

HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

**June 14, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of June 14, 2016 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 11, 2016 and January 14, 2016 and advertised in said newspapers on January 13, 2016 and January 19, 2016, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 19, 2016 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 Dickinson at 7:35 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

There was a moment of silence for the people that were lost in Orlando on Sunday morning.

MINUTES

- A. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMITTEE MINUTES OF May 10, 2016**
- B. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF May 10, 2016**
- C. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING OF May 16, 2016**

Committeeman MacLachlan brought up a point of order that he had not approved the bill list from last month. There was, according to him, an unauthorized charge from Armondo Riccio. He said it was never discussed among the committee, there was no resolution like they are supposed to do for expenditures over \$2,000. He said he understands there is another invoice on the bill list this month for \$1,270. Mr. MacLachlan asked the clerk to listen to the tape for last month's bill list and confirm that he did not vote on it. Mr. Selb said it had been brought up to him earlier and he did have an opportunity to review the tape and Mr. MacLachlan had not voted on the bill list. His name was not called and he was not given the opportunity to vote. He does not know how it happened but it does not change the outcome of the vote. As far as the invoice on the bill list tonight, if he wishes to do something at that time, he may do so then. Mr.

Selb said he will make a note in the minutes that he did not vote on that bill list for the permanent file. He apologized to the committee, somehow it just simply got missed.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Committeeman MacLachlan: no. All others yes.

REPORTS

- A. **Tax Collector** – May, 2016
- B. **Code Enforcement** – May, 2016
- C. **Fire Official** – May, 2016
- D. **Construction** – May, 2016

Motion to approve the reports and spread the Tax Collector's report across the minutes: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Mr. Boettcher made the comment that the Code Enforcement Officer is doing a very good job as well as the Fire Official. All yes.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION

- A. **HITCO** – Removal of Underground Tanks

The state of New Jersey DEP has requested that the underground tanks be removed. Mayor Dickinson said they have 2 quotes that we have obtained so far. This is the first step to clean up the site. The next step is to eliminate the size of the contamination; if there is any contamination of the soil via the depth and the width. The final step would be to remove the contaminated soil. Mr. Selb said he has been in contact with the CFO on how we can address the situation financially and she has given him some solutions and he would like to discuss those solutions perhaps in Executive Session. It was decided to do that.

- B. **Butterfly Garden** – Environmental Commission

Mayor Dickinson said the Environmental Commission have identified some areas to establish a butterfly garden at the Municipal Site; they are looking for support from the committee to assist in setting an area in which they can set up such a garden. Mr. Selb asked if Letitia Kelley could come up and speak to the committee about the butterfly garden and what they are looking to do. Ms. Kelley, chairman of the Hainesport Township Environmental Commission, said that the butterflies have played an important part in Hainesport Community Day for the past several years. Two different times the commission has made seed balls and put them along Deacon Road. The problem with the seed balls is that they don't always break apart and the other problem is the deer or other animals that may or may not be eating them. The commission has decided to put in a butterfly garden with the approval of the township committee. Tonight's purpose is to get a feel from the committee on the spot where they can put the garden. Ms. Kelley said

it would be in different stages and she doesn't see it being planted until next spring. They have walked the park and have decided on three different spots that would be appropriate. The guidelines they have set are that a) in an area where people could actually see them, b) to take into consideration as to where the fields are where people would congregate, and c) possibly to keep some of the butterflies and bees that may be attracted away from the tennis courts and the other soccer fields. Ms. Kelley gave the committee the locations of where the commission had thought the butterfly garden could be. She said their goal in the long run is to create some plantings that would attract the butterflies and possibly put in a bench and definitely put in plaques that would identify the plants. Mayor Dickinson asked Ms. Kelley if, when they start this project, it would be a community project. She said it could be. Mr. Boettcher asked who would be maintaining the garden and Ms. Kelley said that would be something to be discussed; it would be the commission or the Public Works Department. She said Mr. Selb mentioned that Public Works may be able to prepare the ground and Mr. Boettcher said that sounded more likely to be done. She said it would probably be the commission to maintain it. Deputy Mayor Porto told her that Lowe's has begun Community Improvement Programs and that may be something that they could reach out to the Lumberton Lowe's and see if they are interested in supplying them with any of the supplies.

ORDINANCES

A. ORDINANCE 2016-6-5 – Ordinance for Partial Vacation of Greenwood Avenue (Public Hearing and Final Adoption)

Mr. Selb asked for the ordinance to be tabled because there is still more work to be done among the attorneys involved in this. Deputy Mayor Porto asked if we wish to have public hearing tonight and Mr. Selb said no, it should be tabled and the next time they bring it off the table they can advertise again for a public hearing and at that time it can be discussed.

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

B. ORDINANCE 2016-7-5 – 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)

Mayor Dickinson said they are adding the Registrar and Deputy Registrar positions to our manual as these positions are required by the state.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.

C. ORDINANCE 2016-8-5 – An Ordinance to Provide and Determine the Rate of Compensation of Officials and Employees of the Township of Hainesport (Public Hearing and Final Adoption)

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – asked where he could find out what everybody is making in the township. Mr. Selb said he could come in anytime and ask for that information and he would have been given the information. Mr. Murdy asked if he could

get that now and Mr. Selb gave him his paperwork. He asked if it includes the health benefits that the committeemen are receiving. It was explained to him that this is strictly salary. After seeing what Mr. Selb had given him, Mr. Murdy said he would correct himself and say that the information had been given out last month.

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

Committeeman MacLachlan said he would like to make a motion to amend the agenda. He was asked for what purpose this would be and he stated that in his opinion the next ordinance does not go far enough for health benefits reform. His ordinance would be to eliminate all health benefits for the committee members. Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Costa if Mr. MacLachlan was allowed to amend the agenda. Mr. Costa said he is allowed to move to do so. If it was seconded he would have to receive a majority of votes to proceed. Procedurally that is the way it works. Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Costa if they have to vote to amend the agenda and was told that is correct. There was a roll call taken to amend the agenda and it was: Committeeman MacLachlan: yes, Committeeman Boettcher: yes, Committeeman Fitzpatrick: no, Deputy Mayor Porto: no, Mayor Dickinson: no. Mayor Dickinson said he voted no because it was just handed to them.

Committeeman MacLachlan said in a point of order he just received the ordinance 2016-9-6 and Deputy Mayor Porto asked Mr. Selb when he put this ordinance out and was told it was done on Friday, June 10, 2016. Mr. MacLachlan said he was a few days late and there was no discussion on the upcoming ordinance. He said it is the product of one or two committee people.

D. ORDINANCE 2016-9-6 – Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township of Hainesport, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Eliminating Healthcare Benefits for Members of the Governing Body Retiring or Ending Service **First Reading and Introduction) (Public Hearing and Final Adoption July 12, 2016)**

Motion: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Committeemen Boettcher and MacLachlan: no. Mayor Dickinson: yes.

Mr. MacLachlan said that what the people have witnessed is the assassination of one of our best committee people that have ever come here. He said he would call a point of order that he has ten minutes to speak about the ordinance. He went on to say that he doesn't know what the ulterior motive is of the committee members is but it has clearly damaged somebody up here and probably the only person up here for the right reason. And now, Mr. Boettcher is being forced to retire from the committee because of this ordinance. This makes almost no financial impact on this town in comparison to the health benefits that the committee is drawing.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Dickinson said the agenda has to be amended to include Resolution 2016-120-6 which is a resolution to approve a letter of credit for Diamantis. He asked for a motion to amend the agenda.

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

- A. RESOLUTION 2016-110-6 – A Resolution of Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit**

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

- B. RESOLUTION 2016-111-6 – Resolution Confirming Expenditures of Funds for Emergency Stormwater/Roadway Repair – N. Hunterdon and Third Street**

Motion: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.

- C. RESOLUTION 2016-112-6 – Resolution to Hire Summer Recreation Help – Ashley Eckart**

Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Deputy Mayor Porto. All yes.

- D. RESOLUTION 2016-113-6 – Resolution Reappointing Tax Assessor – James Mancini**

Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Deputy Mayor Porto. All yes.

- E. RESOLUTION 2016-114-6 – A Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Construction of Pickleball Courts at the Hainesport Township Municipal Complex**

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

- F. RESOLUTION 2016-115-6 – Resolution for Expenditure of Funds for Stormwater/Roadway Repair – 607 Broad Street**

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

- G. RESOLUTION 2016-116-6 – A Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of Liquor Licenses in Hainesport Township – Various**

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

- H. RESOLUTION 2016-117-6 – Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 2016 New Holland Loader backhoe Model B95C – Cherry Valley Tractor Sales**

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

- I. RESOLUTION 2016-119-6 – Resolution Appointing Computer Services Technician – Paula Tiver**

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

J. RESOLUTION 2016-120-6 – Resolution Approving a Letter of Credit for Diamantis Children’s Trust

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from State of New Jersey, Dept. of Transportation – Install left turn signals on Hainesport-Mount Laurel Road at Intersection Route 38

Mayor Dickinson said they had checked and there are no other left turn signals planned but the township is really pushing for a light at Fostertown Road. Mr. Selb said the state had other intersections they were planning on putting lights but because of our pressure it pushed us to the top of the list. They have other intersections they were addressing and this was pushed up for the township. It wasn’t supposed to be addressed until June 20th. The light is installed but is not on at this point. That intersection will be resolved and Mr. Selb appreciates all the support from the committee and the constant support from the public which kept bringing that up. Thank you to everybody.

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

Mayor Dickinson reminded everyone about the five minute limit to comments and asked Mr. Selb to keep track of the times.

Kathy Parker, 1819 Creek Road – said she has an issue with the intersection at Hainesport-Mt. Laurel Road and Fostertown Road at the blinking light. She said that the property to the right of the intersection is very high with weeds and trees. She doesn’t know if it is the county that is responsible for it or if it is the residents. The overgrowth is blocking the view for people making turns. You have to really pull out to make sure cars are not coming the other way. Mayor Dickinson asked her to clarify where it was exactly and she did. She asked if it could be checked out and something be done about it. Mr. Selb said it is a site triangle there and he would discuss it with Public Works and find out who is responsible for it and have it taken care of. Ms. Parker told Mr. Boettcher that he is one of the best members that has ever sat on the committee and as a past member she is embarrassed that someone is being forced out of his position so that other people can advance themselves to have what they want in this township. It is disgusting and she is ashamed and embarrassed. She thanked Mr. Boettcher for his time and service. She said he was forced into retirement and it is a shame because he is one person that belongs on the committee and should remain. Mr. Boettcher thanked her.

Ron Napoli, 120 Paisley Place – asked about the resolution for the letter of credit; he wanted to know what the project was for and was told it was for Pep Boys. His other issue was for benefits for elected officials. What is the intended effective date of the ordinance that was introduced? Mr. Selb told him it will be twenty days from the date of the adoption that it will take effect. Mr. Napoli said the hypocrisy in the room is

stunning. He has been here several times talking about the elected officials getting benefits and he even suggested that it be put on the ballot to make honest people of the elected officials and let the township residents decide. In fact, most of the people ran on the platform that they would not take benefits. At one time newly elected officials were not eligible to take benefits but clearly you take a certain amount of risk when you turn your back on elected officials in this town because over time they have moved to give themselves benefits again. Again, he will make the plea and ask them to do it themselves and eliminate all benefits for elected officials; if they can't do that, at least consider putting it on the ballot so that the residents can have the opportunity to make that decision.

Conley Brooks, 1609 Cottage Street – said he was here to ask the township if they would no longer have what he called a “trash fest” on Cottage Street anymore. It really doesn't work there; the township has it two weekends a year and it begins on Friday and ends on Monday morning when the dumpsters are picked up. He knows the township does as good as it can in terms of managing the operation but it really doesn't belong in a residential area. It's great for the contractors but if the township wants to have it at the municipal building. Maybe the dumpsters could be taken to the committee members' streets. It has been a big problem all along but here lately Mr. Brooks has been home when the event has taken place. Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Selb to look into the situation and find out what can be done. Mr. Brooks then brought up the sewer connection situation. He said Mr. Selb probably knows how many residents are in his situation and was told there are forty-three properties that still haven't connected. Mr. Brooks said this thing is costing him \$25,000 and he does not want or need to connect. There was much discussion from Mr. Brooks about the sewer assessment. Mayor Dickinson told him if he had more to say he should be in touch with Mr. Selb.

Jennings Black, 2505 Elm Avenue – wanted to talk about the quality of the water on the Rancocas Creek. He said he has talked to Mr. Selb about it before. This past Saturday morning it was quite bad; it is usually in the morning when there is a film on the top of the water. He said their drinking water is drawn out of the Delaware River right outside of the Rancocas Creek. This comes in on the incoming tide and is usually early in the morning. It is not every day, it comes and goes. Mr. Selb said he has had a conversation with a Mr. Anderson who kayaks down that area and he believes it is coming from a certain area along the creek. It may be attributed to the foundry because that is where he first saw this brown foam coming up. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he has a contact with DEP and he will make sure he gives it to Mr. Selb so he can give it to Mr. Black. Mr. Selb said he just got a contact from the Governor's office.

Peter Ruble, 2525 Creek Road – read the benefits that each elected official receives for medical benefits right now. He also read off how much each member paid for these benefits. Mr. Ruble told the committee about three pot holes that he would like to have them repaired. Deputy Mayor Porto thanked him for bringing them to their attention. Mr. Ruble mentioned that there is a mosquito problem and Mr. Selb said he could go on the Hainesport Township website and because Mr. Ruble doesn't have access to a computer, if he comes into the township Mr. Selb would be glad to help him with contacting the mosquito commission to report the problem. Mr. Ruble told Mr.

Fitzpatrick that he had abstained six times last month and asked if he thought he was fulfilling his duties by abstaining and Mr. Fitzpatrick answered in the affirmative. Mr. Ruble said he thinks if the situation were to be two to two if he abstains it would be a problem. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that by law there are certain things an individual cannot vote on. So he is forced to abstain from voting. Mr. Ruble said he understands but he thinks this township is getting short changed by Mr. Fitzpatrick abstaining. Mr. Ruble said that President Reagan made a statement that politicians and diapers should be changed often and for the same reason. He asked if they had any idea what President Reagan meant by that.

Anna Evans, 63 Parry Drive – said she would like to add her voice to what has been said about Mr. Boettcher. She thinks it's shameful that after thirty years of service the committee is stripping him of his health benefits, especially when the three of them are sitting here with their platinum health care packages that they awarded themselves. Mayor Dickinson told her that Mr. Boettcher is not losing his benefits. Ms. Evans asked if he would explain that to her. There was a discussion between Mayor Dickinson and Ms. Evans and he explained that Mr. Boettcher is not being stripped of his benefits. If he stayed after the ordinance is adopted he would lose his health benefits upon retirement. As long as he retires now, he will be eligible to keep them. Deputy Mayor Porto said that he wanted to offer that Ordinance 1998-8-5 was offered by Mr. Boettcher to grant lifetime health benefits. It was granted through that ordinance for the record. It was not something that was there to begin with. Ms. Evans then asked how the three of them got their health benefits. Didn't they award themselves similar benefits when they changed the township handbook to allow themselves benefits? Deputy Mayor Porto said he was grandfathered in with the original resolution. She then asked how Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mayor Dickinson got their benefits. Deputy Mayor Porto said when that resolution was passed he was an existing committee member and he chose not to, for several years, to take health benefits. And because circumstances have changed with his family, his son, he eventually took the health benefits. He said there is a lot of jeering in this audience but when he stood against the committee several years in a row to end health benefits not one of them came to the podium and said go for it Tony, I support you Tony. So does he feel this is a big great stand? No. In fact the same people who are supporting the people getting lifetime benefits right now so this committee is ending lifetime benefits we are voluntarily ending lifetime benefits. For himself. And now they are opposing it? This is absurd. The day will come when there will be no health benefits for committee members. But they are taking it step by step. Ms. Evans said the day had already come and they took it away again by giving themselves it back. Deputy Mayor Porto said they were not taken away from him. She said not from him personally but from the other two sitting next to him. Mayor Dickinson asked her if he had given himself them and she said she wanted to know how it came about. There was a Hainesport Township handbook that said there were no health benefits and now the present handbook says it could be and that is when Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mayor Dickinson took them. She kept asking how it came about. There was a discussion between Deputy Mayor Porto and Mr. MacLachlan about how the handbook was changed. Ms. Evans asked what their agenda is in trying to get Mr. Boettcher to step down. It is hardly to save money otherwise they would have gone for the ordinance that Mr. MacLachlan had tried to introduce. Deputy Mayor Porto stated that there is no ordinance on this agenda that asks any committee member to step down.

