

BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
February 6, 2014

MOMENT OF SILENCE

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon conducted their February Work Session on February 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM 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 9, 2014 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 9, 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 at 7:00PM

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

Absent: Councilman Michael Tirri absent with notice.  
Councilman Reynaldo Martinez absent with notice.  
Councilman Michael Johnson absent with notice.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**(Privilege of the floor)**

Motion by Costa seconded by Almaita to open the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

Mary Mayer, Belmont Ave. asking if we will have same issue on President's Day with garbage. Concerned about corners not being shoveled around the Fire Co #1 parking lot and the sidewalks on Pompton Road not being shoveled and leaves remain under the snow. Sidewalks should be clear, 395 Belmont Ave., the width of the sidewalk is not sufficient because of the advertising stand.

Motion by Kandis seconded by Almaita to close the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

**GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES**

Mayor Stampone – agreed with Mrs. Mayer on several counts; last thing we would want to do is fine residents for not shoveling the sidewalks; not shoveling can be dangerous. Asked the Code Enforcement Official Jesica Jimenez to discuss the garbage issue, and sidewalks not being shoveled.

Code Enforcement Official Jimenez, gave out warnings and issued summonses for garbage; notified residents about covered sidewalks, leaves need to be cleaned.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

Mayor Stampone thanked the Haledon Police Department and Department of Public Works for their work during the recent snow storms.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT – ALAIMO ENGINEERING – submitted reports.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Allan Susen**

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE  
January 2014  
ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**FINANCE**

1. Budget workbooks are prepared. The Finance Committee must now meet to review budget requests. I am requesting meetings Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. We have updated the finance system to post 2014 accounting. Department Heads were reminded to use the Edmunds System for requisitions and to no longer type them on hard copy.
3. Interviews have been conducted for the part time finance clerk position. A recommendation was made and a resolution will be requested to be added to tonight's agenda.

**ADMINISTRATION**

1. The DPW contract negotiations have begun. Our meetings have been interrupted by snowstorms. The Union should provide proposed dates once the weather conditions improve and the DPW is not preparing for an upcoming storm.
2. I am working with Paul Blancos of Millennium Strategies on various grant applications for year 2014. We are looking at an Open Space project of maintenance and planting of trees around the Roe St/Braen Memorial Field. There is also a grant opportunity for recycling containers.
3. Appraisal Systems, Inc. conducted resident information sessions throughout January, meeting with any property owner that had questions regarding their revaluation. The process is now complete.
4. Mayor Stampone and I met with representatives of PropertyPilot. The company offers a GIS system which can be utilized for various municipal functions. They supplied a proposal which is under review.
5. The County Clerk conducted a satellite office session here in the Borough of Haledon on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was very successful. Passport applications, Notary, and Veteran ID's were taken and issued.
6. Kevin Gottheiner, Chris LeMay and I are meeting with telephone maintenance and system provider companies to investigate a new phone system and maintenance agreement.
7. I was notified by the County Engineer's office on January 29<sup>th</sup> that the County will be working on the Church St Bridge and the retaining wall along the brook that runs along Church St. The County Engineer, Doug Morgan, Kevin Gottheiner and I met January 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the project. During construction Church St will remain open.

POLICE DEPT. – Deputy Chief Kevin Gottheiner - Read regular report.

Mayor Stampone, trying to be compassionate about the snow, the parking, etc. Asked what is happening regarding throwing snow into street, saving a spot with a chair, box.

Deputy Chief Gottenheiner, residents feel when they shovel out a spot, they own the spot. Throwing out into the street, residents feel they have nowhere else to put it. There should be zero tolerance.

Mayor Stampone had nothing but compliments concerning the snow removal.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Morgan – no formal report.

- Extra recycling pick up last month (5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) because west side missed their normal pick up day. Advertising and word of mouth made it successful.
- Vehicle fleet – two plow trucks are down. International truck recently repaired needs a new transmission. Trucks are from 2000 – 2004, International truck is a 1996, the Backloader is 1992. Need to have a replacement plan.

Mayor Stampone asked to make sure the men know their efforts are appreciated in spite of the equipment.

Council President Almaita thanked the DPW for their efforts. Asked if Superintendent Doug Morgan was getting numbers for a new truck.

Doug Morgan confirmed he met with a vendor; developing specifications. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen indicated, once prices are in, will check into financing options.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Moscatello read regular report.

Council President Mounir Almaita - Talking about radio upgrades, was it ever done? Fire Chief Moscatello, yes, all fire radios have been replaced.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Scott Wilson – not present

CONSTRUCTION DEPT. – Jessica Jimenez - reviewed report

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the County of Passaic regarding grant award (CDBG) in support of installation of a Security Camera System in the Samuel Braen Memorial Park/Roe Street Field.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Kandis to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No comments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Costa seconded by Almaita to add Ordinance #2-6-2014, Annual Salary Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

Motion by Costa seconded by Almaita to read the introduction of Ordinance #02-06-2014 (an ordinance amending the code of the Borough of Haledon entitled "Salaries of Municipal Employees)

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

The Clerk will read the title:

BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
ORDINANCE #02-06-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON,  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED SALARIES OF  
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Motion by Costa seconded by Almaita 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 February 20, 2014.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

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**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#2014-034    OPPOSE PRIVATIZATION OF TOLL COLLECTION  
SERVICES ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AND  
GARDEN STATE PARKWAY

RESOLUTION#2014-035 TRANSFER OF FUNDS- 2013 BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION RESERVES  
RESOLUTION#2014-036 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE OF AN  
OFF PREMISE CASH 50/50 RAFFLE-PROSPECT PARK  
PTA  
RESOLUTION#2014-037 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE FOR A  
ON PREMISE CASINO NIGHT- PROSPECT PARK PTA

Motion by Almaita seconded by Kandis to approve.

ROLL CALL  
YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA  
NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2014-034 OPPOSE PRIVATIZATION OF TOLL  
COLLECTION SERVICES ON THE NEW  
JERSEY TURNPIKE AND GARDEN STATE  
PARKWAY

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority seeks to privatize toll workers jobs, which would eliminate pensions, health benefits and job protections of the unionized workers; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's unemployment rate is 7.8% as reported in the December 19, 2013 New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development jobs report, which is one of the highest unemployment rates in the region, and our poverty rate is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey workers and their families need decent middle-class jobs; and

WHEREAS, firing more workers at a time when unemployment is already extremely high and decent jobs are hard to find will only put more of a burden on the public, increasing the need for social services and public assistance, and result in more home foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors have already sacrificed by taking pay cuts of 30% and making many other concessions to save their jobs; and

WHEREAS, newly hired New Jersey Turnpike toll collectors make less than \$35, 000 a year, and privatization will reduce the worker's wages to poverty levels; and

WHEREAS, privatization has track record in the State of New Jersey of failing to take into consideration the interests of taxpayers, residents, and employees and often does not live up to lofty cost-savings projections; and

WHEREAS, there is limited oversight and a lack of accountability to the public because private companies do not fall under the Open Public Records Act and there is no State agency that monitors privatization contracts; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has saved more than \$30 million dollars as a result of the pay cuts and concessions toll workers have already made; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Haledon Governing Body hereby acknowledges its support of the workers and union members on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway and recommends that the New Jersey Turnpike Authority not privatize toll workers jobs.

RESOLUTION #2013-035 TRANSFER OF FUNDS – 2013 BUDGET  
APPROPRIATION RESERVES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Council of the Borough of Haledon, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers of the 2013 Municipal Budget Appropriation Reserves according to N.J.S.A.40A:4-5.8:

From: Finance S & W	103-105	\$ 5,000.00
From: Dental Insurance O & E	113-282	\$ 4,000.00
From: Other Insurance O & E	113-301	\$ 1,000.00
From: Sanitation O & E	130-299	\$ 12,000.00
To: Street Lighting O & E	141-201	\$ 8,000.00
To: Buildings & Grounds O & E	110-234	\$ 11,000.00
To: Buildings & Grounds O & E	110-207	\$ 3,000.00
Total Transfers:		\$ 22,000.00

RESOLUTION #2014-036 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE OF  
AN OFF PREMISE CASH 50/50 RAFFLE-  
PROSPECT PARK PTA

WHEREAS, Prospect Park PTA has submitted all the proper paper work to change the date (previously noted in resolution #2014-031) of their off premise cash 50/50 raffle to the Municipal Clerk's office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that the request for a change of date is hereby approved for an off premise cash 50/50 to be held on April 11, 2014 at 276 Belmont Ave., Haledon NJ 07508.

RESOLUTION #2014-037 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CHANGE DATE  
FOR A ON PREMISE CASINO NIGHT-  
PROSPECT PARK PTA

WHEREAS, Prospect Park PTA has submitted all the proper paper work to change the date (previously noted in resolution#2014-030) of their on Premise Casino Night to the Municipal Clerk's office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that the request for a change of date is hereby approved for an on Premise Casino Night to be held on April 11, 2014 at 276 Belmont Ave., Haledon NJ 07508.

Motion by Almaita seconded by Kandis to add one resolution.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2014-038 AUTHORIZE HIRING OF PART TIME  
FINANCE CLERK, NATALIE NAAS  
Motion by Alamita seconded by Costa to approve.

WHEREAS, it was determined that a part time finance clerk position should be added to the employees assigned to the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, applications were received and interviews conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator recommended to the interviewing committee that Natalie Naas be hired to fill this position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that Natalie Naas be hired as a part time finance clerk effective March 3, 2014 at the hourly rate of \$25.00.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

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

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- PropertyPilot (Statement of Work and Proposal)

Mentioned, meeting with PropertyPilot; need to have proposal reviewed and make a determination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL UPDATE – Andrew Oddo – no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson – absent.

Fire Liaison – Michael Tirri – absent.

Office of Emergency Management – Belgica Costa – not at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mounir Almaita - working on the budget, meeting was rescheduled due to the weather.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL – Maha Kandis – nothing to add.

ORDINANCE – Mounir Almaita

- Amendments to the Uniform Construction Code.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Belgica Costa – report posted.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael Johnson – absent.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Rey Martinez –absent.

Mayor Stampone commented, annoying to see Streetscape not done and under snow.

TECHNOLOGY – Maha Kandis –no report.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Maha Kandis – no report.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Almaita seconded by Costa to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, ALMAITA, COSTA

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:



Allan R. Susen, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk