

Public Notice  
Hazleton City Council Meeting & Hazleton Township Meeting  
October 12, 2022

The Hazleton City Council and Hazleton Township met in special session on October 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hazleton American Legion. Mayor Darin Hayzlett presided. Council members present, Chris Hayzlett, Stephen Horan, Jared Little, Danette Lujan, and Monica Michels. Township Members Present, Gary Blake, Anthony Schuler, and Lonnie Brewer. Also in attendance were Cole Passick, Sandra Hemmingsen, Dan Corulsky, and Shawn Streetmatter. Darin Hayzlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dannel Lujan, second by Steve Horan, to approve the printed agenda. Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Title and ownership of Fire Trucks purchased with grant money

A discussion was brought to the table about the ownership of the two new trucks purchased by the Fire Department and who has ownership of the trucks. As of right now, they are titled under the Township. Documents were brought forth that showing the Money used to purchase these Trucks was obtained using the City EIN and City system award management Duns numbers to apply for federal grants. The Asst. County Attorney informed the Council and Township that he agrees that the titles for the trucks need to be transferred into the City of Hazleton's ownership. The documents that were brought forward for discussion are SF-424 grant application, Iowa DOT application for a certificate of title and registration, and bank records from the Hazleton Fire Department. All are available at City Hall. At the end of the discussion, the Council and Township came to an agreement that at the next official Hazleton Township meeting that the Trustees would vote to transfer ownership to the City of Hazleton.

2. 28-E agreement with Hazleton Township & Fire Department Budget

A discussion was brought to the table about creating a new 28-E agreement (contract between the City and Township) to cover the increasing budget for the Fire Department. Documents that were presented was a blank 28-e agreement. Data that was used to complete the state formula for Share of costs  $\{\%AV + \%TC + \%Pop\} / 3$  AV = Assessed value of the real estate in the area served TC = Annual average of total emergency calls to the area served Pop = Population of the area served. If this formula was used in the 28-E agreement, the city portion would be 36% and the Township portion would be 64%. One of the questions this led to is whether the township covers fire calls on highway 150 and C57. The answer to that question is the Fire Chief will be working with the City to bill insurance companies a fee for fire calls to accidents that do not involve Hazleton Township residents. The discussion led having a fair split of 50% being paid by the City of Hazleton and 50% by Hazleton Township all cost over the budget will be on the burden of the City. Any extra money that is left in the budget will get put into a CD for Fire Capital outlay. To decide the budget and have equal input we will be creating a Fire Board with one member from the Hazleton Trustees, the Fire Chief, and one member from the Hazleton Council. The Fireboard will bring an agreeable budget to City Council and Township Trustees to be approved for the next Fiscal Year. As for the payments, the Township will be billed quarterly by the City to fulfill its portion of the budget. This 28E agreement will make the City responsible for all insurance, upkeep, and operating expenses of the Fire Department and the Township will not be charged more than what is agreed upon by the Fire Board. The next concern was about raising Hazleton

Township taxes to cover the bill if it is over \$10,000. The Asst. County Attorney informed the Township that they would be able to use part of \$119,988 Fire reserve to offset the cost to keep taxes flat for the residents. He also agrees that the Fire Board would be a great way to go for the 28-E agreement. At the end of the discussion, the Council and Township came to an agreement for the 50/50 split with a Fire Board and that the City would submit a written 28-E agreement in the next couple of weeks to finalize this before the next budget season.

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTION

Questions were asked by the public; some of the questions were about where did funds come from to purchase the new fire trucks? One question was asked about the data that was used for the state formula? Where do donations go if made out to the fire department? Is there a fire association? Is the Fire Department a part of the City? Why is there a State audit on the City? Why is there a State audit on the Fire Department? Is the Fire Chief's salary or compensation? The answers and paperwork for all the questions asked are available at Hazleton City Hall for all to view.

Motion to adjournment by Danette Lujan, second by Monica Michels at 7:40 p.m. Roll Call, All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cole Passick, City Clerk

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Darin Hayzlett, Mayor