



BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

Mayor George read the following statement into the record:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of October 19, 2016, was included in a list of meetings notices sent to the HERALD NEWS and the HAWTHORNE PRESS on January 11, 2016, and was advertised in said newspapers on January 14, 2016. This notice was posted on the bulletin board on the same date and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, this meeting is called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Mayor George lead the Prayer and asked that everyone remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Randy George

Council Members: Rocco Luisi, Raymond Melone, George Pomianek, Dennis Marco, and Michael Galluccio

Borough Attorney Michael De Marco

Borough Engineer, Joseph Pomante (left at 9:05 p.m.)

Police Chief, Robert Bracco (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)

Fire Chief, A.J. Ricciardi

Deputy Borough Clerk, Dena Ploch

Municipal Clerk, Renate Elatab

Absent:

Donna Puglisi

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Council Member Marco, second by Council Member Pomianek, to open the floor to the public. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Garry Faber, 30 Willowbrook Court, invited all Council Members to witness what was happening at the DPW, and complained about dirt on the roadway, trucks allegedly driving down the roadway with no tarps, tailgates slamming, contractors starting before 7:00 p.m., shred events, the soccer field.

Mayor George advised that the DPW yard had been there when Mr. Faber purchased his property, and that over the years the Borough had helped Mr. Faber and the residents of Willowbrook Court in many ways, such as eliminating Wednesday evening recycling hours, limiting brush drop-off to three days, a week, and calling a meeting with the PSE&G contractor on a Saturday because of allegations that Mr. Faber had made. Mr. Faber conceded that he had been given a 10% tax reduction by the Passaic County Tax Court as a result of a tax appeal. Mayor George was advised that all the residents of Willowbrook Court had been given the same tax reduction, except for Mrs. Trotter, who had not appealed her taxes.

Mayor George advised the members of the public who were in attendance to discuss issues with Cinco de Mayo that he had received a letter from Grace Bible Church advising that they could not attend this evening's meeting, but would attend the council meeting on November 2nd.

Robert Norwood and Terry Prekas, representing Mobilite, a public utility, requested permission to install 120 foot poles in the Borough of North Haledon. They explained that Mobilite is simply installing the poles (in this instance at the request of Sprint), but then other cell phone carriers will install equipment on the poles to help with the increasing demand for data usage. Mayor George asked if it would help with the cell phone reception at northern end of town, and also asked about the possibility of getting free Wi-Fi for all North Haledon residents. Mayor George advised that Mobilite would have to submit a health and safety report; he suggested setting up a committee to look into the request, and asked the members of the Governing Body to email the Borough Clerk any questions or concerns they may have. Mayor George asked the representatives of Mobilite to inform them of what other New Jersey municipalities were doing. Mayor George also advised the representatives that talking did not mean that their request would be approved.

Seeing as no one else from the public asked to speak, motion by Council Member Galluccio, second by Council Member Marco, to close the floor to the public. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Marco, second by Council Member Galluccio, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting of September 7, 2016, the closed session meeting of September 7, 2016, and the regular council meeting of September 21, 2016. Upon roll call, all

members present voted in the affirmative, with the exception of Council Member Luisi, who abstained on the minutes of September 7th. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Ambulance Report
Building Official's Report
Clerk's Receipts
Municipal Court Report
Tax Collector's Report to Treasurer
Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPW / STREETS & ROADS / SEWERS/ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS /
SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING
POLICE / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / SAFETY / PBA LOCAL 292
RECREATION
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
NORTH HALEDON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE
FINANCE
PLANNING BOARD
BOARD OF EDUCATION / LOCAL.
BOARD OF EDUCATION / REGIONAL
BOARD OF HEALTH
FIRE & WATER.
ENGINEERING
LIBRARY
PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS

Motion by Council Member Marco, second by Council Member Galluccio, to dispense with committee reports. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mayor George advised that something should be done to help residents of Willowbrook Court although Mr. Faber had been the only one to complain. He asked the Borough Engineer to have the Borough's street sweeper clean Willowbrook Court and bill the contractor until the contractor comes in with a better street sweeper. Mayor George also instructed the Borough Engineer to have the Superintendent of the DPW record how many trucks came in and out of the DPW yard, filled and empty, and tarped or untarped, and advise the contractor that if his workers started work before 7:00 a.m., the project would be shut down for that day.

Mayor George advised that he had told PSE&G's contractor that they could not work on both county roads at the same time. The mayor instructed the Borough Engineer to have Dorothy Drive cleaned as there were boulders in the grates according to an email he had received from a

resident on Dorothy Drive. 2016 Road Project: Council Member Marco recused himself from this discussion. The Borough Engineer advised that he would be soliciting and accepting bids for sidewalks and curbs replacements, which could still be done this year because the contractor would be using concrete and not asphalt.

Mayor George wants a guardrail and pedestrian stripe in the Buehler's parking lot. The Borough Engineer recommended installing a concrete bumper to limit cars from nosing into the pedestrian stripe.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications below were presented at the Work Session.

