

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OCTOBER 18, 2017
7:00 PM

*** MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG -MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Slavicek. He asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence for our men and women serving and whom have served in the military protecting our freedom.

Mayor Slavicek expressed his condolences to Councilman Karczewski and his family on the loss of his twenty year old nephew so he won't be in attendance this evening.

*** CALLING OF THE ROLL**

Mayor Slavicek
Councilman Karczewski - absent
Councilman Dzingleski
Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe
Councilman Peckham
Councilman Perez - absent
Councilman Reid - absent
Also in attendance:
Borough Administrator Matthew Crane
Borough Attorney Joseph Youssef

*** OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as is required under Chapter 231 Public Law 1975 specifying the time, date, location and to the extent known the agenda by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building outside of the meeting room and providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers and by filing a copy in the office of the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the certification which will be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

*** PUBLIC PORTION**

During the Public Portion of any Council Meeting members of the Public may only speak on topics of concern to the residents of the Borough. Each individual will be given five minutes to speak as per the Rules to Govern adopted January 4, 2016. During the Public portion of any meeting, the members of the Public as well as the Governing Body shall be courteous and respectful to one another. No comments and/or behavior that are considered disrespectful, ill-willed or with the intent to harass will be tolerated. If such behavior

occurs, then that individual member of the Public will be asked to sit down and his or her turn to speak will be over, even if the five minutes is not.

Theresa Spadaro, Jamesburg, is President of the Central Jersey Animal Shelter and would like the Council to consider her organization to utilize the animal shelter. The Mayor asked if she knew

that the shelter was up for sale and she said she was aware it is up for Sheriff's Sale. She was told that is incorrect it is not up for Sheriff's Sale but out for bid. Borough Attorney Joseph Youssouf explained to her about the sale the shelter.

John Nartowicz, 2 Holly Manor Drive stated that the recycling truck breaks glass during pick up and leaves it. Matt Crane, Borough Administrator said he called the County about that. John Nartowicz questioned the resolution regarding OPRA. Borough Attorney Joseph Youssouf explained the reasoning behind the resolution. The Borough Clerk said she has a whole sheet explaining the reasons the Clerk's Association sent this out and if he would like he can stop by to get one.

* CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTION #2017 - 130

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector

Resolutions:

#122 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Helmetta Boulevard Improvement Project

#123 Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Old Forge Road Improvement

#124 Resolution expressing opposition to Legislative Proposals regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act

#125 Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87)

#126 Redemption of Tax Liens

#127 A resolution requesting permission for the Dedication by Rider for donations for replacement of crabapple trees required by acceptance of bequests and gifts (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29)

#128 Bills payable as per shown on the list.

#129 Appointment of Paul Reed as Public Works Supervisor

MOTION – Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe SECOND- Councilman Peckham

ROLL CALL: 3 – 0

Mayor Slavicek introduced Paul Reed who will begin next Monday and will be shadowing Darren until Darren retires.

* MINUTES of August 16, 2017

September 20, 2017

MOTION – Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe SECOND- Councilman Peckham

ROLL CALL: 3 – 0

* REPORT OF MAYOR, COMMITTEES, BOROUGH ATTORNEY,
BOROUGH ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Slavicek extended his heartfelt thanks to the Council and to Christine and Wendy who helped at Helmetta Day as well as the Public Works Department, Police and Fire Department, OEM – Jack Kramer and of course the residents and entertainers who attended. It was a very successful day.

The Mayor gave an update on the Police. We are still in negotiations and we will continue for the best interest of our residents.

The Mayor commented that we are very successful in our rentals for the Community Center.

The Bonfire and Hay Ride is coming up.

Councilman Dzingleski said he wanted to piggyback on what the Mayor said. He thanked all those who donated food and made desserts.

Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe said the PTA will hold a Halloween Spooktacular on Friday for children between Kdg and 5th grade. October 4th was Walk to School Day and both Mayor's attended. On October 30, the teachers will play against the Harlem Wizards. There will be a Powder Puff football game, the girls will play football and the boys will cheer. The band will have a carwash at \$5.00 per car and will have a clothing drive. The money will be used to go to The Festival of Bands which will be in Virginia this year. The referendum passed and she thanked everyone who voted. The Recreation Department will hold a Trunk or Treat at the High School on the 31st. On November 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. the Drug Alliance will sponsor a talk. Dinner will be served. It's for Adults only so parents can be aware. The Police will sponsor a Cops and Canines calendar. The Mayor said we are doing a gold sponsorship page. The Pep Band will be playing at half time for the New Jersey Devils on October 20th.

* CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION # 131 – Lawyer/Client Privilege and Litigation.

MOTION- Councilman Peckham SECOND – Councilman Dzingleski

ROLL CALL: 3 – 0

A MOTION to go into OPEN Session was made by Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe and SECONDED by Councilman Dzingleski ROLL CALL: 3- 0

RESOLUTION - #132 – ACCEPTANCE OF BID OF LIQUOR LICENSE

MOTION – Councilman Peckham SECOND – Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe

ROLL CALL: 3 - 0

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION was made Councilman Dzingleski and SECONDED by Councilman Peckham to adjourn the meeting, All in favor. Our next meeting will be on November 15.