

BOROUGH OF HALEDON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION

MOMENT OF SILENCE

May 1, 2014

FLAG SALUTE

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon conducted their May Work Session on May 1, 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 – Council President Mounir Alkaita called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

Present: Council President Mounir Alkaita; Council members; Maha Kandis, Michael Tirri, Reynaldo Martinez, Michael Johnson and Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo; and Deputy Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator Leena M. Abaza.

Absent: Mayor Domenick Stampone absent with notice.  
Councilwoman Belgica Costa absent with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 2, 2014 Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2014 Work Session Meeting  
February 6, 2014 Work Session Meeting  
March 6, 2014 Work Session Meeting  
April 3, 2014 Work Session Meeting

Motion by Tirri seconded by Johnson to approve the above meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC HEARING  
(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Martinez seconded by Kandis to open the public hearing

ROLL CALL

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

Joe Moore, Buschmann Avenue thanked the Council and the Police Department for their efforts and taking care of the problem. The Police have responded to his problem, not here to complain. Code Enforcer inspected my property, would like to know why.

Frank Menyhardt, N 15<sup>th</sup> St. asked about the street sweeper, what is the status? Are we purchasing a new one? My neighbors and I clean the street. Burhans, N 14th and Bernard roads are pitted. People swing wide to around the mess. No parking on N 14<sup>th</sup> Street but they are parking. Thanked the Special Police Officers when they are around they move cars. Signage and waste stations, is there any progress? Ordinance 3-20-14 regarding Police promotions, why have we diminished the training? Three years to get promoted; now it is down to 1 year. Why? I am concerned there are many other officers with more experience.

Motion by Tirri seconded by Kandis to close the public hearing

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: 0

### GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

Council President Mounir Almaita, thank you to Joe (Moore) for acknowledging taking care of something.

Code Enforcer Jessica Jimenez, yes there is a purpose and I will be enforcing this throughout the town.

Council President Mounir Almaita, we have a quote for a street sweeper; it is over \$100,000.00. We are looking for grant money; my streets are not clean either. The DPW will be out cleaning manually.

DPW Superintendent Doug Morgan spoke to Prospect Park; they will make their sweeper available on a limited basis.

Council President Mounir Almaita, good idea. Let's have a part-timer sweep up.

DPW Superintendent Doug Morgan, we have the dog stations, signage and receptacles; waiting for the benches before putting everything out. The plants are in the garage.

Council President Mounir Almaita, we did not eliminate (Police Department promotions) the three years of experience, requiring one year in Haledon (total of three years); it opens up the pool.

Councilman Michael Johnson, you cannot have five years and be Chief; minimum of twelve years, progressive training. From the end of April to September it is important to have the Special Police Officers out there. The Special Police Officer program should be used. Roe Street is easy; they should be out there; opening and closing the park. Chief Mercurio, if they (SPO) can't come in then do not get reappointed.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

ENGINEER'S REPORT – ALAIMO ENGINEERING – included in the packet.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Allan Susen is at training; the report will be available at the Regular meeting.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Mercurio – read monthly report.

- Bank Robbery investigation is still open, a Paterson Detective was assigned and there is a suspect. PO George Guzman volunteered his time.
- Incident report is not accurate will give revised report to Councilman Johnson.

Council President Almaita asked is Haledon's Police Department responsible for the security and protection of the school.  
Councilman Johnson, the Police Department should go to the event and tell Manchester Regional H.S. that we are shutting down the event. The Administration has nothing to do

with it. If the scene is deemed unsafe, we can shut it down, they should have ample security. Meeting this month with Manchester Regional H.S; the fights were on YouTube.

Council President Almaita, can we assign more Special Police Officers to the Park; 3 to 8PM is prime time.

Councilwoman Kandis, the ones (Police Officers) with bikes.

Chief Mercuro as soon as they are off their other jobs.

Councilman Johnson, 20 SPOs, they know what they need to do; now that it warm they need to be out there.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Morgan read monthly report.

- Filled in pot holes on Bernard and N 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, asked Frank Menyhardt to let him know if not done.

Councilman Johnson asked about the shed for the REC Center.

Superintendent Morgan would like to put out a dumpster and fence it in with a lock.

Councilwoman Kandis defers to Superintendent Morgan's judgment.

Councilman Johnson, how fast can it be done?

Superintendent Morgan, as soon as Councilman Almaita approves the requisition.

Council President Almaita, pot holes, Harris Street is still not filled in.

Superintendent Morgan, they filled in 19 holes on Harris Street.

Council President Almaita, the middle of the street is separating.

Superintendent Morgan, can put in hot tar as a temporary solution.

Councilman Tirri, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, pitting in the road. Did you contact the County for County roads?

The County has been contacted.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Mike Moscatello -- read report.

Wanted to assure everyone alcohol in the Fire House is banned with the exception of the Fire Department Hall. No fire fighter will go to a call under the influence.

#### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Scott Wilson Michael Moscatello – no official report.

No major flooding, La Neve's had about 4 feet of water, looking into it.

Councilman Johnson asked grants for the Fire Department, were we able to everyone to take classes so we can get the grants.

Fire Chief Moscatello, we are up to date now, we qualify to apply now (eligible for grants).

#### CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE - Jessica Jimenez - read the regular monthly report.

Councilman Tirri, with spring here, property maintenance is a must.

#### MUNICIPAL CLERK'S AGENDA

##### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Jimmy Geez Sports Bar & Grill requesting to host an outdoor party in their parking lot celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

2. Letter from Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission regarding Municipal Rebate Incentive Program.

Motion by Martinez seconded by Kandis to accept and file.

ROLL CALL  
YES: TIRRI, KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON  
NO: 0

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

No comments

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION, May 15, 2014:

- Resolution from MCANJ IT Committee raising awareness of fibrodysplasia ossificans progressive.
- Resolution #2014-140 from Township of West Milford a resolution opposing S-3117 and A-4464 requiring Blood Samples to be obtained from drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents resulting in death; designated as “Michelle’s Law”

MAYOR’S REPORT – absent.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL UPDATE – Andrew Oddo – no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson

- Corresponded with the Chief regarding speeding on Grove St. and Avenue C.
- Working on a no overnight parking ordinance.
- Chief placed Police cars to control speeding and issued summonses.
- Emailed Doug Morgan regarding intersection of West Broadway and Central Avenue; dangerous and need to get appropriate signage and change the street crossing.

Doug Morgan and the Chief have been responsive; we have to be safe about it.

Fire Liaison – Michael Tirri – nothing further to report.

Office of Emergency Management – Belgica Costa – absent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mounir Almaita – no report.

- Working on the unexpected expenses.
- Attended Manchester Regional HS budget meeting; reduced cost, \$300,000 cut.

- People need to be more active and watch Manchester Regional High School's budget.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL – Maha Kandis – no report.

ORDINANCE – Mounir Almaita – Councilman Johnson requested amending the parking ordinance for Grove Street.

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Belgica Costa – absent.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael Johnson – nothing further.

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Rey Martinez – reported Belmont Streetscape began again on March 24<sup>th</sup>; progressing, looking very good. Inspected and in compliance.

Council President Almaita, Norwood and Belmont (Thirst Lounge) and Zabriskie and Belmont (Nail Salon) send letter to see if they are interested in replacing their sidewalk (corner).

TECHNOLOGY – Maha Kandis – no update at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Maha Kandis – reported:

- Easter Egg Hunt went very well. Thanked the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for all their support.
- Haledon Day, June 21, 2014, fireworks are dependent on contributors. If no fireworks maybe movie under the stars.
- Spring Clean Up, later this month; Tilt Street and Central Avenue need to be cleaned up.
- Spring activities; Roe Street field is lined. There was a lot of garbage, need to enforce the issue of littering. There are receptacles. Easter Egg Hunt there was a lot of litter. We are going to have tables there for business owners on Haledon Day, a DJ and a live band.

ADJOURN

Motion by Johnson seconded by Martinez to adjourn.

ROLL CALL

YES: TIRRI, KANDIS, ALMAITA, MARTINEZ, JOHNSON

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:



Allan R. Susen, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk