

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 1017

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 in the military protecting our freedom.

* CALLING OF THE ROLL

Mayor Slavicek

Councilman Karczewski - absent

Councilman Dzingleski

Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe

Councilman Peckham

Councilman Perez

Councilman Reid

Borough Administrator – Matthew Crane

* 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.

Graham Peabody, Acting Superintendent and Bite Marino, Administrator attended the meeting and spoke about the upcoming Special Election and the referendum question. In order to use the remaining funds

It has to be presented as a referendum question for the residents to decide. There will be no increase in taxes, New lockers, security system, and air conditioning are some ways the money will be used.

* 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.

Mayor Slavicek said that negotiations are still under way with the Spotswood Police Department. The public will be informed about a special meeting.

John Nartowicz 2 Holly Manor Court said that coming out of Old Forge Road is difficult and he would like to see a study done to see if putting a traffic light there will be beneficial.

Bill Buchan, 15 High Street asked if there will be a meeting before a decision is made about the Police Department. The Mayor said there will be, nothing can be divulged at this time. Time is of the essence.

The documentation is being drawn up. The Prosecutor's office ordered a hiring freeze in the Police Department.

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector

Resolutions:

- #2017 - 114 - Inadvertent payment of third quarter taxes
- 115 - Appointment of Eric Fricks as full time Police Officer
- 116 - Resolution authorizing the Borough of Helmetta to enter into an interlocal service agreement with the County of Middlesex for provision of health services
- 117 - Resolution authorizing the Borough of Helmetta to extend cooperation of agreements with the County of Middlesex for provision of CDBG, Home and ESG Programs
- 118 - Best Practices Inventory
- 119 - Bills payable as per list
- MOTION – Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe SECOND – Councilman Perez
- ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

*REPORT OF MAYOR AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Slavicek extended condolences to Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe on the loss of her father. He and Mayor Seeley had a meet and greet with the children on their first day of school. Helmetta Day is September 23 and we will have a petting zoo, DJ, and fireworks.

Councilman Dzingleski said that he hopes all will attend Helmetta Day on the 23rd. Councilman Perez said the audit report is not complete. There was some catching up to be done.

Councilman Peckham talked about the CDBG grant. Darren Doran will be retiring and interviews will be conducted for a new Public Works Supervisor.

Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe said October 4th will be Walk to School Day. Back to School nights will be held. PTA will be at Helmetta Day.

Borough Administrator Matthew Crane reported that E-Waste will now accept desk top computers, Printers, and fax machines

*CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION 2017 – 121 – NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION – Councilman Peckham SECOND – Councilman Reid
ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

A MOTION to go into Open session was made by Councilman Peckham and SECONDED by Councilwoman Carolan-Genthe.

ROLL CALL: 5 – 0

The next meeting will be October 18th.

- ADJOURNMENT There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor