they would take that into consideration.

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. Porto had no comments tonight.

Mr. Dickinson said if anyone has any ideas for the county grant they should bring them to Mr. Selb. What has been done with the last few grants, this park is one of the nicest parks in the area. A lot of work has been done in the Chase Park and the other parks are having work done and coming up fantastic. Please let us know of any ideas you have.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said he reiterates what Mr. Dickinson said. He thinks that the Rancocas Parks that are going down are going to be an asset in those areas. He asked Mr. Selb about the speed bumps that were discussed last month and Mr. Selb said that the engineer was in today and gave him all kinds of information about them. He was going to wait until the next meeting to allow the committee to peruse the information. He will put it in the committee's boxes. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he has been approached by some residents of the Sage Run area about the speed bumps and they are interested. Mr. Selb said it is not too late to have them come to any meetings. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Dickinson if he could get in touch with some of the people that have contacted him about the speed bumps and let them know we will probably be talking about them at the August meeting. Mr. Dickinson said yes. Mr. Selb said he would contact the presidents of the different associations that they would be discussing the speed bumps.

BILL LIST

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session

A. RESOLUTION 2015-128-7 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- Economic Development

Before we adjourned for the evening Mayor Fitzpatrick brought up a letter from the fire company. There was a situation in 2014 where the fire company was budgeted a certain amount of money and throughout the year they did not spend the full amount that was budgeted to them. Hence, they never got the total amount that was budgeted to them. Mr. Selb said when the year came to a close they realized that they did not get the full amount of the money. Now they are coming back to us and asking how they can get the balance of the money. The township has reached out to the auditors to find out what can be done to help them out to secure those funds. We will be in contact with the fire company to let them know what can be done. Mayor Fitzpatrick said we will make sure this doesn't happen in 2015.

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:21 P. M.

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**July 28, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This Emergency meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate 48 Hour Notice was not provided of the meeting to the Burlington County Times and the Courier post but were emailed on July 28, 2015 at 7:30pm and posted on the Township Bulletin Board. This notice is being given for an Emergency Meeting of Hainesport Township. Such notice is necessary to deal with a matter of emergency in Hainesport Township. Failure to do so would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest. The meeting is limited to discussion of loss of the Township Phone system. It also is to select a new system to conduct day-to-day business and provide services and meet the needs of the public acting with respect to such matter of urgency and importance. This notice is being provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting by posting the notice of the same in the public place, Township Municipal Building Bulletin Board; and delivering to the two newspapers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8d. It was also filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call** – present were Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman Porto, Committeeman MacLachlan, Deputy Mayor Dickinson and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present was the Township Administrator/Clerk Leo F. Selb, Jr.
- 3. Resolution 2015-129-7** – A Resolution Authorizing Emergency Meeting for a New Telephone System for Hainesport Township Municipal Building

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto.

- 4. Discussion** – phone quotes

Mr. Selb said he and Ed Ruggiano worked very diligently with the two vendors to get phone quotes today. We had one quote from All Systems Go and another one from Network Plus, LLC. Both systems are pretty much

identical in as far as the phones and what they offer to us in relationship to the options. They are both identical. They both offer us all the bells and whistles that we presently have and then some, because technology has advanced in the last thirteen years. This came about because thirteen years ago we put a phone system here and it really outlived its useful life. We got our money's worth. One of the cards went bad and to get this system up to see if it's operating is \$3,000. The system is no longer in production, we would have to scrounge for parts and even if we brought it up there still may be more cost to get it back to where it has to be. So we felt it wasn't prudent to invest in an older system, it could just fail again in another year. That's why we went out to look at these two new systems. The one system is hard wired into our lines that we have existing. We have two sets of lines in our building. They are called a cap three and a cap five. Our cap five is used primarily for our computers and our cap three line is used exclusively for our phones. The system for All Systems Go is proposing to go through our cap three lines. We would be hard wired in and our provider would be Verizon unless we decide to change and go with someone else. The other vendor is proposing to go through our existing five lines; it would operate through our computer systems and we would go through him and he would provide our telephone service if we go through him. By telephone service, Mr. Selb said, he means all our phone calls. Right now through Verizon we pay for local toll calls per minute and we also pay for long distance calls within the United States. With Network Plus, it includes everything. What he does is that he sets up a block of minutes which is about 3500 minutes; we don't even come close to that per month. Initially we are going to try and gauge where we are; that will come down. Based on that, and based on the price of both vendors, Mr. Selb said if we go with Network Plus, we could probably save \$10,000 per year in phone calls. We average \$1200 per month. He would charge us about \$380 per month so we would save a tremendous amount of money. We could get those possible savings if we go with Comcast through the other vendor, but that is an unknown at this point. Mr. Selb said he doesn't have that information in front of him. It would take a couple of days to process, he's not sure. That delay is causing issues with our staff and the public because as of right now when people call they just get a ringing phone; they'll get no answering service, they can't connect to anybody; unless somebody is sitting next to that phone the public is not getting service. The pro to the technology based one, Network Plus, is that it operates in a cloud, it's the new thing that is out there, and it has redundancy, by that he means if for some reason Comcast goes down, we lose Comcast and we couldn't get our phones, it would hook up to Wi-Fi.

We have a fee built into the price where we would be able to hook up to Wi-Fi and still have our phones and computers. If something took out the lines for Verizon, we have no phone, if the Comcast cable got cut, we have no internet and no phones. So in a disaster, there are a lot of pluses if we go with Network Plus. Mr. Selb said he can't say enough about All Systems Go as far as their service, they have been outstanding, there is no question about that. It comes down to a dollars and cents issue. If we go with Network Plus, the first year the investment would be \$7,800 and then we would start saving money, we would potentially save \$10,000. So within one year savings, it would pay for our system and then some; if we stay with them for a second year it would put \$10,000 in our pocket. If, in two years, you say you don't like that system, we want to go back to the other one, there are too many problems with this system, and we would have enough money to go back to All Systems Go, put their system in and still not cost us anything because we would have broken even in two years. Mr. Selb said he believes it is an investment that we should consider because seriously from a technology base and something we should try. Other towns have it; at this point he would mention that Mansfield Township has it and they seem to be pleased with it. It has saved them a ton of money. There are some businesses that have it. This is not a new technology, it is throughout the United States and is a neat technology for municipalities to go there; Mr. Selb has talked to several clerks and they are looking at it because of the cost savings. That is what they are looking at it for. That is the pros and cons of it. Mr. MacLachlan asked if the wired connection went down we could use the cellular system. Mr. Selb said yes, the cost is built in that we would have five gigabytes worth of data that we could use if it went down. That is built into the cost we would pay every month to our provider which would be Network Plus. He explained there is a cloud there every month that provides us the use if ever we need it. The provider puts in five gigabytes and says a lot of companies only use one gigabyte, so if we reduce it down to one gigabyte it reduces our bill even more. He is only going to be converting our voice lines, the fax lines will be staying with Verizon initially, and we want to see how much it will cost us. He can switch them over but we want to see what the price difference is. Mr. Selb said part of him would like to stay with the hard wired fax lines. If, for some reason, something happened and we lost that system entirely, and he doesn't see that happening because there are backups, we could always go and hook a phone up to the fax line and have phones. Mr. MacLachlan asked who could install their system faster and Mr. Selb told him they both could have their system in by Monday. Mr. MacLachlan asked if Mr. Selb likes Network Plus more and

Mr. Selb said it is modern technology, he feels sad that we are going away from All Systems Go because they have been very good to us, but he thinks from a dollars and cents business stand point that is the direction we have to look at. It will give us all the features that we have now, both systems will give us advanced features and they both give us the same advanced features. When will it cost us money? If a wire goes down in the wall and we have to fix it then it will cost us. Other than that if there is a problem, if the equipment malfunctions and it is out of warranty, then it will cost us.

5. Resolution 2015-130-7 – A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a new Telephone System for Hainesport Township – Network Plus, LLC

Mr. Selb made a correction to the resolution that the cost of installing the phone system for Network Plus should be \$7,828.47 which will include the monthly cost. It was also noted that all the ladies will be trained as well as Ed Ruggiano so he can do adjustments through the computer on their system so we won't even have to bother them. The system is designed so that if we have a problem he can come in and do something with the computer and fix it from home. Both systems give us the ability to fix the systems remotely. Mr. Selb said it was not an easy decision.

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. Mayor Fitzpatrick abstained. All others: yes.

6. Adjournment @ 7:45 P. M.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Voice vote: all yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**August 11, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of August 11, 2015, was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 7:30 P.M.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman MacLachlan and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa.

MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF July 14, 2015**
- B. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF July 28, 2015**
- C. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF September 9, 2014**
- D. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF October 6, 2014**
- E. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF January 31, 2015**
- F. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF February 10, 2015**
- G. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF April 14, 2015**
- H. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF May 12, 2015**
- I. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF June 16, 2015**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

REPORTS

- A. **Tax Collector** – July, 2015
- B. **Code Enforcement** – July, 2015
- C. **Fire Official** – July, 2015
- D. **Construction** – July, 2015

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

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. County Park Grant

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb to explain the five options we have to request money from the county for the County Park Grant. Mr. Selb said it is due September 25 of this year. The five options we have are:

1. Stadium type lights for the out on the soccer fields. This would cost in the neighborhood of \$170,000 for 4 lights. Mr. Selb spoke to the Clerk/Administrator in Westampton because they did put some lights there and they did get county park money for that. To run those lights we would need to get a 600 amp service from PSE&G; we would have to build a small building out there to house all the panels for each of the lights, along with the meters to measure it. You are probably talking about an \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 project. Spacing that out over 6 or 7 years, and that would be saying if the county was generous with it and we always got a considerable amount of money in our grant. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb how long we would be locked into that project and was told it would be about 8 to 10 years. Mr. Selb said if the lights are put onto the fields the fields would be locked into where they are now. The soccer association changes the configuration of the fields occasionally so the lights may not be appropriate on how they change the configuration.
2. Pickle ball courts is another option to be considered. There has been some indication that some people are interested in using the 2 pickle ball courts that were installed over in the Chase Park. If, for some reason, the pickle ball courts becomes a fad, we can change them over to tennis courts.
3. Enhancing the softball fields in the Chase Park is another option. The outfield is pretty rough and it would need some grading, installing some foul pole lines etcetera.
4. Grading changes at the softball field and perhaps installing a lacrosse field at the Chase Park is the fourth option.
5. The last project is creating some pathways through a wooded area that runs parallel to Marne Highway from Oak Lane into our walkways. There are pros and cons to that;

it would extend our walking path but it is through the woods so we would not be able to light it with solar lights like we have most of our areas because it would be closed in. We would need to light it with electric lights and that would be a long term re-occurring cost or we could sign it and say that the place is closed at night and not have people go down there because there is serious liability issue because it is very dark in the woods and we wouldn't want anyone injured.

Those are the 5 projects Mr. Selb had for the committee and he asked for a commitment tonight only because he has been dealing with Alaimo Engineering looking at each one and they need some direction to be able to flush out that project to be able to get the grant application in by the 25th of September. Mr. Porto asked what the cost would be of the projects. Mr. Selb said approximately \$170,000 to \$180,000 for the pickle ball courts, the Chase Park grading would be a little over \$100,000, the pathway would be just macadam and the cost would be very minor. We may want to put a couple projects together and try to apply for 2 projects. That would max it out when you start to include benches, trash cans and picnic tables in some of these areas. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if we were able to go for the full \$250,000, could we combine some of these together and Mr. Selb we would have to present it together. We've done that in the past. We try to fund any additional funds with the Open Space funds. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he wanted to go for the maximum amount allowed. However they decide to put it together he wants to make sure it equals \$250,000. Mr. Selb said he understood. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if the 2 parks in Rancocas Heights are coming along and are pretty much where we want them to be and Mr. Selb said there is 1 issue we have to address at 1 of the parks but he is hoping to address that with Open Space money. Mr. Boettcher asked how much it would be for projects 2, 3 and 4 and Mr. Selb said it would be well over \$400,000. After much discussion, it was decided to go with projects 2, 3 and 5. Mr. Porto said he wanted to point out that we had just received a letter from the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, that they have set up a goal of up to 10% of the Municipal Aid Fund will go to projects such as bikeways or street scapes and they support walking and biking in the community. So we might also be able to apply for grants from the DOT and team up that way. We have been approved before for walking paths connecting to the county park system. Mr. Selb said we will have 1 more meeting before the grant has to be submitted so he will be able to bring it before them at the next meeting in September.

B. Speed Bumps

Mayor Fitzpatrick said that since there were so many here tonight concerning the speed bumps he was going to change things around and allow those that want to talk about them to come up and speak their minds before the committee moves forward in discussing it.

Andrea Kinsey, 19 Parry Drive – said they have been there since the beginning and she is home during the day. She walks every day between 8 and 9 and she doesn't think there is very much speeding so she is against the speed bumps. She said she had done some research; they were invented in the early 1950's and they were for heavily traveled roads and a lot of pedestrians. That does not apply to Parry Drive. Also, the speed bumps on Easton Way are on a straight through way between Mt. Laurel Road and the highway. Theirs is not. Mostly it is just a loop with residents, landscapers and contractors. In her

research she has found that a lot of speed bumps have gone into the municipalities and they have had to be removed at an additional cost. The people that wanted them changed their minds and then wanted them removed. The negative things that go with speed bumps are: the cars speed up between the bumps, they go over them, especially trucks, and they make a lot of noise, they can do damage to certain cars, prohibits snow removal, reduces emergency vehicle response time and seconds count. She said streets are for cars not children; keep your children in the back yard. She suggested that there be more speed limit signs along the road, also a couple more stop signs or even a new LED signs that tell the drivers how fast they are going. They cost about as much as speed bumps. Lastly, Mrs. Kinsey said it wouldn't be bad to see a trooper come through now and then. It would nice to have a presence in the neighborhood of the troopers. Her last comment is that if someone actually requested her husband and she would like to see some data that research was done and why do they need them on the streets.

John Miller, 36 Parry Drive – said he is here with his wife and his concern is the snow removal; sometimes on Parry Drive the snow plows don't always scrape down to the ground and they get a lot of ice and he can't imagine that the speed bumps will enhance that in any way but negatively. He agrees with the statement that when drivers slow down for the speed bumps they speed up to make up for the time lost over the bumps. He said that there is a patch spot in front of his house and he is constantly straightening pictures in his house; it doesn't seem that the drivers hit much of anything but apparently it reverberates in the house and the pictures are disturbed. Mr. Miller said obviously they are against the speed bumps.

Fritz Marth, 100 Parry Drive – said he and his wife are here to speak against the speed bumps on Parry Drive. He said it has been his experience that they don't do much to reduce the speed; he certainly doesn't notice any reduction of speed on Bancroft Lane. People just move to the right to avoid the speed bumps. He thinks it is undertaking a project that he doesn't see a need for. Mr. Marth said he lives a few houses off of Parry and Parry and he has never seen an accident there. They have never seen a child get hurt, in fact he has never even heard of that happening. For the school bus, the children would just be bounced around more because of the speed bumps. It would be more of a maintenance issue. They are somewhat unsightly and he doesn't think they serve a purpose. There would be more signs and it would be obtrusive to the neighborhood. He hasn't witnessed any problem because of excessive speed on Parry Drive.

Don Brauckman, 1 Parry Drive – said he is for the speed bumps but he is also for any kind of creative idea that we can come up with. He said someone said you can't go any faster than 25 mph and he says they should stand out on Parry Drive anytime between 2 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 at night. The speeds are up to 45 mph. We now have skateboarders out in the street. He said nobody walks on sidewalks anymore except the seniors that wave to him in the morning. Getting out to get your mail is a real endangerment, pulling out of your driveway is always a problem. Someone is right there before you can even get to the stop sign. Mr. Brauckman said he knows speed bumps are not the way of the future but there are some new speed humps that were developed that are longer, shorter than but not as short as what an emergency vehicle, a trash truck or a school bus cannot easily go across with both wheels. That is different for a vehicle; a

vehicle can only slide to the left or slide to the right. There are some children still in the neighborhood and there are a lot of seniors in the area. Speed bumps may not be the solution; somebody mentioned the LED lights; he has seen them in various towns. Mr. Brauckman said it is a concern but he will go along with the majority. He has brought this to the association's attention before; the speeds are excessive.

Denise Triocci, 73 Parry Drive – said she is for the speed bumps or something comparable. She disagrees with the other people who say there is no need for the speed bumps. Where she lives, by the time the drivers get to her house they are doing at least 40 mph. She has witnessed this; she has been a stay at home mother since the day they moved into the house and has been outside with her children out of fear that one of her neighbors would be the one to run them over if they go out into the street. As someone stated, it is not a cut through street. It is for the residents of Sage Run, and it is the residents of Sage Run who are speeding through Sage Run. Now we no longer have little children but it is our children that are speeding down the street. Their friends are coming into the neighborhood and are speeding down the street. Some of the residents that live on Easton Way witness the same thing with or without the speed bumps and shame on whoever speeds up between speed bumps. The speed limit is 25 mph and if they are in such a rush they should leave 10 minutes earlier. Mrs. Triocci said she wasn't aware that speed bumps would slow emergency vehicles down and for that reason she would appreciate other options or whatever else is available, whether it be a sign, an LED sign whatever but she can tell everyone speeding in her neighborhood is absolutely an issue.

Mike Ciravo, 38 Parry Drive – said he is opposed to speed bumps, but not to opposed to some device to slow down traffic. He has been working from home for about the last 17 years and is outside quite often walking the dog and he thinks the biggest offenders are the school buses. Mr. Ciravo thinks a state trooper being there between the hours of 8 am to 2 pm would probably slow those guys down. He has a home in Florida and the way they curb the speeding there is with the flashing signs that give the speed limits and that deters people more than speed bumps would in his opinion. Speed bumps are antiquated and he would like to see the stats of speed bumps versus those signs. He thinks a stop sign could be put at Parry and Parry and it would slow the traffic down. He would put a couple more speed signs up and some of the flashing signs and he thinks it will make you more aware of how fast you are going.

Julie Heckman, 20 Parry Drive – is in favor of the speed bumps. She has listened to what the other people have said and she knows where they live and they are not on the straightaway like she is. She is on the other side from where they are. She understands their frustration because by the time people hit her house they are at Mach speed. They are easily going 45 mph. Mrs. Heckman also walks her dog and is outside and she also has children, but it is the amount of speed. She has followed landscaping trucks out of the neighborhood trying to get the names of the people that they work for and have called them to complain about the speeding. She agrees that the high school buses go too fast. If speed bumps are not an option because of the snow removal she doesn't know what that entails. There are speed bumps in front of Mr. Dickinson's house as well as Mr. MacLachlan's and she doesn't know how that has wrecked their roads or not as far as snow removal is concerned. She lives at Parry and Parry and thinks the right place for a

stop sign is at Parry and Thackery because it is coming up from the back and it would slow the people down sooner. As far as the flashing signs she would be greatly opposed to anything flashing in front of her house. A lot of the offenders are the kids and the landscapers. As far as EMS is concerned, they don't drive through the neighborhood at 50 mph.

John Kinsey, 19 Parry Drive – said he thinks what is lacking here is hard data. He is out walking the dog all the time and really doesn't see that many speeders. He walked the dog before the meeting tonight and was out for about 10 to 15 minutes and there were only 3 cars that went by. Mr. Kinsey said he is sure there are more cars that go by but again he feels that what is lacking is hard data.

Paula Clemens, 8 Parry Drive – lives 4 houses down from Creek Road. She said you would think that at that location you wouldn't see speeding but you do. You would think people coming out of the development would start to decelerate but they do not. People are coming through and stop at the last minute. When she is backing out of her driveway there is the beginning of a curve there and someone is coming down the road and she has to slam on her brakes. She said she has an excellent solution to the problem; if everybody just observes the 25 mph speed limit we wouldn't be discussing this.

Katherine Pohl, 59 Parry Drive – said she is 100% against the speed bumps. She does think something needs to be done about it; maybe the troopers should be out there giving tickets on a regular basis. She said esthetically they are unattractive, and she doesn't think they add any value. Ms. Pohl asked if there are any statistics of accidents in the neighborhood. She doesn't believe there have been any accidents due to speeding. She is not opposed to having something to deter the speeders but she definitely doesn't want any speed bumps.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said obviously everyone sees the predicament that the township is in. It's very evenly divided. We want to make sure we do what is best for the residents. He said Mr. Selb is in the process of purchasing a gadget to give us some hard data. Mr. Selb said his background is 36 years of law enforcement and he is quite familiar with speed bumps versus speed humps. One of the things that was brought up tonight is data, because we do need data. That data can be secured through the device he hopes to have delivered on Thursday. This will tell us exactly how fast cars are going, the direction they are going and even the time of the day. It is great because it allows us to share that information with the State Police so they can do selective enforcement. That means that at a particular time and day they know that vehicles in that area are speeding. Just to say let's go out and write a ticket from a law enforcement standpoint is pretty difficult unless you have a targeted time and this will help us do that. It has been Mr. Selb's experience that when you go to these types of things you find that it is the local residents. Once the word gets out the neighbors slow down. To answer the mayor's question, we should receive the device and we will put it out on the streets. Mr. Selb said he won't announce when it will go out or where but it will go out. It will give us a good idea of where and when the speeding is going on. He heard and we have done some research on the flashing speed signs that are actually a radar sign which are not inexpensive. When you start to talk about solar driven it drives the cost up. He heard about stop signs which is

something that has to be addressed. People call them mid-block stop signs but stop signs are not used to regulate speed they are used to regulate flow of traffic. That's what stop signs are for. DOT would have to stamp their approval on any stop signs that we put up and one of the things that DOT would request are speed studies and car count studies. They don't normally put stop signs onto feeder streets to slow traffic down, it's usually on the main street that the stop signs occur. You put them at the end of the streets. Mr. Selb said they would take a look at all those issues and report, hopefully, in September so we can look at it and tell them about the prices and costs and some of the studies. Mayor Fitzpatrick said there will be data drawn and there will be options discussed with our engineers so it's not something the public will see on the surface but it's something that we will be working on behind the scenes in trying to come up with a solution. We realize it is a problem that the speeding is going on and speed bumps may or may not. We will look through it, will get the data together so those that want to see it can have an opportunity to look at it. It is not going to happen overnight, unfortunately, so if the public can give the township time to work on it and put something together we would appreciate it. Mayor Fitzpatrick said Parry Drive is not like a Bancroft Lane where it is a cut through so it really is residents from within. We appreciate individuals like you that come out and do care and get involved about their neighborhoods.

Andrea Kinsey, 19 Parry Drive – asked if after all the data is drawn and the testing is done and everything is evaluated will there be a vote from the community. Mayor Fitzpatrick said there would be a discussion amongst the five members of the committee and, depending upon what the engineers and the planners have to say, there will be a decision made. Whether it be some speed bumps, LED lights or whatever is recommended the committee will make a decision. Mrs. Kinsey said as an afterthought that the LED lights are not bright and are much more noticeable than a speed bump.

John Miller, 36 Parry Drive – said that maybe the township could send out letters to the habitual offenders. Mayor Fitzpatrick said that would not be a problem if they could find out who they are.

Heather Brandolph, 1 Wells Court – stated that her household is con towards the speed bumps. She asked that, before the committee decides to put anything up in the neighborhood, they take into consideration the status of the community. The reason she said that is because they are new owners and they moved from Cherry Hill specifically because it is a beautiful neighborhood. When they drive along Easton Way they see a bunch of extraneous signs and paint stripes and more bumps. There are 4 notifications for 1 speed bump. In terms of clutter, it's starting to change the way the neighborhood looks. Everyone in the neighborhood is meticulous about maintaining their property so that it is a beautiful environment so she asks that the committee take that into consideration when they try to find a solution and that it not be something that clutters it up and detracts from the community.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said that this problem did not occur overnight so he asked that the residents give the committee some time to gather the data and get the information together. Obviously it is not as easy as "let's go with it" because we have a lot of thought processes here and there is going to be a lot for them to digest. We will move forward

and hopefully we can keep them abreast of what is happening. If they have any questions, Mr. Selb is the contact person so he will keep the residents abreast of what is happening and we will go from there.

ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE 2015-6-7 – An Ordinance Appropriating Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle (Public Hearing and Final Adoption)

Donald Brauckman, 1 Parry Drive, - said he is very much in favor of any kind of procedure or help in the way of emergency vehicles or updates; he lost his wife 12 years ago and they needed the emergency people there. Mr. Litton and the group of volunteers were right there for them. They are some of the most deserving people there and anything we can do to help them he is in favor of. He also had a gentleman that lived with him for 10 years and he had 4 re-occurrences it seemed like on a daily basis. Mr. Brauckman said the gentleman was an extremely heavy person and it took at least 5 people to get him out of the house. The volunteers do a tremendous job and deserve anything they can get.

Mr. Selb said before they go forward with the vote, he feels compelled to bring up the factor that he knows they were contacted by the ambulance squad because they were concerned about the commitment of the money that we are giving them and he wanted to say they have an opportunity, if they believe they need more funds, now is the time for them to speak. We can amend the ordinance if they so choose if they wish to increase the ordinance. Now would be the time to speak. Mayor Fitzpatrick said right now, if he's not mistaken, the ordinance is for \$150,000 and Mr. Selb said it could be amended if they so choose.

Steve Sereduk, 1617 Edwin Street – said he has been a member of the Hainesport Emergency Squad for the past 35 years and wanted to give the committee an update on the ambulance. This is a replacement for our 1995 Ford ambulance. When they first looked at these things they had a dream list; they wanted 4-wheel drive, a conventional cab and that came in well over \$200,000. Going back and forth they decided on a pretty good specification of what we currently have advertised for. The most recent development that caused the concern about the additional pricing came in July when the federal government came out with a new standard regarding the restraining of the patient department. Currently in the ambulance if you are just an occupant and not a patient, your constraint was just a lap belt. And the stretcher has 3 seat belts and the stretcher sits in what we call a horn device. Effective July 2015 that standard has been updated where we are going to be required to be in a minimum of a 4 point harness for the occupant and then the patient is going to be in another device that enhances that patient department even more. They have already talked to the 2 primary manufacturers of litter constraints; Ferno Washington and Striker. They currently have Striker stretchers that they can do some modifications to make them meet the new standards. They also talked to the vendor that they would like to have the ambulance purchased from regarding re-enforcement of the ambulance to accept this new device and that has already been

discussed and that information was included in the bid. So, if the township wants to give them \$200,000 they will take it, but they said \$150,000 and that is what they can live with. If they say they need an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000 they will deal with it. Traditionally, the squad has always purchased 1 of the ambulances and the township has purchased the other. They will deal with it; Mr. Sereduk said he is not afraid to sign his name to a note, he has done it before and he is not afraid to do it again. The main thing is they will give the township a good quality apparatus and good opportunity to deal with an organization that has been here for a long time and they want to keep doing it. Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked the squad members. Mr. Selb said the township did commit to \$150,000 and it was the idea that if there were additional monies, the squad volunteered to put something towards it. His only concern is that if something is dramatically changed then they will be short in their treasury. He doesn't know what the treasury is at right now but, again, he knows the committee doesn't want to short change the squad and they want to support the ambulance any way they can. Mr. Sereduk said he doesn't see a dramatic difference in the price of the ambulance with the upgrades for the stretchers. He thinks the squad will be ok.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

- B. **ORDINANCE 2015-7-8** – An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Block 108 Lots 1.02, 3, 3.01, 4.05, and 4.06, with a Street Address of 1328 Route 38, Hainesport Township, New Jersey (The HITCO Property **(First Reading and Introduction)** – **Public Hearing and Final Adoption - September 8, 2015**

Mr. Porto asked if the blanks will all be filled in and Mr. Selb said yes.

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-131-8** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Playground Surface for Recreational Equipment for Robins Park Tot Lot

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-132-8** – Resolution to Amend the Adopted Budget for Additional Items of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriations (Chapter 159)

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-133-8** – A Resolution to Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses in Hainesport Township

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-134-8** – Resolution Authorizing Delay of Interest Charges on Third Quarter 2015 Tax Bills

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-135-8** – A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Specifications and Solicitation of Bids for a 2016 Ford E450 V10 Gas Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-136-8** – A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License to St. Paul's Evangelical Church – 50/50 Raffle

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

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-137-8** – Resolution Approving the Release of Executive Session Minutes January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2015

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Thank You Card from Daniel Myers** – Recreational Recognition Award
- B. **Thank You Card from El-Rhonda Alston** – Hosted her Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Cotillion Meeting in our Meeting Room
- C. **Thank You E-mail from Walter Browning** – Re: Large Dead Tree Complaint
- D. **Thank you Card from Kayleigh Walters** – Receipt of an Award and Gift

Mayor Fitzpatrick said we also received a letter from the Department of Transportation for grant monies that came in after the agenda was put together. What we are going to do is ask our engineers to first take a look to see if there is grant money available from DOT and take a look throughout Hainesport to see what roads may need some work. From there we will take a look and see what we can do as far as applying for that grant. Mr. Selb said the deadline date for that is October 20, 2015. Alaimo has prepared grants for us before for DOT so they are very familiar with deadline so they will be able to move as quickly as possible. Mr. Porto said he knows in the past Phillips Road has been applied for but we were turned down.

Committeeman Boettcher said we should receive and file the correspondence.

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

William Elliott, resident of Hamilton Township – said he has operated a business here in town for the past 13 years and the business has been here since 1986. It employs 22 people and the company is called Paul Davis Restoration. He is considering closing his business or leaving this town because his clients which consist of major insurance companies will no longer tender him work; they do approximately 200 residential properties a year. The insurance companies won't tender him work because of the lack of a standing police force in the township. He said he would cite 3 instances that have occurred over the past 2 years:

First he had a theft of \$100,000 of equipment and tools. It took him 5½ months to get the State Police to even write him a report so he could turn it into his insurance company. It took many nights of going up and standing in the Bordentown barracks. He is aware that the barracks had a problem with mold and asbestos; that's one of the things they do. They moved the officers to Hamilton Township which was a full 40 minutes for a response time.

The second event happened in April when a non-employee of his, but a carpenter, brandished a fire arm. Mr. Elliott lost 2 female employees of his that day. The State Police responded with 3 rookies who came in separate cars and after 2 hours informed him that the individual did not have a license to carry firearms. There was no action taken. He said he spent several years in the military and is not afraid of firearms but some of the female employees don't expect to be walking through and see a firearm brandished out of a truck.

Mr. Elliott said the 3rd instance happened when his bookkeeper ¾ of a million dollars from him in September. He drained his IRA account to keep his 22 employees working and just recently the State Police assigned a trooper to start looking at this. It is a non-violent crime; he has heard all about the budgets, he has heard all about the disagreements between the governor and the State Police but he has had basically no support or any police activity that does not involve a violent crime. If this had happened in his town of Hamilton the individuals involved in stealing the ¾ of a million dollars would have been arrested already. He feels very strongly that he has to side with the insurance companies that say in the future we will be removing any contents from somebody's house that has a fire and we will take them to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the next "Paul Davis" office that has a police activity. Mr. Elliott said he will not go quietly, he has tried everything he can to get a response, he has called and left messages here and he is not normally a "disturber", but before he folds, and before he loses everything he owns, he wanted to let the township know. Business went well for the first 10 or 11 years, but for the past he's noticed a significant decline in the amount of support we get from the State Police. He thinks there needs to be a back channel and some method to somehow help other small businesses. He is 1 of 4 restoration contractors in the park so if he is having trouble with the 5 major insurance companies, then they are too. Mr. Elliott said he is very serious, but thinks if any of the committee members had lost their entire pension because of the lack of police activity in their township they would be equally serious.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Elliott what has changed in the last 3 years and it was answered that the State Police has become a training ground for rookies. He is a Vietnam veteran and he thinks he knows more about firearms and knows more about what to do in the event that someone is brandishing a firearm than some of these younger troopers. He thinks they are not a priority. He has spent \$80,000 in legal fees just to get where he is in the

embezzlement case so he could get a report so he could go to the bank. In Hamilton Township he wouldn't have had to spend a dime. There has to be a better way. He feels like he is the little police force over there because he is there a lot of hours.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Porto said that after the last meeting he reached out to the county and he is going to take a look around in the fall to see if there is any accumulated litter or dumping going on and identify on a map if there is a substantial amount. Then he will ask the county to join us for another cleanup day in the Rancocas State Park. They suggested there are small grants available. They recommend having the trash cans and recycling cans together. They say that when they are separated they are typically used for trash cans. So if we are going to install trash cans around our park we should have a recycling can right next to it.

Mr. Dickinson said it was actually nice to have everyone come out tonight; it was a very passionate group out tonight. Completely different from the Bancroft group. He thinks the whole committee realizes the issue is that with Parry it is a self-contained problem there and it is the same people. He is very sorry to hear about the RV bus flying through there and he is sure that Mr. Selb is going to contact the school probably to take care of that. Mr. Dickinson also said he wanted to say a big "thank you" to Public Works; he was out on the soccer fields this weekend and the fields are in unbelievable condition. They really do a great job. Lastly, he thanked the 4 people from the emergency squad for coming out tonight; it is appreciated and not overlooked for what they do for everyone.

Mr. MacLachlan had no comments tonight.

Mr. Boettcher thanked the various sponsors of the Concerts in the Park. He said there was a new sponsor this year; Mr. Selb, the Township Administrator. He sponsored a concert in memory of his mother who was a World War II veteran. As luck would have it, in the newspaper today there was an article of a woman who was 100 years old and was a World War II veteran.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for coming out this evening. There was some good dialogue and some very interesting points were made. He told Mr. Elliott that he would be looking into his situation because he finds it quite interesting and very disturbing. Once again, its government, nothing works overnight. He will look into why that is happening. Mayor Fitzpatrick also thanked the 4 squad members that came out tonight and said they are greatly appreciated.

BILL LIST

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. **RESOLUTION 2015-138-8** – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session, if necessary

Not necessary.

B. **ADJOURNMENT @ 8:57 P. M.**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**September 8, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of September 8, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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 Fitzpatrick at 7:30 P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman MacLachlan and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa.
4. **MINUTES**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** August 11, 2015
Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tax Collector** – August, 2015
 - B. **Code Enforcement** – August, 2015
 - C. **Fire Official** – August, 2015
 - D. **Construction** – August, 2015
Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collector's report across the minutes: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.
6. **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION**
 - A. **Speed Surveys**

Mr. Selb said there has been 1 speed survey done so far and there are several pages of information so he will give a synopsis of what the survey said. He said the data stated that 95% of the vehicles traveling on Washington Street between Deacon and Broad Street are doing 35 mph or under. There are a couple vehicles that spike late at night and early in the morning; the speed is pretty excessive. On the whole it is below 35 mph. Mr. Selb is still looking to see if there is a pattern for those that are going over the speed limit. There is a heavy volume of traffic but there is not a lot of speeding going on. The hoses will be put out on Parry Drive next to try and report some speeds out there. He should have that report for the committee next month. They are trying to do it every week. They put them out first thing in the morning and leave them out for a week. The report gives a tremendous amount of information such as the speed, the number of cars, which direction they are going and that type of information. When he gets that back he will share it with the committee via memo. Mr. Dickinson asked if they were going to do both sides of Parry Drive and Mr. Selb answered in the affirmative. Mr. Selb said after Parry Drive they will go to Bancroft Lane. There have been many people asking for the hoses to be placed on their roads. He has told them that as soon as they become available we will put them out there. He said that he thinks it is worth the investment and it will bear fruit for us.

Mr. Selb said he had 1 other thing to report on and that is the Regan Design report. He wanted to bring to the committee's attention on where Regan Design stands out at the Tot Lot in Rancocas Park. The basketball court there is complete and he thinks they are just waiting to put some final touches on it. The kids are using the volleyball court for a sand box. We are waiting for the sponge surface to be put down by our recreation provider at the Tot Lot in Robins Park. Once that is done the contractor will come in and put some finishing touches on both parks. We anticipate that to be done by the end of this month. They are putting some finishing touches on things at Chase Park; we have some trash cans coming in which are on the bill list tonight, some benches and things like that that have to be put out and that should be done by the end of the month.

7. ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-2015-7-8** – An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan Amendment for Block 108 Lots 1.02, 3, 3.01, 4.05, and 4.06 with the Street Address of 1328 Route 38, Hainesport Township, New Jersey (The HITCO Property) (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked if this is on the HITCO Property and was answered in the affirmative. She said the paperwork says the industry uses; wireless communication facilities including communication cell towers. She said we went through this whole thing with towers when they were going to put that other tower there. Our ordinance calls for time and a half the height of the tower in every direction especially if it's near a house. Ms. McNelis said that property is too small; if you put it in the middle of the property you would hit the house at the top of the hill or the house across the street. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb if that is what the township is necessarily going for just that. Mr. Selb said there are many uses, we are opening it up so we can market it. Mara Wecker from Regan Design got up and said that all the uses that

are on the report were not changed from the previous redevelopment plan. There were some minor tweaks that were made to some of the design regulations such as the parking or the landscaping. Other than that nothing was changed. Ms. McNelis said that at one time they had come in to put a tower there but couldn't do it because of the height. She also talked about the buffer that is allowed on the plan; she said it says that there only has to be 25 feet from residential areas. Ms. Wecker said they should take one thing at a time; as far as the cell tower, they just included the same things that were already there. Mayor Fitzpatrick said it is his understanding that if someone comes to us with a proposal we don't have to accept it. It still has to go before the Joint Land Use Board for approval. Ms. McNelis asked if it is on the plan and someone comes to the township for a cell tower couldn't they sue if it is turned down. There was a discussion about another cell tower that was brought into the township several years ago. Ms. Wecker said in regards to the buffer from the highway; the only thing that has changed is the front yard setbacks. The vegetative setbacks have not changed. Mr. Selb said there were minimal changes except for the setbacks. Everything done was made to make it more marketable. Ms. McNelis was sure there was a buffer of only 25 feet and Ms. Wecker showed her that it is actually a 50 foot buffer.

Ms. Wecker also gave a quick update on the Brownfield Conference that the property was put on the website. The plan was sent over to Alan Miller who is with the New Jersey Business Action Center. He was at a conference in Chicago last week and they were able to put the HITCO Property on their interactive market place website so it is getting some "look sees". Mr. MacLachlan said at one time there was a sign out on the property but there doesn't seem to be anything there now. Mr. Selb said he would check into that and get back to them. He said they are talking about doing some major marketing on this property as well as some others. He is looking at doing this after the first of the year. It is something he would want to talk about during budget time.

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

B. ORDINANCE 2015-8-9 – An Ordinance Appropriating Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (First Reading and Introduction) – Public Hearing and Final Adoption October 13, 2015

Mr. Selb said that the Fire Company have some breathing apparatus that is getting ready to expire in November. They put in for a grant. We are trying to put the funding into place so that if the grant does not come through we can move as quickly as we need to. That is why we are doing the introduction and we will do the final in October; we will know then whether or not the grant comes in. If the grant comes in if it's before our ordinance we can just not adopt it and if it comes in after the ordinance we can just let it sit, we don't have to spend the money. It's just that we are there ready to go if they need the money.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others: yes.

8. RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Selb asked the mayor to amend the agenda to add 3 resolutions. They will be 2015-150-9, 2015-151-9 and 2015-152-9. When we get to them we can go by title and 1 we may want to hold off until our executive session.

**Motion to amend the agenda to add 3 resolutions: Committeeman Boettcher.
Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.**

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-139-9** – Resolution Approving Performance Bond Reduction for **Bruce A. Paparone, Inc.**

Mr. Selb said he was supposed to receive a letter to reduce the amount from the engineer but he has not received it yet. Mr. Costa said they could pass the resolution contingent upon receiving the letter.

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

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015-140-9** – A Resolution to Authorize Renewal of Liquor Licenses in Hainesport Township

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-141-9** – A Resolution to Authorize Full Payment of the 2014 Budgetary and Commitment to Hainesport Volunteer Fire Department

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

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-142-9** – A Resolution Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the County of Burlington for a Park Development Grant for Recreational Expansion of Hainesport Township Municipal Park

Mr. Selb noted that he has asked for \$370,000 for various other things that the committee members approved. Mr. Porto asked why the figures were so much higher than what was given last month. Mr. Selb said he wasn't sure why they were so much higher.

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

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-143-9** – Resolution Extending Employment for Seasonal Public Works Employee – **Justin Mackintosh**

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

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-144-9** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Equipment for Chase Park – **Recycle Away LLC**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-145-9** – A Resolution Appointing Municipal Alternate Fund Commissioner, Claims Coordinator and Safety Coordinator – **Donna Kilburn and Leo F. Selb, Jr.**

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

- H. **RESOLUTION 2015-146-9** – Resolution Authorizing the Participation in a Cooperative Purchasing System

Mr. Selb said this company has come into the townships and have been able to save them money to buy various things. He is interested in joining to see if the township can save on the breathing equipment for the Fire Department.

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- I. **RESOLUTION 2015-147-9** – Resolution Authorizing a Donation to the **Burlington County Cloggers**

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

- J. **RESOLUTION 2015-148-9** - Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Service Agreement with **Lumberton Township** for Fire Official and Fire Inspection Services

Mr. Selb asked if the committee would hold until after Executive Session.

- K. **RESOLUTION 2015-150-9** – Resolution consenting to a Master Shared Services Agreement with the Burlington County Central Communications System

Mr. MacLachlan asked why we are just doing it now and **Mr. Selb** said the last one he can find is in 2011 and Central Communications wants a renewal.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

It was noted that the name Paul Tuliano was still on the resolution and **Mr. Selb** said he would correct that.

Mr. Selb asked the committee to hold the next resolution until after Executive Session.

- L. **RESOLUTION 2015-152-9** – Resolution appointing a temporary Deputy Mayor to Perform a Marital Ceremony

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

9. BUSINESS

- A. **Rancocas, Tot Lot, Chase Park**

Mr. Selb said he had already brought the committee up to date on the Tot Lot, Rancocas Park and Chase Park. He put them on the agenda in case the committee had any questions.

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – asked if Donna Kilburn was going to be Claims Coordinator and Safety Coordinator and Mr. Selb said he was going to be those. Ms. Kilburn will be the alternate for him. Ms. McNelis asked who did these before and Mr. Selb said it was Ed Ruggiano. She asked if that would change her hours and was told not that particular task but they may change after our Executive Session. Ms. McNelis asked if it would change her benefits and Mr. Selb said it could depending on the Executive Session. It's a personnel matter. Ms. McNelis said she thinks it's time to think about hiring a new CFO that would be full time and could work all day and we would only have 1 set of benefits instead of having 2 sets of benefits for 1 job. By the time the township pays benefits and wages for 2 people to do the same job instead of paying \$70,000 or \$80,000 it will be over \$100,000. She said she knows the CFO makes \$24,000 and then probably \$20,000 for benefits and then another \$20,000 for Ms. Kilburn and another \$20,000 for benefits that's \$104,000. She said maybe the committee members can afford it but she can't. She can't afford what they did to her taxes this year. Mayor Fitzpatrick said they didn't do that to her taxes, the school system did. Ms. McNelis asked what the speed limit is on Washington Street is and Mr. Selb said it is 25 mph. She thought that 10 miles over the speed limit is a ticket and Mr. Selb said he doesn't know what the State Police decide what warrants a ticket. She went on to say that she won't go faster than 25 mph on Creek Road and she has people that practically push her because they are late for work. They should leave a little earlier. She also said they still need the stop sign on Creek Road. Even the mid-block stop sign would apply now that the thing across the street is there. They have so many kids there now and playgrounds and everything, which is what is required to have a mid-block stop sign. Ms. McNelis asked what ever happened to the money that was donated to the township to get us started to putting our meetings on the internet. It was something like \$18,000. Mr. Selb said he doesn't know anything about it and doesn't think it happened since he has come to the township. There was a discussion about whether or not a donation was ever given to the township for that and Mr. Selb said he was not aware of this. She said she will find out and get back to the committee. Ms. McNelis said she would like the minutes typed up like what was done for the comments from the people about the speed bumps on 1 street. She said there was 4 or 5 pages of comments. She went on to say that they are talking about things that are important to them in our township and she doesn't see why their comments can't be more verbatim in the minutes instead of just hit and miss like it's been.

Mr. Porto told Ms. Deviney that he thinks she is doing a great job.

Leila Gilmore, 101 Devon Lane – wanted to comment about Jay Jones of the Public Works Department. It was a Friday night and he responded to a phone call about a big sink hole in the road. She knew he wouldn't be there Friday night but Monday morning it was taken care of. She said it was a blessing. Ms. Gilmore said the last time she was here there was a gentleman talking about several robberies and this and that. After that Stine's got robbed. She said it is a little disconcerting and was wondering what is going on with that. Mr.

Dickinson said the gentleman's crimes were internal. It was an employee that did that. She said she thought someone came in with a gun. It was noted that they brought in a gun and showed it to another employee. Ms. Gilmore asked if there were any of the smaller recycling cans that some of the residents could obtain. Mr. Selb told her to call Edie at the township building and request 1. She also asked what is going on with the lights on Route 38. Mr. Selb said he has heard that they are talking about putting turn lanes in and some are saying no, they are just upgrading the lights. Ms. Gilmore also asked about the fact that they are putting in sidewalk crossing things where there are no sidewalks. No one is quite sure of what they are doing.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – said that people were talking about the turn lanes and there are actually turn lanes at the intersection of Route 38 and Lumberton Road. One thing he brought up before is the amount of money that the committee members get in benefits and how much they pay for the same. Mr. Ruble proceeded to read to everyone how much each member got in benefits and how much they paid. He also gave the amounts of money each member got for salary. He thinks they get a pretty good salary. It is a good benefit to serve as a committeeman. Mr. Ruble asked Mr. Porto and Mayor Fitzpatrick if they receive a stipend for not getting benefits where they work. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he is not eligible to receive benefits where he works and Mr. Porto said he does not receive anything for opting out. Mr. Ruble asked if there has been any kind of action as far as some kind of honor roll for the veterans. He said they have talked about it before and wondered if anything has come of it. He said it is just an assumption on his part but he doesn't think anyone on the committee would be eligible to be on the honor roll so maybe that has something to do with it because most of the time depending on would be what their decision was. But most of the places, anybody that would be entered on an honor roll went into the service when they were a resident of the township. Mr. Ruble said Mr. Boettcher said he is a veteran, or he was in the service, but Mr. Ruble doesn't know if he lived in the township when he was in the service. If he wants to tell us that's fine. He doesn't seem to want to talk about it. He talks about firefighting but nothing about his service to his country. Mr. Boettcher said he was not born and raised in Hainesport. Mr. Ruble said he wouldn't be eligible to be on the honor roll. So that would be the answer; nobody would be eligible to have their name on it. Mr. Ruble said Mr. MacLachlan told him he was in contact with Hillary Clinton in regards that it was okay for the CFO to take her computer home with her to work on things. Mr. MacLachlan was very confused about that and Mr. Ruble said he could get the disc to hear that he actually said it. Mr. MacLachlan said if he did say that he was being facetious. He went on to say that he doesn't have a problem with the CFO taking work home with her. He has employees that take their work home with them and he doesn't see anything wrong with that. He doesn't know what she takes home with her, he is sure she takes phone calls pertaining to township business. He does not have a problem with that. Mr. Ruble said Mr. MacLachlan should know what is going on. Mr. MacLachlan said from the time she has been with the township he has based what she has done with the auditors and the audits. He said he has been with the township when there was not so good financial doings in town. Since she has been here she has really put a level of professionalism in the office. Mr. Ruble said he had a question for Mr. Boettcher if it was alright with the mayor. Mr. Costa said that as the township attorney he has to tell Mr. Ruble that he is here for public discussion not to cross examine and ask questions of the committee people for a lengthy period of time. He doesn't mind Mr. Ruble bringing issues up but he can't expect the committee people to go on

answering his questions. Mr. Ruble said since they ask him questions he thought he could ask questions. Mr. Costa said he just wanted to caution him there is a limit of what the committee has to answer. Mr. Ruble said that was understandable. He then said he considered it an insult when Mr. Boettcher asked him if he carved his name and initials in the desks in the school. Mayor Fitzpatrick said unless Mr. Ruble has anything that is going to be substantial for the entire town he would have to cut him short.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said we omitted correspondence on the agenda and he wanted to let everyone what had just come in to the township within the last few hours. There is going to be an employee wellness fair that is being put on by Lumberton and they have invited our employees over at lunch time. Our Public Works and some of the ladies are going to go over and take advantage of it. A lot of great things are going to be there. Also, on September 16 will be hosting help bag the bagger. Basically, it is a caring day and a help give back to the community day. Bagging skills for about 1 hour at the store. If you're interested there is a telephone number there and a person to call. Mr. Selb also reminded the committee there will be a hearing in Westampton coming up. He believes that was included in the correspondence; he will put it in their boxes. It has to do with some rate adjustments for utilities.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

No comments from the solicitor.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLachlan had no comments.

Mr. Boettcher had no comments.

Mr. Porto encouraged everyone to come out to Community Day which will be held on September 26th. It is a nice day to have everyone come out and see all our town has to offer.

Mr. Dickinson dittoed what Mr. Porto said. He said the girls in the office, Leo and Public Works put a lot of effort into that as well as all the people. His wife's dance studio, Edge, loves to come out and dance for the people.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked everyone for coming out this evening and as we move into the fall season he wished everybody a happy fall.

14. BILL LIST

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

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-149-9 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- **Land Development**
- **Personnel Issues**

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

Motion to Come out of Executive Session: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan All yes.

RESOLUTION 2015-151-9 – Resolution Authorizing Employment of a Code Enforcement Officer and Rental Inspection Officer

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher with the name Irene Barry. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

A. RESOLUTION 2015-148-9 – Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Service Agreement with Lumberton Township for Fire Official and Fire Inspection Services

This is contingent on them agreeing to the interlocal service agreement. As we speak they are holding a meeting so if, in fact, they agree to the terms that we have set forth we would then pass Resolution 2015-148-9.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan with the mentioned contingencies. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. Voice vote: all yes.

16. ADJOURNMENT @ 9:03 P. M.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**September 17, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

This Emergency meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Adequate 48 Hour Notice was not provided of the meeting to the Burlington County Times and the Courier post but were emailed on September 17, 2015 at 3:00 pm and posted on the Township Bulletin Board. This notice is being given for an Emergency Meeting of Hainesport Township. Such notice is necessary to deal with a matter of emergency in Hainesport Township. Failure to do so would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest. The meeting is limited to discussion of Appointment of an Interim Fire Official/Fire Inspector. This notice is being provided as soon as possible following the calling of such meeting by posting the notice of the same in the public place, Township Municipal Building Bulletin Board; and delivering to the two newspapers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-8d. It was also filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. The Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 6:00 P.M.
2. **Roll Call** – present were Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman Dickinson by telephone, Committeeman MacLachlan and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present was Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb. Absent was Committeeman Porto.
3. **Resolution 2015-153-9** – A Resolution Authorizing Emergency Meeting for Appointment of Interim Fire Official/Fire Inspector for Hainesport Township

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.
4. **Discussion** – No Discussion.
5. **Resolution 2015-154-9** – A Resolution Appointing Patrick A. Bigoss to Interim Fire Official/Fire Inspector for Hainesport Township.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

6. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:02 P.M.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Voice vote: all yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**OCTOBER 13, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of October 13, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

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

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Boettcher and Committeeman MacLachlan. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa. Mayor Fitzpatrick was absent due to a family emergency.

Trooper Storm Colleton was here to report on the activities from the past month. The trooper gave us information without the names of anyone. There was a threat of a suicide and through some internet connections the troopers were able to get to the juvenile and transport him to the Lourdes Hospital. There were some burglaries and thefts in the township that included the removal of bicycles, atv's and dirt bikes and through the investigation of the state troopers they were not only able to apprehend the juveniles that were guilty of the thefts but they were able to get all of the items back and returned the property to the owners. There was a report of suspicious persons on Lumberton Road and the troopers were able to apprehend 5 people that were smoking marijuana and committing criminal mischief. Trooper Colleton also reported a simple assault on a woman that ended in the arrest of the person that assaulted her. There was a stop for tinted windows and that stop resulted in the arrest of a person for possession of marijuana. Shoprite had several bad checks that the state police had to go out and arrest the people that had written the checks. There were also some instances at Shoprite that involved shop lifting. Trooper Colleton also recommended the residents that have black cats or dogs keep them in during the period of Halloween. There are some groups that perform ritualistic acts on them. He also noted that the parents should check the candy that the children bring home. He said if the public had any questions they should call the Hainesport Station and he would be glad to address anything they have for him. Ginny Cliver asked Trooper Colleton why the lights are so fast even though they have the wheelchair access there. The trooper suggested that she call the DOT and talk to them about the situation. He said if she tells them about a particular stop light that someone uses

at some particular time they should be able to adjust the light and make it longer for them to cross the highway. Jennings Black asked the trooper if he was aware of an incident where a pit bull dog had attacked a person. Trooper Colleton stated that the incident was not reported to them because it is not a criminal incident. He thanked everyone for their attention and said if ever he could be of any help to contact him.

