BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 26, 2016

MOMENT OF SILENCE
FLAG SALUTE

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon took place on May 26, 2016 at 7:28PM 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 sent to the North Jersey Herald & the Record on January 8, 2016 posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 8, 2016 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, 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 Almaita called the meeting to order at 7: 28PM.

Present: Council President Mounir Almaita; Council Members: Nereyda Curiel, Islam Sery and Michael Johnson. Deputy Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator Leena Abaza and Mr. Sandro Polledri.

Absent: Mayor Domenick Stampone, Councilman Rey Martinez, Councilwoman Tahsina Ahmed, Borough Attorney Andy Oddo and Municipal Clerk/Administrator Allan R. Susen.

PUBLIC HEARING
(Privilege of the floor)
Motion by Johnson seconded by Sery to open the public hearing.
ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

Joseph Moore, 9 Bushmann Ave. - the issue with parking due to The Shepherd and The Knucklehead continues. We have to park two blocks away from our houses. Still requesting permit parking and handicap permit parking for the area of John Ryle St. /Bushmann Ave. The Shepherd and The Knucklehead are requesting 20 parking spots for their employees but they do not need them.

Eddie Yagen, 15 Bushmann Ave. - was a resident for 15 years. There is no resolution to this ongoing problem with The Shepherd and The Knucklehead. Called the Police Department on Sunday around 1:30am due to the loud noise and drinking in The Shepherd and The Knucklehead parking lot. A Police Officer was dispatched to the location and would like to know if a summons was issued. I see Captain Lindberg patrolling on Saturday but I don't see patrol on Sundays. Requested Police presence in the area of John Ryle St. / Bushmann on Sunday as well. Attended the meeting due to Joseph Moore's request but will contact the media if progress is not made.

Birdy- Understand what people are going through. A kid hit me with a stone. This is a community issue.

Motion by Curiel seconded by Sery to close the public hearing.
ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES

Council President Mounir Almaita- why does The Shepherd and The Knucklehead need 20 parking spots? We are restricted by the law and there is a process that needs to be followed to handle this matter in the right way. A survey needs made up and distributed to the residents. If permit parking is not free, some residents do not want to pay. Requested Lt. Guzman to look into who the Officer was that went on the call and if a summons was issued.

Lieutenant Guzman- I will do the research on who went on the call and if a summons was issued. Explained the process the Officer follows once he answers the call, he/she has their discretion how a situation is handled. If the matter is serious, the Officer can file a complaint against The Shepherd and The Knucklehead. We have been patrolling and monitoring the area.

Councilman Islam Sery- is the Police Department patrolling Friday, Saturday and Sunday?

Lieutenant Guzman- just this weekend (Memorial Day weekend).

Councilman Islam Sery- can Sunday be covered and the Special Police Patrol that day as well?

Joseph Moore- we don't like to come to the meetings to create issues, but we do need the noise and parking issues resolved.

Councilman Islam Sery- the issue is not you coming to the meeting that is part of why the meetings are held.

Lieutenant Guzman- the calls that come in regarding The Shepherd and The Knucklehead are not a lot.

Councilman Michael Johnson- this issue with The Shepherd and The Knucklehead has been tolerated for way too long- 2 years? We have discussed this so many times, Lt. Guzman we will enforce zero tolerance with the non-compliances of The Shepherd and The Knucklehead. Issue summons for each violation because the owner was already spoken to. Our residents shouldn't be wondering if coming to the Mayor and Council meetings are worthwhile or not.

Eddie Yagen- owner of The Shepherd and The Knucklehead hit a parked car and never called to make a police report. If he behaves in this manner, how will the employees behave?

Councilman Michael Johnson- it is a family oriented business. If they request 20 parking spaces it is fine, but loud noises at 1, 2, and 3 am is a nuisance and it will not be tolerated. Call the Police Department so an officer is dispatched every time there is loud noise coming from The Shepherd and The Knucklehead.

Council President Mounir Almaita- if possible would like the Police Department to patrol the area of Leonard Drive and report findings to the Public Safety Committee.

Code Enforcer John Lindberg- issued summonses for unregistered vehicles on Leonard Drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Michael Johnson, Chairperson – nothing to report at this time.