Mayor George	Re: Letter re: Cinco de Mayo
Mayor George	Re: Letters from MUA
Mayor George	Re: Memo to Joe re: NHFD generators
NHFD	Re: PSEG hookup for generators
North Haledon Planning Board	Re: Ordinance #20-2016
Joyce Krumholz	Re: Linda Vista Avenue & Robert Street
Kaufman Semeraro & Leibman	Re: Meeting re: ROW
NJ Board of Taxation	Re: Table of Equalized Valuations
MUA	Re: Water Service Improvement Project
NJDEP	Re: Notice of Violation / Franklin Lakes
Hitesh Bhatt	Re: 535 High Mountain Road

Motion by Council Member Marco, second by Council Member Galluccio, that the above communication be received, action taken where necessary, and be placed in file. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mayor George reported on a disrespectful telephone call he had received from the Chairman of the MUA. He reiterated the hazards that homeowners would be exposed to once the higher water pressure ran through their pipes. Mayor George advised that from this day forward, the Borough Engineer would review MUA plans for all North Haledon projects.

The Borough Engineer advised that a plate will be installed over the culvert at Haring Court and that he will be concentrating his efforts towards building a new gasoline and diesel depot.

OLD BUSINESS / ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #20-2016

Re: Zone Change

Motion by Council Member Melone, second by Council Member Galluccio, that the Clerk read the ordinance by title and waive the reading of the ordinance in full. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON
TO REVISE CHAPTER 600, ZONING**

WHEREAS, the zoning districts of the Borough of North Haledon are bounded and defined as shown on a map entitled “Zoning Map, Borough of North Haledon, Passaic County, New Jersey,” dated January 2001, and prepared by Michael F. Kauker, Associates; and

WHEREAS, the property commonly known as 20 Manchester Avenue and designated on the tax maps of the Borough of North Haledon as Block 28, Lot 3 (herein after referred to as the “Property”) is currently located in the RA-1 zone; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Property should properly be located in the B-2 zoning district,

NOW, THEREFOERE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that:

- Section 1. The property commonly known as 20 Manchester Avenue and designated on the tax maps of the Borough of North Haledon as Block 28, Lot 3 shall be removed from the RA-1 zone and included in the B-2 zone.
- Section 2. All other parts of the Zoning Map of the Borough of North Haledon and the Code of the Borough of North Haledon or any other ordinance or regulation not specifically amended by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption and publication as provided by law.

Motion by Council Member Melone, second by Council Member Marco, that Ordinance #20-2016 pass its second and final reading and that the Clerk be authorized to cause the appropriate notice to be published that Ordinance #20-2016 was adopted on second reading and is hereby declared a passed ordinance in accordance with law. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS / RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION CA#11-2015

Re: Consent Agenda #11-2016

Motion by Council Member Luis, second by Council Member Pomianek, that the Clerk reads the resolution by title and waive the reading of the resolution in full. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon have reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon are not desirous of removing any resolution for individual action from the agenda; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the following resolutions on the consent agenda are hereby approved and adopted.

1. Appointment / Crossing Guard / Niki Vlachos & William de Block
2. Appointment / Leaf Collectors
3. Acceptance of Proposal / 2016 Sidewalk and Curb Improvement Project
4. Waiving of Fees / Plumbing Inspector
5. Authorization / Raffle Licenses
6. Approval / Written Policy Re: Duty of Tax Assessor Re: Tax Appeals
7. Authorization / Payment of Bills / Issuance of Checks
8. Approval / Employee Handbook
9. Request / Striping on High Mountain Road

Council Member advised that he had certain suggestions / corrections for the employee handbook. Mayor George advised that the Borough's NJIF had asked that the handbook be adopted and that it was also a Governor's best practice, but that it could certainly be amended.

Resolution #170-2016

Re: Appointments / Crossing Guards

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon that Niki Vlachos, 80 Brookside Terrace, North Haledon, NJ be employed as part time crossing guards, retro-active to October 17, 2016, and William De Block, 32 Terrace Avenue, North Haledon, NJ, be employed as a crossing guard, effective immediately, salary in accordance with the Salary and Wages Ordinance for 2016.

Resolution #171-2016

Re: Appointments / Leaf Collectors

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the following individuals be employed as temporary full time employees for the Department of Public Works, effective October 24, 2016, salary in accordance with the Salary and Wages Ordinance for 2016.

James Cooley
Nick Napolitano
Walter Fewkes

21 Garden Terrace
16 Terrace Avenue
50 Sade Street Apt 204

North Arlington NJ 07031
North Haledon, NJ 07508
Clifton, NJ 07013

Resolution #172-2016

**Re: Acceptance of Proposal /
Boswell Engineering /
Curbs and Sidewalks**

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Haledon is in need of engineering services, in particular for the 2016 Curb and Sidewalk Improvements; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering, by letter dated September 26, 2016, submitted a proposal regarding same as evidenced by **attachment herein** and made a part of the within resolution;

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

The Proposal of Boswell McClave Engineering, dated September 26, 2016, for engineering services in connection with the above is hereby accepted and approved.

