

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
DECEMBER 20, 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 in the military protecting our freedom especially during this holiday season.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL

Mayor Slavicek
Councilman Karczewski
Councilman Dzingleski
Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe -- arrived later
Councilman Peckham
Councilman Perez
Councilman Reid
Also in attendance:
Joseph Youssouf, Esq., Borough Attorney
Matthew Crane, Borough Administrator

* 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, 2017. 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.

Kathleen Williamson, 27 Old Forge Road, said it fills her heart with pride and joy and gratitude to live in this little town of Helmetta. Everything this wonderful Mayor and Council has done in this past year to bring all of us together is absolutely. Every age group was represented and I love it. We had a situation and all of you helped. Kathleen read a letter of thanks from her church, the Second Reformed Church, for the donation of food to their family shelter. She asked the Mayor to please thank his mother for being instrumental in taking the food to them.

John Daley, 11 York Drive, said the Public Works department is doing a fantastic job. Since Monroe has taken over our mail delivery it has been absolutely terrible. They can't keep up with the mail. A couple of nights he didn't get the mail. The Mayor has spoken to the Post Master in Monroe and he is going to see if anything can be done. He asked for an update on the Police Department and the Mayor said we are still in negotiations.

Yvette Bruno, 4 Sutton Place, knows that you can't talk much but she feels that we should go to Spotswood. We are spending a lot of money. She asked when was the last time they met. The Mayor told her it was two Mondays ago with the Attorneys being present and again briefly this past Monday. We're trying to be Advocates for the residents. She hopes that wherever we go they will hire our Officers. She wished all a Merry Christmas.

* CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTION #2017 - 145

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

Resolutions:

2017 – 142 A Resolution authorizing year 2017 Budget Transfers

2017 – 143 Acceptance of resignation of Donald Ala

2017 – 144 Payment of bills per list

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Dzingleski

ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* MINUTES acceptance of November 15, 2017

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Peckham

Councilman 4 – 0 - 1

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

The Sentinel is coming back to Helmetta and they should start in January. Thank you to our volunteers during the Holiday Season. It put the spirit in the Borough of Helmetta.

Councilman Dzingleski thanked all who came out to the Christmas Tree Lighting. Wendy Vidal for the brownies and cookies and Sue Slavicek for doughnuts. Thank you to the Police and Fire Department. The candy and hot chocolate were all donated. Santa was awesome. Breakfast with Santa was well attended and the children all received gifts. He thanked Wendy and Sue again not only for their time but also their baking skills and

Kim Smith for donating the coloring books. The Senior Dinner on the 9th of December was also well attended. All the desserts and gifts were donated. No upcoming events are planned at this time. He thanked all the members of the Council and wished them, the employees and residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Reid thanked everyone who helped out with the Tree Lighting, the Breakfast and the Dinner. He thanked everyone who helped with the Fire Department Santa run; it was a great success. Thanked all the employee and Police Department all they do for the town. He wished the residents a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year as well as the employees and Mayor and Council..

* CLOSED SESSION Resolution # 146 – Lawyer/Client Privilege and Personnel
MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Perez
ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

A MOTION to go into Open Session was made by Councilman Peckham and SECONDED by Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe.

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a MOTION was made by Councilman Peckham and SECONDED by Councilman Dzingleski to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. All were in favor.