

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 25, 2023, Regular Session**

FLAG SALUTE

MOMENT OF SILENCE for all our service men and women

The regular session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon will take place on May 25, 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, Councilmembers Mohammad Ramadan, Aleksandra Tasic, Carlos Aymat, Jimmy Iza, Attorney Joseph Wenzel, Clerk/Administrator Mounir Almaita

Absent: Council members Nereyda Curiel, Junior Morris with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 9, 2023

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to approve.

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

PUBLIC HEARING

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

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

No comments

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

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

GOVERNING BODY RESPONSES:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Carlos Aymat, Chairperson

Police Liaison – Carlos Aymat

Office of Emergency Management Liaison – Aleksandra Tasic

Fire Liaison – Mohammad Ramadan

PUBLIC WORKS – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson

- DPW requesting to discontinue the pickup of newspaper and add an additional day for cardboard.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mohammad Ramadan, Chairperson

- Continue to work on the budget

CAPITAL PROJECTS – Jimmy Iza, Chairperson

- Air conditioning is working, Resolution to approved to have strainers cleaned
- Roof replacement is out for bid.
- Pompton Road Phase III waiting for PSE&G to start
- Road resurfacing project ready to start.

ORDINANCE - Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson

- General review on the fee we have been charging, need to update and move up into the times.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL – Aleksandra Tasic, Chairperson

- Wished Dan Brown the very best in his new roll as an OEL judge, thanked him for his service as Prosecutor for the Borough of Haledon.

HEALTH AND WELFARE- Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson

SPECIAL EVENTS – Nereyda Curiel, Chairperson, -Mayor Johnson reported

- Juneteenth
- Memorial Day a ceremony will be held to honor our men in women who fight for our country
- Pride flag raising on Thursday June 1st. at 12 noon at Borough Hall

TECHNOLOGY – Junior Morris, Chairperson

RECREATION – Junior Morris

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended a round table event with all Mayors in this area, they are trying to get people that have been incarcerated a new chance at life asking municipalities to hire them to do some work for six months. details need to be finalized. Very interesting program.
- Click it or ticket is underway.
- Blocked driveways have become a big problem, asking neighbors to be neighborly to each other.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter of appreciation for the Botto House regarding their 31st Annual Labor Day Parade

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to accept and file

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Tasic seconded by Aymat to read the introduction of Ordinance # 5-25-2023 (STORMWATER QUALITY)

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

The Clerk read the title:

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE NO. 5-25-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF HALEDON, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
TO ESTABLISH TO AMEND CHAPTER 346 (STORMWATER QUALITY)
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HALEDON**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Aymat to approve and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise Ordinance #5-23-2023 in the next available issue of the Herald News for a public hearing to take place on 6-22-2023

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

Motion by Tasic seconded by Ramadan to read the introduction of Ordinance # 5-25-2023A (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

The Clerk read the title:

**BOROUGH OF HALEDON
ORDINANCE NO. 5-25-2023A**

**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)**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Tasic to approve and to authorize the Municipal Clerk to advertise Ordinance #5-25-2023A in the next available issue of the Herald News for a public hearing to take place on 6-22-2023

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

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 #2023-105 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HALEDON PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE LIMITED USE OF ROE STREET FIELD BANDSHELL AND RECREATION CENTER

RESOLUTION #2023- 113 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF

**TRANSPORTATION FOR THE POMPTON ROAD STREETScape
SECTION III RESURFACING PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION #2023- 114 APPOINTMENT TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY SWAC COMMITTEE-
ROCCO FELDHANN**

**RESOLUTION#2023-115 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DANIEL BROWN- HALEDON
PROSECUTOR**

RESOLUTION #2023-116 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - YAKIMA JONES

**RESOLUTION #2023-117 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JULIO AYBAR JR SPOI, THOMAS
O’CONNOR SPOII AND BENJAMIN SNYDER SPO I - HALEDON
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION#2023-118 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATION-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS – HVAC SYSTEM EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT
BOROUGH HALL.**

Motion by Ramadan seconded by Iza to approve the consent agenda.

ROLL CALL

YES: RAMADAN, TASIC, AYMAT, IZA

NO: 0

**RESOLUTION #2023-105 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH HALEDON PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR THE LIMITED USE OF ROE STREET FIELD BANDSHELL AND
RECREATION CENTER**

WHEREAS, Haledon Public School (“HPS”), having offices at 91 Henry Street, Haledon, New Jersey 07508, wishes to have access to the Roe Street Field and Recreation Center located at 83 Roe Street in Haledon for the purpose of conducting a music festival; and

WHEREAS, HPS shall be permitted to utilize the Roe Street Field and Recreation Center at no cost on June 8, 2023 from approximately 4:00PM to 10:00PM; and

WHEREAS, HPS will reimburse Haledon Borough all costs associated with the use of Roe Street field bandshell and recreation center; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon, authorizes Haledon Public school limited use of Roe Street field Bandshell and recreation center for its Music Festival.

**RESOLUTION #2023- 113 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A
GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE POMPTON ROAD STREETScape
SECTION III RESURFACING PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Haledon formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *LTPF-2023-Pompton Road Streetscape Project-00142* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Haledon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Borough of Haledon and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**RESOLUTION #2023- 114 APPOINTMENT TO THE PASSAIC COUNTY SWAC COMMITTEE-
ROCCO FELDHANN**

WHEREAS, Mayor Johnson requests the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Rocco Feldhann to the Passaic County SWAC Committee as the SWAC member effective immediately;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon here by provides their advice and consent to appoint Rocco Feldhann to the Passaic County SWAC Committee as the SWAC member.

RESOLUTION#2023-115 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DANIEL BROWN- HALEDON PROSECUTOR

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation of Daniel Brown as Haledon Prosecutor effective May 22, 2023.

RESOLUTION #2023-116 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR - YAKIMA JONES

WHEREAS, Yakima Jones, Esq. has been serving the Borough of Haledon as an assistant prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Michael Johnson is now requesting the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint Yakima Jones, Esq. to the position of Municipal Prosecutor for the term ending December 31, 2023 and shall serve until reappointed or another individual is so appointed; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Jones, Esq. will be paid a salary as stated in the current Borough Salary Ordinance effective immediately;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Haledon that Yakima Jones Esq. be appointed to the position of Municipal Prosecutor effective immediately for the period ending December 31, 2023 and that both shall serve until reappointed or another individual is so appointed.

RESOLUTION #2023-117 ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JULIO AYBAR JR SPOI, THOMAS O'CONNOR SPOII AND BENJAMIN SNYDER SPO I - HALEDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Haledon hereby accepts with regret the resignation Of Julio Aybar Jr, Thomas O'connor and Benjamin Snyder as Haledon Special Police officers effective May 25, 2023.

RESOLUTION#2023-118 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION-DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – HVAC SYSTEM EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT BOROUGH HALL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6et, seq., any contract may be negotiated or awarded for a contracting unit without public advertising for bids and bidding when an emergency affecting the public, health, safety or welfare requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.12 allows the awarding of a contract when the public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or performance of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the heating and air conditioning system for Borough Hall is in need of immediate repairs to maintain proper ventilation to support and maintain municipal operations for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, that the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds in account set up for ordinance # 3-23-2023B adopted April 27 2023.

WHEREAS, a contract can be awarded without competitive bidding as an emergency affecting the public, health, safety or welfare of the Borough which requires the immediate performance of services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Haledon, that the Borough Administrator/Clerk and Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to approve repairs contract to Combustion Service Corp in the amount of \$70,000.00 for HVAC emergency repairs.