BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON



AUGUST 17, 2011

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of August 17, 2011, was included in a list of meetings notices emailed to the HERALD NEWS and the HAWTHORNE PRESS on January 7, 2011, and was advertised in said newspapers on January 13, 2011. This notice was posted on the bulletin board on January 7, 2011 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 was called to order at 8:00 p.m. and the Clerk was directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

Pastor Steven Creange led the Prayer and everyone was asked to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Randy George, Council Members: Rocco Luisi, Bruce O. Iacobelli, Elaine Vuoncino, Donna Puglisi, and Robert Dyer. Borough Attorney Michael De Marco Borough Engineer Joseph Pomante, Deputy Borough Clerk, Angela Russo and

Municipal Clerk, Renate Elatab

Absent:

Councilman Raymond Melone

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on any matter. There was no one.

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, seconded by Councilwoman Vuoncino, 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 Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilwoman Vuoncino, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 6, the Work Session Meeting of July 6, 2011, and the Regular Meeting July 20, 2011. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Motion by Councilwoman Puglisi, seconded by Councilwoman Vuoncino, to dispense with all reports for this evening. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Clerk stated that she was in receipt of the following reports:

Building Official's Report

Clerk's Receipts

Tax Collector's Report to Treasurer

Recycling Enforcement Officer

Property Maintenance Report

North Haledon Fire Department Report

North Haledon Volunteer Ambulance Report

Municipal Court Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPW / STREETS & ROADS / SEWERS/ BUILDINGS & GROUNDS / SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING
COUNCILMAN DYER

POLICE / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / SAFETY / PBA LOCAL 292 COUNCILWOMAN PUGLISI

RECREATION COUNCILWOMAN PUGLISI

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COUNCILWOMAN PUGLISI

NORTH HALEDON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE COUNCILMAN DYER

FINANCE
COUNCILMAN IACOBELLI

PLANNING BOARD
COUNCILMAN DYER

BOARD OF EDUCATION / LOCAL COUNCILMAN LUISI

BOARD OF EDUCATION / REGIONAL COUNCILWOMAN VUONCINO

BOARD OF HEALTH
COUNCILMAN IACOBELLI

FIRE & WATER
COUNCILMAN VUONCINO

ENGINEERING COUNCILMAN DYER

CODIFICATION ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORT COUNCILWOMAN PUGLISI

LIBRARY
MAYOR RANDY GEORGE

PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS
COUNCILMAN IACOBELLI

BUEHLER ADHOC COMMITTEE COUNCILMAN IACOBELLI

Mayor George encouraged everyone to attend the 9/11 ceremony Sunday, at 5:00 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Mayor George thanked everyone who helped with the building of the new playground at the Memorial School.

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilwoman Vuoncino, that above reports be received, action taken where necessary, and reports be placed on file. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk stated that all communications were read in full at the Work Session and were as follows:

Mayor Randy George Re: Letter to Residents/Tax Bill

Borough Attorney Re: Schaefer Pyrotechnics

Borough Attorney Re: Garbage Collection/

811 Belmont Avenue

Borough Attorney Re: Employee Health Benefits

Borough Attorney Re: POP and FSA

Borough Attorney Re: Tri-State Technical Services

Borough Attorney Re: Section 125 Plans

Borough Auditor Re: Corrective Action Plan

Planning Board Re: Areas in Need of Redevelopment

Planning Board Re: Approval /Report /

Master Plan Re-examination

North Haledon Fire Department Re: Probationary Fireman/Thomas Ursetti

Kenneth Calendriello Re: Letter of Resignation

Gregory J. Czura Re: T-Mobile Northeast, LLC vs.

North Haledon Zoning Board

Scialla & Cavagnaro Re: Block Party/Rothesay Avenue

Circasian Benevolent Association Re: Use of Soccer Fields

Dome-Tech Re: Solar Project

Diana Kirchheimer Re: Condition of Dawn Avenue

PSE&G Re: Replacement of Gas Mains

Lettera/Martino/Farrara Re: Right of Way

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilman Luisi, that these communications be received, action taken where necessary, and be placed on file. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #19-2011 Re: LOSAP/

Public Hearing/Second Reading North Haledon Volunteer Ambulance

Motion Councilman Dyer, second by Councilman Iacobelli, 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 read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NORTH HALEDON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE, INC.

Mayor George asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard regarding this ordinance. There was no one. Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, seconded by Councilman Luisi, to close the floor to the public. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried

Motion by Councilman Dyer, second by Councilman Iacobelli, that Ordinance #19-2011 pass its second and final reading and that the Clerk be authorized to cause the appropriate notice to be published that Ordinance #19-2011 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.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above ordinance passed its second and final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon which was held on August 17, 2011, at the Municipal Building, 103 Overlook Avenue, North Haledon, N.J., and is hereby declared a passed ordinance in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE #20-2011 Re: Amendment / Salary Ordinance

Motion Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilman Luisi, 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 read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE #1-2011 FIXING THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON IN THE YEAR 2011

Mayor George asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard regarding this ordinance. There was no one. Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, seconded by Councilman Dyer, to close the floor to the public. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilman Dyer, that Ordinance #20-2011 pass its second and final reading and that the Clerk be authorized to cause the appropriate notice to be published that Ordinance #20-2011 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.

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ORDINANCE #21-2011 Re: Revision / Chapter 180, Zoning

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilman Dyer, 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 read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON TO REVISE CHAPTER 180, ZONING, SECTION 1, §10(C) - FEES

Mayor George asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard regarding this ordinance. There was no one. Motion by Councilman Dyer, seconded by Councilman Luisi, to close the floor to the public. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilman Luisi, second by Councilman Iacobelli, that Ordinance #21-2011 pass its second and final reading and that the Clerk be authorized to cause the appropriate notice to be published that Ordinance #21-2011 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.

NOTICE

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NEW BUSINESS / ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE #22-2011 Re: Pay to Play

Motion by Councilwoman Puglisi, second by Councilwoman Vuoncino, 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 read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH MAKES POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLITICAL PARTIES IN EXCESS OF CERTAIN THRESHOLDS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON

WHEREAS, large political contributions from those seeking or performing contracts with a municipality raise reasonable concerns on the part of taxpayers and residents as to their trust in government and its business practices; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality is authorized to adopt such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws as necessary and proper for good government, as well as the public health, safety and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L.2005, c.271 (codified at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51) a municipality is authorized to adopt by ordinance, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made political contributions, and limiting the contributions that the recipient of such a contract can make during the term of a contract; and,

WHEREAS, in the interest of good government, the people and the government of the Borough off North Haledon desire to establish a policy that will avoid the perception of improper influence in public contracting and local elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it shall be the policy of the Borough of North Haledon to create such a regulation which states that a Business Entity which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal and county political parties in excess of certain thresholds shall be limited in its ability to receive public contracts from the Borough of North Haledon and,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of North Haledon in the County of Passaic, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance:

(a) "Campaign Committee" means (i) every candidate for a Borough of North Haledon elective municipal office; (ii) every candidate committee established by or for the benefit of a candidate for a Borough of North Haledon elective municipal office; (iii) every joint candidate committee established in whole or in part by or for the benefit of a candidate for a Borough of North Haledon elective municipal office; (iv) every political party committee of the Borough of North Haledon (v) every political party committee of Passaic County; and (vi) every political committee, continuing political committee, or other form of association or organization that regularly engages in the support of candidates for the Borough of North Haledon municipal or Passaic County elective offices or Borough of North Haledon municipal or Passaic County political parties or political party committees. The terms in the foregoing paragraph have the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7.

- (b) "Contribution" has the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. By way of illustration, and not limitation, this definition includes pledges, loans, and in-kind contributions.
- (c) A "contract for professional or extraordinary services" means all contracts for "professional services" and "extraordinary unspecifiable services" as such term is used in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.
- (d) For purposes of this ordinance, a "Business Entity" whose contributions are regulated by this ordinance means: (i) an individual including the individual's spouse, and any child/children; (ii) a firm; corporation; professional corporation; partnership; limited liability company; organization; association; and any other manner and kind of business entity; (iii) any person who owns 10% or more of the equity or ownership or income interests in a person or entity as defined in sections (i) and (ii) above and their spouses and child/children; (iv) all partners or officers of such an entity, in the aggregate, and their spouses and child/children; (v) any person, subcontractor, subsidiary, corporation, firm, partnership, limited liability company, organization or association who has received or indefeasibly acquired the right to receive, from a person described in subparagraph (i) above, more than \$100,000.00 in compensation or income of any kind (including, by way of illustration, and not limitation: wages, salaries, sums paid to independent contractors, benefits, dividends, profit-sharing, pension contributions, deferred contributions, stock. stock options or gifts), in any twelve (12) month period prior to the award of, or during the term of, a contract subject to this ordinance; and (vi) all persons who are an "affiliate" of a Business Entity as defined in sections (i), (ii) and (v) above, as such term is used in 11 U.S.C. 101(2).

SECTION 1 – PROHIBITION ON AWARDING PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS

(a) To the extent that it is not inconsistent with state or federal law, the Borough of North Haledon and any of its departments, instrumentalities or purchasing agents shall not enter into any agreement or otherwise contract to procure "professional services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and/or banking. insurance or other consulting service (hereinafter "Professional Services"), nor "extraordinary unspecified services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and/or media, public relations, lobbying, parking garage management or other consulting and/or management service (hereinafter "Extraordinary Unspecified Services") from any Business Entity if such Business Entity has solicited or made any Contribution to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in the Borough of North Haledon or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any North Haledon or Passaic County political committee or political party committee, or (iii) to any continuing political committee or political action committee that regularly engages in the support of North Haledon municipal or Passaic County elections and/or North Haledon municipal or Passaic County candidates, candidate committees, joint candidate committees, political committees, political parties, political party committees, (hereinafter "PAC"), in excess of the thresholds specified in subsection (g) within one calendar year immediately preceding the date of the contract or agreement.

- (b) No business entity who submits a proposal for, enters into negotiations for, or agrees to any contract or agreement with the Borough of North Haledon or any of its departments or instrumentalities, for the rendition of Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services shall knowingly solicit or make any Contribution, to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in the Borough of North Haledon or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any North Haledon or Passaic County political committee or political party committee, or (iii) any PAC between the time of first communication between that Business Entity and the municipality regarding a specific agreement for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services, and the later of the termination of negotiations or rejection of any proposal, or the completion of the performance or specified time period of that contract or agreement.
- (c) The monetary thresholds of this Ordinance are: (i) a maximum of \$300 per calendar year each for any purpose to any candidate or candidate committee for mayor or governing body, or \$500 per calendar year to any joint candidates committee for mayor or governing body, or \$300 per calendar year to a political committee or political party committee of the Borough of North Haledon; (ii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to a Passaic County political committee or political party committee; and (iii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to any PAC. However, for each Business Entity party to a contract for Professional or Extraordinary Unspecified Services as defined in subparagraph (a), or engaged in negotiations for a contract defined in subparagraph (a). when such Business Entity's Contribution is aggregated with all "persons" defined in subparagraph (d) of "Definitions" above, by virtue of their affiliation to that Business Entity party, a maximum of \$2,500 to North Haledon candidates, candidate committees. joint candidate committees, and holders of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, all North Haledon or Passaic County political committees and political party committees as described herein combined, without violating subsection (a) of this section.
- (d) For purposes of this section, the office that is considered to have ultimate responsibility for the award of the contract shall be (i) the North Haledon Mayor or Governing Body, if the contract requires approval or appropriation from the Mayor or Governing Body, or (ii) the Mayor of the Borough of North Haledon, if the contract requires approval of the Mayor, or if a public officer who is responsible for the award of a contract is appointed by the Mayor.
- (e) Rules regarding subcontractors. No person may be awarded a subcontract to perform under a contract subject to this Ordinance, if the subcontractor would be disqualified by paragraph (a) from receiving the contract at the time that the subcontract is awarded. Nor may any person who would be disqualified by paragraph (a) from receiving the contract perform substantially all of obligations described in a contract for professional or extraordinary services that is subject to this ordinance.

