MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OCTOBER 27, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 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:

Clmn. Peckham - Present

Asciolla - Present

Janeczek – Present

Karczewski - Absent

Perez - Present

Smith - Present

* PUBLIC PORTION

George Mesko, 21 Baker Drive, voiced his concerns over the expense of the animal shelter and what will happen if we default. The Police just got a new SUV. Mayor Martin told him that we would be servicing other municipalities. She also told him that the SUV was paid for. Our surrounding neighbors are on our heels to build if we don't. He had concerns about the rise in school taxes. Clmn. Smith told him that there will be stabilization as we are now one school board. Money will initially be spent on the animal shelter but it will also bring in revenue. He said that he likes living in Helmetta and doesn't want to see it end and this will help keep us going. The Mayor told him in two years he should see a drop in his taxes. Mr. Mesko pointed out the fact that no one else was here and the Mayor said that she hopes it is because they trust the Council's decision.

*CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTION # 2010 - 206

The following routine items and resolutions

RESOLUTIONS:

2010 199 Abolishment of prevailing-wage laws

- 2010 200 Resolution of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the Housing Affordability Services section of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to make a hardship waiver available to the owner of 109 Raintree Court
- 2010 201 Adoption of Middlesex County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan
- 2010 202 Charges for Copies
- 2010 203 Authorization to release Cash Bond to TBBH, LLC for Block 13-Lot 39.02
- 2010 204 Resolution Authorizing Payment to Craig Testing Laboratories, Inc. for NJDOT Pavement test cores
- 2010 205 Payment of bills
- 2010 207 Resolution supporting arbitration reform with award caps
- 2010 208 Amendment to Resolution # 189 Authorization for the purchase of a new 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicle and related options under State Contract #A72467

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Resolution # 199, 203, and 207 were requested to be pulled from the agenda. MOTION - Clmn. Asciolla SECOND - Clmn. Janeczek ROLL CALL: 5-0

2010 – 199 Abolishment of prevailing wage laws SECOND - Clmn. Peckham MOTION – Clmn. Asciolla ROLL CALL: 4 - 1

Ayes: Asciolla, Janeczek, Karczewski, Perez Nayes: Smith

2010- 203 was pulled to be reviewed.

2010 – 207 Resolution supporting arbitration reform with award caps MOTION – Clmn. Asciolla SECOND - Clmn. Peckham ROLL CALL: 4-1Ayes: Asciolla, Janeczek, Karczewski, Perez

Nayes: Smith

Acceptance of the Minutes of July 28 (absent: Asciolla, Perez)

MOTION - Clmn. Janeczek SECOND - Clmn. Peckham ROLL CALL: 3-0-2

August 25, October 14 (absent Karczewski)

MOTION - Clmn. Janeczek SECOND - Clmn. Peckham ROLL CALL: 4 - 0 - 1

September 22 (absent Asciolla, Smith)

MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND - Clmn. Peckham ROLL CALL: 3-0-2

* **CLOSED SESSION** - Resolution # 2010 – 209 – potential litigation – taxpayers MOTION - Clmn. Smith SECOND - Clmn. Peckham ROLL CALL: 5-0

Motion to go into Open Session by Clmn. Peckham; SECONDED by Clmn. Asciolla. All were in favor.

* REPORTS of Mayor, Committees,

Mayor Martin reminded everyone of the Halloween Party.

* ORDINANCE (Second Reading)

ORDINANCE #2010 - 28 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex, State or New Jersey, providing a supplemental appropriation of \$700,000 for various improvements and other related expenses to land located in the Borough to provide for an animal shelter in and for the Borough of Helmetta and providing for the issuance of \$665,000 in bonds or notes of the Borough of Helmetta to finance the same.

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MOTION to read by title only - Clmn. Peckham SECOND - Clmn. Smith. All were in favor.

The meeting was opened to the Public. There being no one who wished to be heard, the meeting was closed to the Public.

MOTION to adopt: Clmn. Peckham

SECOND - Clmn. Asciolla

ROLL CALL: 4 – 1

Ayes: Peckham, Asciolla, Janeczek, Smith

Nay: Perez

Absent: Karczewski

* ORDINANCE (First Reading)

ORDINANCE # 2010- 29 - Ordinance No. 2010-29 amending Capital Ordinance No. 2009 - 17 authorizing the appropriation of \$30,000 for the acquisition of a Police SUV in the Borough of Helmetta, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey MOTION to adopt: Clmn. Peckham SECOND - Clmn. Asciolla ROLL CALL: 5 - 0

* NEW BUSINESS
Set up will be at Holy Trinity at 5:30 pm for the Halloween Party.

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sandra Bohinski Municipal Clerk