

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
January 12, 2023, Work Session**

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE- For our armed forces

The work session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon will take place on January 12, 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 7PM.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Nereyda Curiel, running late.

**RESOLUTION #2023-031** TO FILL VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCIL MEMBER, PURSUANT TO THE “MUNICIPAL VACANCY LAW” AS SET FORTH IN N.J.S.A. 40A:16-3, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11

Motion by Tasic seconded by Ramadan to appoint Jimmy Iza to fill the vacancy for the position of Council Member until December 31, 2023.

**WHEREAS**, on or about January 1, 2023, a vacancy became available in the Office of Council Member of the Borough of Haledon pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-3; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2023, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee presented to the governing body, through the City Clerk, the names of three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy as Council Member as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, if the incumbent whose office has become vacant was elected as the nominee of a political party, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee shall, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, present to the governing body the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy and such person shall be sworn in immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Haledon desires to take such action in accordance and compliance with the Municipal Vacancy Law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1) The provisions of the WHEREAS clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
- 2) Jim Iza is hereby nominated to fill the vacancy in the position of Council Member until December 31, 2023.
- 3) A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the County Clerk of the County of Passaic.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**ROLL CALL**

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, MORRIS

NO: 0

Council President Aleksandra Tasic administered the oath of office to Jimmy Iza.

Jimmy Iza took his seat at the Dias.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**ROLL CALL**

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

John Block 377 Morrissee Ave.

- Refer to Resolution #2023-036, Stormwater Pollution, hoping something can be done regarding the flooding.
- Mentioned he would like the Borough Engineer to look into the agreement with the County that was never signed to keep the Brook clean to keep it flowing freely.

Gabriel Wilday, 219 Sunset Ave. Ridgewood NJ

- Gave an update on Molly Ann Farms, we have been fingerprinted and has had our interview with the investigator from the CRC.
- Hoping to hear about our license tomorrow, or at the next CRC meeting on February 8th meeting.

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

**ROLL CALL**

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

**GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES:**

Mayor Johnson responded to Mr. Block, mentioned we do understand the issues regarding the Brook, your concerns need to be addressed and parts need to be updated. The Army Core of Engineers have been contacted to restudy the Brook.

Clerk/Administrator Almaita explained that Resolution #2023-032 is regarding to The Borough engineer Alaimo Group will be doing a State Mandated Storm Management Plan, has not anything to do with the flooding issues with Molly Ann Brook.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

ENGINEER'S REPORT –Alaimo Engineering – On file

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mounir Almaita- Read report

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniele – Read report

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Anthony Harrington – On file

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Tom Bakker – Read report

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Carlos Aymat-

- Mentioned he will be attending a meeting OEM coordinator class.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – Jorge Padilla- Read report

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT- Joseph Wenzel – No report

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Carlos Aymat, Chairperson – Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all they do.

Police Liaison – Carlos Aymat -No report

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Aleksandra Tasic- No report

Fire Liaison– Mohammad Ramadan- No report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson – No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson – No report

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson – No report

ORDINANCE - Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson- No report

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson –

- Welcomed Mr. Iza to the council, looking forward to working together

HEALTH AND WELFARE- Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson—No report

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson-

- Thanked everyone for always working with us with all our events
- Welcomed Jim Iza to the council looking forward to working together.
- We are working on a yearly calendar of all our events.

TECHNOLOGY – Junior Morris, Chairperson

- Congratulated Mayor Johnson on his election.
- Congratulated Jim Iza, welcomed him to the council
- Looking into new vendors to provide maintenance on our servers, have 3 quotes, going to work with committee members to make the best choice for the Borough

RECREATION – Junior Morris

- Recreation center, repaired all fire fixtures to bring it up to code, thanked the Fire, Police and DPW Departments for all their help. Kitchen is up and working well has been used for 2 events already.
- Tuesday is teenage volleyball and Wednesday adult volleyball, looking to expand.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Thanked the residents for their trust in this past election.
- Congratulation to Jim Iza looking forward to working together, you will be a great asset to our council and borough
- Looking to get a lot of things done, working with our council we will get it done, looking to get more programs for our children and seniors.
- Thanked the Police Department for all they do, want you to know it is noted and appreciated.
- Thanked the Fire Department for all the man hours you put in and all you do for the best interest on our Borough.
- Noted Councilwoman Nereyda Curiel arrived at 7:18 pm
- Looking into getting work done on the recreation building so our children have somewhere to go.
- Thanked Councilwoman Curiel and the governing body for all they do.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Haledon Democratic Committee letter of recommendation for Municipal Vacancy

Motion by Curiel seconded by Ramadan to accept and file

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Michael Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Tom Bakker as Fire Department Chief

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Curiel to appoint as Fire Department Chief (one year term)

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

Mayor Michael Johnson administered the oath of office to Chief Tom Bakker

Mayor Michael Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Council to confirm the following individuals as elected by the members of the Haledon Fire Dept.

Fire Department Officers (one year term)

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Curiel to confirm the election of the following individuals:

	Term expires	Company #1	Company #2
Asst. Chief	2026	Chris Bakker 3year term	Vacant
Captain	2023	Tom Behnke	Kevin Coletta
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	2023	Matt Behnke	Brian Reyes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	2023	Richard Genberg Jr	Chris Gomero

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

Mayor Michael Johnson administered the oath of office to all officers of the Haledon Fire Department

**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 #2023-032**                    **AUTHORIZE CURRENT PAYMENT ESTIMATE #2 & CHANGE ORDER #1 SHERWOOD AVE., WILLIE ST., & NORWOOD STREET**
- RESOLUTION #2023-033**                    **APPROVE TOWING LICENSES - 2023**
- RESOLUTION #2023-034**                    **AUTHORIZE ERA INVESTMENTS, LLC TO REFINISH WOOD FLOORS AT BOROUGH HALL (FIRST FLOOR HALLWAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMGERS 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR FOYER AND STARIS LEADING UP TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**
- RESOLUTION #2023-035**                    **AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES OF A ROOF INSULATION SYSTEM**

**RESOLUTION #2023-036                    AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES UPDATE STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN & MUNICIPAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023-032                    AUTHORIZE CURRENT PAYMENT ESTIMATE #2 & CHANGE ORDER #1 SHERWOOD AVE., WILLIE ST., & NORWOOD STREET**

WHEREAS, Dane Irving of the Alaimo Group in his letter dated January 4,2023 has recommended the Borough approve Change Order #1 which is a net increase of \$4,279.50 due to small field adjusted quantities in material and work; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has concurred in the recommendation of Dane Irving and has determined that this Resolution should be adopted subject to the conditions hereinafter, stated;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$4,279.50 stating the funds are available in the general capital ordinance # 6-23-2022A and budget account # X-GC-04-419-227; and

WHEREAS, Dane Irving also recommends in his January 4, 2023 letter the Borough pay current estimate #2 in the amount of \$83,824.30; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$83,824.30 stating the funds are available in the general capital ordinance # 6-23-2022A entitled Various Capital Improvements and budget account # X-GC-04-419-227; and

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

1. The written concurrence by 4 Clean Up, Inc. to the modification shall be obtained in the form of Change Order No. 1, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. It is hereby determined that this Change Order does not expand the size, nature or scope of the project as it was originally described in the bid specifications. The work could not reasonably be effectuated by a separately bid contract without unduly disrupting the basic work or imposing adverse cost consequences.
3. The Contractor waives all claims for extensions of time and all claims for damages of whatsoever kind, either direct or indirect as well as any claim for impacted loss of profits of whatsoever kind related to this Change Order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Change Order # 1 and Current Estimate # 2 is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to process payment.