SECTION 2 - CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE

No Contribution or solicitation of contributions made prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be deemed to give rise to a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3 - CONTRACT RENEWAL

No contract subject to this ordinance may be renewed, extended, or materially modified unless the resulting renewal, extension, or modification would be allowable under the provisions of this ordinance if it were an initial contract.

SECTION 4 - CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT BY BUSINESS ENTITY

- (a) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to procure Professional Services" or Extraordinary Unspecified Services" from any Business Entity, the Borough of North Haledon or its purchasing agents and departments, as the case may be, shall receive a sworn statement from said Business Entity which is the intended recipient of said contract that he/she/it has not made a Contribution in violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance. The Borough of North Haledon, its purchasing agents and departments shall be responsible for informing the Board of Council that the aforementioned sworn statement has been received and that the Business Entity is not in violation of this ordinance, prior to awarding the contract or agreement.
- (b) A business entity shall have a continuing duty to report to the Borough of North Haledon any contributions that constitute a violation of this act that are made during the negotiation, proposal process or the duration of a contract. The Borough of North Haledon, its purchasing agents and departments shall be responsible for informing the governing body within ten (10) business days after receipt of said report from the Business Entity, or at the next Board of Council meeting following receipt of said report from the Business Entity, or whichever comes first.
- (c) The certification required under this subsection shall be made prior to entry into the contract or agreement with the Borough of North Haledon or prior to the provision of services or goods, as the case may be, and shall be in addition to any other certifications that may be required by any other provision of law.

SECTION 5 - RETURN OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS

A business entity that is a party to a contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services may cure a violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance, if, within 30 days after the date on which the applicable ELEC report is published, said Business Entity notifies the municipality in writing and seeks and receives reimbursement of the Contribution from the recipient of such Contribution.

SECTION 6 - EXEMPTIONS

The contribution limitations prior to entering into a contract in Section 1(a) do not apply to contracts which (i) are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, or (ii) are awarded in the case of emergency under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6. There is no exemption for contracts awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.

SECTION 7 - PENALTY

(a) It shall be a material breach of the terms of a Borough of North Haledon agreement or contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services when a Business Entity that is a party to such agreement or contract has: (i) made or solicited a Contribution in violation of this Ordinance; (ii) knowingly concealed or misrepresented a Contribution given or received; (iii) made or solicited Contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the Contribution; (iv) made or solicited any Contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be re-contributed to a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in Borough of North Haledon, or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or any North Haledon or Passaic County political committee or political party committee, or any PAC; (v) engaged or employed a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any Contribution, which if made or solicited by the professional Business Entity itself, would subject that entity to the restrictions of this Ordinance; (vi) funded contributions made by third parties, including consultants, attorneys, family members, and employees; (vii) engaged in any exchange of Contributions to circumvent the intent of this Ordinance; or (viii) directly or indirectly, through or by any other person or means, done any act which if done directly would subject that entity to the restrictions of this Ordinance.

- (b) Furthermore, any Business Entity that violates Section 7 (a) (i-viii) shall be disqualified from eligibility for future North Haledon contracts for a period of four (4) calendar years from the date of the violation.
- (c) Any person who knowingly, purposely, or recklessly violates any provision of this ordinance, or who conspires with another person to violate any provision of this ordinance, or who, with the purpose of promoting or facilitating a violation of this ordinance, solicits another person to commit it, or aids or agrees, or attempts to aid another person in planning or committing it, shall be subject to punishment including fines and/or imprisonment as fixed by law for violations of the ordinances of the Borough of North Haledon.

SECTION 8 - CITIZENS PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION

In addition to any rights that were heretofore available, or which may hereafter be available, to citizens, taxpayers, or associations, to challenge violations of this ordinance, every person aggrieved by a violation of the ordinance, or any taxpayer or resident of the Borough of North Haledon has the right, consistent with the Rules of Court, to file charges in a court of competent jurisdiction, and/or to pursue a civil action for a violation of this ordinance in a court of competent jurisdiction, and to seek and obtain declaratory, injunctive, or other legal or equitable relief, including but not limited to, attorneys fees and costs, arising from or related to a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 9 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 10 - INDEXING

The monetary thresholds of "Definitions" Section (d) and Section 1(c) of this ordinance shall be increased effective March 1 of each calendar year by the percentage increase, in the prior

calendar year, of the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island region, rounded to the nearest \$10.00. The Clerk of the Borough of North Haledon shall, by no later than April 1 of each calendar year, prepare and publish the revised thresholds on the official municipal website and in an official municipal newspaper.

SECTION 11 - REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 12 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following the final adoption thereof by the Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon and shall be published as required by law.

Motion by Councilwoman Puglisi, Second by Councilman Luisi, that the ordinance heretofore introduced does now pass on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage on September 21, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached by the Mayor and Council and that at such time and place, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in accordance with law. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon on August 17, 2011, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on Sept. 21, 2011, at the Municipal Bldg., 103 Overlook Ave., North Haledon, NJ at 8:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter at which time anyone interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard.

ORDINANCE - OFF Re: Recording of Deeds

Motion by Councilman Luisi, second by Councilman Dyer, 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 read the Ordinance by title:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 11, LAND USE PROCEDURES OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON TO REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF DEEDS WHICH REFERENCE VARIANCES OR CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Councilman Dyer, second by Councilman Iacobelli, that the ordinance heretofore introduced does now pass on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage on September 21, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached by the Mayor and Council and that at such time and place, all persons interested will be given an

opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and that the Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in accordance with law.

Discussion – Mayor George explained the reason for this ordinance: the Governing Body feels that a variance should be recorded in deeds so future buyers will know what variances are on the property. Discussion ensued as to who will record the variances onto the deed: applicant's attorney or board attorney? Motion was rescinded at this time for further discussion and rewording at the next worksession. Motioner and Seconder agreed. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #9-2011 Re: Consent Agenda #9-2011

The Mayor 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;

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.

168-20	11 9/11 Remembrance
169-20	11 Authorization / Cooperative Pricing Agreement Middlesex RGSC
170-20	11 Execution / Agreement / Paterson Animal Control
171-20	11 Tax Appeals
172-20	11 Tax Sale Redemption / \$31,898.49 / Block 18 / Lot 4.18
173-20	11 Appointment/ Probationary Fireman / Thomas Ursetti
174-20	11 Appointment / Borough Inspectors
175-20	P11 Resignation / P-T Custodian
176-20	11 Employment / P-T Custodian
177-20	11 Award of Contract / Fire Chief's Vehicle
178-20	311 Supporting A-3412 / Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal
	Opposing the Passage of A-3285
180-20	011 Opposing S-2795 and S-3835
	11 Approval / Grant Application/ Ahnert Road / Phase 1
182-20	11 Authorization/ Municipal Alliance Application

Councilman Iacobelli moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilman Dyer seconded the adoption of the resolution.

Discussion – regarding Resolution #174/Borough Inspectors – Resolution was amended as follows: "on the condition that the Borough Attorney does not determine that a conflict of

interest exists with the hiring of Peter Barkenbush, Paul Ploch and/or David Schottanes by Friday, August 19th.

Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative with the exception of Councilman Iacobelli who voted yes on resolution #174-2011 for all individuals except David Schottanes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #168-2011 Re: 9/11 Remembrance

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of North Haledon expresses their support of the United State's Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

- WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and
- WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and
- WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and
- WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and
- WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and
- WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111–13; 123 Stat. 1460); and
- WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and
- WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon:
- (1) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and
- (2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and
- (3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and
- (4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and
- (5) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines; (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the Federal Government; (x) State and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

RESOLUTION #169-2011 Re: Cooperative Pricing Agreement/
Middlesex RGSC

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 Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2011, the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Borough of North Haledon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Municipal Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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.

RESOLUTION #170-2011 Re: Execution of Contract/Animal Services

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to execute agreement as captioned for a period of one (1) year commencing August 1, 2011 and terminating on August 1, 2012.

RESOLUTION #171-2011 Re: Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the property listed below filed an assessment appeal with the Tax Court of New Jersey, and,

WHEREAS, the Tax Court reduced their assessment therefore reducing their taxes for the year 2009.

WHEREAS, 2009 Taxes were already paid

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount listed below and to be charged against Tax Appeals.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ASSESSMEN</u>	IT REDUCTION	REFUND
58.04	5	234,300to	223,600	664.37
58.04	41	245,400to	231,000	894.10

Mr. Sholom Dinsky 8 Alpine Drive North Haledon, NJ 07508

RESOLUTION #172-2011 Re: Tax Title Lien Redemption

WHEREAS, the bank of the property located at also known as Block 18 lot 4.18 came to the Tax Office on August 2, 2011, with a check to redeem Tax Title Certificate 09-00011 dated December 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the redemption check was issued to the Borough of North Haledon, and same was deposited in the current account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check to the following:

Farley Katz 21 Aubrey Road Montelair, NJ 07043 \$31,941.49

RESOLUTION #173-2011

Re: Probationary Firefighter/Ursetti

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North Haledon that Thomas Ursetti, be appointed Probationary Firefighter to the North Haledon Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #174-2011 Re: Appointment Borough Inspectors/Revaluation

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the following individuals be employed as Temporary Part-Time Borough Inspectors for the Tax Revaluation retro-active to August 8, 2011, salary in accordance with the Salary and Wages Ordinance for 2011:

Kristen McAlevey Stephany Murillo David Schottanes Jack Pollitt Alyssa Antoci Mathew Borsellino Peter Barkenbush Paul Ploch

on the condition that the Borough Attorney does not determine that a conflict of interest exists with the hiring of Peter Barkenbush, Paul Ploch and/or David Schottanes by Friday, August 19th.

RESOLUTION #175-2011 Re: Acceptance of Resignation/Calandriello

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the resignation of Kenneth A. Calandriello be accepted, effective retroactive to July 29, 2011.

RESOLUTION #176-2011 Re: Appointment/Part-time Custodian

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon that Marty Bosland be and he is hereby appointed as part-time custodian, 20 hours a week, at a rate of \$15.00 / hour, not to exceed \$15,600 per year, effective August 18, 2011.

RESOLUTION #177-2011 Re: Award of Contract/Equipment – Fire Vehicle

WHEREAS, pursuant to public advertising, bids were received by the Borough Clerk for the Mayor and Council on August 10, 2011, for equipment for the Fire Chief's Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Fire Chief and his recommendation of award to 10-75 Emergency Lighting, LLC is attached hereto and made a part of the within resolution; and

WHEREAS, the bids were also reviewed by the Borough Attorney wherein the bid from 10-75 Emergency Lighting, LLC was approved as to legal sufficiency; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that the contract for Fire Chief's Vehicle and the same is hereby awarded as follows:

10-75 Emergency Lighting, LLC

\$24,000.00

Total Bid

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

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura Leibowitz, Treasurer of the Borough of North Haledon do hereby certify that funds are available for the aforementioned in

RESOLUTION #178-2011 Re: Support of A-3412 Property Assessment

Appeal Refunds

- WHEREAS, when County Tax Board appeals are granted, the municipality must reimburse the property taxpayer 100% of the appealed tax levy, which includes the municipal, school, county and any special districts tax; and
- WHEREAS, the municipal Tax Collector makes the adjustment from the appeal as a credit on the 4th quarter tax bill resulting in the municipality's fund balance for the preceding year to be diminished, if not completely depleted; and
- WHEREAS, a recent League of Municipalities' survey has measured the extent to which residents have filed and won tax appeals in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, one hundred fifty (150) municipalities, representing all both large and small municipalities in all 21 counties, that participated in the survey reported property value declines of more than \$87,900,000, which resulted from 19,788 tax appeals filed in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, those responding to the survey indicated that 13,760 appeals were filed in 2009, compared to 19,788 in 2010, representing an increase of 43.7%; and
- WHEREAS, a municipality often experiences an increase in tax appeals because they have conducted a revaluation, however, only 5 of the 150 municipalities, which participated in our survey, indicated that their 2010 appeals resulted from revaluations; and
- WHEREAS, as a way of comparison, 23 of the participating municipalities conducted revaluations in 2009, when fewer tax appeals were presented to the County Tax Boards; and
- WHEREAS, the 2010 spike in appeals should be attributed to the economic down-turn, which lowered property values and placed increased stress on the income of homeowners, all around our Garden State; and
- WHEREAS, the survey also indicated that in 2010 the various County Tax Boards have granted average property value reductions of close to \$5,000, per appeal; and
- WHEREAS, fifty-six percent of those responding indicated that the successful tax appeals would have an impact on fund balances and place additional pressures on local officials during 2011; and
- WHEREAS, although the survey was a snapshot picture in time, it can be used to project what might follow in 2011, since the reductions, which were granted by County Tax Boards in 2010, will have a multiplier effect when neighbors learn of their neighbor's tax reduction, which will likely increase the appeals and in the alternative, Tax Assessors could be forced to adjust property values, based upon the appeal information; and
- WHEREAS, successful tax appeals have a three-fold negative impact on municipal budgets. First, the municipality, as the collector of taxes for the School district, County and special districts, must fund the full cost of the legal defense of the assessment. Second, since State law guarantees to the County and the School district 100% of their levies, the municipality bears the full cost of any re-imbursements resulting from the appeal (as well as the full burden for any uncollected taxes). Third, the end result will be a further decline in the property tax base used to support Municipalities, County governments and School systems; and

- WHEREAS, in light of the revenue limitations that have been placed on all levels of local government by the Legislature (2% cap), such declining values will compound and add additional stress to local public officials, as they grapple with the issues confronting the tax paying public; and
- WHEREAS, Assemblyman Carroll has recently introduced A-3412, which requires fire districts, school districts, and county governments to share in burden of property assessment appeal refunds;
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Council of the Borough of North Haledon hereby urge the swift passage and signing of A-3412; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to our State Senator, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #179-2011 Re: Opposing Passage of A-3285

- WHEREAS, A-3285 would require that certain public contract bid advertisements include certified cost estimates or estimate ranges of projected contract cost and it would amend the grounds for rejection of all bids; and
- WHEREAS, advocates for A-3285 argue that the best interests of taxpayers are served by the provisions of A-3285, because it promotes, they claim, openness and broad dissemination of information; and
- WHEREAS, we agree that taxpayers are best served by openness and board dissemination of information, however, A-3285, would, in fact, limit a competitive process that is the foundation of the Local Public Contracts Law and would not best serve the public interest; and
- WHEREAS, A-3285 would require a municipality to include in the public advertisement its cost estimates or cost estimate ranges for construction projects in excess of \$500,000; and
 - WHEREAS, A-3285 also amends the provision to reject all bids; and
- WHEREAS, one of the amendments would permit a municipality to reject all bids only if the lowest bid substantially exceeds the municipality's cost estimates or cost estimate ranges for the goods or services as published and attested; and
- WHEREAS, as a result of this amendment, all contracts, including goods and services, over the contracting unit's bid threshold will now require the public advertisement for bids to include cost estimates or cost estimates ranges; and
- WHEREAS, municipal engineers and other design professionals will typically prepare the projects cost estimates based on the current industry cost and bids received for similar projects in different municipalities; and
 - WHEREAS, these estimates tend to be in the middle of the current industry cost; and