MINUTES

A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** September 8, 2015

B. **APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** September 17, 2015

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher.
Committeeman Porto abstained because he didn't attend the emergency meeting.
All others: yes.

REPORTS

A. **Tax Collector** – September, 2015; 3rd Quarter Ending September, 2015

B. **Code Enforcement** – September, 2015

C. **Fire Official** – September, 2015

D. **Construction** – September, 2015

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

ORDINANCES

A. **ORDINANCE 2015-8-9** – An Ordinance Appropriating Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto.
Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others: yes.

RESOLUTIONS

A. **RESOLUTION 2015-155-10** – Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Washington Street Improvement Project

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

B. **RESOLUTION 2015-156-10** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Equipment for Rancocas Park – **Haddon Fence Co., Inc.**

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

C. RESOLUTION 2015-157-10 – Resolution Authorizing the Payment to Decker’s Hardscaping and Landscaping, Inc.

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

D. RESOLUTION 2015-158-10 – A Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Municipal Program Through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection

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

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

Virginia Cliver, 118 Mt. Laurel Road – asked the committee if the township had received a request to buy or donate money for the uniforms for the school that Ewing Sports in Mercer County donated. Deputy Mayor Dickinson said that was a very good question. The Education Foundation actually offered to buy the uniforms for the team. The 2 local programs are Hainesport and RV. Most of the children from the school play for either one of those teams. Ms. Cliver said RV wasn’t involved in this as far as she knows. Ewing Sports supplies the uniforms to all of those teams. Deputy Mayor Dickinson said that when the Education Foundation sent a request to purchase uniforms, Ewing offered to pay for the uniforms themselves. They donated the uniforms. Ms. Cliver wanted to know why the township didn’t offer to pay for the uniforms and Mr. Dickinson said the township was never approached to buy them. She said in the article it never mentioned the township and she thinks they should make it known that they were never asked to donate money for the uniforms. She said she received several calls about this and she thinks there should be another article to explain what actually happened.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she was sorry that Mayor Fitzpatrick was not here tonight but she was sure the rest of the committee would inform him that she is very unhappy that he had signs all over the parking lot of her church. She doesn’t think it is legal but it is also pretty ignorant.

Pat Macken, 116 Masons Woods Lane – said she has the bill list and when she went over it today she saw Safety Turf and wanted to know what that is. Is it artificial turf? Mr. Selb said he believes it is for the turf management. We have a contract with them to maintain our fields. She said because of the name of the company, she thought there was some artificial turf somewhere and was answered no to that. She said she also got the new bill list and said it was pretty interesting and that was all she was going to say. Ms. Macken said Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Porto ran on “transparency” last year and now she wants to read something. She said Peter Ruble has come up 2 months in a row and read to the people how much the committee members receive in health insurance and how much they pay for same. She asked why it is not put in the minutes and proceeded to read the information for each of the committee members again. Ms. Macken said if they were going to be transparent then they should be transparent. If they are going to talk the talk they should walk the talk. That is what they ran on last year. She would like to see it, everybody knows about it, put it in the

minutes. She doesn't know why they have to hide things. Mr. Porto said that she has all the numbers so it isn't all that hidden. She said she had to look for it on Paff's website because they didn't put it out there. Mr. Porto said it was released to the public. Ms. Macken said in the newspapers maybe but nothing from the committee. She then asked about Decker's Hardscaping and Landscaping. She wanted to know what it is. Mr. Selb told her that is for the Rancocas and Robins Park Tot Lot. He said that is the company that did the work there and it is paid for by a grant. She said she just wanted to clarify that.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – said for Mr. Boettcher's benefit the population of Hainesport in 1930 was 964. He said Mr. Boettcher had asked that question at last month's meeting. He went on to give the dates and population of various times. Mr. Ruble asked why the township meeting minutes couldn't be on the internet like the Joint Land Use Board minutes are. He said the township meeting minutes are just sort of half and half that you don't know what it is or whatever. With the Joint Land Use Board you know what is going on even if you weren't at the meeting. Why can't we have it like that? Mr. Dickinson said it is just a summary of what has happened. Mr. Selb said that was correct and the highlighted parts to include any resolutions or ordinances, votes that were taken, they are all included in the minutes that were just approved tonight. Those are the minutes that get posted on the website. It even does include public comment; it doesn't always go word for word. We are required to provide a synopsis of the summary of what occurred during the meeting. And that is in keeping with what we have done in the past. Mr. Ruble said what we have done in the past shouldn't have any effect of what you do now. What was done in the past should move along with the times and put new stuff together and forget the past. A lot of times with the public comment the whole article isn't spelled out clear enough that a person knows exactly what he is reading from what the person said and it makes a difference. He said that a lot of things that he has said is never translated into the minutes, so he would think that if the Joint Land Use Board can do it why can't the regular township meeting minutes be done that way. Deputy Mayor Dickinson reminded Mr. Ruble that the minutes are just a summary of what you have said. Mr. Ruble said that in other words the committee doesn't want the people to know what was actually brought up. Back to the transparency part that somebody brought up and maybe brought up a good subject that you don't want to put that in the minutes because you want it to go through verbatim so it won't be shown in there. Deputy Mayor Dickinson said that was Mr. Ruble's opinion. He had a lot more to bring up but because there isn't a full committee there is no sense in bringing it up.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said he had a couple reminders; Saturday is Clean Up Day. Everyone should have received their reminders already. Also, coming up on November 7th there will be a free rabies clinic for both cats and dogs. Here is an opportunity to get your cat or dog a free rabies shot.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

The solicitor had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committeeman MacLachlan said he wanted to mention how well Community Day turned out. It just keeps getting better and better. For our size town it is such an amazing event. People from all over come out to join in the activities. We had a lot of food and it was such a good showing. The helicopters couldn't come out because of the Pope being in Philadelphia, but even then, it was a great turn out. The ladies and Jay did a wonderful job for Community Day. He went on to say that Mr. Boettcher and Pat Macken were parking cars and he appreciates the work they did.

Committeeman Boettcher said that on Community Day the people kept coming and didn't leave. It was a long day. Mr. Selb said that he doesn't think people realize the amount of work Paula Tiver and Donna Casey put into the Community Day activities. Mr. Boettcher said he met a new resident recently and was told how wonderful he thinks the park system is. They went on to say that they are within walking distance of it and are taking full advantage of the system.

Committeeman Porto said that he wanted to clarify 1 thing; under the United States Constitution you have the right to place yard signs on a property so if the church allows permission for yard signs to be put there then this is America and those signs are allowed to be there. It is not illegal and if it were to be charged as illegal, it would be overturned by the Supreme Court as a restriction on free speech organization of religion.

Deputy Mayor Dickinson thanked Mr. Selb for all the work he does with the newsletter. We are getting a lot of compliments on it and it has a lot of information about the town's special things that are going on as well as the history of the town. We thank Mr. Ruble for all the information he brings but Leo's really doing a great job with that. Mr. Dickinson said he wanted to echo what everyone else said about Community Day. It was just incredible this year; it was nice to see all the faces out there. It's also nice to see Pat Macken and Bill out there parking people. All the kids helped from the churches, the Boy Scouts, the soccer club; it was a really, really nice event this year. He is out on the fields a lot and if the people don't utilize the parks that we have been fortunate enough to have because of grants they are missing out on a lot. About 13 months ago the township people got together and put together the special needs park and it is utilized constantly. What a great feeling inside. Every time he rides by and sees all the kids there it gives him such a great feeling. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Catherine McNelis mentioned that Comedy Night is the 17th of this month.

BILL LIST

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-159-10 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session, if necessary

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:13 P. M.

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

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**November 10, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of November 10, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Boettcher and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa. Committeeman MacLachlan was absent.

Mr. Selb asked the committee to amend the agenda to add Ordinance 2015-9-11 which is an ordinance amending our Capital Expenditure Ordinance reference to the ambulance and an amendment to the resolutions. Mr. Selb would like to add Resolution 2015-169-9-11 and that is in regard to entering into a shared services agreement with Westampton Township. When they get to those he will jump in and let the mayor know it is time to deal with them.

Motion to amend the agenda to place Ordinance 2015-9-11 prior to the resolutions and also add Resolution 2015-169-11 to the resolution list for later discussion:
Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF October 13, 2015

B. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF September 8, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Mayor Fitzpatrick abstained from the October minutes. All others: yes.

REPORTS

A. Tax Collector – October, 2015

B. Code Enforcement – October, 2015

C. Fire Official – October, 2015

D. Construction – October, 2015

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

Trooper Kish said he was filling in for the Lt. and did not have any reports for the committee. H Krollfeifer came up and asked the trooper to have the speeding on Easton Way looked at once again. He said it is usually the residents that don't even stop at the stop signs and it would be appreciated if there could be more police presence there. Maybe it is time to give the residents tickets. Mr. Dickinson said there is still night activity over at the one park and he would like the troopers to check into that.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. 2016 Meeting Date – Conflict in November for Election

Mr. Selb said there will be a conflict on Election Day in November of next year with the meeting date. The meeting and the election will both be on November 8, 2016 which is the second Tuesday of the month. He just wanted to mention it so the committee could think about what they wanted to do.

B. 2016 Budget Review Date(s)

Mr. Selb asked if the committee would like to pick a date for the 2016 budget review. Mr. Porto said he thought that we pushed the date last year too soon. He recommended a delay to at least March or April. There was a discussion between Mr. Selb and Mr. Porto and it was decided to wait until then. Mr. Selb also presented a quote for replacing panels on the digital sign out front. The weather has faded

C. Update of Sign Township Building

Mr. Selb showed pictures of signs that were proposed to be made by two different companies. These signs are to replace the current signs that show where people should go to get to the correct departments in the township building. The committee talked about the signs and decided to wait until next month to make a decision on what signs to have made. There was also talk about replacing the two panels on the digital sign out front. Mr. Selb said he would be able to do it without getting authorization from the committee because the panels would only be \$822.50 under our purchasing manual but he wanted to bring it to their attention if that is what they want him to do. Mr. Porto asked if the cost would come out of Capital Improvement and Mr. Selb said it would come out of the Open Space because it is tied to our park. Mayor Fitzpatrick said he agrees that the digital sign does need to be improved but do we really need the additional signs to let the people know where they should go. Mr. Selb said he absolutely believes that we should have those signs and the staff feels the same way.

D. Calendar Contest

The Calendar Contest is through the Clean Communities Fund and the township has asked the students from the Hainesport School to submit pictures portraying clean communities and/or recycling in Hainesport. Twelve pictures will be chosen; the first nine will be from each grade and they will be illustrated on our calendar (one page per calendar month), and the last three will be chosen overall of everything and each of these will have the students name and grade on the pictures. As everyone knows, the calendars go out to all the residents in Hainesport Township. Additionally, through Clean Communities, each student that is successful will get a \$25.00 check and the top three will receive a \$50.00 check. A total of 27 pictures will be given to us before Thanksgiving and he is asking the committee for approval to pick out the final pictures before our December meeting. The names will not be on the front of the pictures so there can be no claim of favoritism. Miss Hamilton, the art teacher of the Hainesport School, will be the one to narrow down the pictures to be given to the committee. Our Clean Communities Committee is getting a little more involved with the school to do more recycling there.

E. Speed Survey(s)

It was reported by Mr. Selb that the speed surveys in Sage Run are done and there is one more to be done on Bancroft Lane. He has a follow up to do on Washington Street since the school is now open. He is hoping to have them complete by December's meeting. He has been putting the results back in the committee's room so they can review them but he doesn't believe the committee would want to discuss them at this time because they are not complete. Once they are complete and the committee has had an opportunity to look at them he will send them an analysis of speed surveys and a thumb nail sketch of what they are of each area. Once the committee is ready he will release them because he has had several people ask for the results.

F. Website

Mr. Selb reported that we have been experiencing issues with the website since he came here. The website that we originally put in place in 2006 cost the township \$3000.00 and it is \$30.00 an hour every time we want to make a change. Last year we spent about \$1200.00 in changes and will probably spend about that much for changes. We are constantly changing our website. The problem we are having with the website is access by us to make the changes and even without that, is getting the changes to be made promptly. Mr. Selb submitted Hainesport's name into a contest and we were picked, probably a marketing, but he does have that agreement, which he gave the committee. The website design they are offering is valued at \$8000.00 and the first year's maintenance is another \$2500.00. All that is free, they will come in and design it for us and after a year they can continue to maintain it or we can take it over. We will own the software and they will come in and train us on how to handle it. It will be hosted by Comcast as it is now. The other company that gave us a proposal is NetworksPlus who we are involved in with our IT. Their price was around \$5000.00 to do the website and that is out right money and then a maintenance fee after that. Both websites can be viewed, he can email the committee the information to them so they can see what both of the companies can do. They will both do what the township wants them to do. The staff

agrees that it is time to make a change in our website. Mr. Porto asked for information so he can check out the various websites and Mr. Selb said he would give them the information after the meeting.

ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-9-11** – Ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-6-7 Appropriating Money Amending Appropriation of Funding From the Capital Improvement For the Purchase of Type 3 Class 1 Emergency Medical Vehicle

Mr. Selb said we had originally put it in for \$150,000 and this is raising it to \$190,000. He also said before there is any action taken he would like the committee to table this until after Executive Session so they could have a discussion. Motion to table by Committeeman Dickinson, second by Committeeman Porto; All yes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-160-11-** Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds Raised by Shoebox Recycling to **Burlington County Animal Alliance**

Mr. Porto pointed out that the actual resolution has the wrong number on it and Mr. Selb said he would have it corrected.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015–161-11** – Resolution Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at **104 North Cumberland Avenue**

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015–162-11** – Resolution Approving a Hainesport Table of Organization for Hainesport Township

Mr. Selb said he is aware of a mistake made on the paper and he will have it corrected.

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes.

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015-163-11** – Resolution Authorizing Advertisement Request for Qualifications for Professional Services

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-164-11** – Resolution Approving a Performance Bond for **Bear Tire & Auto**

Mr. Selb asked the committee to table this because we still do not have the performance bond. They have been called several times and he has spoken to their attorney. He told them he would hold it until today and if we didn't have it he would ask that it be tabled to give them more opportunity, but we can't move forward until they have that done.

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-165-11** – Resolution Authorizing Contract for Computer Services with **Edmunds & Associates**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-166-11** – Resolution to Award a Contract for the Purchase of a New 2016 Ford E450 Gas Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle – **Bay Head Investments, Inc.**

This resolution was pulled from the agenda.

- H. **RESOLUTION 2015-167-11** – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Trees for Chase Park – **Vincentown Landscaping and Nursery**

This is coming out of our grant for Chase Park. It is to add some trees to the park. We have a few left over that we will be adding to our other parks. The trees will be Crepe Myrtle and Sugar Maple. This has been recommended to the township by several landscapers as being hardy trees. Mr. Boettcher said the watering of the trees is what has him worried because we do not have any water over there. Mr. Selb said he has already spoken to Jay Jones about a “water buffalo” to water the trees. The location of the trees will not interfere with the sprinkler system or the irrigation system and any future plans for the parks. Rancocas Park is looking to put a gazebo over there and we are trying to keep that in mind, over here we want to replace some trees that we have lost. We will also try to give shade to the playground.

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

- I. **RESOLUTION 2015-169-11** – Resolution Renewing the Interlocal Services Agreement With **Westampton Township Construction Office Service**

Mr. Selb asked if this resolution could be tabled until after Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Memo from Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund** – JIF Dividend Announcement – Hainesport

This is the dividend announcement for Hainesport Township and it is in the amount of \$12,940.00. Mr. Selb said in years past we have applied the dividend to our bill and he sees no reason to change that unless the committee members wish to do something else. The committee members all agreed to do as they have in the past.

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

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – said he is unhappy about how the minutes are done because he can’t put things together. He said one thing that he wants to talk about is the fact that the amounts of the benefits the committee members receive are not put into the minutes when he reads them. He then proceeded to read the amounts that the committee members

receive for their benefits. Mr. Ruble also commented that when he gets the minutes from the Executive Session it only says what was discussed, it doesn't have any more than that. Mr. Costa said there is no official business taken during Executive Session. Mr. Ruble said he guessed they would hear a lot of accolades and congratulations for Mayor Fitzpatrick for winning the election, but he would like to congratulate Natalie Schneider for her effort in the election. He thinks it is amazing that according to his figures Mayor Fitzpatrick only won the election by 99 votes. For somebody who is supposed to be so popular, now this. Mr. Ruble said he thought she did a wonderful job.

H Krollfeifer, Jr., 23 Easton Way – said that he believes he is correct in saying that the committee members do not actually receive any money for the insurance benefits. The money is paid to the state. He asked if he would be out of line if he suggested to Mr. Ruble if he wants the minutes to be perfect he should correct it to say that the money for the benefits is not paid to the committee members but paid to the state. Mr. Krollfeifer also wanted to comment about the basketball backstops in the streets. He asked about it before and thought it had been decided that something would be done about them. He said at the very least he thinks they should have reflector stripes put on them because they are a hazard. Particularly at this time of the year when it gets dark when most people are coming home from work. He has observed at least 12 backstops in the streets and he thinks it's a potential hazard and thinks it should be addressed.

Debra Earl, 6 Marion Circle, Eastampton Township – is from Christian Faith Assembly Church and just wanted to let everyone know that the church wants to get more involved in the township. The various committee members welcomed her and mentioned that we have a township newsletter so if the church has something to add to it they should contact Mr. Selb.

Mr. Ruble corrected the way Mr. Krollfeifer pronounced his name.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb announced that tomorrow morning at 8 AM there will be a wreath placed at the monument to honor the veterans. If anyone would like to come out they will be welcomed to do so. It will be very brief.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa had no comments this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Boettcher had no comments this evening.

Mr. Porto wanted to say that Memorial Day was a very moving experience. He said also that he would like to see a brighter tree this year for the holiday. Mr. Selb said he has spoken to Public Works and mentioned that there needs to be more lights on the tree. He went on to say that someone stole some lights from the tree last year. Mr. Porto said he promised he would make cookies if the tree is brighter. Mr. Porto congratulated Mayor Fitzpatrick for his

re-election and to Natalie Schneider as a candidate for office. It is tough running for public office. Both of them put a lot of effort in.

Mr. Dickinson also congratulated Mayor Fitzpatrick, he ran a great campaign and he is looking forward to another 3 years with him. He also complimented the various offices in the township and Mr. Selb.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Selb about the road cracks and Mr. Selb said they are ready to go and are just waiting for the weather to cool off. He also thanked his fellow committeemen for their support and the township for re-electing him.

BILL LIST

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-168-11 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

- **Personnel**
- **Litigation – Sewer Hookups**
 - **COAH Plan**
- **Shared Services**
- **Equipment Purchase**

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.
Enter into Executive Session at 8:20pm

Motion to Return to Public Session – 10:35pm

1. Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

ORDINANCE 2015-9-11 – Ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-6-7 Appropriating Money Amending Appropriation of Funding From the Capital Improvement For the Purchase of Type 3 Class 1 Emergency Medical Vehicle – Introduction

Motion to adopt at Introduction: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman Porto, Dickinson, and Mayor Fitzpatrick yes.
Committeeman Boettcher – Abstain.

RESOLUTION 2015-169-11 – Resolution Renewing the Interlocal Services Agreement With Westampton Township Construction Office Service

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes

ADJOURNMENT @10:36 P. M.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. All yes.

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**December 8, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of December 8, 2015, 2015 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 7, 2015 and advertised in said newspapers on January 9, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 13, 2015 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 Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Committeeman Porto, Committeeman Dickinson, Committeeman Boettcher, Committeeman MacLachlan and Mayor Fitzpatrick. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Leo Selb and Township Solicitor Theodore Costa.
4. **MINUTES**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF** November 10, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman MacLachlan abstained. All others yes.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF** November 10, 2015

Motion: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman MacLachlan abstained. All others yes.
 - C. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF** November 23, 2015

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tax Collector** – November, 2015

B. **Code Enforcement** – November, 2015

C. **Fire Official** – November, 2015

D. **Construction** – November, 2015

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

6. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION**

A. **New Jersey State Police**

Trooper Storm Colleton reported that there are some active investigations in the township and suggested to those attending that they do not go over the speed limit on the roads; the troopers are warning the residents about speeding instead of giving tickets right now. He went on to say that it is our holiday season and crime is more prevalent now, so everyone should be more aware of things.

B. **Eighth Grade Dinner Dance Donation** – Motion to Approve: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. All yes. A group led by Tyler Petty and Allison Fueger came up and thanked the committee for their generous donation of \$1,000.00. Mayor Fitzpatrick presented the check to the group and pictures were taken.