**RESOLUTION #2023-033                    APPROVE TOWING LICENSES - 2023**

WHEREAS, applications have been received for towing licenses for the year 2023 from:

- City Wide Towing
- Camp Auto & Truck Parts, Inc.
- J & M Towing

WHEREAS, the applications have been reviewed and investigations have been completed by the Haledon Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been found to be in compliance with Chapter 369 and its amendments of the Code of the Borough of Haledon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue towing licenses to aforementioned in accordance with Chapter 369 of the Code of the Borough of Haledon for the period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**RESOLUTION #2023-034                    AUTHORIZE ERA INVESTMENTS, LLC TO REFINISH WOOD FLOORS AT BOROUGH HALL (FIRST FLOOR HALLWAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMGERS 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR FOYER AND STARIS LEADING UP TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon is in need of having the wood floors refinished; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received quotes for the refinishing; ERA Investments, LLC submitted the lowest bid; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Stephen P. Sanzari has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$ 17,669.00 from account #X-GC-04-417-223 AMOUNT \$1887.00 ; Account #2-01-110-233 Amount \$15,782.00,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haledon that the contract for refinishing the wood floors be awarded to ERA Investments, LLC 276 Illinois Ave. Paterson NJ 07503.

**RESOLUTION #2023-035                    AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES OF A ROOF INSULATION SYSTEM**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby authorizes the Alaimo Group to proceed with design services, construction document phase and Construction administration of the insulation system for the replacement of the roof at Haledon Municipal Building in the amount of \$11,500.00.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certification of funds has been issued by Steve Sanzari, Chief Finance Officer; for an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00 from account # X-GC-04-417-222.

**RESOLUTION #2023-036                    AUTHORIZE THE ALAIMO GROUP PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES UPDATE STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN & MUNICIPAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby authorizes the Alaimo Group to proceed with design services to update stormwater pollution prevention plan and Municipal stormwater management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certification of funds has been issued by Steve Sanzari, Chief Finance Officer; for an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 from account # 3-01-109-201

Motion by Tasic seconded by Tasic to add resolution's #2023-037 and #2023-038 on tonight's agenda.

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023-037                    AMEND RESOLUTION #2023-003 COUNCIL SEATING ORDER**

WHEREAS, Section A501-3 of the By Laws of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon provides for a resolution to be approved by the Council indicating the seating order of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the following seating order is hereby provided:

- Councilwoman Nereyda Curiel
- Councilman Mohammad Ramadan
- Councilwoman Aleksandra Tasic
- Mayor Michael Johnson
- Councilman Carlos Aymat
- Councilman Jimmy Iza
- Councilman Junior Morris

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the above mentioned seating order is hereby established for the year 2023 and shall remain in place until such time as the seating is changed by resolution of the Governing Body.

**RESOLUTION #2023-038**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION #2023-006 COUNCIL COMMITTEES-2023**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Carlos Aymat , Chair  
Police Liaison – Carlos Aymat  
Police Department  
Housing Inspection/Building Maintenance  
Municipal Court

Fire Department Liaison \_ Mohammad Ramadan  
Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Aleksandra Tasic

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mohammad Ramadan, Chair  
Aleksandra Tasic  
Junior Morris

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – Aleksandra Tasic, Chair  
Nereyda Curiel  
Carlos Aymat

ORDINANCE – Aleksandra Tasic, Chair  
Mohammad Ramadan  
Jimmy Iza

HEALTH & WELFARE – Nereyda Curiel, Chair  
Junior Morris  
Jimmy Iza

PUBLIC WORKS – Mohammed Ramadan, Chair  
Carlos Aymat  
Jimmy Iza

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Jimmy Iza, Chair  
Nereyda Curiel  
Mohammad Ramadan

TECHNOLOGY –Junior Morris, Chair  
Mohammad Ramadan  
Jimmy Iza

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nereyda Curiel, Chair  
Aleksandra Tasic  
Mohammad Ramadan

Recreation - Junior Morris, Chair  
Nereyda Curiel  
Carlos Aymat

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to approve

ROLL CALL

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

NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023- 039**

**BILLS LIST – January 12, 2023**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic 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 January 12, 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 January 12, 2023


WITH PREPAIDS IS:  
CURRENT: \$ 1,656,596.90  
WATER (MUA): \$ 13,361.60  
TOTAL: \$ 1,669,958.50

ROLL CALL  
YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS  
NO: 0

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Tasic seconded by Curiel to adjourn  
ROLL CALL  
YES: CURIEL, RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS  
NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:

  
Mounir Almaita, RMC  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator