

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
January 26, 2023, Regular Session**

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE for our armed forces.

The regular session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon will take place on January 26, 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 Nereyda Curiel, Carlos Aymat, Jimmy Iza, Junior Morris, Borough Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Municipal Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita

Absent: Councilman Mohammad Ramadan with notice

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 11, 2022
- September 8, 2022
- September 22, 2022

Motion by Tasic seconded by Curiel to approve

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, MORRIS

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: IZA

PUBLIC HEARING

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

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Jose Zormia 384 southside Ave.

- Thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing them to serve the Borough, we just finished our winter program and the kids and parents are so excited can't wait until the spring program.

John Block 337 Morrissee Ave.

- Mentioned the speaker system is horrible and would like to see something done about it.
- Spoke about the agreement with the County that was never signed to keep the Brook flowing.
- Mentioned how happy he is to hear about the recreation grant, it is way overdue.

Jerry Iglar 3 Jasper Street

- Mentioned about the blasting, she had gone over some of the published codes they are working with 1999 codes wanted to bring that to the council, maybe need to be updated. Also mentioned 250 Central Ave. seems to be getting the brunt of the blasting.

Robert DeVirgilio, 48 King Street Haledon

- Commented the floors look fantastic, what a great job.
- Mentioned since I have started everyone is so fantastic to work with, thanked Mayor Johnson, Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita and the council for the opportunity to work here.

Gabriella Wilday, 219 Sunset Ave. Ridgewood NJ

- Attended my 4th Passaic County planning meeting, they have approved a conditional resolution to keep the entrance and exit to Molly Ann Farms open.
- We have convinced them to waive the trees required to be planted.
- Passaic County planning board resolution passed since July 1970, quarter enhancement fee a \$20.00 per foot of frontage on a county road. That money goes back to the Borough.
- Still waiting on the CRC, their next meeting is on February 8th, hoping on some good news.
- Conducted a job fair at Passaic County College, had over 300 candidates come in. our goal is to hire from Haledon, asking to do a job fair in Haledon.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, MORRIS

NO: 0

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES:

Mayor Johnson responded:

Thanked Mr. Zornia for all they do for the children, they are really enjoying the program.

Mr. Block;

1. The speaker system we are going to look into getting it updated.
2. Understands the issue with the flooding, also going to look into continue the Street Scape
3. Grants for our children, well over due, looking forward to many more coming, the governing body looks out for the best for the Borough

Ms. Iglar;

1. I understand your issue about the blasts, we are looking into a warning system so everyone will be aware of all blasts coming.

Mr. DeVirgilio:

As well as the floors they absolutely look beautiful. Thanked the company for doing such a great job, they look brand new.

Gabriel Wilday;

You have been through a lot in this process, the County did give you a hard time, honestly feel it's because it is a new process. Hoping it will make it easier for others. We want to thank you for coming to our town and happy this will bring work for our residents. Looking forward to them being employed by you.

Mayor Johnson spoke about the employees of the borough, can't say enough about them, from the council to all departments, thanked everyone for all they do and continue to do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Carlos Aymat, Chairperson- No report

Police Liaison – Carlos Aymat – No report

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Carlos Aymat- completed basic OEM coordinator course

Fire Liaison– Mohammad Ramadan- No report

PUBLIC WORKS – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Jim Iza, Chairperson –

- Floors have been completed
- Roe Street band shell doors are being replaced
- Pompton Road Street Scape Phase III being worked on

ORDINANCE - Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson- No report

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson-

- Few items on consent agenda
- Feel we have started strong this year with all our employees,

HEALTH AND WELFARE- Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson-

- Appointment on consent agenda

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson-

- Councilman Ramadan working on Ramadan celebration
- Would like to get together with Mayor Johnson to work on Black History Month celebration

TECHNOLOGY – Junior Morris, Chairperson-

- It's been challenging trying to contact our previous vender to communicate.
- Purchased new server but not installed as of yet. Also have purchased 5 new computers that have been installed and are up and running.
- Moving forward this year looking our priority is to security to make sure all PC's and server are protected
- Looking into getting our new servers installed.
- The technology committee have scheduled meetings with 2 new vendors.

RECREATION – Junior Morris

- Our recreation department has had very large growth since we have opened the doors since COVID.
- Southside Soccer, thanked them for opening up their talents to all they are doing with the children. From 5 years old to teenage.
- Repaired the recreation kitchen a few fire codes that needed to be updated, thanked the Fire Department for their help with that, Thanked the Police Department for helping to empty the room, as well as the DPW for all their help with changing bulbs and all other tasks they helped with. These tasks were done on their own time.
- We also have a new recreation attendant, he first was volunteering his time, he helped clean and paint the kitchen.
- We have applied for the recreation grant.
- Working on attendant badges for the folks working there so we know who is there.
- Working on a camera system as well to keep the recreation safe.
- Looking forward to repairing the score boards as well
- Working with Haledon Public School on different activities they have going of use of the recreation building.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Busy time for the Borough, a lot will be going on everyone should be proud of the governing body, you have a working governing body, they do it because they want to do it.
- Received a call from the State Governors office, Mayor Johnson will be working with their office to get any help we can to get some of the projects that need to be done.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW 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 #2023-040	AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT Richard G. Genberg Jr – FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR
RESOLUTION #2023-041	APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE HALEDON BOARD OF HEALTH – JENNICE WEBB & SABRINA DOUGHOUZ
RESOLUTION #2023-042	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER
RESOLUTION #2023-043	ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFCERS

Regarding Resolution #2023-043 Councilman Morris thanked them for their service and wish them luck. Mayor Johnson echoed what Councilman Morris commented.

