

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2015

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 p.m. Adequate notice was provided as is required by the Open Public Records Act with publication in the Home News Tribune and posting on the bulletin board at the Helmetta Municipal Building. All in attendance Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was held in honor of all who are serving in the military.

*** CALLING OF THE ROLL:**

Slavicek

Asciolla

Bruno

Estrada

Karczewski (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Perez

*** PUBLIC PORTION**

Joe Opinski, 18 Avenue A had questions about litigation and the OPRA's. The complaint for the OPRA's was that they did not receive 7 out of 17's. This is not covered by JIF which is our insurance.

Greg Bennett, Asst. Fire Chief, thank Kevin & Matt for assisting them with the grant. A discussion ensued regarding the rumors circulating about the response time for getting to the fire on 22 North Shore Blvd.

Joseph Reid, 11 Locust Drive, commented on the response time. He stated that people can criticize the fire department but they don't realize that the fireman have pulled dead bodies from homes and they've rescued people during storms, they get home in the middle of the night in all kinds of weather.

Wendy Vidal, 8 Locust Drive, said they are volunteers. It takes time to get to the Fire House, get suited up to get the fire. She witnessed it when her house was saved by the Fire Department.

Pradeep Mathew asked all to come and look what they (the Fire Department) has. They also have to have training time. He asked that we have unity it town.

Virginia McGinnis, Monroe Township said she made OPRA requests and hadn't yet received them.

The Public Portion was closed

*** BUDGET AMENDMENT -**

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT

meeting was opened to the Public. There was no one from the Public who wished to speak. A MOTION to make amendments to the Budget was made by

*** ADOPTION OF BUDGET - #2015 - 92**

MOTION - Clmn. Perez SECOND - Clwmn. Estrada

ROLL CALL: 3 - 2

The budget was not adopted.

*** CONSENT AGENDA - #2015 - 98**

Reports of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

RESOLUTIONS:

2015 - 93 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing Partial Payment No.4 to Jamali Developers, LLC for the Helme Park Phase 2 contract in the amount of \$145,795.23

94 Municipal Lien

95 Payment of Bills (with the exception of the Municipal Court and the Electric Bill).

~~96 A resolution of the Borough of Helmetta ratifying authorization to reimburse Plaintiff's for their reasonable Attorney's fees in the matter entitled Wronko Vs. Borough of Helmetta et als. (pulled)~~

97 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the award of a contract to Mario's Concrete & Paving Co. Inc. for the John Street, Willow Drive & High Street 2014 NJDOT Road Improvements Project in an amount not to Exceed & 171,823.00

MOTION - Clmn. Perez SECOND - Clmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

96 A resolution of the Borough of Helmetta ratifying authorization to reimburse Plaintiff's for their reasonable Attorney's fees in the matter entitled Wronko Vs. Borough of Helmetta et als.

MOTION- Clmn. Perez SECOND - Clmn. Slavicek

ROLL CALL: 4 - 2

*** ADOPTION OF BUDGET - #2015 - 92**

MOTION - Clmn. Perez SECOND - Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 4 - 2

The budget was adopted.

*** APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (were pulled)**

April 22

May 20

*** READING OF ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE #2015 - 4 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta amending Chapter 21 entitled "Deeds and

Cats"

Public Hearing – There was no one who wished to speak.

Adoption of Ordinance MOTION – Clwmn. Bruno SECOND – Clwmn. Estrada
ROLL CALL: 5 - 1

ORDINANCE #2015- 5 (Second Reading)

Ordinance vacating old road bed of John Street and accepting land for new road bed of John Street and authorizing other land transfers for Helme Mill redevelopment

Public Hearing – There was no one who wished to speak.

Adoption of Ordinance MOTION – Clwmn. Estrada SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

ORDINANCE #2015- 6 (Second Reading)

Ordinance granting permanent easement and temporary construction easement to County for improvements to portion of Main Street

Public Hearing – Asst Fire Chief Greg Bennett asked for a traffic plan for the Fire Dept.

Adoption of Ordinance MOTION – Clwmn. Bruno SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

ORDINANCE #2015 -7 (First Reading)

Ordinance providing for various capital improvement and acquisitions in and for the Borough of Helmetta in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$57,000

MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

ORDINANCE #2015 - 8 (First Reading)

Ordinance providing for capital improvements acquisition of firefighting equipment for the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$49,200

MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clmn. Slavicek
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

*** RESOLUTION 2015 – 18 APPOINTMENT OF DEVON GANNON FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER**

Ordinance MOTION – Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
ROLL CALL: 6 - 0

Clmn. Karczewski reported on the following: basins on Main Street and Maple have been Repaired; the dock has been repaired with trex; Kaplan sewer project has been completed and at the meter pit a reasonable reduction has been noticed; and the fire hydrant on Heather and Meadow Court has been repaired.

Clmn. Slavicek stated that uniforms for the Dept. of Public Works have been ordered.

Clmn. Slavicek said flyers were made for the Fishing Derby; he is planning two concerts at

the lake; National Night Out will be August 4, Helmetta Day will be September 26 and a possible Borough wide yard sale.

Clwmn. Bruno reported that they are negotiating the Chief's contract. RFP's will be put out and we will be reaching out to Spotswood and Jamesburg. Robert Wood Johnson may have to be an outsource. The PBA sent out brochures. Clmn. Slavicek said that perhaps the animal shelter can be turned into a public safety building.

*** CLOSED SESSION – Litigation**

MOTION – Clmn. Slavicek SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno
All were in favor.

A MOTION was made by Clmn. Slavicek and SECONDED by Clmn. Perez to go into Open Session. All were in favor.

*** ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a Motion was made by Clmn. Perez and SECONDED by Clwmn. Bruno. All were in favor.