

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. This meeting is called to order in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting stating the starting time, date and location was advertised in the Home News, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Building and will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting. All in attendance Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL:

Asciolla
Bruno
Estrada
Janeczek - absent
Slavicek
Vidal - absent

* PUBLIC PORTION – No one wished to speak

* CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTION # 2014 – 129

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

RESOLUTIONS:

- 121 – Resolution authorizing reimbursement to Heather Glen Condominium Association Pursuant to Chapter 299, Public Law 1989, as amended, for the year 2012
- 122 – Resolution authorizing reimbursement to Heather Glen Condominium Association Pursuant to Chapter 299, Public Law 1989, as amended, for the year 2013
- 123 – Appointment of full time Police Officer Devon Gannon
- 124 – Acceptance of resignation of James Parsons
- 125 – Appointment of full time Police Officer Michael Baltazar
- 126 – Authorization for Remington, Vernick & Vena to go out for bid
- 127 – Authorization to sign support for the Puerto Rican Action Board
- 128 – Payment of bills as per bill list
- 130 – Distribution of Helmetta/Car Show Profits
- 131 – Change in Shelter Fees
- 132 - Payment for Face Painter and Party Perfect Rentals
- 134 – Extension of Grace Period For Third Quarter Taxes
- 135 – Authorization to Advertise RFP for Veterinarian's Service

MOTION – Clmn. Asciolla SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

* APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 25, 2014

MOTION – Clwmn. Bruno SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek

ROLL CALL: 3 - 0 - 1

* COMMITTEE REPORTS: MAYOR, BOROUGH ATTORNEY, BOROUGH ENGINEER, DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE
Recreation – Clwmn. Bruno hopes all are enjoying the flags on Main Street. Mayor Martin came up with the idea and Bob Demarest and Brandon Metz donate their time to install them. We are planning on expanding this to have more flags throughout the town. We are also exploring the idea of involving residents who might want to purchase a flag in memory of someone. She extended a thank you to the Fire Department for fixing one of our flags. National Night Out will be on August 5 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and she hopes to see all the residents there. She put up a Borough Face Book Page and if anyone is interested you can contact her and she will approve you to be a member. The Police will be sponsoring a rewards program for the children who wear helmets. Villa Borghese will offer a slice of pizza and Helmetta Foods will give an ice. Certificates will be given to the children. Clmn. Slavicek asked if something went out about it and Clmn. Bruno responded it did. She and the Mayor put together a fund raiser for Officer Baltazar. From August 22 to August 24, Villa Borghese will sponsor a Fund Raiser fro Michael Baltazar’s son Andrew who is two years old and had his foot amputated. They will donate 10% of their sales to him. An individual was hired to do administrative work at the Shelter. She is already organizing everything. An indoor yard sale will be held on September 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity with the profits going to the Shelter. If anyone is interested, you can call her. A Clothing Drive will be Held we are looking for stuffed animals and clothes; September 26 is the last day to drop off items. This too will benefit the shelter. A hay ride with Villa Borghese and Allegiance is being planned. Clmn. Slavicek asked if a bon fire, like the one planned last year will be held. Clwmn. Bruno said yes; she thinks it may be a part of it. The Mayor said we will have to see how the park improvements are coming along.

Finance – Clwmn. Estrada stated that a Finance Committee Meeting was held with Finance Clerk Kevin O’Keefe in attendance. Everything looks good and in order.

Borough Attorney David Clark and Borough Administrator Herb Massa had no reports.

* RECITING OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

#4 – An Ordinance providing for improvements on High, John and Washington Street and appropriating the sum of \$265,000 therefore; authorized in and by the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey
The meeting was opened to the Public. There being no one from the Public who wished to speak; the public portion on this Ordinance was closed.

MOTION to adopt- Clmn. Ascioffa
ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

#5 – An Ordinance providing for acquisition of Public Works Truck and appropriating the sum of \$45,000 therefore, authorized in and by the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey
The meeting was opened to the Public. There being no one from the Public who wished to speak; the public portion on this Ordinance was closed.

MOTION to adopt - Clmn. Ascioffa
ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

Mayor Martin said that in regards to Ordinance #4 she mentioned to Darren that we have to get RVV moving before school starts and the school buses start back on the roads.

#6 – An Ordinance amending CHAPTER 40A (LITTERING; PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HELMETTA BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa
ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek

* RESOLUTION – 2014 – 133
MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa

Authorize State Contract Purchase

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno`

* NEW BUSINESS

Clwmn. Bruno recommended that we try a four day work as many towns are doing this and it might be a savings to us. A lengthy discussion followed. No action was taken.

- * CLOSED SESSION - RESOLUTION # 2014 - 136 PERSONNEL
MOTION - Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND - Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

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

Our next meeting is August 27.

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION to adjourn was made by Clmn. Slavicek and SECONDED by Clwmn. Estrada. All in favor.