

BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

March 6, 2014

FLAG SALUTE

The March 6, 2014 Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon previously noticed to take place at 7:00 PM on March 6, 2014 took place immediately following the Open Space Public Hearing scheduled at 7 pm. The Work Session and the Open Space Public Hearing will take place in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Building Complex at 510 Belmont Ave. Haledon NJ 07508.

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 February 25, 2014 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on February 25, 2014 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 immediately following the Open Space Hearing at 7:10PM.

Present: Mayor Domenick Stampone; Council President Mounir Almaita; Council members; Maha Kandis, Reynaldo Martinez and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo; and Municipal Clerk/Borough Administrator Allan R. Susen.

Absent: Councilman Michael Tirri absent with notice.
Councilwoman Belgica Costa absent with notice.
Councilman Michael Johnson absent with notice.

PUBLIC HEARING
(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Martinez seconded by Almaita to open the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

No comments.

Motion by Kandis seconded by Martinez to close the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

No comments.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

ENGINEER'S REPORT – ALAIMO ENGINEERING – submitted reports.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Allan Susen

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ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
February 2014
ACTIVITIES REPORT

FINANCE

1. The 2014 Budget is complete and submitted to the Borough Auditor. The Finance Committee will meet March 13th at 6:30PM with the Auditor to discuss the Budget and make any final adjustments prior to introduction. I am targeting a March 20th introduction.
2. Natalie Naas, part time finance clerk began work March 4th. Mary Ann Brindisi is guiding her training schedule, beginning with payroll and bank reconciliations.

ADMINISTRATION

1. DPW contract negotiations have been delayed due to the series of snowstorms. The Union submitted their counter proposal which must be reviewed by the Council committee. Meeting dates for the committee and negotiation dates with the Union must be scheduled.
2. I am working with Paul Blanos of Millennium Strategies on various grant applications for year 2014. Tonight we conducted the required Public Hearing for the Opens Space Grant project of maintenance and planting of trees around the Roe St/Braen Memorial Field. We are also looking to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to assist with funding for the Bernard Avenue/Ida Street/N12th Street road improvements. A resolution authorizing the application is a requested add on to tonight's agenda.
3. I met with Brian Townsend regarding the Revaluation. The process is complete. Residents that question their valuation must now apply for a tax appeal. Brian will supply the Mayor and Council with a detailed status report for the March 20th meeting.
4. I discussed with Chief Mercurio and Deputy Chief Gottheiner for Patrolman Guzman to conduct a safety training meeting with Borough employees similar to the active shooter sessions conducted at the schools. This training will help employees know how to react if we were ever in such a situation. The training will be conducted later in March. I am requesting offices be closed until 10:30AM one morning to accommodate the training. Sufficient notice will be given so residents will not be inconvenienced.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Louis Mercurio – submitted report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Morgan – regular monthly report.

Mayor Stampone asked about Streetscape; do we have the ball rolling. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen replied, Nordan Murphy (Alaimo Group) is on top of that. Probably will not begin before April 2014

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Moscatello – sent an email; his report will be available at the next meeting. Chief Moscatello is attending the Wake of the Fire Fighter who passed away in Wallington, NJ.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Scott Wilson – not present.

Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Jimenez read the regular report. Warnings were sent to residents who need to clear their corner sidewalks.

Council President Almaita asked to have the (foreclosure) signs (stapled on poles) removed.

DPW removed them today

Councilman Martinez, really appreciate her work. Thank you.

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter to the Board of Elections from Dr. Ney regarding discontinuing use of Manchester Regional High School as a polling site.
2. Letter from Borough Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen to Manchester Utilities Authority requesting the Central Avenue Tank to have Haledon, NJ on it.
3. Memorandum from Passaic County Department of Planning and Economic Development regarding draft "Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan" element of County Master Plan.
4. Letter from the County of Passaic Planning Board regarding a public Hearing on the amendment to the Corridor Enhancement Plan element of the Passaic County Master Plan.
5. Letter from Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen to the Passaic County Board of Elections rejecting Dr. Ney's request to discontinue use of Manchester Regional High School as a polling site.

Motion by Martinez seconded by Almaita to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2014-044

AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CONDUCT AN ON PREMISE TRICKY TRAY- GREATER BERGEN COMMUNITY ACTION INC.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Martinez to approve.

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WHEREAS, Greater Bergen Community Action Inc. has applied for a raffle license to hold an on premise Tricky Tray; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this raffle is to support and benefit Greater Bergen Community Action Inc. for year 2014; and

WHEREAS, the proper application has been completed and the correct fees paid; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has reviewed the application and found everything to be in order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that the request for a raffle license is hereby approved for an on premise Tricky Tray to be held on March 18, 2014 at 245 Belmont Ave., Haledon NJ 07508.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Martinez to add one resolution (#2014-045)

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2014-045

AUTHORIZE A PASSAIC COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT APPLICATION

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Martinez to approve.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon authorizes the application for and use of funds from the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for the capital rehabilitation of Various Streets (Bernard Avenue, Ida Street, N 12th Street and Post Street) within the Borough of Haledon.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon is requesting approximately \$195,000.00 in funding through the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program for this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Haledon will implement this project in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION, March 20, 2014:

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor mentioned a temporary change to our letterhead, added NJ350 logo, 350th Anniversary of New Jersey being a colony.

Article in New Jersey Business magazine and online; a professor determined a formula for how taxpayers are burdened by taxes. Haledon ranked along with 3 others from Passaic County, Pompton Lakes, Prospect Park, Bloomingdale, and Haledon. Burden of taxes is high. Haledon was commended for significant municipal revenue and low per pupil cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL UPDATE – Andrew Oddo – matter for closed session.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson – absent with notice.

Fire Liaison – Michael Tirri – absent with notice.

Office of Emergency Management – Belgica Costa – absent with notice.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mounir Almaita – will be meeting to discuss the budget.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL – Maha Kandis – nothing to add.

ORDINANCE – Mounir Almaita – nothing to report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Belgica Costa – absent with notice.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael Johnson – absent with notice.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Rey Martinez – nothing official.

TECHNOLOGY – Maha Kandis reported:

- Social media policy – following up with the communities that we have copies of their policies.
- Property Pilot looks interesting. Would like to see a presentation concerning the need and advantage of this system.

Councilman Almaita wants to know if would benefit financially; asked Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen to look at and make determination where it may be used.

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SPECIAL EVENTS – Maha Kandis

Scheduling events, need to decide if will be doing Haledon Day. Last year tried to do Haledon Day with the PBA, it did not work. Want to try again, perhaps something more modest and targeting a September date.

Council President Almaita, the (Manchester) Jr. Falcons are looking to use the REC Center for a pasta night fund raiser.

Councilwoman Kandis, will work with local groups as long as there is no function scheduled. Discussed the need to make improvements at the REC Center.

RESOLUTION #3062014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Martinez Seconded by Kandis

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:

- Manchester Litigation
- Mercuro vs. Haledon Borough

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: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

The Council moved to Executive Session.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Martinez to reopen the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

ADJOURN

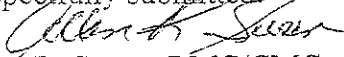
Motion by Kandis seconded by Martinez to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:


Allan R. Susen, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk