

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

May 13, 2015

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon conducted their May Work Session on May 13, 2015 at 8:15PM in the Council Chambers of the Haledon Municipal Complex located at 510 Belmont Avenue. Formal action may be taken.

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was included in the notice sent to the North Jersey Herald & News and 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. 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 8:15 PM

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

Absent: Councilwoman Maha Kandis, Councilman Michael Tirri with prior notice. Councilman Michael Johnson was delayed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 22, 2015 Executive Session Meeting 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 Martinez seconded by Ahmed to approve the above meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

TEACHER APPRECIATION PROCLAMATION

Mayor Domenick Stampone read the proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week. Mayor Domenick Stampone presented a proclamation to Council President Mounir Almaita (he is a teacher in Kennedy HS in Paterson) and Councilman Rey Martinez (he is a professor at WPU). Council President Mounir Almaita and Councilman Martinez thanked the Mayor for the proclamations.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

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

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO:-0-

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Frank Menyhart, N12th St. – Frank provided zip ties and metal fence ties for the chain link fence around the field to show the damage being done to the Roe Street Field fencing.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

Council President Alkaita – the field is open for everyone, does not understand why people are damaging the fence.

Mayor Domenick Stampone requested Resolution #2015-079 to be moved from the consent agenda to be adopted now.

Motion by Martinez second by Alkaita to move Resolution #2015-079 from the consent agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2015-079 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE CLASS II

Motion by Martinez second by Ahmed to approve.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Daniele has recommended the following Special Police Officers, Class I appointments in his email dated May 5, 2015:

Special Police Officer, Class II

Anzore Tsay

John Gulino

James Iandoli

Alessio Esposito

And;

WHEREAS, Mayor Stampone requests the advice and consent the of Borough Council to appoint the individuals listed above to the position of Special Police Officer, Class II;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of the Borough of Haledon that they hereby consent to the above Special Police appointments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these appointments be effective immediately and that they shall expire at the end of the current calendar year and may be revoked without cause or hearing.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO:-0-

Motion by Alkaita second by Ahmed to add resolution#2015-082 to the agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

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RESOLUTION #2015-082 APPOINT PART TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS
Motion by Alkaita second by Ahmed to approve.

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

WHEREAS, a part time dispatcher fills hours on an as needed basis determined by the Haledon Police Department according to scheduling requirements; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Flax has previously submitted his resume; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Daniele in his capacity as officer-in-charge has recommended Andrew Flax be selected to fill the part time position;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Andrew Flax will serve under a 90 day probationary period and a recommendation will be made by Lt. Daniele at the end of the 90 day whether Mr. Flax shall continue as a part time dispatcher;

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

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

No response.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Allan Susen

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BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
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ACTIVITIES REPORT

FINANCE

1. The Finance Committee met May 12, 2015 to review and prioritize capital improvements and other projects for 2015. A comprehensive list of equipment for the Department of Public Works and Police Department, road improvements, and administration were discussed. I anticipate further discussion and hope to have decisions made in time for a bond ordinance within the next month.

ADMINISTRATION

1. The County Clerk conducted a satellite office session here in the Borough of Haledon on April 22nd for Passport applications, Notary, and Veteran ID's.
2. We are waiting formal approval of our requested amendment to the 2014 Community Development Block Grant originally awarded for the Bernard Ave., Ida Street, N12th St and Post St project. The County is unable to provide funding due to a change in the Census Tracts. We have requested these funds be used to fund improvements to Geyer Street and John Street.
3. We are also waiting for a decision from the NJDOT on a scope change to the Bernard Avenue, Ida Street, N12th St, and Post St project to be only Ida Street.
4. I conducted a meeting with DPW Supt Doug Morgan, Recreation Director Frank Caraccio, Lt Angelo Daniele, and Leena Abaza to discuss and coordinate field usage, permits and field opening/closing.
5. The Passaic County Improvement Authority is organizing a Property Assessed Clean Energy program. Representatives met with Mayor Stampone and me to introduce the plan. I have distributed an information booklet to members of the Governing Body which explains the program.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. Roe Street Athletic Field: The Borough Engineer reports the project is substantially complete. The Field will be ready for programs this weekend.
2. Pending projects:
 - Roe Street Field Tree Replacement – Doug Morgan has received quotes to remove trees
 - Tilt Street Pocket Park – discussed at the Finance Meeting to be targeted for completion this year.
 - Security Cameras – this project is also identified for completion this year
3. Grant applications pending:
 - Community Development Block Grant for improvements to John Street; and Geyer Street. This application is amending the 2014 CDBG award for Ida Street, Bernard Ave, N12th St and Post Street.
 - Open Space for Belmont Towne Square proposal
 - Community Development Block Grant for Circle Avenue.

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

Mayor invited up to the microphone Mr. Charles Carley of D&R Engineering. He was here to report on the Quarry license application and monthly activities report.

Mr. Charles Carley – has communicated to Stone Industries deficiencies in the Quarry application.

POLICE DEPT. – Lt. Daniele

Read the regular report. Commended Police Department for their activities this month. Mentioned Field Day at Haledon Public School June 3 & 4. Also mentioned the “Click it or Ticket” program that Haledon Police Department enforced.

Mayor Domenick Stampone was happy with the report. Haledon will not tolerate violation of quality of life issues. We are a small town with a lot of traffic flowing through it.

****Councilman Michael Johnson arrived to the meeting at 8:46 PM.****

Council President Almaita– complained about speeding on Lee Ave, mentioned several of the Governing Body members were notified of the issue through resident lodging complaints.

Mayor Domenick Stampone- vehicle operators should not let a mistake happen by not buckling their seat belts.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Morgan

Regarding Mr. Menyhart’s comment – spoke with Frank earlier today and working on taking action.

Read regular report. The Department of Public Works is currently working on pot hole repairs and the Street sweeper is out almost every day.

Mayor Domenick Stampone–in regards to the Aberdeen Court petition which was initiated to repair pot holes on Aberdeen Court; spoke with Douglas Morgan the DPW Superintendent regarding the needed repairs on Aberdeen Court. Doug indicated the street is not any worse than other streets.

Councilman Michael Johnson asked the DPW Superintendent Douglas Morgan about curb painting.

Douglas Morgan indicated paint is in and will begin to schedule for the curb painting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Moscatello-absent.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Scott Wilson-absent.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Jessica Jimenez

Mayor Domenick Stampone received complaints regarding swimming pools not having safety fences or self locking gate. Jessica has investigated and the Mayor thanked her.

RECREATION – Frank Caraccio- absent due to his father passing away.

Mayor Domenick Stampone sent his condolences for the passing of his father.

MUNICIPAL CLERK’S AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Thank you card from Emilia Frank’s family to the Mayor and Council for the flower arrangement sent to them for the passing of Michael Frank’s mother.
2. Letter from the New Jersey General Assembly regarding supporting Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015”.
3. Invitation from the Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee Department of Planning & Economic Development to their City Green’s 1st Annual Community Garden Conference on Saturday, May 16, 2015.
4. Invitation from the Borough of Prospect Park to their National Day of Prayer.
5. Letter of gratitude from the residents of The Gatherings at Haledon for the wonderful job that the Department of Public Works under the direction of Douglas Morgan.
6. Letter sent to NJ Department of Transportation by Alaimo Group regarding extension of time and project limit modification request.

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Ahmed to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

GENERAL DISCUSSION

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #4-8-2015 to be heard in its second and final reading (An ordinance fixing the annual salaries of the members of the Haledon Crossing Guards)

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

THE CLERK WILL READ THE TITLE

BOROUGH OF HALEDON ORDINANCE #4-8-2015

“AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
HALEDON CROSSING GUARDS LOCAL 74, UNITED SERVICE WORKERS
UNION”

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Martinez to open the public hearing on Ordinance #4-8-2015.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO:-0-

Motion by Martinez seconded by Johnson to close the public hearing on Ordinance #4-8-2015.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #4-8-2015 be approved and adopted and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise according to law.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed that Ordinance #4-8-2015A to be heard in its second and final reading (An ordinance fixing the annual salaries of the members of the Haledon Department of Public Works)

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

THE CLERK WILL READ THE TITLE

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE #4-8-2015A

“AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HALEDON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LOCAL #74 FOR THE YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2018 AND PROVIDING FOR THE COST THEREOF”

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Johnson to open the public hearing on Ordinance #4-8-2015A.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed to close the public hearing on Ordinance #4-8-2015A.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Motion by Johnson seconded by Martinez that Ordinance #4-8-2015A be approved and adopted and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise according to law.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, 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#2015-078 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR
TICKET MOBILIZATION MAY 18-31, 2015
- RESOLUTION#2015-079 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CLASS II POLICE
OFFICERS
- RESOLUTION#2015-080 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER-
218 BELMONT AVE
- RESOLUTION#2015-081 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER-
16 CONA COURT, HALEDON N.J

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

- RESOLUTION #2015-078 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR
TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 18-31, 2015

WHEREAS, there were 556 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135, 000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of new Jersey will participate in the nationwide Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization from May 18-31, 2015 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the State from the current level of 88% to 90%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Borough of Haledon declares its support for the Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 18-31, 2015 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

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RESOLUTION #2015-079 APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE CLASS II

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Anzore Tsay
John Gulino
James Iandoli
Alessio Esposito

And;

WHEREAS, Mayor Stampone requests the advice and consent the of Borough Council to appoint the individuals listed above to the position of Special Police Officer, Class II;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of the Borough of Haledon that they hereby consent to the above Special Police appointments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these appointments be effective immediately and that they shall expire at the end of the current calendar year and may be revoked without cause or hearing.

RESOLUTION#2015-080 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER
– 218 BELMONT AVENUE

WHEREAS, At the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 2ND 2009, a lien was sold On Block 107, lot 26.02, also known as 128 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ for 2008 tax/water, and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 09-00007 sold to US Bank Cust/Sass Muni V dtr, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102, in the Amount of \$13,276.34, with zero percent interest

WHEREAS, Property Owner, has effected redemption of Certificate # 09-00007 in the Amount of \$123,676.94 as of March 22nd 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to Issue a check in the amount of \$123,676.94, payable to the US Bank Cust./Sass Muni V dtr, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate # 09-00007

RESOLUTION#2015-081 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF
REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER
– 16 CONA COURT, HALEDON,NJ

WHEREAS, At the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 19th 2013, a lien was sold On Block 106.01, lot 5, also known as 16 Cona Court, Haledon, NJ for 2012 tax/water, and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 13-00004, sold to Stonefield Investment Fund III, 21 Robert Pitt Drive, Suite # 202, Monsey, New York, 10952, in the amount of \$1,828.84 with a premium of \$ 11,000.00, with interest

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WHEREAS, Property Owner, has effected redemption of Certificate # 13-00004 in the Amount of \$14,654.82 as of May 11th 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to Issue two checks, one Current Account Check in the amount of \$ 14,654.82, and a Trust Account check in the amount of \$ 11,000.00 for the Premium, payable to Stonefield Investment Fund III, 21 Robert Pitt Drive, Suite # 202, Monsey, New York, 10952.for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate # 13-00004.

RESOLUTION #2015-083 BILLS LIST – May 13, 2015

Motion by Johnson second by Ahmed 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 May 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 May 13, 2015 WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$1,551,972.47
WATER (MUA):	<u>\$ 24,579.31</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,576,551.78

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION, May 27, 2015:

- Resolution #108-2015 from the Borough of North Haledon Opposing Pilgrim Pipeline.

Mayor requested be added to agenda for May 27, 2015.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mentioned Aberdeen Court which was discussed earlier in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL UPDATE – Andrew Oddo-no official report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson-no official report.

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson

Fire Liaison – Michael Tirri-no official report.

Office of Emergency Management – Tahsina Ahmed no official report.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mounir Almaita

Met last night, discussed need for equipment and what is really needed.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL – Maha Kandis-absent.

ORDINANCE – Mounir Almaita-no official report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Tahsina Ahmed-no official report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael Johnson

Thanked DPW for stepping up to plate and listening to residents by having the street sweeper out on a regular basis.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Rey Martinez

Discussion at last night's meeting which incorporated creating the Belmont Avenue Streetscape calendar.

TECHNOLOGY – Tahsina Ahmed- no official report.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Maha Kandis

Councilwoman Tahsina Ahmed reported that Haledon Day is on June 20th.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnson seconded by Ahmed to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: ALMAITA, AHMED, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:

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