Police Liaison – Michael Johnson
- Police Department
- Housing Inspection/Building Maintenance
- Municipal Court

Fire Liaison– Islam Sery-no official report.
- Fire Department

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Tahsina Ahmed- absent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Mounir Almaita, Chair – monitoring spending.

ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL
Tahsina Ahmed, Chair – absent.

ORDINANCE
Mounir Almaita, Chair – Tobacco ordinance under discussion.

HEALTH AND WELFARE
Nereyda Curiel, Chair – no official report.

PUBLIC WORKS
Michael Johnson, Chair – street sweeper has been out cleaning and will remain out for the rest of the summer. Operating the sweeper is divided between the Department of Public Works and the Manchester Utilities Authority.

- Water Department & Utility Management
- Department of Public Works
- Streets & Roads
- Public Land, Parks & Building Maintenance
- Sanitation & Waste Services
- Clean Streets
- Recycling

CAPITAL PROJECTS
Rey Martinez, Chair – absent.

TECHNOLOGY
Islam Sery, Chair – opened up a new email account for taxes online.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Tahsina Ahmed, Chair –absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor is absent; once he returns he will give his report.

COMMUNICATIONS
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NONE.

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NEW BUSINESS
None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

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#2016-110	AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY SEASONAL WORKERS – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RESOLUTION#2016-111	EMPLOYMENT OF DEPUTY FINANCE CLERK- NATALIE NAAS
RESOLUTION#2016-112	AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON AND PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2017, 2018 AND 2019
RESOLUTION#2016-113	RECOGNIZE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
RESOLUTION#2016-114	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR 2015, THIRD QUARTER TAXES, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 BARBOUR STREET, HALEDON NJ, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 33 LOT 23
RESOLUTION#2016-115	APPROVE THE ROOMING HOUSE LICENSE-2016
RESOLUTION#2016-116	AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CHECKS- MUNICIPAL COURT “COURT BAIL” ACCOUNT

Motion by Johnson seconded by Sery to approve.

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2016-110 AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS**,** due to increased work load the DPW Supervisor is requesting temporary Public Works employees in his email dated May 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, funding for these employees is included in the Recycling and Clean Communities Grants received by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Supt. of Public Works is requesting the following individual to work on a temporary basis for less than 29 hours a week:

- Tansin Samiz
- Nikia A. Earl

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby approves the hiring of the above individual for the period of
May 30, 2016 until September 9, 2016 or an extension by the Governing Body is set at the hourly rate of $10.00 effective May 26, 2016.

RESOLUTION #2016-111 EMPLOYMENT OF DEPUTY FINANCE CLERK – NATALIE NAAS

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are recommending to the Governing Body that Natalie Naas be appointed to the full time position of Deputy Finance Clerk; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation was discussed with the Mayor and Council President who both concurred with the employment change; and

WHEREAS, this appointment will be effective June 6, 2016 with an annual salary of $48,000; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Stampone requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to concur with this appointment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that Natalie Naas is hereby appointed to the full time position of Deputy Finance Clerk effective June 6, 2016 at the annual starting salary of $48,000.

RESOLUTION #2016-112 AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON AND PASSAIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM:FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2017, 2018 AND 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign the cooperation agreement between the borough of Haledon and Passaic County New Jersey for Community Development Block Grant Program: Federal Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

RESOLUTION #2016-113 RECOGNIZE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, millions of Americans from coast to coast will Wear Orange June 2, 2016—National Gun Violence Awareness Day; to honor the victims and survivors of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the organization called Every town for Gun Safety is calling for everyone to recognize June 2, 2016 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Wearing Orange is a simple act, but when acting together greater attention will be given to the call for a future free from gun violence; and

WHEREAS, every town for Gun Safety states that 91 Americans are killed by gun violence every day; and

WHEREAS, June 2nd is also the birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager shot and killed on the South Side of Chicago just one week after performing at President Obama's inauguration; and

WHEREAS, what started as an effort to honor her memory has turned into a nationwide movement to raise awareness of all victims and survivors of gun violence;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that June 2, 2016 be recognized in the Borough of Haledon as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and that all residents are urged to Wear Orange.

RESOLUTION#2016-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR 2015, THIRD QUARTER TAXES, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 BARBOUR STREET, HALEDON, NJ, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 33 LOT 23.

WHEREAS, During the closing on the above mentioned property both the current Owner, J. Jordan and the future owner Pulgarin had paid property taxes on the third quarter in the year 2015,

WHEREAS, a refund should be issued to Jose Jordan and Beatriz P. Jordan, whose check number 5057 in the amount of $1,239.57 overpaid their portion of property taxes due.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CFO/Treasurer be authorized to Issue one check from the Current Account refunding $1,239.57, payable to Mr. Jose Jordan and Ms. Beatriz P. Jordan, 17 Constitution Way, Franklin, New Jersey 07416.

RESOLUTION #2016-115 APPROVE ROOMING HOUSE LICENSE - 2016

WHEREAS, Chapter 309 of the Code of the Borough of Haledon provides for the annual renewal of Rooming House licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has received an application from Elva Iacobelli for the renewal of said license at 29 Church St.; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed and satisfactory reports have been received from the Haledon Health Department and the Haledon Fire Prevention Bureau, having conducted inspections of the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon that the license for a Rooming House located at 29 Church St. be renewed for the licensing period of May 26, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION #2016-116 AUTHORIZE CANCELLATION OF CHECKS- MUNICIPAL COURT "COURT BAIL" ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the following checks from the Municipal "Court Bail" account are outstanding;

WHEREAS, the Haledon Municipal Court would like to have these checks voided and a check issued to the Borough of Haledon in the amount of $1, 318.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Haledon, that the Municipal Court Administrator has authorization to void these checks and issue a check in the amount of $1, 318.00 to The Borough of Haledon.

Check #	Amount
4057	$2.00
4137	$17.00
4203	$18.00
4352	$ 2.00
4178	$18.00
4386	$66.00
4509	$37.00
4516	$ 2.00
4586	$230.00
4632	$18.00
4668	$2.00
4790	$8.00
4872	$11.00
4947	$2.00
4951	$467.00
4972	$45.00
4993	$277.00
5080	$10.00
5089	$3.00
5184	$11.00
5195	$5.00
5236	$20.00
5266	$45.00
5391	$2.00
Total	**$1,318**

Motion by Johnson second by Sery to add to resolutions to the agenda.

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2016-117 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS I- JAWAD YASIN
Motion by Johnson second by Curiel to approve.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Jawad Yasin as Special Police Officer Class I effective immediately.

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2016-118 RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPERTY TAX COURT STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
Motion by Johnson second by Sery to approve.

WHEREAS, complaints were filed against the Borough of Haledon (the "Borough") in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Passaic County in matters entitled:

Nationwide Enterprises v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 016683-2012

Nationwide Enterprises v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 016691-2012
Nationwide Enterprises v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 016694-2012
Kahf, Niza & Nawal v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 016689-2012
Kahf, Ahmad, Nizar v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 016696-2012
MANAR Family Parnership LP v. Haledon Borough, Dckt 011861-2015

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to enter into Stipulations of Settlement and be bound by its terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of memorializing the terms of the Stipulations of Settlement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the matters in controversy by and between the Plaintiffs and the Borough, regarding the Tax Assessor's assessment with regard to the subject properties are hereby amicably resolved between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties have memorialized the terms and conditions of their dispute resolution in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties are desirous of mutually binding themselves to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough hereby approves and adopts the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement and agrees to be bound thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough hereby authorizes the Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Assessor, Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator to execute any and all documents in connection with the resolution of this matter in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement.

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

RESOLUTION #2016-119 BILLS LIST – May 26, 2016
Motion by Sery second by Johnson to approve.

WHEREAS, the attached bills have been submitted for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has attached his certification of availability of funds stating that the Bills list for May will not constitute an over expenditure of any Ordinance or 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 May 26, 2016 WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	$1,245,701.24
WATER (MUA):	$ 16,422.06
TOTAL:	$1, 262, 123.3

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO: -0-

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONSIDERATION:

NONE.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sery seconded by Almaita to adjourn.

ROLL CALL
YES: CURIEL, ALMAITA, SERY, JOHNSON
NO:-0-

Respectfully submitted:

Allan R. Susen, RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator