

Motion by Tirri seconded by Ahmed open public hearing on 2015 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Jim Cerullo was present for Mr. Ferraioli who was at a budget hearing for another town. Mr. Cerullo spoke to the Governing Body stating the following:

- Explained Cap Laws and impact on the Haledon Municipal Budget.
- Haledon Municipal Budget is sufficiently below Cap which the Finance Committee worked on diligently.

Mayor Domenick Stampone commended the Finance Committee for their work. Commented on the Borough providing municipal services despite the drop in revenue.

Council President Mounir Almaita stated tax increase is about \$95.00 for home assessed at \$231,000.00.

Mayor Domenick Stampone opened the public portion to comments from the public regarding the Haledon Municipal Budget.

Edwin Colondres, 65 Oxford St. questioned the Recreation portion of budget. Line items appear to be less than previous years. There appeared to be a surplus in the line item in previous year. Recreation Director is in a part time capacity and it is not sufficient to run all the recreation programs. Requesting the Recreation Director to have full time position.

Mayor Domenick Stampone stated that this is a trial and error period with the Recreation Director position. The Part time position is less expensive than full time, if it is not warranted than we will keep it as so. The Recreation Director is paid less than the Boys and Girls Club contract price which was at \$48,000.00; the recreation line item was reduced accordingly.

Motion by Martinez seconded by Ahmed to close the public hearing on 2015 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2015-074 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
Motion by Ahmed seconded by Almaita to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

**This resolution is spread at the end of the meeting minutes. **

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 18, 2014	Regular Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2015	Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2015	Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015	Work Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tirri seconded by Martinez to approve the above meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Ahmed to open the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Melinda Greenberg, Skyline Drive (resides in The Heights) – commented on condition of roads in the complex. The roads in The Heights are in poor conditions due to potholes and requested from the Mayor and Council to have the roads in The Heights paved.

Roger Sigora, Skyline Drive – brought up pictures of pothole issue in The Heights. When final phase was built those roads were supposed to be repaved due to construction traffic and blasting. Claims bond was returned to builder before work was done. Concerned about manhole and possible causing of damage. There needs to be resolve to these road conditions in The Heights. Hopes everyone can come to mutual resolve.

John Block, 337 Morrissee Ave. – old municipal site would prefer to see a ratable there. Requests that Mayor and Council look at getting ratable at the site. Could be a revenue generator if a ratable is on that property. Commented that the Street sweeper is not out on regular basis.

Frank Menyhart, N12th St. – kids are jumping over fences. Reported a brawl at the field. requesting if foot patrols can be increased. Complained of illegally parked cars, no tickets being issued. Mentioned Street sweeper not being out and the streets are filled with debris and litter.

Dan, 202 Heights Drive – complained of same issues with the roads in The Heights – potholes. Questioned if the Quarry does mining. Concerned about mines, sinkholes and the damage that the Quarry blasting is causing to houses on Central Ave.

D Hirsh – Rockledge- Houses are shaking due to blasting.

Dennis O'Brien – concerned about roads in The Heights. Mentioned the back and forth over road ownership. Feels home has shifted can it be from the Quarry blasting?

Tammy Moore – regarding the recreation center programs -who will decide if program is working? Identified that certain items that are needed at the Rec Center. Asked about basketball camp and status of when the program will start.

Mayor Domenick Stampone explained that the Governing Body will be informed by the residents and participating individuals.

Edwin Colondres, 65 Oxford St. – concern is that we run the recreation programs right this time. School calendar indicates school is open on Veterans Day. As a Veteran it is a dishonor and I should not have to pull my kids out of school for that day. Thanked Mayor Domenick Stampone for Veterans Day program. Veterans should be properly honored.

Lou Polidori, Hobart Ave. - corner of Roe and Burhans raised house there, not sure what is going up there. Identified non-ratable properties in the Borough. Would it be best if properties were developed.

Frank Menyhart, N12th St. – follow up to Lou Polidori's concerns and stated that the grant to develop that property does not include remediation.

Lou Polidori – stated he was going to build a ratable on the old municipal building property but it did not work out and lost money on that project.

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Martinez to close the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

Mayor Domenick Stampone responded to all the residents' concerns by stating the following:

- The Heights, roads were not built in accordance to Borough specifications. We provide Municipal services but The Heights a complex that was built privately. We get grants from the State to repave the Borough's roads, otherwise it is expensive.
- The Quarry Blasts– all homes in the Borough shake when there is a blast. The Quarry is regulated by the State and the Borough Ordinance. We do not control the blasting.
- Park incident and more foot patrol- More patrols mean more money. Mr. Menyhart complained of promotions yet wants more patrols, inconsistent.
- Ratable – interesting comment from Mr. Block, because there are developments approved in past but were not very favorable. Ford Road is an example of approvals for ratable that should not have been approved. Ratable bring in more students. We are looking at smart development and growth for the Borough.
- Recreation Center Programs, whether they are working or not; heard good comments regarding Recreation Director. Number of registrations is going up but it is too early to judge the success of the programs as of yet. The Governing Body is waiting for feedback from the residents.

Mayor Domenick Stampone discussed old complex and environmental conditions. Discussion turned to downtown area not being vibrant enough. Mayor emphasized 1.5 million investment in Belmont Avenue Streetscape. Mentioned all the businesses that are vibrant on Belmont Avenue.

407 Belmont – ideally good ratable would be best. But the environmental issues do not permit it. There is remediation that has to be done and no one is interested in doing it. A nice town square as opposed to run down buildings is better than nothing.

Council President Mounir Alkaita- Cannot do anything without getting clearance that the property was remediated that is the point. We are doing the best we can do with the property it

is contaminated. In terms of the street sweeper it is out, my neighbor complained about receiving a ticket.

Mayor Domenick Stampone was in agreement that he did see the street sweeper out cleaning the roads.

Superintendent Douglas Morgan stated it was a priority for the street sweeper to be out. Stated that the Department of Public Works did try to fix a couple of potholes at The Heights.

Mayor Domenick Stampone after reviewing the pictures presented by Mr. Segora (pictures of the roads at The Heights) would like to discuss the issue with Mr. Segora.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson- absent.

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

Fire Liaison– Michael Tirri- no official report.
Fire Department

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Tahsina Ahmed-no official report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mounir Almaita, Chair –Budget Adopted.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Maha Kandis, Chair – absent.

ORDINANCE

Mounir Almaita, Chair – working on a couple of ordinances.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – no official report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Johnson, Chair –Superintendent Douglas Morgan mentioned street sweeper is out as much as possible.

- 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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Mayor Domenick Stampone thanked Douglas Morgan for working with Police Department regarding delineated parking spots.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rey Martinez, Chair –

Mayor Domenick Stampone mentioned ground breaking for Belmont Ave. Streetscape Phase III is coming soon. Municipal Clerk Allan R. Susen and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy are working on bid specs.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen stated that there is a meeting set up a meeting to discuss details of Belmont Ave. Streetscape Phase III.

TECHNOLOGY

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair –no official report.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Maha Kandis, Chair –absent.

Councilwoman Tahsina Ahmed reported that the committee has met regarding Haledon Day and that there will be another meeting held on May 13, 2015 with Police Department. Haledon Day will take place on June 20, 2015.

MAYOR'S REPORT

➤ Dr. Barnet

Acknowledged passing of Dr. Barnet. Extended condolences to his family. He was a champion of disabled. A group home is named in his honor of his work and dedication towards the disabled.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly's Office regarding the upcoming departmental budget hearings of the Assembly Budget (a listing of the meetings with time/date)
2. Received letter from Highland Lakes' resident acknowledging Officers Len and Lindberg for their work assisting her and 5 yr. old son following an accident.
This letter was added to the communications based on Mayor Stampone's request.

Motion by Tirri seconded by Martinez to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Martinez that Ordinance #3-11-2015 to be heard in its second and final reading (An ordinance amending Chapter 405 (Zoning) requiring a new Zoning Certificate of Compliance to be obtained once there is a change of use or ownership or real property)

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

THE CLERK WILL READ THE TITLE

BOROUGH OF HALEDON

ORDINANCE #3-11-2015

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405 (ZONING) TO REQUIRE A ZONING CERTIFICATE OF COMPLAINE TO BE OBTAINED UPON CHANGE OF USE OR OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON”

Motion by Tirri seconded by Ahmed to open the public hearing on Ordinance #3-11-2015.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Motion by Martinez seconded by Ahmed to close the public hearing on Ordinance #3-11-2015.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Motion by Tirri seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #3-11-2015 be approved and adopted and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise according to law.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #3-11-2015B to be heard in its second and final reading (An ordinance to set fees in the Borough of Haledon)

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

THE CLERK WILL READ THE TITLE

BOROUGH OF HALEDON

ORDINANCE #3-11-2015B

“AN ORDINANCE TO SET FEES IN THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON”

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Martinez to open the public hearing on Ordinance #3-11-2015B.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Frank Menyhart requested an explanation of ordinance.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen explained was for sports fees.

Council President Mounir Almaita added there is a range for the fees.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to close the public hearing on Ordinance #3-11-2015B.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #3-11-2015B be approved and adopted and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise according to law.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

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#2015-075 RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED PIPELINE
THROUGH THE DESIGNATED HIGHLANDS
PRESERVATION IN NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION#2015-076 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIREFIGHTER, FIRE
COMPANY #1-STEPHEN BUTCHYK

Motion by Almaita seconded by Martinez to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2015-075 RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED PIPELINE
THROUGH THE DESIGNATED HIGHLANDS
PRESERVATION IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings LLC is proposing a project to install two pipelines to convey petroleum materials to and from Albany, New York, and refineries in Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one pipeline will carry crude oil from a terminal in Albany, New York, to the refinery in Linden, New Jersey, and the other pipeline will carry refined finished product from the refinery back to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of such pipeline within the Borough of Wanaque is located within the New Jersey Highlands Preservation Area and such proposed pipeline is also located less than one-quarter mile upstream from Wanaque's Municipal Water Supply wells and less than one-half mile upstream from the Wanaque Reservoir, the largest water supply reservoir in the State of New Jersey holding 30 billion gallons of water to supply over 1 million residents of Northern New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, a breach in this pipeline could cause serious environmental problems to the residents of the Borough of Wanaque, the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey by polluting the water supply system; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,000 petroleum pipeline incidents have occurred in the United States since 1993; and

WHEREAS, the worst and most expensive oil spill in U.S history came from a pipeline failure, in July 2010 near a tributary of Michigan's Kalamazoo River; with clean-up costs at almost one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) with this spill devastating sensitive ecosystems and impacting people who live in nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, a petroleum pipeline spill in Montana on January 17, 2015 dumped over 50,000 gallons of crude oil into the Yellowstone River in just one hour with an oil slick extending almost 60 miles downstream; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon has determined that the Pilgrim Pipeline Project is not beneficial to our citizens, but instead would cause an adverse effect to the region and to the citizens of the Borough of Haledon, the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby strongly opposes the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline Project because of the potential degradation of Haledon and New Jersey's drinking water supply and the potential safety to our region and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, proposal and surveying; requests a full environmental review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution the Governor's Office, Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the State Land Conservancy Commission; League of Municipalities and the contiguous municipalities.

RESOLUTION #2015-076 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF NEW FIREFIGHTER, FIRE
COMPANY #1-STEPHEN BUTCHYK

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that the following individuals be accepted as probationary members of the Haledon Fire Department and they are authorized to sign the Borough Roll:

Fire Company #1
Stephen Butchyk

Motion by Alkaita second by Martinez to add resolution #2015-077 to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Lieutenant Daniele mentioned the resolution that is being added is to hire new dispatchers due to Jake Rutkowski being named a regular officer and Michele Young resigning.

RESOLUTION #2015-077 APPOINT PART TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS
Motion by Alkaita second by Ahmed to approve.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee comprised of Mayor Domenick Stampone, Council President Mounir Alkaita and Councilman Michael Johnson have recommended the following to be appointed as a part time police dispatchers effective immediately at the current hourly rate:

Tiffany Meza
Jeffrey Welsh

WHEREAS, the Police Department has expressed the need to have an additional part time dispatchers to assist with scheduling difficulties; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Domenick Stampone requests the advice and consent of the Borough Counsel to appoint the above individuals as a part time police dispatcher effective immediately at the current dispatcher hourly rate ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council hereby concurs with the appointment of the above individuals as a part time police dispatchers effective immediately.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #04222015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Almaita second by Ahmed to approve.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to move to executive session to discuss the following matters:

- City of Paterson sewer fees.

WHEREAS, minutes will be taken during the closed session and once the confidential matter has been resolved, then the minutes will be made available to the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon will hereby move to closed session and that the public will be excluded from this meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Record will reflect that Mayor Stampone is recusing himself since he works for City of Paterson.

Motion by Martinez seconded by Almaita to reopen public session of meeting.

ADJOURN

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:

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