

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015
7:00 P.M.

* MEETING CALLED TO ORDER * STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW * SALUTE TO THE FLAG * MOMENT OF SILENCE
Mayor Martin called the meeting to order. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as required by the Open Public Meeting Law with advertisement in the Home News Tribune 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 – arrived 8:45 pm
Bruno
Estrada
Karczewski
Perez

The Municipal Clerk, Sandra Bohinski, wanted to clarify a statement made at the last meeting that she was not present at. Several years ago when a survey was sent out about the purchase of a new fire truck it was included with all the bills that were sent; however, due to the apathy of our residents very few were returned. He was also concerned about the concrete columns on the Kaplan property. He was wondering if they would voluntarily contour at least one column as to make better visibility of pulling on to Maple Street.

* PUBLIC PORTION

Sewell Peckham, 4 John Street, was concerned about the parking for the residents on John Street when an event is taking place at the Community Center. He suggested that either parking permits be given to the residents or the streets be one way. Chief Lockman will look into this.

Ginny Werner, Main Street, had questions about the fire truck and the financing of it.

Wendy Vidal, Locust Drive, questioned if the shelter is closed what was the Trinity Solar truck doing in the lot. The Municipal Clerk stated he was lost and he was calling for directions.

Virginia McGinnis, Monroe Township, asked the question "Where's Athena? She then spoke about several animals and what has happened to them. She suggested that the County be contacted and Sheriff Millie Scott can oversee it. Mayor Martin replied that she did contact them and they were not interested.

John Dunay, Fire Chief, discussed the fire trucks and also who owned the property the Borough or the Fire Dept.

Clmn. Slavicek said we should stop playing tug of war as we need to work together.

Pradeep Mathew said that the Fire Dept. is trying to reduce conflict.

Joe Opinski, 18 Avenue A said that shared services are good but what happens if the Town is going to get used. How is going to help? When the Snuff Mill gets done we should ask them to pay for half of the truck.

Clwmn. Bruno thanked the Fire Dept. for keeping us safe. She reported on all that the Fire Dept. has reached out and obtained for their Dept.

Clmn. Slavicek, liaison to the Kaplan Project said that three have CO's and nine are leased. The Marketing leasing office have temporarily moved temporarily to the townhouses but they might have to move back to the center. The main parking lot will be paved.

For Helmetta Day, we will have food vendors. Clmn. Slavicek would like to propose that half of the proceeds from the 50/50 be given to Embrace Kids Foundation in the name of Michael Olejarczyk, a young boy from town. Helmetta Day will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on September 26 at the Pavilion in the park. On December 4, we will Have a Holiday Breakfast with Santa and a 55+ Holiday Dinner will be held.

Concerns were issued about the tables at the Pavilion. Children are moving the tables and using them to skateboard on. Discussion was held if we should anchor them down and screw them into the concrete. An ordinance will be drawn up listing what not will be allowed in that area. The Construction Office said that 450 people is the maximum occupancy of people allowed in the Community Center at one time.

Clwmn. Bruno said that the Police Dept. has taken one of the vans to be used for their Dept. There is a typo in the Police Dept. contract and a side bar addendum needs to be added to fix it.

* CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTION # 2015 – 125

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

RESOLUTIONS:

#2015 – 113 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing Remington, Vernick, & Vena Engineers to prepare and submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Borough's 2016 Aid Application authorizing payment to Remington, Vernick & Vena for the services in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, and authorizing the Mayor or her designee to sign the grant application

#2015 – 114 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing amendment to Resolution #2015-97 in order to modify the scope of the project being awarded to Mario's Concrete and Paving Co. Inc. for the 2014 NJDOT Road Improvement Project

- #2015 – 115 (pulled)
- #2015 – 116 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing Partial Payment No. 5 to Jamali Developers, LLC for the Helme Park Phase 2 contract in the amount of \$35,205.87
- #2015 – 117 Resolution authorizing reimbursement to Regency Walk Homeowners Association pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2 et seq., as amended for the year 2014
- #2015 – 118 Payment to Jacqueline Leal
- #2015 – 119 Payment of Bills
- #2015 – 120 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing renewal of lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and authorizing Mayor to sign First Amendment to Lease and memorandum of lease
- #2015 – 121 Resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for Drunk Driving Enforcement Funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety
- #2015 – 122 Authorization for the Mayor and execute the Interlocal Yard Waste Recycling and marketing Services Agreement
- #2015 – 123 Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue and appropriation (N.J.S.A. 40A:4 – 87)
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MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmm. Bruno
 ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

- * APPROVAL OF MINUTES - tabled
 - April 22, 2015
 - May 20, 2015
 - June 17, 2015

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

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Public Works completed curblin cleaning on Avenue A, B, North 13th and North Shore Blvd. Crack sealing for the year was done on Old Forge, Helmetta Blvd., Maple Street, High Street, Lake Avenue and Madison Drive for a one week rental. The water tower was inspected and is need of repair. The estimate is \$3,200.00.

Discussion was held on the OPRA requests that are being received by the OPRA and the possibility of charging.

* RECITING OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

#2015 – 9 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the amendment of Ordinance #2014 -4 to correct a typographical error

The meeting was Opened to the Public. There being no one who wished to speak the meeting as Closed to the Public.

MOTION TO ADOPT – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

#2015 – 10 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the acquisition of a portion of Block 34, Lot 3 by negotiated purchase or eminent domain for the Helme Mill

The meeting was Opened to the Public; there being no one from the Public who wished to speak the meeting was Closed to the Public.

MOTION TO ADOPT – Clwmn. Estrada SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4- 0 -1

* CLOSED SESSION – Personnel, Litigation, Negotiations

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

A MOTION was made Clwmn. Bruno and SECONDED by Clwmn. Estrada to go back into Open Session. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION # 126 Hiring of Richard Schombert

MOTION – Clmn. Ascioilla SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

RESOLUTION # 127 Agreement with Santokh Singh

MOTION – Clmn. Ascioilla SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0 – 2

RESOLUTION #128 Appointment of Matthew Crane, Borough Administrator
MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clmn. Ascioffa
ROLL CALL: 5 – 0 – 1

RESOLUTION #129 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE CHAD LOCKMAN
MOTION – Clwmm. Bruno SECOND – Clmn. Ascioffa
ROLL CALL: 3 – 0 -2

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Clmn. Ascioffa and
SECONDED by Clwmm. Estrada to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.