C. **Calendar Contest Awards** – Motion to Approve Awards: Committeeman Boettcher. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

The following young residents from the school were presented awards for their participation in the calendar contest by the Clean Communities Coordinator Donna Kilburn and Mayor Fitzpatrick:

1. Cienna Tenn
2. Cora Blackburn
3. Meghan Sharockman
4. Samantha Flanders
5. Jenna Seeton
6. Paige Sugra
7. Ryan Hans
8. Hailey Bryner

9. Jazmine Kneringer

10. Anna Jones

11. Cameron Whittle

12. Johnny Rothamel

After the presentations there were pictures taken of each winner and the group of all the winners with the committee members.

D. Website

As a result of a contest that Mr. Selb entered and won for the township a free website, Mr. Dickinson met with the provider that is just branching out in New Jersey. The company, VTS, will do a very good job for the township. They are very interactive with the users and are very user friendly. The township will be able to make updates to the website up to the minute. If Mr. Selb has to send Jay Jones, our Public Works foreman, out in the middle of the night, the website can send an email blast to everyone on the website and inform them of what is going on. Mayor Fitzpatrick asked if the company will be building the website for us and Mr. Dickinson answered that is the situation. We will supply them with the information and two people from the township will probably be trained on it and will be able to do updates at any given moment. The first year of maintenance which is \$2,500.00 is also free. At the end of the year, we can continue to stay with the company or walk away and maintain the website ourselves. Mr. Selb provided the committee members with a cost analysis versus looking at another website and he feels that if we go 18 years with this company we will finally break even if we lay out the money for the other website because of the difference in the cost. At this time the committee members are just having a discussion, but later on they will have a resolution to enter into an agreement. Mr. Dickinson said he had gotten a lot of feedback about our present website and there have been many suggestions that we need to update ours. There was more discussion among the committee members and it was decided that the website is a very good idea.

E. Committee Meeting Dates – November , 2016 and January, 2017 Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Selb wanted to remind the committee members that the November, 2016 meeting date falls on Election Day and they have to move it to the 1st or the 15th of the month. Mr. Porto asked if they couldn't move it to Thursday, November 10th. After some discussion it was decided to go with that date. There was also a discussion to decide what date to have the January, 2017 reorganization meeting. It was decided to have the meeting on January 3rd 2017.

7. ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2015-9-11** – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2015-6-7 Appropriating Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Purchase of Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle (**Public Hearing and Final Adoption**)

There were no comments from the public.

Motion: Committeeman Porto. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

8. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **RESOLUTION 2015-164-11** – Resolution Approving a Performance Bond for **Bear Tire and Auto**

Mr. Selb explained that the resolution will be tabled because the business did not come to the township with the money for a performance bond but they have not. It was kept on the agenda because it had been tabled and they still have not come forward. By leaving it tabled it will “die” at the end of the year because our session is over at the end of the year.

- B. **RESOLUTION 2015–166-11** – A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Purchase of a New 2016 E450 V10 Gas Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle – **Bay Head Investments, Inc.**

Mr. Selb explained that this resolution has to be “un-tabled” and then afterwards he would ask for a motion to move the resolution. As long as we get no motion, it then dies. He explained that the resolution was predicated on a prior amount in the ordinances, and after talking to Finance, we had to raise it and when we raised it this resolution was no longer any good. So we are trying to dispose of the resolution. The following resolution on the agenda after that actually moves forward and makes the approval to enter into the contract.

Motion to un-table the resolution: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

Motion to approve the above resolution was not moved on.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2015-176-12** - A Resolution to Award a Contract for the Purchase of a New 2016 E450 V10 Gas Type III Class I Emergency Medical Vehicle – **Bay Head Investments, Inc.**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson. Committeeman Boettcher abstained. All others yes.

- D. **RESOLUTION 2015–171-12** – Resolution Accepting Street lighting for **Taft Court**

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson.
All yes.

- E. **RESOLUTION 2015-172-12** – Resolution Accepting Changes in the Street Lighting Along Route 38 Intersections within Hainesport Township

It was determined that the changes are about the street lighting along Route 38. PSE&G has now made the street lights no longer un-metered. Because all our street lights are un-metered we get a flat charge. With the change the lights will now be metered so we will know exactly how much electricity each light uses.

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Porto.
Committeeman Boettcher voted no. All others yes.

- F. **RESOLUTION 2015-173-12** – Resolution of the Township of Hainesport Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Motion: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Dickinson.
All yes.

- G. **RESOLUTION 2015-174-12** - Resolution Accepting Easement from **Bruce Paparone, Inc.**

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

- H. **Resolution 2015-177-12** – A Resolution to Award a Contract for a New Website

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan.
All yes.

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

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she is having a big problem in her neighborhood with dogs. She said there is a dog ordinance in the township but it doesn't seem to pertain to her neighbors' dogs because they come into her yard and eat her cat's food all the time. She has gone to the expense of fencing in portions of her yard to keep the cats out of the area where she feeds the birds. She also fenced in an area for the cats but the dogs still go in and eat the cat food. Ms. McNelis said she has talked to her neighbor and they tell her they cannot keep the dog contained because it jumps the fence. Mr. Selb told her she would have to get pictures of the dog in her yard in order to do anything about it and that is not easy. She said what we need is a dog catcher. She has had several cats spayed and/or neutered and it has cost her a lot of money along with the money she spends on cat food. Ms. McNelis said the loose dogs cause the neighborhood dogs to carry on. She asked if there couldn't be a cat ordinance in the township. Mr. Dickinson asked Mr. Selb if there wasn't something else Ms. McNelis could do and was told that she could sign a complaint against her neighbor and go to court with a photograph of the dog being in her yard.

Otherwise it is her testimony against his testimony. The code enforcement officer has tried to make contact with the gentleman whose dog is causing the problem to talk to him but he doesn't know if the contact has been made yet. After contacting the State Police, Ms. McNelis said she felt like she wasn't treated properly. Mr. Selb said she was welcome to sign a complaint. Ms. McNelis said we needed a dog catcher. She went on to say that the township building looks very nice and Mr. Selb gave the staff the credit for how it looks. There was a discussion with Ms. McNelis about what should be done.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – read off the 2014 state benefits that the committee members received. He multiplied those figure by 3 and commented on how much they would have received in a 3 year period. He thinks something should be done to put more money into the township for people that are having their house foreclosed on. He said the same thing with the sewer situation. Is there still litigation against some of the people in the township? Mr. Costa answered his question that there is no litigation. There is only a handful of people that haven't connected to the system. If these people don't connect, the MUA is basically issuing threats to the township. Mr. Ruble said he saw that the MUA is on the agenda tonight and wondered about it. He asked if Mr. Boettcher is connected to the sewer and if he is, can he vote on the program. Mayor Fitzpatrick told him that he could. Mr. Ruble asked what people are actually in the pension program and what people aren't and was told that they can't discuss that. He asked who determines how much each employee gets and was told that the township doesn't have anything to do with it; it is determined by the state pension program. Mr. MacLachlan said it is based on the amount of money received. Mr. Porto said he does not receive pension benefits from Hainesport. He is only eligible for benefits from Hunterdon County. Mr. Ruble asked about what benefits a township gives an employee that retires for life. The committee members said they didn't know exactly what he meant by that. Mr. Ruble asked what the final vote was for the last election. He said that for a man with all Mayor Fitzpatrick's experience he thinks it's something that a 24 year old inexperienced young lady only lost by 99 votes.

Leila Gilmore, 101 Devon Lane – asked if the township is now responsible for the street lights. Mr. Selb told her that we have always been responsible for the bills. She said if the township is responsible for the bills shouldn't we be able to request a turn signal at a stop light. Mr. Porto said we have been requesting a turn signal but that doesn't mean the state listens to us. Mrs. Gilmore said she has sat at the light by the Wawa over 6,000 times and at times, had to wait through 4 light changes. If there were a turn signal there wouldn't be that problem. She said she represents people at the Glen at Masons Creek and it is very dangerous there. Mr. Dickinson said maybe we should write a letter to the DOT and request a turn signal. Mr. Selb said he has had email correspondence with them and basically New Jersey DOT is the final word. He told her to contact the legislature and let them know the situation. Mrs. Gilmore said she took Mr. Selb's advice and offered up a solution concerning the turkeys and the residents were horrified at the solution. The thought of bringing hunters in to hunt turkeys during hunting season did not sit well with the residents. Short of the township going out trying to capture which isn't feasible there isn't much anyone can

do. She also talked to someone about having the fire hydrants painted. Mr. Selb said he talked to someone from American Water at the League of Municipalities and they said we can paint them. He got the correct name and will be in contact with them to have that done. He asked that to be in writing.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said he wanted to clarify that the amount that Mr. Ruble gave out were incorrect because the amounts he gave were all based on a single year times 3. The amounts of the previous years would have been less. Mr. MacLachlan said there was no mention of any employee contributions. Mr. Porto said while we were on the topic, he wanted it noted that he switched to a cheaper plan this year.

11. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa had no comments.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLachlan had no comments for the evening.

Mr. Boettcher thanked Mr. Murdy and his wife for standing in as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus for the toy drive by Ron Copsetta at his station. They stood out there the whole time and there was a trailer load of toys collected for the children. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Porto thanked everyone who came out for the Tree Lighting Ceremony this month. It was a wonderful occasion and the tree is nice and bright. Somewhere about 400 chocolate chip cookies were eaten in about a 10 minute period. He had a great time and wanted to thank all the volunteers that participated. He wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Dickinson agreed with everything Mr. Porto said; the Tree Lighting Ceremony was probably the biggest turn out this year. The hallways were packed. For the township; the leaves are falling from the trees and he sees the leaf trucks are out in full session now. Public Works will continue to go around and collect leaves as long as they can because it becomes a problem when it is time to plow snow. When he says that is enough the residents can still put the leaves out in paper bags made for that and they will continue to collect the bags. Don't call if they don't back up for you because the trucks aren't allowed to back up because it is unsafe...they will be back.

Mayor Fitzpatrick said he would like to take this opportunity and thank the committee as well as the community for allowing him to be mayor and serve them this past year. He hopes he did a good job, he did to the best of his ability. Since this is the last meeting before re-organization, this will be his last meeting as mayor for a while. He

wanted to say thank you and wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year.

13. BILL LIST

Mr. Selb said there was 1 bill on the bill list that should be pulled. The bill has been taken care of.

Motion to pay the bill list excluding DSHC Enterprises, Inc.: Committeeman MacLachlan. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. All yes.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2015-175-12 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session.

Motion to enter into Executive Session: Committeeman Porto Second by Dickinson All yes. Entered at 8:50PM.

- **Litigation – MHMUA**
 - **COAH**
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- **Personnel – Administration Assistant**
 - **Fire Official**
- **Building Security**

Motion to Come out of Executive and into Public Session at 10:13P.M.

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

15. ADJOURNMENT @10:15P. M.

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