

**MINUTES  
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

**Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance:** A silent moment was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Barletta-present; Colombo-present; Mope-present; Perry-present; Gavio-present

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:** The minutes of the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

**Presentations/Proclamations/Communications:** None

**Bid Opening:** None

**Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):** Mark Rabo, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hazleton, spoke of Resolution 2019-24- Resolution Certifying the Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance for Fiscal Year 2019-/2020. Rabo stated he wanted to “echo” what he said at a previous meeting. He spoke of the routes that travel to McAdoo, Beaver Meadows and Weatherly. Rabo said these counties should be reimbursing Luzerne County for their routes instead of having the city or county taxpayers paying their expense.

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**Old Business:**

**ORDINANCES**

None

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**RESOLUTIONS**

None

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**New Business:**

**ORDINANCES**

None

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2019-24** Resolution Certifying the Local Match for State Operating  
Financial Assistance for Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Presented by Mope. Seconded by Colombo.

**Roll Call:** Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

### **RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

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**Resolution 2019-25** Contract for Materials- One Calendar Year

Presented by Gavio. Seconded by Mope.

**Roll Call:** Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mope-yes; Perry-yes; Gavio-yes.

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**Comments from the Audience:** Anthony Stanziola, 2 Saw Mill Road, Foster Township, said he has a court date, coming up in June, regarding a parking ticket. He said the incident took place on August 30, 2018. Stanziola stated he filed a complaint/grievance with Sherry Long, City of Hazleton's Ticket Clerk. He stated no one responded to his complaint in writing. He asked city council if there is a policy or directive on handling a grievance or complaint. Stanziola said he is trying to resolve this issue administratively. He stated the one main issue is a parking meter, in question, has a certification sticker that is either illegible or it expired. He said the meter was defective because it stopped counting too soon. He said he, maybe, will have to subpoena Mayor Cusat to testify and bring this information "with him". He said there was a hearing on March 13, 2019 before a magistrate in Mountaintop. He said, now, he is having a hearing at the Luzerne County Court.

Stanziola said the time-keeping device, in the meter, is not publically displayed because it is located inside the meter. He stated he went to the borough of McAdoo, and they do have newer meters with the serial number, for the time-keeping device, displayed through the lens. He said the meter housing, containing this clock, has a surrogate for the clock inside. He said there is a number on the pole. He said the number, on the pole, is not a meter number, but a parking space number (PANGO) number. He said Tracy Garvey writes the parking space number as a meter number.

He requested city council take a "field trip" down to Jimmy's Quick Lunch, and open up the meter. He said they can write down the serial number, of the clock, and wants to see some kind of paperwork that the City owns this meter. He asked if administration has an inventory list of all the meters and their location in the City. He said it is "too tempting" and "too easy" for a City employee to steal meter money. He said they have no "idea" of how much money is generated. Stanziola said he does not trust John Simcovich, City of Hazleton's Parking Office/Ticket employee, because of an incident at the magistrate's office in Mountaintop. Stanziola stated Simcovich drafted paperwork without the City of Hazleton's logo,

without any dates, and without any signatures. He said he is going, now, to the Court of Records. He said if the water company or PP&L installs a meter at a resident's house, these meters have serial numbers located on them. He said they are linked to that address. He is asking if the City has records because he needs to know which meter was in this spot on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He said the City can take one meter, and switch "it out". He asked how the City can verify if this meter was there that day. He asked if there is a policy or regulations on how a grievance, within the City, is handled.

Gavio stated city council will look into all of his concerns. He said he will forward this to the Administration Office. Stanziola said his tentative court date is on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He said, if need be, he will subpoena Mayor Cusat. He said then Mayor Cusat can either confirm or deny that this meter exists.

Mope asked Stanziola if he has been in communication with Mayor Cusat. Stanziola stated he was at a city council meeting in March, 2019. He stated he has not asked Mayor Cusat for an appointment to sit down with him. Mope said this is what Stanziola needs to do to "get this done". He said Mayor Cusat is in charge of the Parking Department and all departments. He said he or the City administrator, Dan Lynch, would have this information.

Stanziola asked if the City has an inventory or list of all police vehicles.

Ralph Sharp, City of Hazleton's Public Transit Manager, stated there are certified weights and measures, by the state of PA, and sheets with every meter and serial number, located in the City of Hazleton, and stating that these meters were certified. Sharp stated John Simcovich, in the Ticket Office at City Hall, has this paperwork and sheets with all the serial numbers. Sharp said as per the meter failing, he said this only happens when the battery is dead. He said the mechanism, itself, usually does not "go bad". He said this would be the only time a meter would be taken out of its case, and a new one installed.

Mope asked Sharp if he can help Stanziola with the situation and check out this meter. Sharp said yes.

Stanziola asked if there is a space and there is a meter installed there, and if there is a serial number recorded for the meter at a certain location. Sharp said a meter is not recorded at a specific location. He said the only time the serial number is recorded is when it gets certified.

Stanziola asked Sharp if he has purchase orders of these meters. Sharp stated he does not have them. He said some of the newer Eagle CK meters were purchased in 2003. Stanziola asked if Sharp knows how many meters, there are, on the streets. Sharp said the Parking Authority had the records, but when the new administration "took over", the paperwork was taken to City Hall. He stated he does not know where this is at.

Stanziola said as a mechanic, whether a car is 5 or 50 years old, there is a title or paperwork for the car. He said the City of Hazleton's Water Authority keeps records from "cradle to grave". He stated if meters are decommissioned, they are destroyed. He said they know how many meters are out in the field or how many are sitting on the shelf.

Gavio told Stanziola to give him his information as to look into this matter.

Atty. Logsdon said Stanziola can make any arguments at his appeal hearing. He stated this is a city council meeting. Logsdon said this is not the place for his case.

Stanziola said if the City has any property there should be an inventory list of police vehicles, etc. He asked if there is an inventory list of all the City's parking meters.

Gavio said Stanziola needs to contact the Administration Office with this request. Stanziola asked where he can go to review these documents.

Mayor Cusat told Stanziola to file a Right-To-Know request for a list of inventory. He said the City will get any information Stanziola is looking for. Stanziola said he has a problem with the Freedom of Information Act. Atty. Logsdon stated Stanziola needs to “bring this up” with the state. Stanziola said when a resident files an application, the state plays “semantics”. He said they act like this is a privilege to know. Stanziola stated the citizens always have a right to know what is going on. He said the Freedom of Information application has serious “undertones” in it.

Mayor Cusat said any resident can request, a City employee, to gather information for you. He said just because Stanziola came in to demand something, he said administration does not have drop everything to get this for him. Mayor Cusat said Stanziola needs to file a Right-To-Know request and someone will respond to it properly. He said this is not the place to “drill” administration or city council members. He said this is not the proper place for this.

Stanziola apologized and stated he did not know it came across as this.

Gavio stated Stanziola made city council members aware of his problem.

Perry stated the city clerk will send Stanziola a copy of the Freedom of Information Act.

Mark Rabo, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hazleton, thanked Ralph Sharp in getting the information for the different bus routes. He stated some things said, at recent city council meetings, have disturbed him. Rabo spoke in regards to the demolition of a resident’s property. He stated the property owner was willing to remediate his building. Rabo stated under the Blight law, the resident needs a period of one year to remediate his property. He said Atty. Logsdon is aware of this law. Rabo said if the resident does not have ownership, of the property, for one year, and still determined to demolish the property, this will be “on you”. Rabo said residents are to be given ample time to “do what they got to do”. He said you cannot take away a person’s constitutional rights, specifically due process. He said a person has a right to due process for their defense. Rabo said once this is done, then the organization becomes “law onto itself”. He said this is not how it is. The constitution is the “way it is”. Rabo said administration and city council members need to “take this to heart”.

Rabo also stated, at the last city council meeting, he was stating a procedural matter from the Robert’s Rules of Order, and recently passed by city council, in the beginning of 2019, for modifying the rules of council. He said, under Robert’s Rules of Order, point of procedure and point of information is under Robert’s Rules of Order. Rabo said he was using this privilege, but there were problems from the city council members “end.”

Grace Cuozzo, 948 James Street, Hazleton, asked where the 2017 City of Hazleton’s audit is. She stated it is not completed. Cuozzo stated 2018’s audit will be coming. Mope stated city council is waiting for this.

Gavio asked Atty. Logsdon to explain Robert’s Rules of Order to him. Atty. Logsdon stated he and city council can talk about this at length.

Dan Lynch, city administrator, stated the auditor is waiting on GAS-B 68 reports and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) reports from the actuary to complete the pension-side of the audit. Lynch said there was some draft information distributed to council. He stated there should be a full draft, this week, for the City-side financials. He said the holdup is on actuary items needed for pensions. He said, he is hoping, to have the audit within one week or two.

Cuozzo asked what the holdup is with the actuary. Cuozzo said this has to be done every year. Lynch stated this needs to be done every three years. Cuozzo said the 2018 audit is ready to come out. Lynch said he is ready to start 2018’s audit right away.

Jhon Grullon, 799 North James Street, Hazleton, said he has been in Pennsylvania for three weeks. He stated he lives in New York, and bought a car. He said his car has a few problems, and needs to resolve this before taking it back to New York City. Grullon said he has his car in front of a relative's house. He said his car was 2 inches from legal parking, and got a \$40.00 parking ticket, and an \$80.00 ticket for an expired inspection sticker. He said he tried to fix the situation, and traveled to New York to pick up money for the fine. He said when he came back to Pennsylvania, the car was towed. He said the total fine was \$470.00 plus \$50.00 to do a background check to see if he has prior tickets. Grullon said he came to City Hall to pay the tickets. He said the gentleman at the Parking Ticket Office did not have a "nice" attitude towards him. He said this was very unfair, and tried to talk with him to try to pay the tickets and resolve the situation. Grullon asked him if he could plead not guilty. The employee said no, and had a wrong attitude towards him when telling Grullon the situation. He stated the employee told him "pay the money or you're not getting your car." Grullon said since he did not want to pay the money and did not have enough money for the fine (\$520.00), he decided to wait. He then applied for a job. Grullon stated he got a job to pay for the car. He said after one week, he got the money. Grullon stated he came two days ago to release the car. He said each day there is a \$25.00/fine plus a tow pound fee and different expenses. He stated he came yesterday, to the Parking Ticket Office, and spoke to a female parking office employee. He said he talked very nice to her. He said he not only got one ticket, but got five tickets, and getting two tickets, a day, of \$80.00. Grullon stated the female employee had a worse attitude than the male parking office employee. He said he asked this lady if he can fight the tickets and plead not guilty on the tickets. Grullon said the lady parking ticket office employee had a very bad attitude. He said the lady screamed at him. He said there was another guy there who he believes was a police officer who towed his car and harassed him. Grullon said he has a video of the female employee screaming at him. Grullon said someone posted this video on Facebook, and went viral. Grullon said when he talked to the female employee, and asked how much it would cost to fight these tickets, she would not give him the option. Grullon said the employee denied him the favor to see the judge. He said in New York, the citizens have the right to fight the tickets, especially if the citizen feels not guilty in situations as this. He stated the lady screamed at him, and did not let him "go through the process". He said he has the money and "go through the process". He said in this town, the regulations for transit and for people who cannot afford to pay, so much money, and not have the opportunity to plead not guilty, on the tickets, is not fair. Grullon stated regulations need to change "a little bit". He said he is willing to show city council members the video.

Mayor Cusat stated he did see this video.

Atty. Logsdon said city council is very glad that he came to the meeting to explain his situation. He said Mayor Cusat is in charge of administration and is the chief executive. He said Mayor Cusat is aware of the situation as he did see the video. Atty. Logsdon said Mayor Cusat would handle any complaints which Grullon would have. He stated playing the video, for city council, would not make "any sense".

Gavio stated he will talk to Mayor Cusat about this.

Mayor Cusat said he did talk with Police Chief Jerry Speziale and Police Officer Kirk Wetzel. Mayor Cusat told Grullon he may file a complaint against the Parking Ticket Office employee. He stated the police department is aware of the situation. Mayor Cusat said the situation that was explained to him was the car was ticketed, and towed by the police department. He stated the gentleman that Grullon was talking to was a Parking Enforcement employee. The police did tow the car. The policy, of the City of Hazleton, is either pay the ticket, or if resident does not feel they are guilty, then the matter would go to the magistrate. Mayor Cusat stated the employee was correct in the procedure. He said for the resident to have their car towed released, the resident cannot have any outstanding parking tickets. He stated all fines need to be paid up before a vehicle is released. He said she was correct in the City's procedure, but the way she "expressed" herself was not as calmly done as possible. Mayor Cusat said the City's procedure is not to release a vehicle with outstanding parking tickets. He said the police department is aware of the situation, and are waiting if Grullon would like to file a complaint.

Grullon stated he is definitely filing a complaint.

Perry asked Mayor Cusat where Grullon needs to go to file his complaint. Mayor Cusat stated Grullon needs to see Lieutenant Kirk Wetzel or Police Chief Jerry Speziale in the police department as they are aware of the situation.

Mope asked Mayor Cusat if Grullon would plead not guilty. Mayor Cusat said the City does not have a policy to plead not guilty on a parking ticket. He stated if the resident feels their not guilty, the resident waits 14 days, and goes directly to the magistrate. He said it "skips" that step. He stated then the 14 days expires, and the resident would get their day in court.

Grullon said he was informed that he would get an expiration ticket, on the car, every 24 hours. He said he has two tickets, on the same date, within 24 hours. He said getting tickets from the same ticket enforcement officer is not normal.

Gavio stated city council will talk to administration to get some answers. Perry asked Grullon if his 14 days are up. Mayor Cusat stated the problem is he is incurring storage fees for his vehicle. He said he either has to pay the tickets to get the car out, or pays for the storage until it goes to court. He said he can pay the parking tickets.

Perry asked if he can pay the fine, then go to court afterwards.

Gavio asked Mayor Cusat if he will address this problem.

Mayor Cusat stated he had a meeting today to discuss this situation.

Mope asked Mayor Cusat if he pays the tickets if he will have the opportunity to go to the magistrate and plead not guilty. She said he needs to get his car out so as not to accrue any storage fees. Mope said the storage fees can be very expensive. Mayor Cusat said the tickets need to be "satisfied" before the department can release the vehicle. Mope said he needs to get this straighten out with administration and the police department. She said Grullon does not want to pay a storage fee added on every day,

Bob Nemeth, Sr., 63 Center Hill Road, Sugarloaf, said in the nature of what he does every day, he entertains people from other cities and states. He said the outside residents ask if there is a "garbage strike" in the City. They ask why there are beds, refrigerators, and sofas all over the streets. Nemeth said he states he does not know the letter of the law with the garbage proposal. Nemeth states the City "looks a mess". He said the residents need to put their garbage in a bag, in a container, or a can so the garbage is not all over.

Mope said the resident is allowed to put one bulk item out weekly. She said a lot of residents abuse this. She said if everyone has their garbage or bulk item out, on a particular day, it looks like garbage is not picked up and the City is in disarray. She stated this can be unsightly. She said this can be seen, on each street, on garbage pickup days. She stated, in the past, bulk items were picked up, one time, in the summer. She stated this turned into a large amount of bulk items put out at one time. Mope said the City felt it was better to change it to one bulk item a week. Mope said she had a complaint regarding transient tenants leaving furniture behind. She said a landlord is then left with furniture, television sets, and mattresses. She received the complaint from a landlord on First Street in the City. She then had to contact Charlie Pedri, Code Enforcement Manager. Mope said this is not fair to her because of the house on Diamond Avenue. She said Code Enforcement needs to get "up and after" the people who are the major violators.

Nemeth asked if it "makes sense" to have the regular, daily trash, that is generated in a household, go into a bag or can. He said the bulk items can be the responsibility of the tenant or the property owner.

Gavio asked Nemeth if he contacted the authority who handles the garbage. He said there are ordinances that states when the resident and the time the garbage can be put out. Gavio stated there were times, following the ordinance, when resident complained, the Code Department was notified and they took care of the situation. He said the authority handles this with the City "out of it". He said they specify what garbage can be put out. Gavio stated there are ordinances, in place, stating garbage cannot be left out all week.

Perry stated the City has changed garbage haulers. Perry said there used to be large cans for recycling and a can for garbage. He said the City no longer has these, and the resident needs to buy one. Perry said they gave the resident one can. He stated the residents put in "everything and anything". Perry said garbage is put in open container and the wind blows it all over. He said the City's cost has been reduced. He said there is no kind of uniformity. He said with a different garbage hauler, there are different results. He said this is why it is "unsightly." Perry stated a garbage bag gets "ripped open" and is blown around. Nemeth stated the authority has the final "say".

Nemeth stated he has been at previous city council meetings. He said the comments, he has heard, is where is the Hazleton Police Department. The residents state they never "see them", and what are "they doing". He said he has been around a long time, and has been on the streets a long time. Nemeth said he has never seen the Hazleton Police Department as active, reactive, and cooperative as they are right now. He said he has been involved, directly, by way of different incidents, with the police department. He said they are extremely professional, and they do a good job. He said he doesn't remember the Hazleton Fire Department being what it is today. Nemeth stated you just "don't see" one fire engine, but you see multiple fire trucks, and multiple firefighters out. Nemeth said it is nice seeing all the street sweepers sweeping all the City streets before Easter. He asked if the City is ticketing residents who do not move their vehicles for the street sweeper. Gavio stated he has seen vehicles being ticketed on James Street. Mope concurred.

Nemeth stated about one year ago, he became the project manager and real estate agent for the former St. Joseph's Hospital. He said Mayor Cusat was kind enough to sit down and talk with him about citations totaling \$40,000 from the previous owner. He said Mayor Cusat told him if the windows were sealed, the doors were sealed, and the trash was cleaned around the property that the citations could be forgiven. Nemeth said not only was this done, but every floor was cleaned in the hospital, including the basement. He said he then went back to Mayor Cusat and asked for a letter to give to his owner. He said the mayor stated he cannot do this. Nemeth asked if city council told him not to do this, or was it a certain individual who told him not to do it. Nemeth said this is real unprofessional when there is a guy who is looking to spend five to seven million dollars on this property, who is not a "tire kicker". He said he is a shopping center developer in five states, and flies his own jet. He stated he is not a "hobo". Nemeth said he stated "when I can go anywhere in the country, to do deals, why would I come to Hazleton, PA, when this is how I am treated before I even got there". Nemeth wants to know if somebody told the mayor if he should not do this. Nemeth then asked Mr. Pedri, and Mr. Pedri said "no, we are not forgiving anything". Nemeth asked Mr. Pedri why. He stated Mr. Pedri did not have an answer. He wants to know if anyone has an answer to give to his owner. Nemeth stated he has a letter of intent, on file, for the Altamont Building. Nemeth said they have retained two attorneys, an architectural firm, and an engineering firm. Nemeth stated everyone will start to see some activity there.

He said he is negotiating, back and forth, again, with another individual for the hospital property. He stated this individual is from California. Nemeth said the gentleman has signed an agreement, and is working with a law firm from Wilkes-Barre to represent him. He stated Lehigh Valley Hospital has sent him a few "nasty" letters. They stated in their chain of title, they state there cannot be anything medically-related in the building. Nemeth stated this becomes an awfully large single home. He then got a law firm from Wilkes-Barre, because a few congressmen and senators came to Hazleton, bought two hospitals, and bought "98% of the doctors." Nemeth stated their lawsuit says they have created a monopoly. He asked why they do not want anybody else to do anything in this building. Nemeth said there were a

group of doctors, from other states, and knew each other. Nemeth said they wanted to do a medical center on two floors, an assisted living facility on one floor, and senior housing on another floor. He said he was obligated to tell his buyers what the situation was. Nemeth stated they were not interested in being in Hazleton, PA. Nemeth wants to know, if it is possible, to get any support, from the City of Hazleton, in reference to do anything medically related in the St. Joseph building.

Gavio said Nemeth needs to check with Atty. Logsdon.

Atty. Logsdon said he does not know what kind of commitment, the City of Hazleton, can make.

Mope asked Nemeth to show Atty. Logsdon the letters he has received to look where this stands legally.

Nemeth said it is in "the chain of title." He said when the hospital was transferred from the Hazleton Alliance to Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Valley put it in the chain of title as a restricted covenant that the building cannot be used for anything medically related. He said they site 20 different things. Nemeth stated if it is medical, they have it "in there". He said he would like to see something, from the City, to support this facility being used for medical purposes. He said there are a shortage of beds and doctors at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Nemeth stated this would give the residents another opportunity within the City. Nemeth asked if this would come from city council or the mayor.

Perry stated city council would need to direct this. Nemeth is asking for support.

Atty. Logsdon asked Nemeth if this is a restricted covenant that is within the deed. He said the City cannot do anything regarding the restricted covenant.

Nemeth said he is looking for a letter of support that Hazleton City would be interested in having a medical facility within this building. He said he is, currently, challenging this in court.

Perry stated he is not sure if the City's support would make a difference.

Mayor Cusat stated the City can write him a letter of support. He said the City would write any letter which would benefit the City. Mayor Cusat said it is considered development and the City would support this. Perry said the City would like anything in this building. Barletta asked Atty. Logsdon if we can do a letter for him. Atty. Logsdon stated yes.

Nemeth asked what to do about the \$40,000 inherited from the previous owner. He stated he has done what Mayor Cusat asked him to do, and "a lot" more. He wants to know how to resolve this.

Mope said this needs to be between Nemeth and administration because city council does not have anything to do with this. Perry stated city council cannot direct the mayor to change laws. Barletta stated it was agreement that Nemeth and Mayor Cusat had.

Atty. Logsdon said regarding the citations, he believes the agreement stated once the building is cleaned-up, and getting a plan to possibly do something with the citations, but said, there are no judgements that would affect the title to the building. He said whether or not the citations are there should not make a difference in terms of any liens. Mayor Cusat stated there are no judgements against them.

Perry stated it is not impeding them from progress.

Mayor Cusat said the City wanted the place cleaned up and a plan.

Nemeth asked if he can have a letter stating that the City is not moving on the citations from the previous owner.



Mayor Cusat said he does not know if the City can say this in a letter. He stated it is sitting there idle. Perry stated if it meets certain requirements then those will not be a problem. Nemeth stated he has met these requirements.

Atty. Logsdon said a letter stating the City is not going for citations would withdraw the citations. He said the City needs the plans from the developer as to what they are going to do. He said this is like "starting over".

Nemeth said this was not the arrangement. He stated it was to seal the windows, seal the doors, and clean-up the trash around the property. Nemeth said he did this, and cleaned the entire building out. Mayor Cusat asked what the exact violations were for. Nemeth said they were code violations, and not only were they not forgiven, but, Nadine from the Code Department, refiled the violations a second time.

Mayor Cusat said if they were filed again, there had to be a violation somewhere. He said if they were "satisfied, then they are satisfied". He said they would then go away.

Nemeth said Mr. Pedri stated this would not happen. He invited Charlie and Nadine to tour the building. He asked them why they are being recited for something Mayor Cusat asked him to do. He said it is not right. He said this is very counterproductive.

Atty. Logsdon said this is something to sit down and discuss with the Code Enforcement. He stated city council will not be able to decide, on this, tonight.

Gavio stated city council can meet with administration to see what is going on.

Perry asked Nemeth if there were not any citations would there be any progress. Nemeth said this is for \$40,000. He said the current owner is not responsible for these citations, but it was the previous owner. He said there has been a major difference in the building's progress. He had spent \$75,000 for people, dumpsters, and generators. He said he has stayed in the greater Hazleton area all of his life.

Barletta stated Nemeth needs to sit down with Mayor Cusat and the Code Department to work this out.

Mark Rabo, 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Hazleton, spoke a point of information regarding the building citations. He said once an owner takes a property over, whatever citations there are, the owner needs a period of 12 months to rectify the problem. He said the previous owner is responsible for any citations.

**Comments from Mayor:** Mayor Cusat said the DPW and Hazleton Fire Department have been hosing off the streets and street sweeping. He said the City has started early, and has made great progress. He said the spring clean-up should be done in three to four weeks, hopefully by Mother's Day.

**Comments from Council:** Mope thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Comments from Junior Council:** None.

**Adjournment:** Gavio motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.