

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
February 20, 2014

MOMENT OF SILENCE
FLAG SALUTE

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon took place on February 20, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Haledon Municipal Complex located at 510 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, New Jersey.

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was included in a notice sent to the North Jersey Herald & the Record on January 9, 2014 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 9, 2014 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, copies of the above notices are and have been available to the public and are on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL – Mayor Stampone called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Present: Mayor Domenick Stampone; Council President Mounir Almaita; Council members: Belgica Costa, Rey Martinez and Michael Johnson. Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator Allan R. Susen and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo.

Absent: Councilwoman Maha Kandis and Councilman Michael Tirri absent with prior notice.

PUBLIC HEARING
(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Costa seconded by Johnson to open the public hearing.

ROLL CALL
YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

Mary Mayer, 365 Belmont Ave. – inquiry about cheaper electricity. Being asked regularly from companies to participate, wondering about if the Borough is part of a plan that includes residents participation.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing.

ROLL CALL
YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

Mayor Stampone responded to Mary Mayer by mentioning Passaic County is a lead agency. Explained how the County will purchase on behalf of co-op in bulk. Rates will be more competitive. Residents do not need to participate and have option to opt out.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson, Thanked Police Department, Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer for their work with all the snowstorms. Snow removal has been a major task. Mentioned Snow Emergency Parking ordinance and 48 hour parking ordinance, asked Council President Almaita to look at ordinance to provide more enforcement ability.

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson
Police Department
Housing Inspection/Building Maintenance
Municipal Court

Fire Liaison– Michael Tirri-absent.
Fire Department

Councilman Johnson mentioned a fire the other evening, fire is under investigation. Some residents received help from Red Cross. Working on helping displaced residents with their needs.

Fire Chief commended Fire Fighters. Mutual Aid system did assist with the fire on East Barbour Street. Firefighter was hospitalized but released today. Council President Almaita inquired about residents. Fire Chief stated that six family house and one apartment was vacant. Approximately 12-15 people living in building. Council President Almaita asked about setting up fundraiser. Commended Fire Department for professionalism. One resident left medication in apartment and the Fire Fighter went in to get the medication for resident.

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Belgica Costa- no official report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mounir Almaita, Chair – Finance Committee needs to meet to finalize budget.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Maha Kandis, Chair –absent.

ORDINANCE

Mounir Almaita, Chair – working on, a couple ordinances need to look into one of them is snow removal ordinance.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Belgica Costa, Chair -regular meeting; Board of Health President Nadia Almaita and Vice President Dana Fashah were re-elected. Received Health Services agreement from Paterson. The Blood Pressure Clinic is posted on website.

PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Johnson, Chair –snow removal vehicles on the road for hours. Some of the trucks went out for repairs. The Department of Public Works worked diligently and deserve our gratitude. Trucks are outdated and new equipment is needed. Doing best with what we have.

- Water Department & Utility Management
- Department of Public Works
- Streets & Roads
- Public Land, Parks & Building Maintenance
- Sanitation & Waste Services
- Clean Streets
- Recycling

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rey Martinez, Chair – no official report.

TECHNOLOGY

Maha Kandis, Chair –absent.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Maha Kandis, Chair –absent.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Reiterated response to house fire on East Barbour Street. Firemen are volunteers; visited injured Fire Fighter thanked him for his service. Second house fire this winter but we are fortunate that there were no resident injuries. Mentioned snow removal operation approximately 3200 cubic yards which is equivalent to 80-90 truckloads of snow. Belmont, Barbour, Lee, and Haledon Ave. Snow removal was done by Braen Industries using their personnel and equipment. The Borough is thankful to Braen Industries for their assistance.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Haledon Public School regarding celebration of Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss 110th Birthday.
2. Letter from the Mayor of Woodland Park Keith Kazmark regarding the Passaic Valley Water Commission 5% rate increase.
Mayor mentioned commissions are not subject to same increase restrictions as municipalities. (2% cap).

Motion by Martinez seconded by Johnson to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO:-0-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Johnson that Ordinance #2-6-2014 to be heard in its second and final reading (An ordinance revising and amending the code of the Borough of Haledon entitled “Salaries of Municipal Employees”)

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

THE CLERK WILL READ THE TITLE

BOROUGH OF HALEDON

ORDINANCE #2-6-2014

AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING THE “CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES”

Motion by Martinez seconded by Johnson to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2-6-2014.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

No Comments.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Alkaita to close the public hearing on Ordinance #2-6-2014.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Motion by Johnson seconded by Alkaita that Ordinance #2-6-2014 be approved and adopted and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise according to law.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO:-0-

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon have reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon are not desirous of removing any resolution from the Consent Agenda;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon, that the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved:

RESOLUTION#2014-039 AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE 2015 DEDR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

RESOLUTION#2014-040 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER-41 NORTH 12TH STREET

RESOLUTION#2014-041 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER – 365 HALEDON AVE.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Martinez to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2014-039 AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF 2015 DEDR MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further recognizes that is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Governing Body does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Haledon Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2014-2015 in the amount of:
 - Alliance DEDR Allocation: \$16,792.00
 - Cash Match: \$ 4,198.00
 - In-Kind Match (must be 75% of the DEDR allocation) \$12, 594.00

Total Alliance Budget \$33, 584.00

2. The Governing Body acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION #2014-040 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER- 41 NORTH 12TH STREET

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 19, 2011, a lien was sold on Block 101, Lot 5, also known as 41 North 12th Street in Haledon, for 2010 delinquent taxes; and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #11-00009 was sold to Robert U. Delvecchio Pension Trust , P.O. Box , Hawthorne, New Jersey 07507, in the amount of \$ 6,270.36, at zero percent interest with a premium of \$11,000.00, and,

WHEREAS, Property Owner, has effected redemption of Certificate #11-00009 in the amount of \$46,406.13, as of February 28, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO / Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 57,406.13 payable to Robert U. Delvecchio, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07507 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00009

RESOLUTION #2014-041 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER- 365 HALEDON AVENUE

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 21, 2010, a lien was sold on Block 93, Lot 4.01, also known as 365 Haledon Avenue in Haledon, for 2009 delinquent taxes; and,

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WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #10-00009 was sold to Jersey Land Abstract, Inc., 38 Skillman Street, 3B, Brooklyn, New York 11205, in the amount of \$ 10,682.67, at zero percent interest with a premium of \$2,600.00, and,

WHEREAS, Property Owner, has effected redemption of Certificate #10-00009 in the amount of \$83,407.54, as of February 28, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO / Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 86,007.54 payable to Jersey land Abstract, Inc., 38 Skillman Street, 3B, Brooklyn, New York 11205 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00009

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Costa to add resolution #2014-042 to the agenda.

RESOLUTION #2014-042 AUTHORIZE AN OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION.

Motion by Costa second by Johnson to approve.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon are requesting funding through the Passaic County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for the Capital Improvement of the Roe Street Athletic Fields; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, such funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the Borough of Haledon; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon do hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council certify the resolution for the application to be presented to the Passaic County Department of Planning and Economic Development.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2014-043 BILLS LIST – February 20, 2014

Motion by Johnson second by Costa to approve.

WHEREAS, the attached bills have been submitted for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has attached his certification of availability of funds stating that the Bills list for February will not constitute an over expenditure of any Ordinance or Line Item;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the attached payments are hereby approved and payment made when the funds of the Borough are sufficient to meet them.

TOTAL BILLS LIST FOR February 20, 2014 WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$3,036,390.75
WATER (MUA):	<u>\$ 40,785.09</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,077,175.84

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ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnson seconded by Martinez to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:

Allan R. Susen, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator