

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
February 23, 2023, Regular Session**

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE – For our departed Police officers and military members across the world.

The regular session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon will take place on February 23, 2023 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 published in the North Jersey Herald & The Record on January 5, 2023 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 5, 2023 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute.

Proper notice having been given; the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL – Mayor Michael Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:20PM.

Present: Mayor Michael Johnson, Council President Aleksandra Tasic, Councilmembers Nereyda Curiel, Mohammad Ramadan, Carlos Aymat, Jimmy Iza, Junior Morris, Borough Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Municipal Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita

Absent: 0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve

ROLL CALL

CURIEL RAMADAN TASIC AYMAT IZA MORRIS

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to open the public hearing.

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Gabby Wilday 219 Sunset Ave. Ridgewood NJ

- Launched our application process, have received many applications.
- We have all our applications and hoping to start building on March 8<sup>th</sup> with a grand opening in early summer.

Mr. Mineheart Belmont Ave.

- There is a curb at the REC center that is broken needs repair.
- Would like to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> garbage can put by the play ground
- Noticed the yellow zones around town need to be repainted.
- Why are people not being ticketed for blocking driveways.
- Questioned why cars parked in yellow zones are not being ticketed or towed
- Mentioned that the children from Haledon cannot play on the playground due to older children from outside towns are sitting on the playground chasing the younger children out.
- Questioned why there are only 2 cameras at the playground when there were to be 3.
- Noticed there is a lot of consuming of liquor around town.
- Mentioned there is no patrolling in the first district in town.
- A lot of children riding their bikes around town with no helmets, why are they not being stopped and told to put a helmet on.
- Congratulated Mayor Johnson and Clerk/Administrator Almaita on their positions.

Mr. Birdie Gill

- Mentioned that he has noticed some people that have dogs don't really know how to take care of them.

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to close the public hearing.

**ROLL CALL**

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

**GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES:**

Mayor Johnson responded:

- Thanked Ms. Wilday for the interest in our town, we are looking forward to your job fair, we can work together with other business in town that might like to be part of it, and then set a date to do so.
- Mr. Mineheart:  
Regarding all your concerns, please give us some time, all of your concerns and suggestions are well noted and will be addressed, I assure you.

Municipal Clerk/Administrator Almaita spoke on the gates at the Band Shell, they have been replaced and the band shell will be painted and ready for summer use.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Carlos Aymat, Chairperson –

- Thanked the Fire and Police Department for all they do and they see how hard they work.  
Police Liaison – Carlos Aymat –
- Asked Chief Daniele to make sure patrolling in district one is being done.  
Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Aleksandra Tasic
- Councilman Aymat reported OEM is 50 percent done on the EOP that needs to be completed in March.  
Fire Liaison– Mohammad Ramadan- No report

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson – No report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson- No report

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** – Jimmy Iza, Chairperson -

- Received an updated quote for the second section of the Belmont Ave. study.

**ORDINANCE** - Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson

**ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL** – Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**- Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson- No report

**SPECIAL EVENTS** – Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson

- Black History month event was a great success, thanked Mayor Johnson for all his help.
- March 17, 2023 at Belmont Square will be the annual Ramadan ceremony
- Working on Easter Egg hunt
- Women's History month also will be in March.

Vic Zlatanovic read his report, also mentioned there will be a Rabies Clinic the first Monday of November.

**TECHNOLOGY** – Junior Morris, Chairperson-

- Committee members have gotten together and reviewed quotes received and we have made a decision on a new IT company.
- Current IT vender has refused to provide us with any other assistance with our IT issues, Councilman Morris mentioned he will fill in and do what he can with any issues that may come up until our new IT vendor starts.

RECREATION – Junior Morris-

- Mentioned the recreation Department is flourishing, have gotten many requests of what is available for the children in our schools and town.
- Commissioner from N. Haledon about starting up a women’s softball team between the 2 towns, hoping to include Prospect Park and Wayne.
- Southside Soccer team will be starting up, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday thru Thursday they will be using the field, working on the contact for the use of the fields.
- Working on getting basketball and baseball going as well.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

No report

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

Motion by           seconded by           to accept and file

ROLL CALL

CURIEL RAMADAN TASIC AYMAT IZA MORRIS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to read the introduction of Ordinance # 2-23-2023

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

The Clerk read the title:

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
ORDINANCE # 2-23-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF CHAPTER 304 (“RENTAL PROPERTIES”) TO IMPLEMENT NEW STATE LAW REQUIRING OWNERS OF BUSINESSES AND RENTAL PROPERTIES TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGES**

Motion by Tasic seconded by Curiel to approve and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise Ordinance #2-23-2023 in the next available issue of the Herald News for a public hearing to take place on 3-23-2023

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

**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 #2023-063**                    **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF NUHA KARDAN TAX CLERK**
- RESOLUTION #2023-064**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO**  
**THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE TILT**  
**SREET RESTROOM AND STORAGE FACILITY INSTALLATION**  
**PROJECT.**
- RESOLUTION #2023-065**                    **RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT THROUGH A NON-**  
**FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR INFORMATION**  
**TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**  
**2023 BUDGET RESERVE TRANSFERS**
- RESOLUTION #2023-066**                    **AUTHORIZE A PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY**  
**DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.**
- RESOLUTION #2023-067**                    **AFFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL**  
**RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW)**
- RESOLUTION #2023-068**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to approve the consent agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: CUIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

- RESOLUTION #2023-063**                    **ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF NUHA KARDAN TAX CLERK**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Nuha Kardan as Tax Clerk as of March 24, 2023.

- RESOLUTION #2023-064**                    **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO**  
**THE PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND FOR THE TILT**  
**SREET RESTROOM AND STORAGE FACILITY INSTALLATION**  
**PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners (hereafter “Board”) provides grants to municipalities and qualified non-profit corporations for the assistance in acquisition, development, stewardship, and historic preservation from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (hereafter “Trust Fund”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haledon desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the Board for the County to fund the Tilt Street Restroom and Storage Facility Installation Project – Phase 4; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Trust Fund program and the rules and regulations established pursuant to R20170349, and any subsequent Resolutions passed by the Board governing the administration of the Trust Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon as follows:

1. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita is authorized to provide all required information and documents as required and correspond as necessary for a grant to the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
2. Mayor Michael Johnson is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendment there with the County of Passaic for the Tilt Street Restroom and Storage Facility Installation Project.
3. If the funds provided by the County are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project.
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, County, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION #2023-065**

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT THROUGH A NON-FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Haledon has a need to acquire the services of an Information Technology Consultant for 2023 via a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the below named Professional has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and a Business Registration Certificate.

**WHEREAS**, in regard to current "Pay to Play" legislation, it is anticipated that the total payment for the services of the Information Technology Officer will not exceed the amount of \$17,500.00 for the year 2023,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, as follows:

1. Corp Tech, is hereby appointed Information Technology Consultant for the Borough of Haledon for the fiscal year of 2023.
2. That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service," under the provision of the local Public Contracts Laws and the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law.
3. That a copy of this Resolution be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage as per Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.).

**RESOLUTION #2023-066**

**2023 BUDGET RESERVE TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the fiscal year are available, until lapsed at the closed of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made from unexpended balances to those which are expected to be insufficient during the first three months of the succeeding year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon, in the County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that the 2023 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers on Schedule "A", attached hereto, be made.

**SCHEDULE "A"**

**CURRENT FUND**

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>
ADMINISTRATION-S&W		10,000.00
ELECTIONS-OE	9,000.00	
TAX COLLECTION-OE	3,000.00	
LEGAL FEES-OE	8,000.00	
ENGINEERING-OE	5,000.00	
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-OE	20,000.00	
PLANNING BOARD-OE	3,000.00	
HEALTH INSURANCE		40,000.00
POLICE - S&W	5,000.00	
POLICE - OE.	6,000.00	
CONSTRUCTION CODE-OE	2,000.00	
STREETS & ROADS-S&W		24,000.00
STREETS & ROADS-OE		2,000.00
SEWER SYSTEM	3,000.00	
RECREATION-OE	3,000.00	
UTILITIES-FUEL GASOLINE	10,000.00	
FIRE HYDRANTS	1,000.00	
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b><u>66,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>66,000.00</u></b>

**RESOLUTION #2023-067**

**AUTHORIZE A PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon wish to apply for and obtain funding through the FY 2023 Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough will submit an application for Haledon Recreation Center Improvements within the Borough of Haledon.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council agrees that if CDBG funds are determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the Borough of Haledon agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Haledon will implement this project in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**RESOLUTION #2023-068**

**AFFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW)**

The Borough of Haledon supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. It is the policy of the Borough of Haledon to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Borough of Haledon further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Haledon does hereby approve the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources, the Borough of Haledon will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Haledon shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination, and any local laws or ordinances.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the municipality's publicity will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to add resolution #2023-069 on tonight's agenda  
YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS  
NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023-069**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE AUCTION OF UNUSED BOROUGH EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon hereby authorize the auction of unused Borough equipment and vehicles by online auction with US GovBid, a division of Auction Liquidation Services at 0% commission (the Auction Company will be charging an 8% Buyer's Internet Service Fee and (which is payable by the buyer to the Auction Company) and it will be retained by USGovBid/Auction Liquidation Services; and

WHEREAS, this online auction will be conducted in accordance with LFN 2008-9 and LFN 2008-21; and

WHEREAS, the following equipment and vehicles are hereby authorized for auction:

VIN #	Year	Make	Model
1FMNU41S75ED45128	2005	Ford	Excursion
2B7KB31Z0TK173375	1996	Dodge	Ram
2B3KA43H78H175062	2008	Dodge	Charger
2C3CDXAT6CH172573	2012	Dodge	Charger
1HGCM56343A139421	2003	Honda	Accord
1FMPU16565LA17561	2005	Ford	Expedition
1FM5K8ARXHGE14851	2017	Ford	Explorer
1FAHP24117G162014	2007	Ford	500
1FMFU16578LAO5371	2008	Ford	Expedition
2A4GP44R56R930024	2006	Chrysler	Minivan
30795-50467		Toro Groundmaster	325D
95201007		Aquatech inc	Sewer Jet
1FM5K8ARXHGE14851	2018	Ford	Explorer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to auction the above unused vehicles.

Motion by Tasic seconded by Aymat to approve  
YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS  
NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023- 070      **BILLS LIST – February 23, 2023****

Motion by Tasic seconded by Aymat to approve the bills list.

WHEREAS the attached bills have been submitted for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds stating that the Bills list for February 23, 2023, will not constitute an over expenditure of any Ordinance or Budget 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 February 23, 2023

WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$ 2,754,573.32
WATER (MUA):	\$ 13,269.21
TOTAL:	\$ 2,767,842.53

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

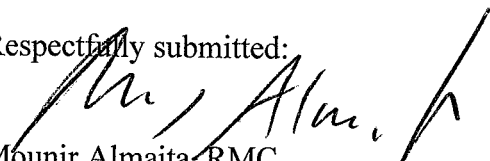
**ADJOURN**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to adjourn

YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:

  
Mounir Alkaita, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator