

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
August 11, 2016

MOMENT OF SILENCE
FLAG SALUTE

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon took place on August 11, 2016 at 7PM 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 8, 2016 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 8, 2016 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 7PM.

Present: Mayor Domenick Stampone; Council President Mounir Almaita; Council Members: Nereyda Curiel, Islam Sery and Tahsina Ahmed. Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator Allan R. Susen and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo.

Absent: Councilman Michael Johnson and Councilman Rey Martinez are absent with prior notice.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

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

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

No Comments.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

No response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson-absent.

Police Department

Housing Inspection/Building Maintenance

Municipal Court

Fire Liaison– Islam Sery

Fire Department

Chief Bakker – presented request for equipment. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen will distribute to the Mayor and Council.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mounir Almaita, Chair –

Continue to watch spending.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – no official report.

ORDINANCE

Mounir Almaita, Chair –no official report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Nereyda Curiel, Chair –no official report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Michael Johnson, Chair –absent.

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rey Martinez, Chair – absent.

Mayor Domenick Stampone mentioned the Belmont Streetscape project is on hold.

Council President Mounir Alkaita stated that the benches at the Tilt Street pocket park were put in and the park looks great.

TECHNOLOGY

Islam Sery, Chair –no official report.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tahsina Ahmed, Chair –Labor Day Parade (Botto House).

MAYOR’S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Dr. Ali Kiani requesting patient only parking sign to be posted at 303 Haledon Ave. due to lack of parking space.

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Sery to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, AHMED, SERY

NO: -0-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION#2016-153 SEPARATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, a complaint was filed against the Borough of Haledon (the “Borough”) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, County of Passaic, entitled Louis Mercurio (“Plaintiff”) v. Borough of Haledon, et al., Docket. No. PAS-L-1709-14; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to amicably settle this matter and all other pending disputes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby authorizes the settlement of the matter in controversy by and between Plaintiff and the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this settlement is contingent upon the parties’ agreement upon a stipulation of settlement in a form to be approved by the Borough Attorney and Special Counsel Sandro Polledri, Esq. representing the Borough in this matter; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough hereby authorizes the Mayor, Borough Attorney, Special Counsel and Borough Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with the resolution of this matter in a manner consistent with the terms of this Resolution.

Mayor Stampone requested a motion and second to discuss this separation resolution (to give the Council a chance to discuss if they wanted to)

Motion by Almaita second by Sery to discuss the above resolution.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, AHMED, SERY

NO: -0-

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Sery to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, AHMED, SERY

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION#2015-153A EMERGENCY RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48
(under 3% limitation)

Motion by Almaita seconded by Ahmed to approve.

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to Legal Other Expenses and no adequate provision was made in the 2016 Current Budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S.A 40A; 4-46 provides for the creation on an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriations created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$225,000 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations in the budget for 2015 is \$243,548; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three (3) percent of the total operating appropriations (including utility operation appropriations) in the budget for 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:4-48:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for Legal- Other Expenses in the amount of \$225,000.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided for in full in the 2017 budget, and is requested to be excluded from CAPS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-53.3c (1).
3. That an Emergency Note not in excess of the above amount be authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:4-51.
4. That such note be executed by the Administrator and by the Chief Financial Officer.
5. That such note be dated August 11, 2016, may be renewed from time to time, and such note and any renewals shall be payable on or before December 31, 2017.
6. That two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

Please shut off or set to vibrate all cell phones and other communication devices

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Sery to read the introduction of Ordinance #8-11-2016
(An Ordinance authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation N.J.S.A 40A:4-53)

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

The Clerk will read the title:

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE #8-11-2016
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S.A
40A:4-53

Motion by Ahmed seconded by Curiel 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
September 8, 2016.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

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#2016-153B ACCEPT DISPATCHER NICOLETTE APONTE'S
RESIGNATION
RESOLUTION#2016-154 ACCEPT DISPATCHER YEISY REYES RESIGNATION
RESOLUTION#2016-155 REAPPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK- LEENA
ABAZA
RESOLUTION#2016-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION
MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER-568 PREEAKNESS
AVE., HALEDON NJ
RESOLUTION#2016-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2016 FIRST
AND SECOND QUARTER TAXES GRANTED BY
BOROUGH TAX ASSESSOR
RESOLUTION#2016-158 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY HIRE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE-TERRY ROUSE

Motion by Sery seconded by Ahmed to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2016-153B ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE DISPATCHER
NICOLETTE APONTE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Nicolette Aponte as a Police Dispatcher effective July 9, 2016.