That is something they choose on their own. Ms. Evans said it was interesting because when the vote was taken it was three to two; what is it they are trying to achieve by getting a vote of four to one? What is it they are trying to do? Ms. Evans said she would like to go on to her next issue and she would like to propose that the two Democratic candidates for township committee and the two Republican candidates debate each other sometime between now and the election in November. There was a discussion and it was suggested that the candidates decide amongst themselves whether or not they want to do that.

Pat Macken, 116 Masons Woods Lane – asked why this ordinance is being introduced now instead of in December. Deputy Mayor Porto said the committee can adopt business any time they want and he said they are moving forward and changing things. Ms. Macken said as long as Mr. Boettcher goes out the door by this July's meeting he can keep his health benefits but if he decides that he is not going to retire, he loses his benefits because of this ordinance. She said this man has donated twenty-four years to this township, he has been up late at night, he has been here day after day signing purchase orders, and this is the man that has devoted his life to the township. Not the three who are sitting there taking \$33,000 in benefits but they want him to give his up. How about if they redo that ordinance and all three of them come off at the same time? Oh but they are going to do it in steps; you know why? Because Mayor Dickinson and Deputy Mayor Porto go for another election and that's when they come off and say look what we did. Then the next year Mr. Fitzpatrick will do the same. Deputy Mayor Porto works in Hunterdon County making \$60,000 a year; he should get his benefits there and get off the residents backs. She went on to say that Mr. Fitzpatrick, with his two or three businesses, should take his benefits from Mansfield where he should be getting them. Ms. Macken then said Mayor Dickinson has another job too. She asked why they are taxing the residents and they are doing it on Mr. Boettcher's back. They get him out and then what is the next game? Because now we have an opening on the dais. Who is going to fill that spot? Two meetings ago you sat here and twisted a knife in his back. Oh accolades, accolades but they are not doing it now; hurry up and get out the door. She said they are a disgrace and Deputy Mayor Porto said she was a disgrace. He asked what he finds disgraceful and said it is someone who attacks a man who is trying to give a proclamation to a veteran. He said his son was there and Ms. Macken came over and it was shameful. He gave the proclamation to the veteran. There was a heated discussion between Deputy Mayor Porto and Ms. Macken.

Dennis Mroczkowski, 2507 Spruce Avenue – said he has been a police officer in the township and he worked for Public Works. He wanted to say to the committee that Mr. Boettcher is a stand-up guy. He said he remembers one guy on the committee that said he would never take health benefits and he was looking at him right then. He did not indicate who he was talking about.

Mark Murdy, 2614 Creek Road – said to Mr. Boettcher that his hat goes off to him. He said they don't see eye to eye a lot. He has seen him out and about on accidents and he has seen him putting his heart and soul into this township and he has no idea why he is quitting because his time isn't up until November. If he would like support from him or anyone else in the room he is sure Mr. Boettcher has it; they have his back. He has done

some things that maybe he didn't care for but know there is a lot of love for him. Mr. Murdy also said his hat goes off to Mr. MacLachlan for wanting to change the ordinance that somebody decided to shaft another member with. He gives him credit for that. If Mr. MacLachlan remembers a couple Januarys ago when they all got elected he gave each of them a letter that said our children grew up together, they were friends. The committee members decided to get their enormous health benefits. Even then, the law said they had to work twenty-six hours a week; all of them have their regular jobs and the commute time. And they were still saying...they signed a letter saying they were doing twenty-six hours a week for this township. Mr. MacLachlan said he never signed that letter. The committee members decided to keep on taking the benefits and Mr. Murdy hung on to that for another five months, virtually every month saying they had to get off of the benefits. They chose to ignore him, one of the residents, when he asked them to get off. What they are coming up to is what they have earned. If Mr. MacLachlan says "Hey, this is a great day" and everyone gets off in twenty days, Mr. Murdy said he thinks the township would be in much better hands. We would be saving a whole lot of money this year so we could buy another Pickleball Court. He went on to say that he thinks Pickleball Courts are wonderful and we got a grant for that, but in case the people don't know where grant money comes from, it comes out of your wallet. It's the same place everything comes from. This township is not being fiscally conservative; the solar lights we got might have been free, but we were told it was going to cost \$37,500 to replace the batteries for them. That's \$1,500 per light. That is not free and that happens every five years. He gave Mr. Selb kudos for looking into getting the batteries cheaper. He went on to say that Mr. Selb has done an outstanding job in keeping the dollars down for our township and he appreciates that. Mr. Murdy also said he appreciates Mr. MacLachlan for coming up and being a stand-up guy and finally saying the committee doesn't need the benefits. He said his heart goes out to Mr. Boettcher and he appreciates all that he has done for the township.

Catherine McNelis, 407 Bischoff Avenue – said she has asked for a basketball court here at the complex for the past six to eight years and she was told it would bring the wrong kind of people and they don't need it because there is one at the school. Mayor Dickinson asked her who it was that said it would bring the wrong kind of people and she said it was said at a meeting. She said she doesn't remember which one of the committee members said it but they did. If she has to go through every record to find it she will. It was said at a meeting. Also, the school has a basketball court that you are not allowed to play on unless school is in session. A year ago somebody came in and wanted to put in a Pickleball Court and here it is a year later and we are putting them all over the township. But we still don't have a basketball court here. Ms. McNelis said as far as the committee is concerned they will never put in one and she wants to know why. Deputy Mayor Porto reminded the committee that we just re-furbished two basketball courts in the township recently. Ms. McNelis said not here at the complex and Mr. Selb said we don't have one here to re-furbish. She said all they do here is soccer fields and Pickleball but not basketball. Mr. Selb reminded her that we have a lot of activities here; tennis, hockey and the park for challenged children. Ms. McNelis said again that she has asked for a basketball court to be put out here in the complex. Mr. Selb said he believes somebody brought up the park grants for community suggestions and a basketball court was one of the items suggested and somebody else talked about a dog park. Ms. McNelis said she

has asked for a basketball court and so has Mr. Doner and he suggested they put it in the tennis courts and was told it wouldn't work. She said if they went around to all the houses in Franklin Estates they would see a basketball net at every other house and why can't they have a basketball court here. Mayor Dickinson said they had actually talked about changing the tennis courts to basketball courts and Mr. Selb said it was a decision by the committee when all the suggestions were brought up. Ms. McNelis said last month she asked about how the CFO could work from Florida and do her job and Mr. Fitzpatrick said she is behind the times, that he has two jobs and works from home, etc., etc. Her question this month is how they keep the CFO's time which is required by the handbook in 2014 time records. There was no comment from the committee and Ms. McNelis said she would have to find out some other way. She said she did an OPRA request for Resolution 2010-99-8 and it was recommended by the CFO that she go on twenty hour weeks with no health benefits while re-installing a part time clerk. On that resolution it states "whereas re-instated part-time finance clerk position is not eligible for participating in the township health benefits program." Ms. McNelis asked how they could have a twenty-five hour job and be considered anything less than what everybody else is with a twenty-five hour job but full time. How could she be not put on it when everyone else is, including everyone sitting on the committee. How could the CFO be working twenty-five hours and go back to receiving health care benefits? The clerk can't have them. The personnel handbook states that twenty-five hours is full time. She asked how it was that at the same time the CFO decided to get her benefits Mayor Dickinson, Mr. Fitzpatrick and even Deputy Mayor Porto decided to get health benefits. Ms. McNelis said those are questions that the committee should be answering to the people who are paying all this money for them.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Selb said the residents should have received a county report from the Freeholders that there is going to be a free shredding event on June 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Smith Woods on Railroad Avenue. They will have to bring identification to participate in the event. Also, Sheriff Stanfield put a notice in with the report about the illegal dumping of old televisions. They say in the report that you can still take them to Mansfield to dispose of them. Two televisions at the county recycling center. If people haven't received the notice they should contact him and he will see that they receive a copy.

COMMENTS FROM THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Costa said he hopes everyone has a happy, healthy, calm and fun July 4th weekend.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mr. MacLachlan said when Mark Murdy's son became an Eagle Scout there was a promise that he would receive a proclamation and somehow it didn't happen. He said Josh had counted on that and Mr. MacLachlan asked Mr. Selb if that could happen. Mayor Dickinson said that Mr. Selb is actually looking into that now. He had thought

that he had handed the proclamation to the young man but apparently it didn't happen and Mr. Selb is looking it up and we will run it out to him.

Mr. Boettcher thanked everyone for their support and said all he ever thought of was Hainesport. He reminded everyone that today was Flag Day.

Mr. Fitzpatrick had no comments tonight.

Deputy Mayor Porto thanked everyone for coming to the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the township. Mr. Black was here. Deputy Mayor Porto said he had the wonderful opportunity to welcome home Commander Mike Lontoc who lives on Sailor Court. He thinks it is an immense privilege to be able to honor our veterans that come home.

Mayor Dickinson thanked everyone for coming out this evening; it was an interesting meeting. He thanked Burlington County; he and Mr. Selb were able to attend the "Fallen Officers" event and it was an amazing service.

BILL LIST

Mr. MacLachlan said he had a problem with one of the invoices for Armondo Riccio. It totals up to \$4,000. In January during re-org. we adopt that we will run all expenditures over \$2,000 through the committee by an ordinance or resolution on this expenditure. He knows nothing about it; he would put out there to Mr. Boettcher, the solicitor, Mr. Selb and the other three members of the committee...what is this expenditure about? He would like an answer. Mayor Dickinson said he believes it has something to do with personnel and shouldn't it be gone over in closed session. Mr. Costa's advice is that there is probably lawyer client privilege and it would be best to go over it in closed session. Mr. MacLachlan asked who authorized the situation and what committee members were present. For a \$4,000 bill at about \$300 per hour that was a lot of hours to discuss anything. He asked that someone speak up and answer him. How were the expenditures authorized? No one answered him. Mr. Costa said the committee has the right to employ any attorney it wants. In the event that there has been an omission in a resolution that can be subsequently corrected by resolution simply approving the legal services provided. He doesn't recall the resolution off hand. If it was not approved then you can do it retroactively to cure a technical defect. Mr. MacLachlan said he thinks it is more than a technical defect; he thinks it is an unauthorized expenditure no matter which way you look at it. Deputy Mayor Porto said there are a number of items on the bill list and when it is approved by the committee it will be an authorized expenditure. Attorney client privilege information is nothing that should be discussed in open session. Mr. MacLachlan said by one or two members of the committee going there without the knowledge of the other members of the committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he didn't have to vote on it. He could abstain or say no. If it passes, it passes. Someone from the audience asked Mr. Fitzpatrick to speak up and there was heated discussion about whether or not there should be a disturbance in the meeting. Mr. MacLachlan went on to say that as a member of the committee he demanded to know the contents of the meeting in writing as to what took place in the meeting about the attorney. Mayor Dickinson said it would have to be in executive session and Mr. MacLachlan said he wants it in writing.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman Boettcher. Committeeman MacLachlan: no. Abstain: Committeeman Fitzpatrick on the following: 16-00396 and 16-00414. All others yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESOLUTION 2016-118-6 – Resolution to Enter into Executive Session

- **Personnel** – Employee Hiring
- **Litigation** – Basins
 - 1. - Sewer

Motion made at 9:06pm to enter Executive Session: Deputy Mayor Porto. Second: Committeeman MacLachlan. All yes.

Motion to Come out Executive 9:31pm Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Deputy Mayor Porto. All yes.

ADJOURNMENT @9:33pmP. M.

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