

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 25, 2015

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE- HALEDON POLICE HONOR GUARD PRESENTATION.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon was conducted on March 25, 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: Maha Kandis, Michael Tirri, Tahsina Ahmed, Rey Martinez and Michael Johnson. Deputy Municipal Clerk/Borough Assistant Administrator Leena Abaza and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo.

Absent: Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen on vacation.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Domenick Stampone presented plaques to retiring Police Officers Deputy Chief Kevin Gottheiner and Sergeant Robert Colella for their dedication, professionalism and service to the Borough of Haledon. Sergeant Steven Cappuccio was out of town and unable to attend.

Mayor Domenick Stampone explained the ceremonies that are taking place for the Police Department for the past two meetings are due to vacancies that need to be filled. Commended Deputy Chief Kevin Gotthiener on his utmost professionalism, trusted colleague during a very trying time.

HALEDON POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION#2015-059 APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR POLICE OFFICER-
CHRISTIAN CLAVO
Motion by Johnson second by Martinez to approve.

WHEREAS, Mayor Domenick Stampone requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Christian Clavo to the position of Police Officer effective immediately at the annual starting salary of \$28,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Haledon hereby provides their advice and consent to appoint Christian Clavo to the position of Police Officer effective immediately at the annual starting salary of \$28,000.00.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

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PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Domenick Stampone read and presented the following with proclamations:

- Lieutenant George Guzman HPD for being honored at the 35th District Law Enforcement and Firefighter Beefsteak hosted by Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly.
- Code Enforcer Jesica Jimenez for being the recipient of the 2015 35th Legislative District Trailblazing Woman Award from State Senator Nellie Pou.

Ten Minutes Recess.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

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

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Larry Lombardi, 376 Southside Ave., the town is really dirty. I have been coming to the meetings for the past 3 years. I pick up trash from Norwood Ave. to Tilt Street. The area of Norwood/Southside storm drains are filled with litter –plastic bottles & trash. On Southside Ave. there are no speed limit signs. The Gathering Residents continue to make a left turn onto the one way- they are not supposed to do that. Norwood Ave. has a lot of potholes.

Richard Ferdara, Ford Rd., Ford Road is a death trap. Sliding down the road from all the ice on Ford Rd. directly into traffic. The road needs to be completely fixed. There is a gas leak somewhere in the area.

Amal Kasht, 19 Ford Rd., we have the same issues that the rest of the neighbors have on Ford Rd. Both of my parents are school bus drivers. When they go to work they both slide down the hill. It is dangerous and the potholes, water and gas leak is adding to the problem. I worry about my father when he leaves for work. Can we get the road fixed? We put our house up for sale but no one will buy it because of the issues with the road.

Cindy Ferdara, Ford Rd., we always call the Police Department to request for Ford Rd. to be salted. The water runoff has always been a problem. There are no fire hydrants on Ford Rd. One of the major problems is that Ford Rd. is not an accessible public road.

Mazin Kandis, 14 Ford Rd., I give a lot of credit to the Department of Public Works when they salt and plow Ford Rd. Road needs to be fixed not patched, potholes and no proper drainage on Ford Rd. I understand that financing this project is difficult but the Council needs to take action.

Frank Menyhart, N12th Street, Officer commented on what I said last meeting would like to apologize and clarify that I meant lower the standards to become a Police Officer not commenting on hiring lower class people. The Roe Street benches that were installed look great. The Special Police Officers that patrol the Roe Street field area pay more attention to their phones than what is going on around them. Commented on the Borough being so dirty, netting on Roe Street Field and lack of lighting around the field is a safety issue. Town Square that is going to be built (Old Municipal Building lot) a tower clock will be placed there that is around 40-50 feet high- why? What is happening with the previous hospital area? The well on Tilt Street what is being done with it?

Mary Mayer, 365 Belmont Ave., Belmont Ave. Phase III grant money-what will they be used for? Are we working on attaining a contract? Advertising at 495 Belmont is blocking pedestrian walk way. Bike racks- are not being utilized they are a waste of money, we should not make the same mistake in Phase III. Old Municipal Building site everything has been removed no shrubs- are we putting them back?

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

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO:-0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

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

- Ford Road is a big issue and this is not new news. It is one of the worst roads in Haledon. It needs to be completely repaired no patch work. The cost of this project will be high, it's estimated to cost \$326,000.00. The Borough would need to bond for this money we are not able to get a grant, so the Council needs to decide when to take the next step. We also have to reach out to the Borough Auditor to get advice on where this will fit in our budget.
- Preakness Hospital property was not turned over to the County. County leased the property to the Quarry and we were not consulted. We do not agree with this because the taxpayers are not benefitting.
- Councilman Rey Martinez will fill you in on the Belmont Avenue Streetscape Phase III.
- Storm Drains- Superintendent of Public Works Douglas Morgan how many times do we go out to clean the storm drains?
- The Gathering residents have requested to turn left onto the one way- they were told not to. Police Officers will issue summonses because it is a traffic violation. Superintendent of Department of Public Works Douglas Morgan we need to put up speed limit signs on Southside Ave. If no speed limit signs are up, the speed limit defaults to 25 miles an hour.
- Roe Street Field- if Special Police Officers are on their cell phones that is not permitted. Send me a picture and it will be addressed. Lighting by Roe Street Field is not part of the netting project but we can look into putting more lighting. The lighting issue is a bit complicated, if there is too much lighting the residents will complain it is too bright and is a nuisance.

Councilman Michael Tirri we need to get an updated formal quote from the Borough Engineer. Even though this road was not built during our administration, we have to do everything possible to fix this road.

Councilman Rey Martinez concurred with Councilman Michael Tirri on getting a new quote for the Ford Road project.

Council President Mounir Almaita commented on the fact the Borough Budget is spread very thin. Taxpayers might have to pay, but how many houses are on Ford Road? Borough might have to do an emergency bond due to safety issues.

Mayor Domenick Stampone responded by stating not enough houses to absorb the expense of this project.

Superintendent of Public Works Douglas Morgan stated that the storm drains are cleaned on an annual basis but will take care of the Norwood/Belmont Ave. storm drains. Speed limit signs will be put up on Southside Ave.

Council President Mounir Almaita stated he will speak to Borough Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen regarding the lighting around Roe Street Field. Maybe it could be added to the current netting project.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson – questioned if the Street Sweeper is ready to go out.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Doug Morgan stated it is ready to go out.

Councilman Michael Johnson indicated there are a lot of potholes on Jasper St. Douglas Morgan that is a County Road can you give them a call to come out to fill the potholes?

Mayor Domenick Stampone stated the bus stop sign by Walgreens is down. Commended the Department of Public Works for their work during the snow storms this year. There are only 2-3 DPW employees that do the plowing for the entire Borough.

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 –no official report.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Maha Kandis, Chair – no official report.

ORDINANCE

Mounir Almaita, Chair –no official report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – Board of Health has posted the free Blood Pressure Clinics.

Mayor Domenick Stampone mentioned that the Board of Health should reach out to Walgreens to for other free screenings that can benefit our residents.

PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Johnson, Chair –

- 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 –

Visited the Kandis family on Ford Road numerous times and it is a dangerous road. Belmont Avenue Streetscape Phase III will include Harris to Henry Street. We will go out to bid in April and have the ground breaking in the summer. Mentioned that there is no control over people whether they use the bike racks or not.

Mayor Domenick Stampone stated that the Streetscape project is not just to beautify the area but to encourage the community to be a walkable community and the bike racks are meant for that purpose. The Belmont Ave. Streetscape III is the highest grant received in Passaic County. Phase II is not completed yet they still have to add trees and lighting.

TECHNOLOGY

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair –no official report.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Maha Kandis, Chair –

The Special Events Committee has met to set the following events:

- Easter Egg Hunt – April 4, 2015.
- Haledon Day- June 20, 2015.
- Haledon Spring cleanup- working on dates still.

Councilwoman Maha Kandis requested from Superintendent of Public Works to advise if field can be used for Easter Egg Hunt. She echoed Mayor Domenick Stampone on his opinion that you cannot control people's habits when it comes to littering. If Mr. Lombardi or any of the residents would like to volunteer time during the Haledon Spring cleanup they are welcome. SLAP program was a big help when it came to keeping the Borough clean but is no longer provided. Would like to discuss with Finance Committee Haledon Day expenses and Facebook/Twitter accounts for the Special Events Committee.

Council President Mounir Alkaita mentioned that the Rec Department has a Facebook Account maybe it can be used for Special Events Committee as well.

Mayor Domenick Stampone requested the Rec Director to give the Rec Center phone number so the residents can contact him with any questions regarding Rec activities.

Councilman Michael Johnson left the meeting at 9:50 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to add to previous discussions.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Thank you card from Councilwoman Maha Kandis for the gourmet fruit basket sent out by the Borough of Haledon for the passing of her father.

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Martinez to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO:-0-

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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#2015-060 AUTHORIZE THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT TITLED "CUSTODIAL CLEANING SERVICES"
- RESOLUTION#2015-061 AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE INC. AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON FOR THE HVAC SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLEX
- RESOLUTION#2015-062 APPOINT PART TIME CUSTODIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES
- RESOLUTION#2015-063 AUTHORIZE SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS TAX DEDUCTIONS
- RESOLUTION#2015-064 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER- 14 MANGOLD STREET, HALEDON NJ

Motion by Almata seconded by Martinez to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

- RESOLUTION #2015-060 AUTHORIZE THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT TITLED "CUSTODIAL CLEANING SERVICES."

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon ("Borough") advertised for bids on February 23, 2015 for Custodial Cleaning Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received bids on March 11, 2015 for Custodial Cleaning Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon is desirous of providing Custodial Cleaning Services with Borough employees rather than an outside contractor; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon is desirous of rejecting all bids for this reason; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that it hereby rejects all bids received on March 11, 2015 for Custodial Cleaning Services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney and any design professionals retained by the Borough are hereby directed by the Governing Body to act in accordance with this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2015-061 AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
TRANE INC. AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON FOR
THE HVAC SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COMPLEX

WHEREAS, a maintenance agreement has been submitted by Trane Inc. to control and maintain the HVAC system at the Municipal Building Complex; and

WHEREAS, the term of this maintenance agreement is April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 at the annually cost of \$6,810.12; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body authorize the Mayor to sign this maintenance agreement:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the maintenance agreement submitted by Trane Inc.

RESOLUTION #2015-062 APPOINT PART TIME CUSTODIAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon is seeking a more efficient and economical way for the Municipal Complex and Rec Center to be cleaned; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Supervisor Douglas Morgan has recommended the hiring of the following part time Custodial Service employees at the hourly rate stated below:

Elizabeth Marin	\$12.00 per hour
Norha Zanety	\$11.00 per hour

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 Custodial Service employees effective April 1, 2015 at the hourly rate stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council hereby concurs with the appointment of the above individuals as a part time Custodial Service employees effective April 1, 2015.

RESOLUTION # 2015-063 AUTHORIZE SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS TAX
DEDUCTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon, that warrants be drawn to the individuals listed below in the amounts indicated, representing refunds of property tax deductions allowed by the Tax Assessor for 2015:

SENIOR CITIZENS DEDUCTION

BLOCK & LOT	Name	AMOUNT
43 1	Theresa Lorusso	\$250.00
127 20	Ann Iozia	\$250.00
121 65	Islami Zuber	\$250.00
125 11	Edward Harrison	\$250.00

VETERANS DEDUCTION

BLOCK & LOT	AMOUNT
64 3.10	\$250.00

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RESOLUTION#2015-064 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER – 14 MANGOLD STREET, HALEDON

WHEREAS, At the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 4th 2014, a lien was sold on Block 88 , Lot 3, also known as 14 Mangold Street, Haledon, for 2013 tax/water sale, and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 14-00017 was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro-Cap 4, 50 south 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of \$440.84 at zero percent interest, with a premium of \$900.00 and

WHEREAS, property owner has effected redemption of Certificate # 14-00017 in the amount of \$1,025.05, as of March 16th 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,025.05 to US Bank, Cust for PC 4, First Trust Bank,50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Motion by Almaita second by Ahmed to add resolution #2015-065 to agenda.

RESOLUTION #2015-065 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM AGREEMENTS

Motion by Almaita second by Martinez to approve.

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has been engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring the electric and natural gas utility markets; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a governmental energy aggregation program ("GEA Program") to purchase electric generation service and natural gas pursuant to the Government Energy Act of 2003, *N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.* ("Act") and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' implementing rules at *N.J.A.C. 14:4-6.1 et seq.* ("Rules") will increase competition for the provision of electric power and natural gas to residential and non-residential electricity and gas ratepayers, thereby increasing the likelihood of lower electric rates and natural gas rates for these users without causing an interruption in service; and

WHEREAS, under a GEA Program the residential ratepayers may have the opportunity to receive a direct reduction in their electric bills through the bulk purchase of energy from a third-party energy supplier; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Borough of Haledon on 6/20/2013 Ordinance #6-20-2013, the Borough of Haledon publicly declared its intent to commence a GEA Program by participating in the PASSAIC COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM ("PCECPS"); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF PASSAIC is the Lead Agent for the "PCECPS" program and shall accept or reject pricing on behalf of the Cooperative and its participant members; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon, as a participating member of the "PCECPS" program hereby agrees to proceed with the program, by signing the Supplier Agreement, should the COUNTY OF PASSAIC accept pricing, which provides a minimum of ten (10)% savings, on the supply portion of the electric bill for the residential energy aggregation program; and

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WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF PASSAIC appointed CONCORD ENERGY SERVICES ("CES") for the "PCECPS" to serve as Energy Agent to assist and administer the GEA program at no cost to the County or "PCECPS" participating members; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, duly assembled in public session, as follows:

1. The Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or other municipal officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Borough of Haledon, any documents necessary to carry out the purpose this Resolution providing a minimum of ten (10)% savings is achieved.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

ADJOURN

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:

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