

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014
7:00 P.M.

* MEETING CALLED TO ORDER * STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN
PUBLIC MEETING LAW * SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The meeting was called to order by Council President Vincent Ascioffa at 7:00 p.m. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as is required by the Open Public Meetings Law with advertisement in the Home News Tribune and posting in the Municipal Building. All in attendance Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL:

Ascioffa
Bruno
Estrada
Karczewski
Slavicek
Vidal - absent

* PUBLIC PORTION

Greg Bennett, Helmetta Fire Chief, spoke about the Fire Dept. wanting to apply for the 2014 Fire Grant. The Borough would have to contribute \$5000.00 towards this grant. It is due soon and he has heard nothing from the Mayor.

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 175 AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT
MOTION - Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

Tom Zwolinski, 10 Avenue A, said authorization was given for a State contract for a Police car; how about for the Fire Dept. He talked about longevity and how it went out in 2008. Employees should be removed by the Council for cause.

The following got up and spoke about their displeasure with the animal shelter and the Mayor: Barbara Carpenter, Martin Mendoker, Julie LeDonne, Steven Wronko, Collene Wronko, C. Soto, Amber Yehle, Sewell Peckham, Gerry Gowen, Kevin Bovenno, Maria Karczewski

Joseph Opinski, 18 Avenue A, said the town needs to be better cleaned. He said he walks everyday and Now for a year he has gone by the same plastic bag with garbage in it.

Collene Wronko, Main Street, Spotswood spoke about how she was treated by the Police Officers.

* CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTION # 2014 – 174

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

RESOLUTIONS:

- 162 – Amendment to Resolution #2014 – 146
- 163 – Authorizing transfers in the 2014 Municipal Budget
- 164 – Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for John, Willow and High Street Road Improvement
- 165 – Acceptance of resignation of Herbert Massa, Borough Administrator
- 166 – Appointment of interim Shelter Administrator, Matthew Crane
- ~~167 – Payment of bills~~
- 168 – Resolution authorizing reimbursement to Mayor and Council for Borough related activities
- ~~169 – Appointment of Steven W. Kleinman, Special Investigator~~

170 – Appointment of Kyle Worcester, Full Time Police Officer
~~171 – Appointment of CFO, Jeannine Jones~~
172 – Authorize State Contract – Police Car
173 – Payment to Dr. Chiosi
Membership of Jack B. Kramer to Helmetta Fire Department
MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

167 – Payment of bills with the exception of the bills pertaining to the Animal Shelter that were not signed.
MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski
ROLL CALL – 5- 0

169 – Appointment of Steven W. Kleinman, Special Investigator
MOTION to table this Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno ROLL CALL: 3 – 1 – 1

171 – Appointment of CFO, Jeannine Jones
MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 27 – Closed Session MOTION - Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada
ROLL CALL: 3 – 0 - 2

August 27 – Regular Meeting MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 4 – 0 - 1

September 24 Regular Meeting MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

October 9 – Special Meeting MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* RECITING OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

9 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, providing for the purchase of Police equipment and various improvements to the Police Department and appropriating \$20,000 therefore from the Borough's capital surplus fund
MOTION – Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of James Apgar, Animal Cruelty Officer and Investigator was read

* CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

MOTION – Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 5- 0

All were in favor to go into Open Session

RESOLUTION # 2014 – 176 AUTHORIZATION FOR BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO SIGN
MOU WITH NJSPCA

MOTION – Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALLL: 3 – 0 - 2

RESOLUTION #2014 – 177 – SUSPENSIONS (Borough Labor Attorney to file)

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 3 – 2

* ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:07 pm.