

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 9, 2023 Work Session**

FLAG SALUTE
MOMENT OF SILENCE

The work session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon took place on March 9, 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, Jimmy Iza, Junior Morris, Borough Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Municipal Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita

Absent: Councilwoman Nereyda Curiel absent with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 9, 2022
- December 9, 2022
- December 29, 2022

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Aymat to approve

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, MORRIS

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: IZA

PUBLIC HEARING

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

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Dorothy McCullian, 320 Morrissee Ave.

- Questioned how does she get a copy of permits.

Attorney Wenzel explained you can request an OPRA, if you go to the clerk's office, they will provide you with the paperwork.

Jose Zormia 384 southside Ave. Southside Soccer

- Update on soccer program, we have started this past Monday.
- Every Sunday we have games at the Haledon Rec. center ages from 6 to 12.
- We are looking to put lights on the field for practices.

Mr. Berdie Gill, 60 Barbour Street

- Mr. Gill mentioned with all the crime today he feels the Mayor should have a protection detail.

Ms. Barbara Miller, Halsey Ave.

- Property on Haledon Ave. where Metro Grill and Bagel shop was is a dump, it needs to be cleaned up.
- Halsey Ave. the street sweeper never cleans the street, would like new signs to be installed for street sweeping.
- Questioned why the town has to have a cannabis establishment.
- Many establishments in this town are so dirty and discussing, why can't the town make them do as Poppies, they are the cleanest establishment in this town.

- Mentioned the whole town is a big mess, used to be a beautiful town, it is now a dump.

Gabrielle Wilday 265 Belmont Ave.

- Mentioned Molly Ann Farms closed on the building at 265 Belmont Ave. today, thanked everyone for all the hard work to get this completed.
- Offered her phone number to anyone who has concerns regarding the cannabis dispensary.

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

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

PRESENTATION:

Municipal Parking Services presentation
Safety Stick a parking control device.

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES:

Mayor Johnson thanked the Soccer Group for all they do and appreciate them.

Mayor Johnson addressed the concerns:

Mr. Birdie: I do not feel I need a protection detail.

Ms. Miller: Garbage collection on Haledon Ave. we will make sure this situation you have mentioned is addressed. We feel terrible you feel the town is a city dump we assure you it is not.

As far as the cannabis establishment, I work for a dispensary as a security guard I assure you it is the cleanest and safest establishment around. With the cannabis establish here in our town, Ms. Wilday is working the Haledon Police Department to make sure everything is going to run as safe as possible.

Poppies, mentioned when they first came to town, they were not a very clean establishment, we had to deal with many issues to get them where they are today.

Councilman Morris thanked the Soccer Group for all they do.
Thanked Ms. Miller for her concerns and we will Definity look into it.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mounir Almaita- Read report

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Daniele- Read report

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Tom Bakker- Read report

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU/FIRE SAFETY BUREAU - Robert DeVirgilio- On file

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – Jorge Padilla- On file

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Carlos Aymat- No report

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Anthony Harrington- On file

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT- Joseph Wenzel-

- Reported he has knowledge with the product demonstrated this evening, work with it in Little Falls.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –Alaimo Engineering- On file

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Carlos Aymat, Chairperson – No report

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

- Preparing for the upcoming snow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson – No report

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Jim Iza, Chairperson – No report

ORDINANCE - Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson – No report

- Working on an ordinance regarding lead paint

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson – No report

HEALTH AND WELFARE- Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson – No report

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson

- Mayor Johnson mentioned the Crescent lighting on March 17th at 7 pm at Belmont Square.

TECHNOLOGY – Junior Morris, Chairperson

- A decision has been made to work with Aton IT Company is a company we had worked with years ago.
- Events committee has added a calendar on the Borough web site that will have all their events as well as the events at the Rec center.

RECREATION – Junior Morris

- Baseball open house is being held at the Rec center this evening with a large turnout.
- March 19th there will be a St. Patrick’s Day event at the Rec center at 1 pm.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Thanked everyone who attended the mayor’s ball it was a great evening, hoping all had a good time
- I am very excited for all the training the Police and Fire Department for going out to find this type of training.
- The Townhall meeting with Braen was a good meeting, a lot of attendance, they are looking into starting a committee to work with the town and Braen. The State Statute needs some updating the State needs to get that done.
- We have submitted some proposals for help with some of the projects that need to be done.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Discussion Items

Borough owned walkway connecting Burhans to Aberdeen Court.

Clerk/Administrator Almaita mentioned the walkway between Burhan’s Ave. and Aberdeen Court belongs to the Borough, we can either offer to the neighbors to purchase it or if we choose to keep it the Borough would have a higher fence installed.

Attorney Wenzel explained the process of selling the property and recommended the Borough to sell. Mentioned he would work to get all the legal information and discuss further at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to read the introduction of Ordinance # 3-9-2023 (Handicap parking)

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

The Clerk read the title:

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE NO. 3-9-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF HALEDON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO AMEND CHAPTER 205 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to approve and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise Ordinance #3-9-2023 in the next available issue of the Herald News for a public hearing to take place on 4-13-2023

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

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 #2023-071 AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE INC. AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON FOR THE HVAC SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLEX**
- RESOLUTION #2023-072 AUTHORIZE CURRENT ESTIMATE # 2 IMPROVEMENT TO BRAEN MEMORIAL PARK/ROE STREET ATHLETIC FIELD, BOROUGH OF HALEDON**
- RESOLUTION #2023-073 APPROVAL OF THE RECYCLING MANDATORY SOURCE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION**
- RESOLUTION #2023-074 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CONDUCT AN ON PREMISE RAFFLE, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
- RESOLUTION #2023-075 AUTHORIZE CURRENT PAYMENT ESTIMATE #4 AND CHANGE ORDER # 3 POMPTON ROAD STREETScape SECTION 1& 2**
- RESOLUTION #2023-076 AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

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

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2023-071 AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRANE INC. AND THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON FOR THE HVAC SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLEX

WHEREAS, a maintenance agreement has been submitted by Trane Inc. to control and maintain the HVAC system at the Municipal Building Complex; and

WHEREAS, the term of this maintenance agreement is April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 at the annual cost of \$9424.00; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Steve Sanzari has certified that funds are available in account #3-01- -110-211 for an amount not to exceed \$9424.00; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the maintenance agreement submitted by Trane Inc.

RESOLUTION #2023-072 AUTHORIZE CURRENT ESTIMATE # 2 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, Green Valley Group has completed all work at the project and Dane Irving of the Alaimo Engineering has recommended approval of Current Payment Estimate # 2 paying Green Valley Group in the amount of \$30,870.00; 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 #2 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 # 2 the Governing Body authorizes payment based on the Borough Engineer recommendation in the amount of \$30,870.00.
- Payment subject to receipt of payroll documentation; and
- Contractor's Application for Payment

RESOLUTION #2023-073 APPROVAL OF THE RECYCLING MANDATORY SOURCE RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, C. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to , making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants for calendar year 2022 will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, that the Borough of Haledon hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Maureen Cook to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

RESOLUTION #2023-074 AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO CONDUCT AN ON PREMISE RAFFLE, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus has applied for a raffle license to hold an on-premise raffle; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this raffle is to support and benefit The Knights of Columbus, and

WHEREAS, the proper application has been completed and the correct fees paid; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has reviewed the application and found everything to be in order.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon that the request for a raffle license is hereby approved for an on-premise raffle to be held on May 17, 2023 at 276 Belmont Ave. Haledon NJ.

RESOLUTION #2023-075 AUTHORIZE CURRENT PAYMENT ESTIMATE #4 AND CHANGE ORDER # 3 POMPTON ROAD STREETScape SECTION 1& 2

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haledon awarded a contract to Zuccaro Inc. for the Pompton Road Streetscape Project; and

WHEREAS, Alaimo Engineering has recommended in their correspondence dated March 6, 2023 that the Borough authorize Current Estimate # 4 and change order # 3 paying the contractor in the amount of \$65,536.75; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has concurred in the recommendation of Dane Irving, P.E. of the Alaimo Group 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 \$65,536.75 from account # X-GC-04-415-213;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haledon as follows:
In concurrence with the Current Estimate # 4 and change order # 3 the Governing Body authorizes payment based on the Borough Engineer recommendation in the amount of \$65,536.75.

RESOLUTION #2023-076 AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Passaic, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services including Information Technology Services;

WHEREAS, all County of Passaic Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing & Pricing Agreements awards have been publicly bid; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Stephen P. Sanzari has issued a certification of funds to be paid as part of the 2023 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 municipalities are permitted to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, permitting the use of those awarded contacts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11 municipalities are permitted to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements, permitting the use of those awarded contacts; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey wishes to participate in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services specifically for Information Technology Services;

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

1. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Haledon for Information Technology Services
2. Contract for Information Technology Services shall be awarded to Aton under County of Passaic Cooperative Contract #38PCCP on as-needed basis.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11*, the Mayor of the Borough of Haledon is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
4. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
5. All prior resolutions related to the awarding of Information Technology Services are rescinded and void.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion by Tasic seconded by Aymat to add resolution #2023-077 on tonight's agenda

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2023-077

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON TO ENTER INTO A NEW JERSEY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS – AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.

Motion by Aymat seconded by Tasic to approve

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, Axon Enterprise, Inc. ("Axon") has been awarded a contract with the State of New Jersey under T0106/17-FLEET-00738 for police body worn camera equipment and related software; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 municipalities are permitted to enter into Cooperative Purchasing Agreements, permitting the use of those awarded contacts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11 municipalities are permitted to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements, permitting the use of those awarded contacts; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Haledon desires to purchase from Axon under the State Cooperative and its terms and conditions such police body camera equipment and related software in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year over a five year period to end as of April 2027; and

WHEREAS, Chief Financial Officer Stephen P. Sanzari has issued a certification of funds for an amount not to exceed \$18,868.06 from account # G-02-56-327-020 and \$3,131.86 from account # 3-01-118-211; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey wishes to participate in the State of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services with Axon;

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

- 7. This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of Haledon for Body Worn Camera Equipment and Software.
- 8. Contract for Information Technology Services shall be awarded to Axon under State of New Jersey Cooperative Contract T0106/17-FLEET-00738 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per year.
- 9. Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11*, the Mayor of the Borough of Haledon is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
- 10. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
- 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

RESOLUTION #2023-078

BILLS LIST – March 9, 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 March 9, 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 Marc 9, 2023

WITH PREPAIDS IS:

CURRENT:	\$ 1,461,586.43
WATER (MUA):	\$ <u>13,057.63</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,474,644.06

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

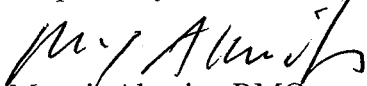
ADJOURN

Motion by Aymat seconded by Morris to adjourn

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA, MORRIS

NO: 0

Respectfully submitted:



Mounir Almaita, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator