

BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
January 2, 2014

PRAYER

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon conducted their January Work Session on January 2, 2014 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 December 24, 2013 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on December 24, 2013 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 7:30PM

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

Absent: -0-

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

Motion by Almaita seconded by Martinez to open the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

No comments

Motion by Martinez seconded by Costa to close the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

**GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES**

Mayor Stampone, would like to dispense with reports with the exception of the Fire Department, Morrissee Avenue fire (December 31, 2013).

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

ENGINEER'S REPORT – ALAIMO ENGINEERING

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Allan Susen

BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

December 2013  
ACTIVITIES REPORT

FINANCE

1. Budget proposals were received and are being reviewed. Finance meetings will be held during January and February. I am targeting a March budget introduction and adoption in April. This will keep us in statutory compliance.
2. The 2014 professional service proposals were received and reviewed by Mayor Stampone and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo. Recommendations were made and a resolution on the Reorganization meeting agenda awarded the contracts.
3. Debbie Gutches and Mary Ann Brindisi continue to review the 2013 Budget lines for required transfers; which can be made through March 2014.
4. Interviews have been conducted for the part time finance clerk position. A recommendation will be made in time for the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

1. The DPW union contract expired the end of December 2013. The Union is requesting a negotiation meeting schedule. An initial contract request was sent to the Council committee who in turn prepared and submitted a counter offer. I sent the Council committee proposed meeting dates and wait for a response.
2. The Southside Avenue Road Improvements and Bird Netting in the Recycling Center projects were awarded in November. Contracts were prepared and executed during December.
3. Deputy Clerk Leena Abaza and I prepared for the Reorganization meeting. Vacancies and term expirations were reviewed to coordinate required appointments for the various Borough Boards and employee positions. Edlyn Miller will verify all oaths of offices are signed and properly filed.
4. Edlyn Miller reviewed all annual license applications for 2014 renewals. Towing licenses for 2014 were not issued at the request of the Governing Body. Currently the Borough licenses towing companies that operate in the Borough on a rotating basis. A new ordinance is being proposed that will license one towing company awarded in a bidding process.
5. December 9<sup>th</sup> Edlyn Miller ran a successful Holiday Luncheon for the Haledon Senior Citizens. This luncheon is sponsored by the Mayor and Council.
6. December 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended an informative education session conducted by the League of Municipalities regarding the Affordable Care Act. The session offered information on ACA content and how municipalities will be impacted by its provisions. A major concern was the tracking of part time hours and keeping those hours at 29 or less to avoid having to provide health insurance.
7. Risk Management Consultant Dawn Makowski and I met with representatives of IIDA, our prescription insurance company. The purpose of the meeting was to investigate ways the Borough could save money on the prescription plan. I am waiting for further information regarding this and will then schedule a meeting with members of the Governing Body.

8. I met with Nicole Fox of the Passaic County Improvement Authority who offered information on financing alternatives. Rates seem attractive. This financing alternative will be a discussion topic at upcoming Finance meetings.
9. Leena Abaza coordinated the annual employee and volunteer holiday luncheon sponsored by the Mayor and Council. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Louis Mercurio

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Morgan

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Moscatello – will submit official report at the next meeting.

Update regarding the fire on Morrissee Avenue; 2 houses destroyed, 1 house severely damaged, one more across the street, siding melted. No injuries, ladder truck has heat damage. Surrounding towns aided, canteen truck from Teaneck (Bergen County) provided cold drinks. Sunday, drop off donations for victims, 8am to noon at Fire Company #2. The fire is under investigation.

Yolanda LaRosa (LaNeve's Restaurant) is interested in helping the victims. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen directed her to Haledon Public.

Mayor said tremendous job, impressed by the calm and presence of the firefighters. Mayor Stampone thanked everyone.

Council President Alkaita asked how many people displaced. Fire Chief Moscatello said about 10. Mayor Stampone, at least 5 kids, ages 3 to 17 (years).

Councilman Johnson, echoed sentiments of the Mayor; the professionalism of the firefighters, those working the fire and those waiting, was evident. Thanked all, was impressed by the outpouring of support.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Scott Wilson

MUNICIPAL CLERK'S AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Invitation from the Borough of North Haledon to their Annual Reorganization Meeting on January 1, 2014.

Motion by Alkaita seconded by Martinez to accept and file.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

No comments

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**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#2014-022 DESIGNATION OF CLEAN COMMUNITIES  
COORDINATOR  
RESOLUTION#2014-023 APPROVE TOWING LICENSES-2014  
RESOLUTION#2014-024 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON, NORTH HALEDON, PROSPECT PARK AND MANCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION.

RESOLUTION #2014-23, requesting to defer action until Jan 16, 2014.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Costa to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON  
NO: -0-

Motion by Martinez seconded by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON  
NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION,  
JANUARY 16, 2014:

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Governor Christie declared a State of Emergency for snowstorm, informed Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan Susen to close the Municipal Complex.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

LEGAL UPDATE -- Andrew Oddo -- no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Rey Martinez

Police Liaison – Rey Martinez – no report.

Fire Liaison – Michael Johnson – no report.

Office of Emergency Management – Michael Tirri – no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mounir Almaita – no report.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL – Maha Kandis – no report.

ORDINANCE – Mounir Almaita – no report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Belgica Costa – no report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael Johnson, the DPW will be in full force tonight (snowstorm).

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Rey Martinez – no report.

TECHNOLOGY – Maha Kandis

- Discuss social media policy January 8, 2014 meeting.
- Looking into the purchase of a digital electronic sign.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Maha Kandis

- Software options for scheduling and maintenance of the field and the REC Center.

Mayor Stampone mentioned a mobile application for local government entities; “Public Stuff”, a free application, allows the public to report problems or issues,

ADJOURN

Motion by Martinez seconded by Johnson to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: KANDIS, TIRRI, ALMAITA, COSTA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: -0-

Respectfully submitted:



Allan R. Susen, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk