

**MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY – JUNE 27, 2012**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Martin. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as is required by the Open Public Meetings Law with advertising in the Home News Tribune and posting on the bulletin board. All present Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

**CALLING OF THE ROLL:**

ASCIOLLA  
JANECZEK  
KARCZEWSKI – arrived 7:06 p.m.  
PEREZ  
SLAVICEK  
SMITH- absent

**PRESENTATION** - Gerry Ricciardi, Area Manager of JCP&L, presented everyone with a packet and gave an update on improvements being done during power outages.

**PUBLIC PORTION** – There was no one from the Public who wished to speak; the Public Portion was now close.

**BUDGET:**

**RESOLUTION # 2012 – 115**

Public Hearing and adoption on Amendment to 2012 Municipal Budget  
A MOTION was made by Clmn. Ascioffa and SECONDED by Clmn. Janeczek to open the public hearing on the amendment to the Budget. All were in favor. There was no one who wished to speak; the hearing was closed to the Public.

MOTION to adopt – Clmn. Ascioffa    SECOND – Clmn. Janeczek  
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

**#2012 – 126 ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

MOTION to adopt – Clmn. Ascioffa    SECOND – Clmn. Janeczek  
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

**CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTION # 125**

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

Resolutions:

120 – Resolution in support of S-302 sponsored by Senator Joe Pennacchio the “Transparency Government Act” which would codify and expand on the State Public Finance website

121 – Resolution of support from the Governing Body of the Borough of Helmetta for the OBMUA Recharge Basin Project

~~122 – Appointment of Harshida Pathak as Finance Clerk~~    (withdrawn)

123 – Corrections on numbering of Resolution

124 – Payment of bills

MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa    SECOND – Clmn. Perez  
ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

**MINUTES** of May 23, 2012

MOTION – Clmn. Clmn. Janeczek SECOND – Clmn. Ascioffa

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0 – 1

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

Public Works Director Darren Doran stated that the Security cameras are installed at the animal shelter and are being worked on in the Municipal Building. The exercise area is being worked on at the animal shelter and is near completion.

Clmn. Perez reported on Education. The Spotswood Business Administrator, Robert Green, is working on the questions presented to him from the Borough. He has no answers for the questions pertaining to the prior years since he just started working there.

Clmn. Slavicek stated that a PBA meeting was held and the representative was present. A new contract was proposed, it will be drawn up and hopefully we can go from there.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution to place stipends into Salary

Discussion to include:

Potential Conflict of interest based on procedure

Public discussion of committee analysis and conclusions

A very lengthy discussion ensued on stipends and the resolution adopted. It was decided that it should be looked at more closely before anything else is done.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on solid waste pickup and Clmn. Karczewski stated he would like to see Garbage picked up twice a week.

**CLOSED SESSION - Resolution # 127 – Contract Negotiation**

MOTION – Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

Motion to go into Open Session: Clmn. Ascioffa SECOND – Clmn. Perez

All in favor

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All were in favor.

Sandra Bohinski, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL CLERK

<u>MAY, 2012</u>	Copies	Marr Lic	Plng Bd	Towing	Licenses	Lndlr Reg	Recycling
Laurie	\$28.00	<u>\$28.00</u>					
Daninski	\$200.00					<u>\$200.00</u>	
Pepin	\$20.00	<u>\$20.00</u>					
Fire Dept.	<u>\$250.00</u>				<u>\$250.00</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$498.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	
	Dog & Cat Licenses	\$45.00					

Water/Sewer Receipts Report

April 2012

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010 Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2011 Principal	1,779.20	2,296.00	4,075.20
2012 Principal	<u>31,998.18</u>	<u>41,832.59</u>	<u>73,830.77</u>
Subtotal	33,777.38	44,128.59	77,905.97
Interest	<u>88.72</u>	<u>122.24</u>	<u>210.96</u>
Subtotal	33,866.10	44,250.83	78,116.93
Final Water Reads	-	-	-
Returned Checks	-	-	-
Payment Reversal	-	-	-
NSF Bank Fees	25.00	-	25.00
Misc.	-	-	-
Connection Fee	-	-	-
Water Meter Testing	-	-	-
Transfer in from Tax	-	-	-
Transfer out to Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b><u>\$33,891.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 44,250.83</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 78,141.93</u></b>

Carol Feig  
Utility Revenue  
Collector

Water/Sewer Receipts Report

May 2012

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
2010 Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2011 Principal	958.37	1,171.40	2,129.77
2012 Principal	<u>34,535.52</u>	<u>41,876.21</u>	<u>76,411.73</u>
Subtotal	35,493.89	43,047.61	78,541.50
Interest	<u>190.66</u>	<u>233.83</u>	<u>424.49</u>
Subtotal	35,684.55	43,981.23	79,665.78
Final Water Reads	20.00	-	20.00
Returned Checks	-	-	-
Payment Reversal	-	-	-
NSF Bank Fees	-	-	-
Misc.	-	-	-
Connection Fee	-	-	-
Water Meter Testing	-	-	-
Transfer in from Tax	-	-	-
Transfer out to Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Deposits	 <u>\$35,704.55</u>	 <u>\$ 43,981.23</u>	 <u>\$ 79,685.78</u>

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# Borough of Helmetta

*Denise Jawidzik*

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Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Month of: May, 2012

Dated: June 11, 2012

Taxes - 2013

Taxes - 2012 \$ 860,803.28

Taxes - 2011 \$ 6,968.49

Interest \$ 1,628.17

Costs

Tax  
search

Return Check fee

Search Printouts

Duplicate Bill Fee \$ 35.00

Misc.

TOTAL \$ 869,434.94

ADJUSTMENTS

Closing Balances

	Debit	Credit	Net
Tax 2012	\$ 93,724.56	\$ (9,146.01)	\$ 84,578.55
Tax 2011	\$ 47,067.42		\$ 47,067.42

Tax Collectors Trust

Prior Balance \$ 19,300.00

Receipts

Disbursements

Balance \$ 19,300.00

Premium Balance \$ 19,300.00

Disbursements

\$ -

**RESOLUTION  
# 2012 - 120**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S-302 SPONSORED BY  
SENATOR JOE PENNACCHIO  
THE "TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT ACT" WHICH WOULD CODIFY  
AND EXPAND ON THE STATE PUBLIC FINANCE WEBSITE**

**WHEREAS**, the clamor of eliminating waste, fraud and abuse is often stated, but rarely addressed and efforts to do so are nearly impossible.

**WHEREAS**, transparency in government is necessary to identify State spending and where State taxpayer dollars are going.

**WHEREAS**, the State public finance website which retains and displays data and information on the State's annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness is necessary as a user-friendly source of information to track State revenues and expenditures and to gauge it's past and present levels of indebtedness.

**WHEREAS**, the State website includes information such as contractual service purchases, salaries and wages, gifts and grants and bonded obligations and must be accessible to the public no later than 45 days following the close of each fiscal year.

**WHEREAS**, a bi-partisan approach to improving transparency, identifying waste and eliminating abuse at each level of State government and the establishment of the Public Finance Transparency Committee would facilitate the organization, development and maintenance of such websites.

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joe Pennacchio has introduced S-302 the "Transparency in Government Act," to codify and expand on such aforementioned State public finance website and to establish a Public Transparency Committee.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we voice our support of Senator Pennacchio's bill, S-302, the "Transparency in Government Act," and

A certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. and Senator Joe Pennacchio.

**RESOLUTION  
#2012 - 121**

**Resolution of Support from the Governing Body of the  
Borough of Helmetta for the OBMUA Recharge Basin  
Project**

**WHEREAS**, substantial development has occurred in the 44.0 square mile watershed area downstream of the proposed OBMUA Recharge Basin Project beginning in the 1990s, and intensifying in the 2000 decade, leading to a considerable increase in impervious cover, thus, increasing the runoff per square mile above that projected in the FEMA Flood Insurance Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flood Insurance Study for the Matchaponix Brook was published in the 1980s with the hydrologic and hydraulic flood studies performed in the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, the frequency and intensity of flood producing storms has been shown to have increased with changing weather patterns over the previous decades since the FEMA Flood Insurance Study was published; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a minimum of 50 residences projected in the FEMA Flood Insurance Study to be directly affected by the flooding of the Matchaponix Brook; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no known major flood control projects on the Matchaponix Brook watershed to attenuate flood producing discharges on the Matchaponix Brook; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 27-28, 2011, Hurricane Irene generated flood producing rainfall in Central New Jersey including the Matchaponix Brook watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the storm resulted in widespread severe flooding and power losses throughout central New Jersey, including the Matchaponix Brook watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe flooding caused extensive damage and service disruptions resulting in financial hardship to affected residents and local governments in many areas of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in frequency and intensity of storms and subsequent flooding have highlighted an ongoing and pressing need for large scale flood mitigation in the Matchaponix Brook Basin area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Old Bridge Municipal Utilities Authority is currently investigating the feasibility of a recharge basin project involving storage basins adjacent to the Matchaponix Brook; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed basins would withdraw and store water from the Matchaponix Brook during periods of excessive rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, the recharge basin project has the potential to mitigate the recurrence of severe Flooding in the Matchaponix watershed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Helmetta recognizes the potential flood mitigation benefits of and fully supports the OBMUA recharge basin project.

**RESOLUTION -*WITHDRAWN***  
**2012 – 122**  
**APPOINTMENT OF HARSHIDA PATHAK AS FINANCE CLERK**

**RESOLUTION**  
**#2012 – 123**  
**CORRECTIONS ON NUMBERING OF RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, typographical errors were made in the numbering of Resolutions – Moving Stipends into Salaries and the Appointment of Christopher Slavicek as Borough Councilman in order to temporarily fill a vacancy on the Helmetta Borough Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be corrected on copies of your resolution and minutes as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2012 – 103 Moving Stipends into Salaries

RESOLUTION # 2012 - Appointment of Christopher Slavicek as Borough

Councilman in order to temporarily fill a vacancy on the Helmetta Borough Council.