

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

Council President Chris Slavicek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as is required by the Open Public Meetings Act with advertising in the Home News and posting in the Municipal Building. All in attendance Pledged Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of silence.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL:

Slavicek
Asciolla - absent
Bruno
Estrada
Karczewski
Perez

* PUBLIC PORTION

Sewell Peckham, 4 John Street questioned the payment to the Mayor and Council and how much they were receiving.
Gerry Gowen, Jamesburg asked why the lights are still on in the shelter. Motion sensor lights should be used. Money is being thrown away.

* CONSENT AGENDA -- RESOLUTION # 2015 -

Report of Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2015 -- 146 Redemption of Tax Lien -- 2606 Candlelight Court
- 147 Redemption of Tax Lien -- 1203 Stone Ridge Circle
- 148 Redemption of Tax Lien -- 26 John Street
- ~~149 Authorizing Execution of Agreements with the Township of South Brunswick for Mobile Data Computer System (MDC) series~~
- 150 Payment of bills
- 151 Payment to Mayor and Council for Borough related activities
- ~~152 Resolution Authorizing 2015 Budget Transfer~~
- ~~153 Authorization to sign Agreement with Middlesex County Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal~~

MOTION -- Clmn. Karczewski SECOND -- Clmn. Perez

ROLL CALL: 5 -- 0

- 149 Authorizing Execution of Agreements with the Township of South Brunswick for Mobile Data Computer System (MDC) series

MOTION -- Clwmn. Bruno SECOND -- Clmn. Perez

ROLL CALL: 5 -- 0

- 152 Resolution Authorizing 2015 Budget Transfer

MOTION -- Clmn. Perez SECOND -- Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 5 -- 0

- 153 Authorization to sign Agreement with Middlesex County Utilities Authority for Solid Waste Disposal - TABLED

* COMMITTEE REPORTS: MAYOR, BOROUGH ATTORNEY, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR,
DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Recreation – Tree Lighting, Children’s Breakfast with Santa and the 55+ Dinner has been planned. The American flags will be taken down and the snowflakes will be put up.
Clmn. Slavicek spoke to Jason Kaplan and 14 townhouses have been leased. 28 individuals expressed interest in the apartments. The roofs as well as paving is being done.

Public Safety – Clwm. Bruno stated that the addendum to the Police contract is complete. The Fire Dept. submitted their budget but are going to redo it. New Officers will begin their term on January 1. On behalf of Greg Bennett she thanked everyone for his 18 years of service to the Borough. A fundraiser for Miss Patel, the EMS worker who was killed in an accident while on duty, will be held and the profit will go for a scholarship at Spotswood High School.

Finance Chairman Joe Perez said the audit is done. A few comments were received.

Lights will be put on the star on the tree.

Clmn. Karczewski reported that the new phone line will be installed.

Borough Administrator Matthew Crane stated that the budget process has started.

Chief Lockman said a study was done on Lake Avenue to see if there is a need for a speed hump. The average Speed was 28 mph. 85% did 31 or less. It is wear and tear on the tires of the car. Response time is reduced and it is not comfortable for anyone with a fracture. After a brief discussion it was the consensus there is no need for the humps.

A resident had requested head on parking on Sutton Place. The Fire Marshall stated it would impede the operations of the Fire Dept. if a fire broke out.

Letters will be sent to the residents of Lake Avenue and Sutton Place.

A letter from Dr. Rocco, Superintendent of Spotswood Schools, thanked everyone for their support in helping win the Spotswood Board Budget referendum.

* RECITING OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2015 – 11 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cross-Access easement agreement with Camelot at Helmetta Urban Renewal, LLC
The meeting was opened to the Public. There being no one who wished to be heard, the public portion was closed.

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

2015 – 12 An Ordinance amending portions of Chapter 42 of the Borough Code (entitled ‘PEACE AND GOOD ORDER’), Chapter 55 (entitled “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), and Chapter 13 (entitled “POLICE DEPARTMENT”).

The meeting was opened to the Public. Tom Zielinski asked about what changes were made and he was told it pertained to fees.

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

2015 – 13 An Ordinance amending a portion of Chapter 43 of the Borough Code (entitled “PLAYGROUNDS, PUBLIC LANDS AND PARKS”).

The meeting was opened to the Public. There being no one who wished to be heard, the public portion was closed.

MOTION – Cmn. Karczewski SECOND – C/wmn. Estrada
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* RECITING OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

2015 – 14 An Ordinance amending Sections 55-9 and 55-29 (Schedule II: No parking certain hours) of the Helmetta Borough Code and adding sections 55-9.2 and 55-29.2 authorizing resident permit parking on certain roadways in the Borough

A lengthy discussion ensued and it was the consensus to withdraw this ordinance.

2015 -15 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, providing for improvements to Helme Park and providing for improvements to Helme Park and appropriating \$35,000 therefor from the Borough's General Capital Fund

MOTION – Cmn. Karczewski SECOND – Cmn. Perez
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* NEW BUSINESS

Yard Sale Permits – Discussion was held and in January an ordinance will be drafted to abolish the need for yard sale permits.

In January, e-mails will be created for all Council members.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be held on December 16th.

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by C/wmn. Bruno and SECONDED by Cmn. Perez. All were in favor.