

May 10, 2023

**Hazlet Township Town Hall
1766 Union Avenue, 2nd Floor
Hazlet, NJ 07730**

The **WORKSHOP MEETING** was opened by **Vice Chairman JC Schroeck** at **6:35PM**. **Vice Chairman JC Schroeck** led the **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**, followed by a **MOMENT OF SILENCE**. **Chairman Parleman** read the following statement:

In compliance with the **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT** of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner:

On December 19, 2022, advance written notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall, 1766 Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ;

On December 22, 2022 advance written notice of this meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press; and

On December 19, 2022, copies of the advance written notice were mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.

I direct the Fire District Clerk to enter into the minutes this announcement and the advance written notice of this meeting.

Vice Chairman JC Schroeck called for a roll call:

Commissioner Parleman	- Absent
Commissioner J.C. Schroeck	- PRESENT
Commissioner J.J. Schroeck	- PRESENT at 6:39pm
Commissioner Sheldrick	- PRESENT
Commissioner Storcks	- PRESENT
Melanie Appleby, Esq.	- PRESENT
Michelle Barney, QPA	- PRESENT

1. Resolutions-

- a. **2023-014-** Oath of Office to Ash Tankhiwale for Fire Police.
- a. **2023-015-** Executive Session

2. Correspondence –

Gas Meter service notice received. To be forwarded to Joe Corsentino.

- 3. **Grant for the boat-** We have the maintenance plan from the vendor for the boat. That information was forwarded to the grant writers for submission. Commissioner JJ Schroeck will follow up with the company tomorrow. The application was almost

ready to submit. The quote for the service contract came around \$30,000 over a 3 year period. The grant is good up to \$24,999. Grant application closes on May 18, 2023. The grant is good for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

4. **Hunterdon County Co-op-** We were approved and a contract was signed. We were able to order 2 GTAC computers through PMC. That saved us about \$1500 in purchasing costs.
5. **Accident/incident reporting-** Tabled from last month. Not much response from the Chiefs about the changes. The board will be voting to approve the changes to the policy tonight.
6. **Town Admin meeting-** Will cost us \$5000/year to be on the computer program. Town is paying for 25 spots with only a dozen employees. We don't have the budget money in that category to pay that much. Town admin will speak to the town committee about allowing access to the program. Will update when more information is available.
7. **Residential Inspection fees-** Due to the rising costs and needing money to join a new computer program, Fire Official Horner would like to raise the cost of initial CO inspections from \$60-\$100. We would have to pass a resolution and submit it to the town committee for their approval. Commissioner Storcks did not agree with the amount of the raise in fees. With the economy and looking at large future capital spending, he does not agree with the amount of increase at one time. He asked what the other town fees are. The figures are not available tonight.

Fire Official Horner would also like to raise the Fire Watch fees from \$25 to \$40 per hour per member.

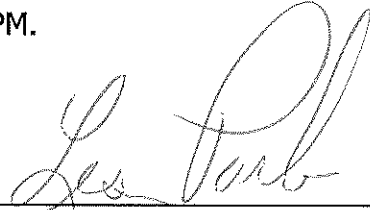
Fire Official Horner would also like to raise the inspection fees for large businesses. Businesses from over 2500 sq ft would raise by \$50. The Last time fees were raised was in 2015. We would have to pass a resolution and submit it to the town.
8. **Radio Keys (update)-** Ex Chief P. Wood reported to Michelle that with the ongoing issue with the lack of radio keys delivered when ordered, the county has agreed to program our radios as long as we turn over the keys when they are delivered. The vendor will not be paid until they provide us with all the keys that were supposed to be delivered with the radios. Michelle suggested that we switch vendors moving forward due to having numerous problems with communication with the staff of this company about the issues.
9. **Engine 2-79 repairs-** Commissioner Parleman is not present at this time due to work. We will follow up with him later tonight on these repairs.

10. Gear Purchasing- Chief Spirko submitted his request to purchase 3 sets of gear.

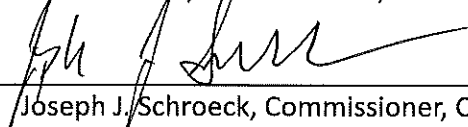
11. Tax Rate- Township advised the board that the tax rate is dropping this year.

Commissioner Sheldrick asked about the interest earned with the accounts in the new Credit Union Bank. Michelle reported that with the old bank our total interest for the year of 2022 was \$621.38. The new bank year to date is \$14,349.

Commissioner J.C. Schroeck **MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED,** Commissioner J.J. Schroeck seconded the motion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. The workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.



Les Parleman, Commissioner, Chairman



Joseph J. Schroeck, Commissioner, Clerk