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HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**June 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of June 12, 2018 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post On January 8, 2018 and advertised in said newspapers on January 11, 2018, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 8, 2018 and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Mayor Masciocchi at 7:00 P. M.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL** - present were Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeewoman Schneider, Committeeman Costa and Mayor Masciocchi. Also present were Township Administrator/Clerk Paula Kosko and Attorney John Gillespie. Committeeman Fitzpatrick was absent.
4. **MINUTES**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2018**

Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.
 - B. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2018**

Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Tax Collector** – May 2018
 - B. **Code Enforcement** – May 2018
 - C. **Fire Official** – May 2018
 - D. **Construction** – May 2018
 - E. **Emergency Services Reports** – May 2018
 - F. **Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Costa. All yes.**

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

Anna Evans, 63 Parry Drive – said she noticed that there was going to be a presentation on recording the committee meetings and wanted to say she was very pleased. It has been a platform for the Democrats for many years. In fact, they did record the meetings for three months before Christmas. She said it was well received by the public especially when it was being transmitted live. Mrs. Evans also commented on Resolution 2018-98-6 authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burlington County Bridge Commission for professional assistance. She said she has very little idea what that is and hopes that it will come out as we go through the meeting. She said she thought we could do a better job of communicating not just what the resolution is but what it means, so that residents who are reading just the agenda can make an informed decision whether or not it's important for them to attend. She doesn't think there is enough information given.

Bill Evans, 1161 Cottage Street – talked about the semi-annual Hainesport Clean-up Day. He said the event that happens twice a year is invasive and affects the residents on Cottage Street. He thinks the township should consider the liability that occurs when items such as lead paint and asbestos are dumped into the dumpsters. He believes that is a problem. To compound the matter, a couple days after the Clean-up Day, the school had a fire drill and the children walked right through the things that have been dumped into the dumpsters and fallen around them. The township is leaving itself wide open for EPA problems. Mr. Evans said the township would be very foolish not to address this. He said it should be held at the township building where no one lives. Mr. Evans went on to comment about the garages that are behind the Street Building. Many years ago when Mr. Street was still around, he told him that the buildings were temporary and when the new garage was built those buildings would be dis-mantled and taken over to the new garage. Mr. Street is no longer here but the buildings are still there. Mayor Masciocchi said the township would look into the matters; maybe they won't take down the building but it will be looked into.

Mr. Gillespie noted to the mayor that the first session of public comments should be on agenda items only. He realizes the committee was being polite but he wanted to remind everyone that the first session is only for agenda items. Mayor Masciocchi reiterated that.

Louis Lopez, 98 Levis Drive, Mt. Holly – congratulated the Democratic Party for their win to the committee. He knows they will help to save the residents a lot of money in their property taxes and other things.

Roger Schneider, 611 Broad Street – said he was here earlier this year talking about the 100-year ditch and it is flooded again. There are hundreds of gallons of water there and he thinks if we have a heavy storm it will flood a lot of houses in the area. It is important to bring it up. He was out there looking at it today and eventually it is going to be a problem. Mr. Schneider said there will also be a problem with mosquitos because of the water. So he is asking if the township would take action on

this. You can see where the ditch is starting to clog up and there is debris in it. By his house you can see where someone put some pipes in so they could drain it out. Mayor Masciocchi said they would look into it. Mr. Costa asked where this ditch is and Mr. Schneider told him.

Michael Golenda, 1610 Albert Street – said he was talking tonight about Summer Recreation. He worked for the program for the past 2 decades and wanted to thank everyone for their support. He has had a wonderful experience working with the program.

7. DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

A. Assemblyman Ryan Peters – Constitutional Amendment to End Diversion of Tax Revenues by State

Assemblyman Peters thanked the committee for having him tonight and said this is part of his 20 town whistle-stop tour. He is trying to hit all the towns in his district. He wanted to talk to all the town councils and committees and meet the people of the district. He is already home because he lives here in Hainesport. Assemblyman Peters said the township has reached out to his office regarding the intersection of Route 38 and Fostertown Road. He said they had reached out to the DOT about the left hand turn signal coming up from Fostertown Road from both directions. DOT responded that they are finishing up a study. Once the study is finished, they will get back to the township and share the results. Assemblyman Peters left some business cards for anyone who wanted to reach out to his office for anything.