RESOLUTION#2023-044	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO, AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT
RESOLUTION #2023-045	AUTHORIZE CURRENT ESTIMATE # 1 IMPROVEMENT TO BRAEN MEMORIAL PARK/ROE STREET ATHLETIC FIELD, BOROUGH OF HALEDON
RESOLUTION #2023-046	REAPPOINTMENT OF GERRY FLACH – MANCHESTER UTILITY AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION #2023-047	APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SHAWN ALLEN
RESOLUTION #2023-048	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT ROE STREET FILED BAND SHELL GATE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Mayor Johnson administered the oath of office to Richard g. Genberg Jr. to the office of Safety Inspector.

Mayor Johnson administered the oath of office to Shawn Allen to the Planning board.

RESOLUTION #2023-040	AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT Richard G. Genberg Jr – FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR
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WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the Fire Safety Office for a Fire Safety Inspector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Richard G. Genberg Jr effective immediately at the annual rate of \$8,535.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby concurs with the hiring of Richard G. Genberg Jr as Fire Safety Inspector effective immediately, at the annual rate of \$8,535.00;

RESOLUTION #2023-041 APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE HALEDON BOARD OF HEALTH – JENNICE WEBB & SABRINA DOUGHOUZ

WHEREAS, 2 vacancies exist on the Haledon Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Jennice Webb and Sabrina Doughouz to a Three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon that they hereby provide their advice and consent to appoint Jennice Webb and Sabrina Doughouz to a Three-year term ending Dec. 31, 2025

RESOLUTION #2023-042 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER

WHEREAS: at the Municipal tax sale held on December 10th 2019 a lien was sold on property located 19 Buschmann Avenue, Haledon, N.J. 07508. Also known as block 89 lot 29

WHEREAS: this lien certificate #19-00003 was sold in the amount of \$ 11,950.33 with a premium of \$ 32,500.00 to TL SIX LLC

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to Issue one check from the current account in the amount of \$ 73,228.77 and a second check from the Trust account in the amount of \$ 32,500.00 payable to TL SIX LLC, 1 Paragon Drive # 252, Montvale, New Jersey 07645

RESOLUTION #2023-043 ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFCERS

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignations of the following Special Police Officers as of January 26, 2023.

- Johathan Velez
- Brandon VanDerVeen
- Nicholas Freitas
- Kyle Tennis

RESOLUTION#2023-044 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO, AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM, THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$32,500.00 to carry out a project to replace or repair various recreational amenities at the Haledon Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will result in a safer and more enjoyable recreation center for residents; and

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

1. Authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Haledon and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Michael Johnson is authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith.

**RESOLUTION #2023-045 AUTHORIZE CURRENT ESTIMATE # 1 IMPROVEMENT TO
BRAEN MEMORIAL PARK/ROE STREET ATHLETIC FIELD,
BOROUGH OF HALEDON**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon awarded a contract to Green Valley Group, Inc. to complete Improvement work to Braen Memorial Park/Roe Street Athletic Field, and

WHEREAS, Dane Irving of the Alaimo Engineering further recommends approval of Current Payment Estimate #1 paying the contractor in the amount of \$110,446.00; and

WHEREAS, a certification of funds was previously issued by Chief Financial Officer Steve Sanzari for the adjusted contract amount; and

WHEREAS, a certification of funds for estimate #1 been issued by Chief Financial Officer Steve Sanzari to be charged to account X-GC-04-413-211; and

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

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

- In concurrence with the Current Estimate #1 the Governing Body authorizes payment based on the Borough Engineer recommendation in the amount of \$110,446.00.
- Payment subject to receipt of payroll documentation;

**RESOLUTION #2023-046 REAPPOINTMENT OF GERRY FLACH – MANCHESTER
UTILITY AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to reappoint Gerry Flach to the Manchester Utility Authority for a five year term effective January 1st, 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon that they hereby provide their advice and consent to reappoint Gerry Flach to the Manchester Utility Authority effective January 1st, 2028.

**RESOLUTION #2023-047 APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SHAWN
ALLEN**

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Johnson appoints Mr. Shawn Allen as a member to the Haledon Planning Board effective today, January 26, 2023 to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.

**RESOLUTION #2023-048 AUTHORIZE PAYMENT ROE STREET FILED BAND SHELL GATE
FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION.**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon awarded a contract to Paterson Iron Works for the Band Shell Gate fabrication and installation project; and

WHEREAS, Rocco Feldhann, CPW Superintendent of Public Works has recommended in their correspondence dated January 26, 2023 that the Borough authorize paying the contractor in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

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

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Steven Sanzari has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from account #X-GC-04-418-226;

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

In concurrence with PO # 22-01320 the Governing Body authorizes payment based on Rocco Feldhann, CPW Superintendent of Public Works recommendation in the amount of \$25000,00.

RESOLUTION #2023-049

BILLS LIST – January 26, 2023

Motion by Tasic seconded by Curiel 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 26, 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 26, 2023

WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$ 341,848.24
WATER (MUA):	\$ 13,642.70
TOTAL:	\$ 355,490.94

ROLL CALL

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

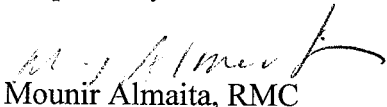
ADJOURN

Motion by Tasic seconded by Curiel to adjourn

YES: CURIEL, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:



Mounir Almaita, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator