

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

June 24, 2015

**MOMENT OF SILENCE
FLAG SALUTE**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon took place on June 24, 2015 at 8:15PM 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 5, 2015 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 5, 2015 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 Domenick Stampone called the meeting to order at 8:15PM.

Present: Mayor Domenick Stampone; Council President Mounir Almaita; Council members; Michael Tirri, Tahsina Ahmed, and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo; and Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator Allan R. Susen.

Absent: Councilwoman Maha Kandis absent with notice.
Councilman Reynaldo Martinez absent.
Councilman Michael Johnson delayed arrived at 8:22pm.

CITATIONS PRESENTED BY MAYOR DOMENICK STAMPONE

Mayor Domenick Stampone presented citations to Sergeant Donald Vanderveen and Officer Timothy Lindberg for apprehending suspects stealing copper pipe from resident on Henry Street.

Officer in Charge Daniele presented a Gallantry pin to be worn with their Police uniform.

Mayor thanked the Police Department for helping to organize a peaceful vigil for 23 year old woman killed in Passaic; was held on Kossuth Street.

PUBLIC HEARING
(Privilege of the floor)

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

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

Frank Caraccio, 161 Church St, asked how resolutions are to be interpreted.

Mayor Stampone explained they are exactly as they seem; decision of the Governing Body.

Mr. Caraccio asked about his resolution, regarding his appointment and his status as a department head.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

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GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

No comments

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson – nothing to report at this time.

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

Fire Liaison– Michael Tirri – nothing at this time.
Fire Department

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mounir Almaita, Chair – nothing official.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Maha Kandis, Chair – absent.

ORDINANCE

Mounir Almaita, Chair – nothing at this time.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Johnson, Chair – nothing to report other than the street sweeper has been out.

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

Councilman Tirri commented on potholes at the corner of Mangold Street and Belmont Avenue.

Mayor Stampone noticed the County street sweeper on the Avenue during rush hour.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rey Martinez, Chair – absent.

Mayor commented on delays starting Phase III (Belmont Streetscape)

TECHNOLOGY

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – nothing to report.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Maha Kandis, Chair – absent with notice.

Mayor Stampone, last Saturday was Haledon Day. Thanked the organizers of the parade and event and all those that donated time. The weather did hamper the event. Nice day.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Code Enforcer is present, nothing to report.

Wished all those observing Ramadan well.

Council President Almaita, Administrator (Allan Susen) will take on the (Haledon Day) parade next year. Councilwoman Ahmed was the brains behind the whole thing and the Police Department.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Ms. Jessica Mendez a resident concerned about the speeding on Grove Street and is requesting reducing speed measures to be taken into consideration.

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Johnson to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to read the introduction of Ordinance #6-24-2015 (An Ordinance revising and amending the Borough Code entitled "Salaries of Municipal Employees)

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

The Clerk will read the title:

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE #6-24-2015
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 Almaita seconded by Johnson to approve and authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise in the next available issue of the Herald News for a public hearing to take place on July 22, 2015.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

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#2015-099 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION-2015 FOOD WASTE, TIRE CLEAN-UP & PUBLIC SPACE BONUS RECYCLING GRANT
- RESOLUTION#2015-100 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD THE PROPOSED PLAN TO RESTART COMMUTER SERVICE ON THE NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN FREIGHT LINE A/K/A THE PASSAIC-BERGEN COMMUTER RAIL
- RESOLUTION#2015-101 AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO GO OUT TO BID FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, TYPE 10 AND TYPE 13
- RESOLUTION#2015-102 TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF HALEDON PROSECUTOR-CHRISTOPER KANE**
Tabled and rescheduled for July 22, 2015 meeting.
- RESOLUTION#2015-103 AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE TILT STREET PARK PROJECT
- RESOLUTION#2015-104 AUTHORIZE A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO FY 2013 CDBG GRANT FOR THE SECURITY CAMERAS
- RESOLUTION#2015-105 AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO GO OUT TO BID FOR THE ROE STREET FIELD SECURITY CAMERA PROJECT
- RESOLUTION#2015-106 AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP TO DESIGN THE TILT STREET PARK AND PREPARE THE BID SPECIFICATIONS

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to approve without Resolution #2015-102

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

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RESOLUTION#2015-099

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION-2015 FOOD WASTE, TIRE CLEAN-UP
& PUBLIC SPACE BONUS RECYCLING GRANT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is making funding available to local government entities to assist with improving recycling efforts through the 2015 Bonus Grant for Food Waste, Abandoned Tires and Public Space Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon wishes to apply for and obtain funding through this program to assist with increasing recycling efforts within public spaces within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon believes, that this grant will provide the means necessary to help further beautify and increase the quality of life within the Borough of Haledon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey authorizes the submission of this application for funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a grant award, the governing body does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement and the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

RESOLUTION#2015-100

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY
TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD THE PROPOSED
PLAN TO RESTART COMMUTER SERVICE ON THE
NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN
FREIGHT LINE A/K/A THE PASSAIC-BERGEN
COMMUTER RAIL

WHEREAS, the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (“NYS & W”) ran passenger service on its tracks up until 1966, serving commuters in Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson Counties; and

WHEREAS, now NYS & W uses the railway primarily for freight line service, although the infrastructure is still in place to restart passenger service; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 NJ Transit Board of Directors approved \$5.7 million dollars to fund final design, creation of an operating plan and preparation of bid documents to restart commuter service on this line, with eight stops planned in Hawthorne, Paterson, Elmwood Park and Hackensack; and

WHEREAS, the project would introduce Federal Railroad Administration compliant Diesel Multiple Unit (“DMU”) technology into the NJ Transit fleet of rail equipment and will provide new passenger service along more than eight (8) miles of existing freight track; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Rail (“Commuter Rail”) will spur economic development, reduce traffic congestion, and help in diminishing emission of greenhouse gas into the environment; and

WHEREAS, the freight track infrastructure is in place to further expand the line to Hudson County, where a seamless connection to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail exists, and connecting the second and third largest municipalities in New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, although the project remains dormant, significant work has been done on a draft Environmental Impact Study, and its completion is vital to the long-term transportation and economic needs of Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson Counties in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon has been working in concert with the other municipalities on the Commuter Rail to advocate for this project; and

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Borough of Haledon wholly supports the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Line project and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Haledon will continue to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to lobby State and Federal officials to fully fund and complete this vital project.

RESOLUTION #2015-101 AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE
FOR BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE, TYPE 10 AND 13

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for disposal of solid waste type 10 and 13.

RESOLUTION #2015-103 AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO GO OUT
TO BID FOR THE TILT STREET POCKET PARK

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Tilt Street Pocket Park project.

RESOLUTION #2015-104 AUTHORIZE A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO FY
2013 MUNICIPAL CDBG GRANT FOR THE
SECURITY CAMERAS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to request an additional six month extension to the above referenced project; and

WHEREAS, the original scope of the project is to provide security cameras for the Roe Street Field and Rec Center; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon has received a Passaic County Community Development Block Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$45,047.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need for an extension due to the complexity of the bid specification and will need time to research how the bid specification should be written; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby request the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to consider modification of the project by granting an additional six month extension.

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RESOLUTION #2015-105 AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO GO OUT
TO BID FOR THE ROE STREET FIELD SECURITY
CAMERA PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Roe Street Field Security Camera Project.

RESOLUTION #2015-106 AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP TO DESIGN
THE TILT STREET PARK AND PREPARE THE BID
SPECIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Alaimo Group has submitted a proposal to provide design services for the Tilt Street Pocket Park project; and

WHEREAS, the design services includes design and construction management portion of project; and

WHEREAS, the Alaimo Group will prepare contract documents; provide bid support, contract administration and monitoring; field surveying of site and preparation of base plan; preparation of site plan and construction detail as well as act as the regulatory liaison and project manager; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the Alaimo Group be authorized to perform design services for Tilt Street Pocket Park improvements in their capacity as Borough Engineer.

RESOLUTION #6242015 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by: Johnson seconded 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:

- Potential litigation regarding Police Department Appointment Process
- Pending litigation Smith v. Haledon

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, JOHNSON

NO: 0

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The Council moved to Executive Session.

Motion by Tirri seconded by Johnson to reopen the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, JOHNSON

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:

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