

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Nancy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as is required by the Open Public Meetings Act with advertising in the Home News 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 - absent
Bruno
Estrada
Karczewski
Perez - absent

* PUBLIC PORTION

Sewell Peckham, 4 John Street, presented a petition from the residents of John Street and Railroad Avenue regarding the obtaining of parking permits.

Lucille Fiorello, 20 Sutton Place, stated that there is a major parking issue on Sutton Place. If they park around the corner, tickets are issued. She asked if that head on parking could be permitted.

Kevin Bovine, North Brunswick said someone had answers to OPRA's regarding certain animals and was wondering if records were ever found. He was told that certain records are in the possession of the Police Dept. He discussed the OPRA violation fees. He asked if the Directors would be going to Court Soon. He was told Oct. 26. He sent a letter to the Attorney General's office because something didn't seem right with the Prosecutor's office dropping the ball.

Nicole Nunes, Marlboro, NJ said that it was the Mayor's responsibility that the shelter be run properly and now your trying to be re-elected. Laws were broken, no stethoscope or scales, how could you let this happen. She asked if we knew that they were working someplace. She heard they were at Tinton Falls and if that is the case Tinton Falls will be the next Helmetta. She hopes all the residents, the Police and Fire Dept. do not vote for you because you treat them like crap.

Virginia McGinnis, Monroe Township, said her BA supports a regional shelter 100% to be made out of Helmetta. She is waiting for a meeting with Linda Greenstein and she invited Clwmn. Bruno to attend to pursue a regional shelter. She thinks it would be an ideal situation to open a regional shelter. She said I understand you are looking into opening a bar and grill or restaurant. She asked if it is going to be Italian or Hungarian/ Jaclyn Baker, Borough Attorney, said it is under discussion negotiations. Virginia said she is not asking about the negotiations but what kind of restaurant. She said Monroe is authorizing a mosque to be built on Cranbury Road and you probably will have to increase your Police force. She cited several statues that the Mayor violated 40A:60-1, as Mayor you should know the Law. It is your responsibility to know you supplied the tool.

Wendy Vidal said that her elderly neighbor, Mrs. Majka son Stanley fell and she wanted to thank Chief Lockman for all he did to help him. Christine and Joey Reid also came over as Mrs. Majka doesn't speak English and Christine was able to help with that.

*CONSENT AGENDA – Resolution # 132

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector
Resolution # 2015 – 129 Waiving of interest of Third Quarter Taxes Block 20 Lot 104

~~130 Payment of bills~~

~~131 Authorization for Mayor to sign MCLA contract~~

MOTION – Clwmn. Estrada SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek

ROLL CALL: 3 – 1

130 Payment of bills

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 2 – 1 -1

131 Authorization for Mayor to sign MCIA contract

It was questioned that we were going to look for another contractor. The Mayor explained that in order to keep it in the 2% cap we have to stay with MCIA

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 2 – 1 -1

Chief Lockman had discussions with Mr. Peckham regarding the parking permits for John and Railroad Ave. He met with four vendors regarding the car cameras and will meet with the Public Safety Committee. A letter will be sent to the residents of Lake Avenue regarding the speed study.

The Borough Administrator, Matthew Crane, went to Helmetta Boulevard and that piece of road belongs to East Brunswick. Clwmn. Bruno will pass it along to the residents who questioned her. A letter was sent to Dawn McDonald regarding the EMS service; she is almost finished with the RFP. East Brunswick uses Robert Wood Johnson.

Clmn. Slavicek spoke with Jason Kaplan and they moved the leasing office to the townhouse. They are stepping up their advertising. Maple Street and their parking lot will be paved. An agreement was reached with Conrail. The Mayor said as soon as the Planning Board meets the Community Center will be turned over to the Borough.

Clmn. Karczewski said that Public Works received a Work Zone Safety Equipment Grant for cones, signs, and Equipment. Our Engineer will go over the water tank repairs and East Brunswick will also be present. NJDEP will inspect the stormwater sewers. The parking lot will be striped.

Clmn. Slavicek said his concern is the pavilion as there are children in there and skateboarding on the tables. The Mayor asked the Borough Administrator if he called the county as requested to see if they have park ordinances.

Clwmn. Estrada stated that Spotswood is looking for our support with their school referendum.

CLOSED SESSION – Resolution #133

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0

Motion to go into Open Session Clmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0

RESOLUTION # 133 Terms of Eugene Scheicher's employment

MOTION – Clwmn. Bruno

SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

RESOLUTION # 134 Settlement of Wronko vs. Borough of Helmetta

MOTION – Clwmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 3 – 0 - 1

RESOLUTION #135 Extension of Singh/Dash redevelopment of Animal Shelter

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek

SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 2 – 1 - 1

RESOLUTION #136 Accept resignation of Denise Estrada

MOTION – Clwmn. Estrada SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0

There being no futher business a MOTION was made by Clwmn. Bruno and SECONDED by Clmn. Slavicek to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.