

MINUTES
MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2016 - 7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 who have served protecting in our military; furthermore we include our law enforcement and emergency service agencies.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL

Mayor Slavicek
Councilman Karczewski
Councilman Dzingleski
Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe
Councilman Peckham
Councilman Perez
Councilman Reid

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator Matthew Crane
Borough Attorney Joseph Youssof
Chief of Police Chad Lockman

* 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.

No one from the Public wished to speak the Public Portion was closed.

* CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTION #2016 -143

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2016 – 136 Resolution requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation (NJSA 40A4-87)
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 - 138 Acceptance of resignation of Chief Financial Officer – Denise Jawidzik
 - 139 Appointment of Chief Financial Officer – Denise Marabello
 - 140 Payment of bills
 - 141 Appointment of Deputy Court Clerk – Lori A. Kartelias
 - ~~142 Deferred Compensation Plan~~
 - 145 Authorization for Matthew Crane to receive information from Valic (LOSAP)
 - 146 Acceptance of donations from Professionals
- MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Peckham
ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

Resolution # 2016 – 142 Deferred Compensation Plan
After a lengthy discussion on the Plan, the resolution was tabled.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 15, 2016

MOTION – Councilman Peckham SECOND – Councilman Karczewski
ROLL CALL: 5 – 0 – 1 (Councilman Perez was absent for the June meeting)

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

Councilman Reid, Recreation Chair, reported that we had our second Concert in the Park and Movie Night. Our next Concert in the Park will be on August 26. It'd good seeing our community coming together. National Night Out will be held jointly with Spotswood on August 2. A trip to Trenton Thunder is being discussed and a tentative is planned for August 14. He had a conversation with Mrs. Williamson regarding the start of the garden and spoke with Diane this evening. Grants need to be applied for in the Fall. He spoke to Darren in regards to fencing, a water line and dirt that would be needed. Donations will be sought. The Mayor and Joe, to show support of our Police Department, painted a blue line on the curbs. All a resident has to do is call and it will be painted.

Councilwoman Noreen Carolan Genthe said the items on the referendum on the school are going well. The tract will be paved. They had a few drainage issues.

Councilman Karczewski reported that we should be receiving just over \$15000.00 from FEMA for snowstorm reimbursement. Public Works will be sealing cracks in the road. It will be posted and the residents will be notified that their roads will be closed. We have a new part time worker Chris Koenig. Jamali completed some repairs on the tennis court.

The Public Safety Committee met with the Police Department and they have some good things on the table. We're looking for more community policing. Everybody seems to be happy.

Councilman Perez said Denise Jawidzik, our C.F.O., has resigned. Denise acknowledged the efforts for stepping in and helping us out. Our new CFO will begin on August 1. The Audit is now in progress.

Councilman Dzingleski said the last two bands volunteered their time and the third group will do so as well. No money has been spent; they both volunteered their time and the third will do the same.

Mayor Slavicek acknowledged Tax Assessor Ken Pacera for his twelve years of service to the Borough. Officers Baltazar and Worcester received distinguished service awards for 2015 from MADD.

Ken Pacera told the Mayor that the homes are going up in value in Helmetta.

Mayor Slavicek announced that the first edition of the Helmetta Herald has been launched. He believes in communications. He thanked Kevin Boven for giving of his time to do the graphic design.

The PBA is sponsoring a Pig Roast at the Pavilion on August 27. You can get tickets from our Police officers.

Letters will be sent to our Professionals seeking donations for Helmetta Day. We will have a fireworks display at dusk. Helmetta Day will be held on September 24.

In close session he would like to discuss rental agreements for the Community Center so our residents can start utilizing it.

He received an invitation to a luncheon which will be held on August 24 for the induction of the new teachers.

October 9 – 15 will be Fire Prevention Week. He would like to speak to Pradeep Mathew, the Chief and Joe Reid who is the Deputy Chief to set up a program for that week. The children and adults can go and see how hard our volunteers work.

We have two Police initiatives going on. Our Police Officers will be handing out coupons to the children who are caught doing something nice; "Caught being nice, and enjoy a slice". It will be for a free slice of pizza and soda at Villa Borghese. They are also giving out a coupon with a Smartie's candy "Thanks for being a smartie and wearing your bike helmet". As these items are being donated, there is no cost for the Borough.

He has been in office since January and he sees the community coming together; there are a lot of new faces. The lofts at Helmetta are at 98% occupancy of what is now available. They are working on Phase II which is another 11-12 apartments. It's a community within a community and he would like to embrace them as well. He thanked the Kaplan's for making a generous donation for Helmetta Day.

Councilman Peckham asked since we are doing a lot at the Pavilion could we look into getting an electrical service rather than using a generator. Councilman Reid spoke to Darren about this and it would be costly to run electrical service. He will talk to him again. Councilman Karczewski said we have electricians in town and maybe they would volunteer their services.

*** ORDINANCE 2016-2 – Second Reading of Capital Ordinance**

Capital Ordinance providing for various Capital Equipment, and appropriating \$53,000 therefor, Authorized in and by the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey

This Ordinance was opened to the Public. There being no one who wished to speak, the hearing on this Ordinance was closed

Adoption of Ordinance: MOTION - Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Peckham
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

*** CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION # 2016 – 144 lawyer/client privilege and Litigation**

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Peckham

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

RESOLUTION 2016 – 147 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF GENE SCHEICHER

MOTION – Councilman Perez SECOND - Councilman Dzingleski

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

RESOLUTION 2016 – 148 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HELMETTA, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MEGHAN BENNETT CLARK OF GLUCK WALRATH LLP, AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF HELMETTA.

MOTION – Councilman Peckham SECOND – Councilman Perez
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

RESOLUTION 2016 – 149 ACCEPTANCE OF MICHAEL DOLCE, JUNIOR FIREMAN; LOUIS
CERAS AND CHAD LOCKMAN, FIREMEN

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski SECOND – Councilman Peckham
ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a MOTION was made by Councilman Reid and SECONDED by
Councilman Peckham to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor

*Sandra Bobinski, RMC
Municipal Clerk*