The main subject he wanted to talk about is property tax relief for the residents in New Jersey. He talked about ways taxes have been raised in the past and ways the various politicians have been able to keep the monies from the tax payers. The resolution he brought to the township is the same one he took to Mt. Holly the night before. It is in support of a constitutional amendment that says the state can no longer skim money from the tax payers. Whatever they take in must come back to the residents. If it is passed immediately the township would get back \$198,000, which we would have received in aid since 2009 and which the state was skimming from the town(s).

Mr. Costa said it is always a pleasure to get a politician who doesn't want to raise our taxes but someone who wants to bring them down. He would be very proud to support this resolution for Assemblyman Peters' bill. Now that Mr. Costa knows that he is interested in decreasing our taxes we are going to call on him again.

Ms. Schneider asked how the feedback has been in the other towns and Assemblyman Peters said it has been 2 for 2 on the resolution.

Mrs. Gilmore asked the mayor if they could get a copy of the correspondence 11B for the assemblyman. It is correspondence received from the Homeowner's Association at The Glen at Masons' Creek with over 200 signatures. She requested adding to the agenda Resolution 2018-103-6, supporting the Constitutional Amendment ACR-176 Requiring Full Payment of Energy Taxes to Municipal Government. There was a motion to add it to the agenda by Committeewoman Gilmore and Committeeman Costa seconded it. Mayor Masciocchi gave the Assemblyman a copy of the letter and petition that Mrs. Gilmore wanted him to have.

B. NJ State Police Trooper Travinski

State Trooper Travinski was the only one able to make it and he told the committee and audience that Sgt. Storm Colleton was transferred to the State House and he and Sgt. Lally have been assigned to Hainesport Township. He introduced himself as Trooper Brian Travinski and said he has been at the Bordentown Station for 3 years. He will be taking over the administration spot at the Bordentown Station. When he is unable to make it or there are other questions, Sgt. Lally will be the one to talk to. Their statistics will always be a month behind because the commanders meet the third week of the month. Trooper Travinski then read some of the statistics to the audience that had happened in April of this year. The troopers were given keys to the school just in case there is a problem and they need to enter the school. He asked if there were any questions and Mr. Costa asked if Hainesport school district has any type of security and was told there is a School Resource Officer present Monday through Thursday or Tuesday through Friday and there is a Trooper there for the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal of the buses. Mrs. Gilmore and Ms. Schneider welcomed the Trooper to the neighborhood. Mayor Masciocchi talked to Trooper Travinski about the bushes removed from the front of Hainesport Chase Park and was wondering if it gave the troopers a better view of the park. The Trooper said it does and the activity has slowed down lately.

C. Floodplain Program – Gene Blair, Construction Official

Mr. Blair gave a presentation of the Floodplain Program for Hainesport. Hainesport adopted and FEMA made effective the Floodplain Map on July 17, 1979. Changes took place in 2017. October 29, 2012 Super Storm Sandy hit New Jersey which really affected the Flood Insurance Program. FEMA took a few years to analyze what took place on the damage from Sandy and the flooding that took place. They redeveloped and realigned the special flood hazard areas in New Jersey. They took the map and made it effective December 21, 2017. On the same date Hainesport adopted an ordinance to update the existing Floodplain Ordinance. That was done to help provide additional protection by the insurance policies that are available. By adopting this it enables our residents to take advantage of the discounts. Mr. Blair went on to explain to the audience about the change in floodplains from 1979 to present. Roger Schneider said he wanted to see where Broad Street was located on Mr. Blair's map. Mr. Blair said the map is online if anyone wants to look at it. All they have to do is call or come in and talk to him or Kathy Newcomb for the web address and additional information.

Mr. Gillespie said he has known Mr. Blair for quite a long time and he just wanted to say that Mr. Blair knows his stuff. He went on to say that attorneys go to him and ask questions. He is one of the most respected Construction Officials he has ever known.

D. Video Recording of Committee Meetings

Ms. Kosko said she didn't have extensive information on the video recording of the committee meetings. She spoke to the township IT professionals and they gave her the name of a company called Stream Spot. They do a lot of work with churches and are actually becoming more involved with municipalities. It tends to be less expensive but there is a lot of equipment involved. She is by no means a professional when it comes to this. It's not as easy a recording and putting it on our website. Ms. Kosko told the committee how much is included to bring this to fruition and gave them some prices. If anyone wants to go on their website it is Streamspot.com and they can see for themselves what can be done. The other option is not much of a choice. She spoke to Moorestown and they had it pretty much installed when their new building was constructed. Hopefully, she will be able to get more information and put it together to present to the committee so they can make a decision if they want to start recording the meetings. Options include live streaming or recording and putting it on the website at a later time. Ms. Schneider said so far she likes Stream Spot but they are still researching. Mayor Masciocchi said he is leaning more towards the live stream. There was a little more discussion among the committee members and Ms. Kosko and they will wait for more information from her.

8. ORDINANCES

- A. **ORDINANCE 2018-5** – Provide for and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officials and Employees of the Township of Hainesport **(Public Hearing and Final Adoption)**

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

- B. **ORDINANCE 2018-6** – Amend Chapter 144 of the Code of the Township of Hainesport Entitled: "Sales" **(First Reading and Introduction) (Public Hearing and Final Adoption July 10, 2018)**

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

- C. **ORDINANCE 2018-7** – The Township Becomes a Member of the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program **(First Reading and Introduction) (Public Hearing and Final Adoption July 10, 2018)**

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

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. RESOLUTION 2018-93-6 – Hire Summer Recreation Help

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

B. RESOLUTION 2018-94-6 – Confirming Employment for Seasonal Public Works Employees

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

C. RESOLUTION 2018-95-6 – Authorized Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. Mr. Costa abstained. All others yes.

D. RESOLUTION 2018-96-6 – Certification of Annual Audit

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

E. RESOLUTION 2018-97-6 – Acknowledging Budgetary Commitment for Volunteer Fire Fighting Services

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

F. RESOLUTION 2018-98-6 – Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burlington County Bridge Commission for Professional Assistance

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

G. RESOLUTION 2018-99-6 – Revising Contract for Submission of Grant Application from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund/Public Entity Program, for the “HITCO” Redevelopment Site, at Creek Road and Route 38 East

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

H. RESOLUTION 2018-100-6 – Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at 1203 Washington Street

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

I. RESOLUTION 2018-101-6 - Authorizing Lien for Property Maintenance Expenses for Property Located at 412 Broad Street

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

- J. **RESOLUTION 2018-102-6** - Awarding a Contract for Repair and Construction of Sidewalks, Curbs, Warning Surfaces and Striping on Edwin, Albert and Washington Streets

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

- K. **RESOLUTION 2018-103-6** – Resolution Supporting the Constitutional Amendment ACR-176 Requiring Full Payment of Energy Taxes to the Municipal Government

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

10. BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Business Licenses (See Attached)

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Rich Litton's Letter of Recognition for George Myers

Ms. Kosko read a letter of recognition for George Myers to the committee and audience.

- B. Glen at Mason's Creek HOA Letter and Petition RE: Route 38 & Fostertown Road Intersection

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

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

Irene Baggio, 177 Merion Court – asked if the residents would be given in detail the information about the alternative energy program that the township is considering. She wanted to know if the residents were going to be given written and detailed information or are they going to have to research this by themselves. Ms. Kosko said the woman would be at the next meeting to explain to the residents. Mrs. Baggio said she had several questions and concerns. Ms. Kosko said the company will provide a

detailed information kit by mail defining the program terms, start date and their ability to opt out of the program. The township will schedule dates, times and locations for public outreach as well as the information kit that will be mailed to the homes. So there is an extensive outreach prior to this getting kicked off.

Ryan Peters, 14 N. Deer Place – wanted to address the previous resident. He said he was on the Burlington County Freeholder Board and they launched the program several years ago. They had 13 towns participate in the program. If you have PSE&G, you go out to the open market, you bid, you get a certain percentage rate and there is no certain pricing. We have Tri-Eagle for this program for the 13 towns. As the mayor said, they did not have a bad experience with it. Assemblyman Peters said as a Hainesport resident, he thanks the town for looking into it.

Cheryl Sims, 23 Longfellow Lane – asked if there was any information on Community Day this year. She wondered if there was a date or if it has been changed. Ms. Kosko told her the date has been changed to a spring event and said it may be late April of next year. The Recreation Committee is communicating with the school to include them in the event.

Marge Colby, 112 New Jersey Avenue – wanted to know what is being done with the ordinance in the township that was put down years ago about not maintaining your property and the township comes out and maintains it for you at a charge. Going around the Heights, she sees a lot of houses that are un-kept, lawns are not cut, there is trash and it doesn't look like anybody is out to get these problems resolved. She would like to see somebody enforce this ordinance; she has been working with Irene Barry concerning a house across the street from her. It is in foreclosure but the mortgage company is not doing what they should be doing to maintain the property. Mrs. Colby said she just wanted to make sure that the township has people on board to look at this stuff and enforce it. It is important to the township and to the people. Mayor Masciocchi said they will look into it. Ms. Kosko asked if she could address the situation of 106 New Jersey Avenue. She said she wanted to let Mrs. Colby know that Mrs. Barry is working on the situation. We all know action begins when residents call in and inform us of the matter. She does have the email exchange between her and Mrs. Barry for the past couple weeks. A lot of times the challenge is determining who the mortgage company is and a lot of times there is a collector or distributor of payments that cannot or choose not to disclose who the mortgage lender is. Mrs. Barry just found out that the property is a HUD home and has given them until Thursday to fix the issue. When there is no response after repeated attempts, we will then go out and cut the grass.

Anna Evans, 63 Parry Drive – wanted to make a couple comments about public comments at the beginning of the meeting. It does not seem to be working. Half the people who come up make public comments in that section had very tenuous links to the agenda. She appreciates that the committee is trying not to be confrontational but she would like them to take away that restriction. She thinks it is useful for the public to be able to address issues at the start and end of the meeting. And unless they are going to enforce it, it makes it difficult for the people to think they are sitting on their hands and they have an issue they want to discuss. Mrs. Evans said she specifically did raise a question in that section that she wanted more information on one of the

resolutions. The committee didn't give any more information on it and would they do it now. She wants to know what the resolution about the Bridge Commission means. She said as far as she knows we don't have any bridges in the township and Mayor Masciocchi explained to her that this is shared services with regard to professional services. A lot of times we may need reports and they may already have them. It is cheaper to have someone go through them rather than re-invent the wheel. It's not bridge related per se, it's based on what services they can provide that we will not have to pay for. Mrs. Evans then asked why the township moved Community Day. She said April was terrible this year and really awful while September is usually lovely. She doesn't understand why it would be changed because it has been working fine for more than 15 years and she said it has been very successful. It also means that we won't be having one this year. Mayor Masciocchi said that decision came from the Recreation Department. Ms. Kosko said it was an administrative decision and it was collectively agreed to change. Sometimes decisions are not liked by all. A lot of people don't understand what is involved in coordinating events. She knows the Recreation Department faces a lot of challenges both with the vendors and competing with other townships in the fall. Ms. Kosko said Mrs. Tiver wants to engage the school district more and with school only being in session 2 or 3 weeks in September that in itself poses a lot of challenges. So with school being in session in the spring it is much more seamless and less of a challenge. A lot of events and a lot of the program is supported by sponsors and for the township to have the event in the fall and then turn around in the spring and ask them again is one reason why we decided to not have it this year. Mrs. Tiver is going to replace Community Day with another type of community event like a Family Movie Night and perhaps get a non-profit organization involved in selling concessions to help support the organization. Mrs. Evans said she appreciates what Ms. Kosko said but isn't this something that you could ask the residents what they wanted. Ms. Kosko asked her how she would suggest that the township ask the residents and Mrs. Evans said she isn't in charge but feels there are ways it could have been done. Ms. Kosko said Mrs. Tiver went to her and explained her reasons for changing the date and she agreed with the decision and the governing body agreed also. Mr. Costa asked if he could make a comment and was told yes. He said there is an old proverb that says April showers bring May flowers and he believes that perhaps the Recreation Committee did not consider that proverb. He asks that they would reconsider their decision. Ms. Kosko said there is a rain date that will be added in case of rain.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she totally disagrees with changing the date for Community Day. On Community Day you have men, women, children and their pets, in fact, the whole entire community is involved in that day. If you can't get the vendors on the 4th Saturday of the month then get them on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday. Why does it have to be on the same Saturday as everyone else's? Ms. McNelis went on to say that we have had this event for almost 20 years and it seems funny that all these other things are being planned; nothing adds up. It is just hard for her to understand; it is the best day of the year for the township. She said the entire committee was all for it but Mr. Costa said he was unaware of the change. Ms. Schneider said it was addressed to all the committee members. Ms. McNelis said if we go through with the plan, it would be a year and 7 months before we have another Community Day and she said it just isn't right. You would be missing one whole

year of Community Day. She doesn't think it is fair to the community. Ms. McNelis then said she has been asking about the committee comments being before the public comments and one of the reasons is because of what Mr. Fitzpatrick did last month. She said he gets on his soap box at the end of the meeting and brags about his shore house which he probably inherited and all his businesses and the houses he owns. He did forget to mention that he gives more to the church than anyone else does. He said that another time. Ms. McNelis is sure he will hear about these comments. She feels that all that bragging about how much he has and then he sat there and cried and moaned and groaned because he has to pay for his medical benefits like the rest of us. Tough. Also, when that gentleman came up and complained about the cats in the industrial center, instead of Mr. Fitzpatrick saying to that person "sir, this is in it's infancy, Hainesport never had any ordinance and now we are at least trying to control these cats", he told him to move out. She said Mr. Fitzpatrick doesn't deserve to be up on the dais. We are trying to encourage businesses to come into the township and help us with our taxes and this man is telling someone that he would leave. He wouldn't put up with it. Ms. McNelis said she hopes Mr. Fitzpatrick gets a copy of what she has said because he should be ashamed of himself.

Conly Brooks, 1609 Cottage Street – said he is following up on what Mr. Evans said about the Clean-up Day. He said he is the one that is most affected by the event. This thing has been going on for at least five or more years. He is curious to know whether or not the township pays for the dumpsters or does the company do that on its own. Ms. Kosko told him that is all funded through the New Jersey Clean Communities Program. It is pretty much the same in every municipality and they decide how they want to handle it. But most municipalities have at least one or two clean up days. It is funded through the state. Mr. Brooks asked if she was familiar with any other community that has a "trash fest" and she said Pemberton, Southampton, Tabernacle and Cinnaminson have them. He said he is the one most impacted and he thinks it is unfair. He said his property becomes a make shift land fill. They bring the dumpsters over at about noon time on Friday. The employees do a good job when they are there but they are only there till noon and the "trash fest" continues throughout the week end. The dumpsters are picked up on Monday. There is more room over here at the Hainesport Centre and he talked to the employees and they said their equipment is here also. Mr. Brooks said a lot of the dumpsters are out in the street and he thinks a car will eventually slam into 1 of them. He said everyone is bringing their own trash which they could put out every trash day, but because they say it is free, they bring it to the dumpsters. Mr. Brooks said he thinks it would be a good idea to discontinue the program or have it somewhere else. Mayor Masciocchi said they would have the situation looked into.

Mike Dickinson, 8 Easton Way – just wanted to say thank you to Paula Kosko and Rosa. He said the sign at Hainesport Chase got knocked down a couple years ago and through their efforts and a lot of emails, they got Bruce Paparone to put up a new sign. Mr. Dickinson also thanked the Kovacs family for going out there and cleaning it all up. He also talked about the Clean-up Day; dumpsters had been moved over to the township building but the dumpsters tore up a lot of the parking lot so it was moved back to the present place. The event is appreciated by many residents.

Shirley Powell, 503 Lumberton Road – asked what is going on with Hainesport Enterprise. She said she lives right behind them. She called and left messages to the township and has not heard back from concerning the retention pond behind Hainesport Enterprise. They don't have a fence or a barrier around the pond. Mrs. Powell said she and her grandson walked out back today and they were attacked by black mosquitoes. She said the same thing happened to her other grandchildren when they went out back to play and she wants to know what is going to be done about it. She said Hainesport Enterprise gets away with whatever they want to get away with. Mayor Masciocchi asked if there have been prior complaints about the situation. Mrs. Powell said there have. They said they were going to put up a barrier and there is none. She said a young child could walk right up and fall in and drown. Ms. Kosko said this is the first time she has heard anything about Hainesport Enterprise. Mrs. Powell said Kathy of the Construction Department knows about the complaints she has given. Mayor Masciocchi said they would definitely look into the situation.

Gerry Clauss, 135 Mt. Laurel Road – wanted to say that the Memorial Day Ceremony was excellent. Whoever that was involved with that has to be congratulated on how well it turned out. He also thanked the committee for keeping with the commitment to video the meetings.

Denise Tricocci, 73 Parry Drive – wondered if something could be done about the trash that is lining the streets in the various communities. At any given night you can drive down the streets and see grills, dressers, televisions and filing cabinets or whatever someone doesn't want, they seem to be discarding on any day of the week. Like the previous gentleman said, if you put it out on trash night someone picks it up. But that's not the case on a Friday or Saturday night or throughout the week. She had brought this to the attention of a committeeman two years ago and a notice was given to an offender but nothing has been done since then. It continues. So we now have black trash bags lining the streets with grass clippings which, she believes, shouldn't be out there until trash night. It is all very unsightly. Ms. Kosko said there is an ordinance in place that mandates trash cannot be put on the curb prior to 6 P.M. the day before trash day. Clearly it is not being followed. The second challenge is that our Code Enforcement Officer works 4 hours a week. She needs to see it in order to file a complaint. Also, we need to know about it too. Another issue we have is bulk trash and household waste is what is covered under the contract. Ms. Kosko thinks a lot of people are not educated on what bulk trash is. Reasonable expectation is one bulk item a week but there are households that are setting out entire contents of a home. Another expectation is that our Public Works Department will pick these items up. Grass cutting is crazy right now and this affects Public Works response time. People are taking advantage of the situation. Mrs. Tricocci agreed with that and said it has gone on far too long. She knows that some notices have been given to people in her neighborhood however it has not been followed through and those people continue to offend that ordinance and it is very unsightly. She doesn't think it's fair to others. Ms. Kosko said maybe they can take a look at the ordinance and make an amendment to it to allow someone other than Code Enforcement be authorized to enforce it. Mayor Masciocchi said we would look into it.

Scott Cooper, 44 Patriot Way – said regarding videotaping the meetings, he knows it has been talked about for some time. In one of the meetings in the past year it was stated that maybe Comcast had offered the township a grant. He wondered if it had been looked into or if it is still available. Anything that would lower the cost for us would be helpful.

Roger Schneider, 611 Broad Street – said he forgot to mention that there are two basins regarding the 100-year ditch that when it's ready will hold 1000's of gallons of water. So that's important to know about that. And also, to tell Mr. Costa, it goes right through the municipal park.

Florence Stackhouse, 108 North Cumberland Avenue – said she has an ongoing problem that is the same as the lady on New Jersey Avenue. The house to the right of her has been in foreclosure for about four or five years. Hainesport Township did come out and do some cutting from the fence but it is an ongoing problem. There is an in ground pool and the pool cover is totally bloated with water and debris. She would like to know if there has been any progress on finding out who owns this property. The Board of Health did come out for the pool and said it is a real mess but said they have to know who owns the property. Ms. Kosko said unfortunately, banks do not seem to have much of an incentive to sell their homes. Ms. Kosko said she will check tomorrow to see if it is on our Abandoned and Vacant Property List which would mean the property owner has been found.

Louis Lopez, 98 Levis Drive, Mount Holly – wanted to know if the committee could combine the public comments for the agenda with the regular comments for the residents. He thinks it would be much easier; maybe have 5 minutes for the agenda and then 5 minutes for regular and personal comments. It takes 32 minutes to walk from his house to Hainesport Township. He goes to each town to learn how they do business and improve things. People ask that he record the meetings of the different towns. He saves them in HD format on his phone. Mr. Lopez then asked about ordinance 2018-5. Mayor Masciocchi asked what his question was and he said it says Deputy Clerk minus and he wonders what the minus means. Ms. Kosko said there is no compensation for that title but it has to be in the salary ordinance. She is compensated under a different job title. Finally, he wanted to thank the two people that said he deserves a title. It was a very complimentary letter.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Kosko read the letter that Mr. Litton wrote about George Myers, our Fire Marshall. She went on to say that there was a pre-construction meeting with the contractor that was awarded the contract for the sidewalk, curbing and striping repairs on Edwin, Albert and Washington Streets and he does expect to start and finish that project end of July. She walked the Kleiner property with the new Planners a couple weeks ago and they will be drafting recommendations on what areas to preserve and what areas to demolish as well as design and use ideas to present to you. Our contracted LSRP, Brinkerhoff, is working on all the required reports to be sent to

DEP. Ms. Kosko said she is happy to report that our audit came back with no comments or corrections of action. So another great year by our CFO and our Finance Department. Corollas's Bar and Restaurant has been sold and their liquor license has been successfully transferred. Mr. Camorotta, who also owns the Village Pub in Tabernacle, has begun renovations. She can attest that the food is phenomenal. They do not have an expected opening date but has requested that everyone join him on opening day. There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 27th from 2 to 7 at the township building. She encourages everyone to sign up to give blood. Ms. Kosko congratulated our Deputy Clerk, Tara Wicker, for passing the Municipal Certified Clerk test.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gillespie said he wanted to make an observation that in his 35 years of doing this, this may be the first time that a governing body has been criticized for being polite and not interrupting someone.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Costa said he attended the Memorial Day Celebration and it was a wonderful affair. He knows some people in the audience were present. Our mayor presided and it was a solemn occasion. One of the church groups had a guitar player and some singers and they did a fantastic job. Assemblyman Ryan Peters was there and gave a great speech about what it means to be a patriotic American from his prospective. He was in the military and gave them some great stories and Mr. Costa appreciated it. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Mrs. Gilmore wanted to thank everyone for coming out tonight and also congratulated Tara Wicker for passing the Certified Municipal Clerk test. She also thanked Ms. Kosko for the newsletter; she thought it was fantastic. Mrs. Gilmore thanked the trooper for coming out, Assemblyman Peters for being here tonight and Mr. Blair for his presentation. She attended a New Jersey Clean Communities seminar in Lambertville and learned how other communities handle litter problems that occur. The Memorial Day Ceremony went fantastic and there was a nice turn out. It keeps growing every year. There is a meeting for the Senior Citizens Club on the 14th and their regular meeting is on the 28th. They are looking for new members.

Ms. Schneider thanked Assemblyman Peters, Gene Blair and Trooper Travinski for coming and speaking with us tonight. She also wanted to address the topic of term limits with Mr. Gillespie. She wanted to know the inner workings on how to acquire term limits. Mr. Gillespie gave a detailed synopsis of the various forms of government and explained that there are no restrictions on how many times a person can serve in succession. You would need someone in the Legislature to sponsor that legislation to amend the statutes to allow municipalities to enact those ordinances. Ms. Schneider thanked Mr. Gillespie for his information and also thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mayor Masciocchi thanked Trooper Travinski for being here along with Gene Blair for his presentation and especially Assemblyman Peters for coming here and pushing his resolution. He is glad that he brought it out and hopes it will pick up some momentum. The Memorial Day Celebration was really nice and it was the first time he has done it and as Mayor, he enjoyed it and was honored. To listen to the stories that our Assemblyman and the other speakers told was inspirational. The men and women who sacrificed for our country do not get enough credit for what they do; we should not forget them. With regard to some of the changes that we are trying to make, some of them are innovative, it is true. As Anna Evans pointed out some of these ideas come from way back when from the Democratic Party and may have been her idea. You'll note in the Mayor's message, it is our hope to work with the town as a whole in a bi-partisan way. This is a small town, we all know one another and should keep it that way. If we are looking out for one another, great things can be done. Mayor Masciocchi said he heard some complaints, Mr. Evans being one and the gentleman in the back; your complaints are not falling on deaf ears. If we can help we are certainly going to try. The two women in the front with the properties that they complained about and there are others. If he didn't mention them, he didn't forget them. We will look into and see what we can do to help you.

16. BILL LIST

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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (none)

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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