Compensation for said services shall not exceed \$3,500.00 for the design phase and \$3,700.00 for the construction phase, for a total not to exceed \$7,200.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds are available for the aforementioned as evidenced by Certification of Treasurer following:

CERTIFICATION

I, Chris Battaglia, CFO of the Borough of North Haledon, do hereby certify that funds are available for the aforementioned in C-04-16-012-210.

Resolution #173-2016

Re: Waiving / Plumbing Permit Fees

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the plumbing permit fees to install a PRV (pressure reducing valve) in the residences in the area where MUA is installing new high pressure mains be waived in the amount of \$75.00.

Resolution #174-2016

Re: Raffle & Bingo Licenses

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the following Raffle Licenses be approved as submitted providing all rules and regulations of Legalized Games of Chance are adhered to:

Name:	PTG of Mary Help of Christians Academy
Location of Raffle:	659 Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, NJ
Date of Raffle:	November 19, 2016
Raffle License:	RA#20-2016, RA#21-2016 & BA#1-2016

Name: North Haledon Education Foundation
Location of Raffle: 515 High Mountain Road, North Haledon, NJ
Date of Raffle: December 2, 2016
Raffle License: RA#22-2016 & RA#23-2016

Resolution #175-2016

Re: Duty of Tax Assessor

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor be, and he is hereby instructed to notify the Chief Financial Officer and the Governing Body of all tax appeals upon filing, but in no case later than June 1st of each year.

Resolution #176-2016

Re: Authorization / Bills & Checks

WHEREAS certain bills which are contained on the bills list which is attached hereto and incorporated herein have been submitted to the Borough of North Haledon for payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5:16, it has been certified to the Governing Body that the goods and services for which said bills were submitted have been received by or rendered to the Borough of North Haledon; and

WHEREAS, the CFO of the Borough of North Haledon has certified to the Governing Body that there are funds legally appropriated and available in the current operating budget for the payment of said bills and that said payment will not result in the disbursement of public monies or in the encumbering of same in excess of the appropriation for said purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the Mayor, Assistant Treasurer, and Administrator, be and are hereby authorized to sign checks in payment of the bills set forth in the attached schedule.

Resolution #177-2016

Re: Adoption / Employee Handbook

WHEREAS, an Employee Handbook serves as document governing all employees; and

WHEREAS, an Employee Handbook is necessary in order to comply with the New Jersey Joint Insurance Fund and its risk management plan and regulations and to better accommodate the actualities of the Borough of North Haledon's workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Handbook has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon hereby agrees to adopt the Employee Handbook for the Borough of North Haledon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policies in the Employee Handbook shall be effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the Employee Handbook will be produced and distributed to all current and future employees of the Borough of North Haledon.

Resolution #178-2016

**Re: Traffic Marking Modifications /
High Mountain Road**

WHEREAS, the striping traveling southbound along High Mountain Road at the intersection of Overlook Avenue consists of a dedicated right turn arrow and a left turn/through arrow; and

WHEREAS, based on said orientation, there is a persistent problem with a vehicle making a left turn being held up by oncoming northbound traffic and hindering the through movement considerably; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Borough Engineer to modify the striping to reflect a dedicated left turn arrow along with a right turn/through arrow, which will help alleviate the stacking of the through traffic behind the left turn vehicles being held up by on-coming traffic, all as depicted on Schedule "A" hereto; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Mayor and Borough Council are desirous of authorizing the traffic marking modifications as depicted on Schedule "A,"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the traffic marking modifications at the intersection of High Mountain Road and Overlook Avenue as depicted on Schedule "A" are hereby authorized and approved.

Motion by Council Member Luisi, second by Council Member Pomianek, to adopt the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative, except for Council Member Marco, who recused himself on no. 3 of the consent agenda (resolution #172-2016). Motion carried.

Addendum

Resolution #179-2016

Re: Appointment / Junior Firefighter

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that Jordynne Raposa, residing at 308 North Haledon Avenue, North Haledon, be appointed Junior Firefighter in the North Haledon Fire Department.

Resolution #180-2016

**Re: Authorization / Receipt of Bids
2016 Road Improvement Project
Curbs and Sidewalks**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to advertise for the receipt of bids for the above mentioned program on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Motion by Council Member Pomianek, second by Council Member Galluccio, to approve the foregoing resolutions. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION

2017 Council Meeting Dates.

Councilman Marco advised that someone had anonymously given him information regarding an order that had come from the Commissioner in May advising that the State had not received a compliant mutual aid plan from the Borough. The Borough Attorney advised that the mutual aid plan had been sent to the State. Fire Chief A. J. Ricciardi advised that he had submitted the same plan he had submitted for the past five years and that it had always been in compliance, and that this allegation was the result of a personal issue and litigation between the Paterson Fire Chief, his employer, and the State of New Jersey; all the members of the Governing Body have to be concerned with is that there is adequate fire protection, and that the residents are safe, which they are.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member by Council Member Galluccio, second by Council Member Marco, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mayor George declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renate Elatab, Municipal Clerk

Approved at Council Meeting of November 2, 2016