RESOLUTION #2016-154 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE DISPATCHER YEISY
REYES

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Yeisy Reyes as a Police Dispatcher effective July 26, 2016.

RESOLUTION #2016-155 AUTHORIZATION TO REAPPOINT DEPUTY CLERK

WHEREAS, Mayor Domenick Stampone requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to reappoint Leena Abaza as the Deputy Clerk in the Borough of Haledon for a one year term effective September 8, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon that they hereby provide their advice and consent to reappoint Leena Abaza as the Deputy Clerk to the Borough of Haledon effective September 8, 2016.

RESOLUTION#2016-156 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION
MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER – 568 PREAKNESS
AVE, HALEDON, NJ

WHEREAS, At the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 11TH, 2015, a lien was sold On Block 1, lot 5, also known as 568 Preakness Avenue, Haledon, NJ

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate # 15-00002 sold to US Bank Cust for Pro-Cap 4&Crds, US Bank Global Trust, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 in the amount of \$1,637.57

WHEREAS, Redemption has been made by Elite Title Group, LLC, in the amount of \$2,419.59 on August 4th 2016

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to Issue one check from the Current Account in the amount of \$2,419.59 payable to US Bank Cust for Pro-Cap 4 & Crds, US Bank Global Corporate Trust, Tax Lien Services Group, TSLG, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA. 19102

RESOLUTION #2016-157 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2016 FIRST
AND SECOND QUARTER TAXES GRANTED BY
BOROUGH TAX ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Haledon has determined that action is required as a result of the 2016 Permanently Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption granted by the Borough Tax Assessor : and

WHEREAS, such action has resulted in an overpayment of 2016 first and second quarter property taxes, and further provides for one hundred percent total property tax exemption, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the tax refund and cancellation which is set forth along with the name and address of the taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer issue a check to George F. and Patricia M. Barbour in the amount of \$3,730.25 to refund the overpayment and that the Tax Collector adjust his her records accordingly.

Tax Reduction Granted by Borough Tax Assessor

BLOCK	LOT	OWNER & LOCATION	REFUND
18	17	Barbour, George F. & Patricia M. 74 Avenue B	\$3,730.25

RESOLUTION #2016-158 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY HIRE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE- TERRY ROUSE

WHEREAS, due to increased work load the DPW Supervisor is requesting temporary Public Works employees; and

WHEREAS, the temporary DPW employee will work from August 15, 2016 until October 7, 2016 which conforms with the Affordable Care Act and the employment will not include health benefits; and

WHEREAS, funding for this employee is included in the Recycling and Clean Communities Grants received by the Borough; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Terry Rouse be hired on a temporary basis;

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby approves the hiring of the above individual for the period of August 15, 2016 until October 7, 2016 or an extension by the Governing Body is set; at the hourly rate of \$10.00 effective August 15, 2016.

RESOLUTION #2016-159 APPROVE BILLS LIST, August 11, 2016.
Motion by Almaita seconded 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 August 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 August 11, 2016 WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$2,698, 107.74
WATER (MUA):	\$ 26, 980.81
TOTAL:	\$2, 725,088.55

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE #136-0-16 OPPOSE INCREASE IN THE COUNTY TAX LEVY TO SUPPORT THE PASSAIC COUNTY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
- RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF POMPTON LAKES #16-143 SUPPORTING GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S FAIRNESS FORMULA FOR SCHOOL FUNDING AND PROPERTY TAX EQUITY
- RESOLUTION FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON #132-2016 OPPOSITION/PASSAIC COUNTY DIVISION OF ROADS HIGHWAY OPENING AND USE RESOLUTION

ADJOURN

Motion by Almaita seconded by Sery to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, AHMED

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:

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