

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**February 28, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

This special meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of the meeting were sent to the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on February 22, 2017. In addition copies of the notices was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice has been given, and the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Porto at 6:00 P.M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeeman Dickinson, Deputy Mayor Masciocchi (arrive at approximately 6:15 P.M.) and Mayor Porto. Also present were Clerk Amy Cosnoski and Solicitor John Gillespie.

NOTE: The order of the agenda was amended to allow for Public Comment prior to Executive Session, which was moved to the end of the agenda.

4. BILL LIST

Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes. Committeeman Fitzpatrick abstained on 1700155 and 1700171

5. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible adoption of resolution regarding Change Order for Pickle Ball Contract and authorization for first payment. Mayor Porto gave an overview of what occurred with the change order on the project and noted it was a recommendation of the Engineer to have the work done. It was noted that Contractor did the work and the first invoice needed to be paid. A motion was made to pay the initial invoice on the project for Command Company, Inc. in the amount of \$119,187.60. A resolution for the change order would be done at the next meeting.

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

Committeeman Masciocchi joined the meeting at this time.

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

Anna Evans, 3 Parry Drive – commented on the change order for the pickle ball court and noted since it was a necessary thing would Committeeman Fitzpatrick be apologizing for the comments he made regarding the prior Administrator and his involvement. Questioned who would be interviewed and for what position they were interviewing for. Noted the lack of responses from the Committee and requested that a Town Hall type of meeting be held so the public can comment and get answers from the Committee. Commented on Mayor Porto announcing the meetings on social media but due to his blocking people not everyone can see his posts and requested the posting be delegated to another Committee person so everyone can see it.

Kathy Parker, 1819 Creek Road – questioned the Committee on not commenting during Public Comments and asked if the public would be allowed to come back and converse on the issues once the Committee does comment.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – advised she concurs with the comments made about the lack of Committee comments during Public Comments and is concerned the public would have to wait an entire month to answer back to the Committee and noted she would like to see the meetings televised.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gilmore – thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Masciocchi – commented on the social media situation and felt the Township should have it's own Facebook page to avoid these issues.

Mr. Dickinson – commented on the Town Hall format of a meeting and noted it should not be a debate format and noted the issues with the website need to be looked at. Advised that Comcast was giving money in the past to televise meetings, however the Township never received the money.

Mr. Fitzpatrick – commented on the information he had received regarding the change order on the pickle ball court, noted however they work was done and needed to be paid.

Mayor Porto – noted that the Township does have a policy requiring Committee approval for purchases over \$2,000.00 which is one of the reasons they wanted to get all the facts on the change order issue. Mayor Porto noted they are all adjusting to the new format and noted that is it Public Comment and Committee Comment, not a debate format.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**A. RESOLUTION 2017-70-2 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session –
PERSONNEL**

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All
yes.**

9. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:44 P. M.

**Motion: Committeeman Dickinson. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All
yes.**