- WHEREAS, we are concerned that A-3285 will create the "floor" as opposed to a "ceiling" for bid pricing, removing the incentive for competitiveness and prohibit a municipality from receiving the best possible price for the project; and
- WHEREAS, requiring the advertisement of the cost will lead to unfair pricing and increased cost for already strained taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, A-3285 also has the potential to expose municipalities to protracted disputes and litigation; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon strongly opposes the passage of A-3285 as it will delay construction projects, lead to increased costs, limit the rejection of bids and expose municipalities to protracted disputes and litigation; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to New Jersey Governor Christopher Christie, to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, to Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, to our State Senator, to our two Representatives in the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #180-2011 Re: Opposing S-2795 and A-3835

- WHEREAS, on June 29th S-2795 passed the State Senate by a vote of 23-13-4, and now rests with its Assembly companion, A-3835, with the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee; and
- WHEREAS, S-2795 and A-3835 would prohibit municipalities from adopting ordinances requiring periodic inspections of multiple dwellings other than those conducted by the State under the "Hotel and Multiple Dwelling Law"; and
- WHEREAS, S-2795 and A-3835 would prohibit municipalities from charging separate fees for the registration of multiple dwellings; and
- WHEREAS, according to a fiscal estimate prepared by the non-partisan Office of Legislative Services S-2795 and A-3835 will decrease municipal revenues and potentially decrease municipal expenditures; and
- WHEREAS, S-2795 and A-3835 would eliminate local control over the inspection of multiple dwellings which is not in the public's best interests; and
- WHEREAS, landlord registration of any rental unit, regardless of whether a portion is owner-occupied could continue but a municipality would be prohibited from charging a registration fee thereby raising cost without any revenue off-set; and
- WHEREAS, municipalities could continue to issue "Continuing Certificates of Occupancy" upon an inspection following termination of occupancy in a rental unit, but would be preempted by the bill from having or adopting ordinances under which periodic inspections of multiple dwellings would be made; and
- WHEREAS, such landlord registrations and "Continuing Certificates of Occupancy" are conducted for the public safety and welfare of the citizens of our municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon that enactment of S-2795 and A-3835 will decrease municipal revenues and place yet another financial burden on already strained New Jersey Municipalities, and will take away local control over the inspection of multiple dwellings, which is not in the best interest of our residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Governing Body of the Borough of North Haledon strongly oppose S-2795 and A-3835;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, Senator John Girgenti, Assemblywoman Nellie Pou, and Assemblywoman Elease Evans, Assemblyman Kevin Ryan, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, Assemblyman Jerry Green and the members of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, Senator Steven Oroho, Senator Jeff Van Drew and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

RESOLUTION #181-2011 Re: Submission of Grant Application/Ahnert Road

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of North 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 #182-2011 Re: Authorization/Municipal Alliance Application

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society among persons of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials, but upon the entire community, to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of North Haledon, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the North Haledon Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2011 in the amount of \$17,243.00.

The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirement.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The Mayor read the Certification of Availability of Funds into the record.

(Attached to minutes)

RESOLUTION #183-2011

Re:

Payment of Approved Claims

(Attached to minutes)

Councilman Iacobelli moved the adoption of the resolution. Council questioned two expenditures. Mayor answered. Councilman Dyer seconded the adoption of the resolution. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried

DISCUSSION

Mayor stated Field #1 fencing looks magnificent as does the Bike Path. DPW is doing a great job. Several residents approached Mayor regarding a no-smoking ordinance.

Discussion re: removal of sign at Fire House on Belmont Avenue. Borough Attorney will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Iacobelli, second by Councilman Luisi, to adjourn this meeting. Upon roll call all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mayor George called the meeting duly adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Renate Elatab	
Municipal Clerk	

Angela Russo Deputy Borough Clerk

Approved at meeting of September 21, 2011