

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chris Slavicek at 7:05 P.M. All in attendance Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed for those in the military protecting our freedom.

\* ROLL CALL:

Mayor Slavicek

Council President Dzingleski

Councilman Duffy

Councilman Karczewski

Councilman Mena

Councilman Reid

Councilman Stasi

Also in attendance Matthew Crane, Borough Administrator, Joseph Youssouf, Borough Attorney and Sal Masucci future Borough Administrator.

The Mayor welcomed our new Borough Administrator Sal Masucci and thanked Matt Crane for his years of service. He took the reins and to do the best for Helmetta. He wished him the Best of Luck in future endeavors.

\* 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 News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers and by filing a copy in the office of the Municipal Clerk in accordance with certification which will be entered in the minutes of this meeting .

\* 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 on January 4, 2021. 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.

John Nartowicz, 2 Holly Manor Court said he was sorry to see Matt leave. He said that although the LED lights were installed, he saw no decrease in the billing. He said the new lighting is better. Matt will look into this. He received a call from Paul Reed regarding the Regency Walk sign on Main Street. A complaint was received from a resident. After a brief discussion it was decided that since the sign is on County or Conrail property it would be best to stay out of it.

\* CONSENT AGENDA

The following routine items and resolutions were adopted in unison as a Consent Agenda:

Report of Municipal Clerk, Tax Collector, Utility Revenue Collector

RESOLUTIONS:

2021 – 141 Interlocal with County of Middlesex for Health Services

142 Partial Payment #3 Final to Black Rock Enterprises

143 Acceptance of Resignation of Matthew Crane

144 Hiring of Full Time Borough Administrator Sal Masucci

145 A Resolution Authorizing Year 2021 Budget Transfer

146 Payment of Bills

147 Adoption of Provisions of Chapter 48 – State Health Benefits

~~148 Adoption of Revised Employee Handbook~~

- ~~149 Adoption of Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual~~

#148 & 149 Withdrawn

MOTION – Councilman Duffy SECOND – Councilman Mena

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

\* MINUTES – October 20, 2021

MOTION – Councilman Dzingleski SECOND – Councilman Duffy

ROLL CALL: 6 – 0

Mayor Slavicek said that he attended the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City. Several activities are being planned the holidays. Lighting of the Menorah will be on November 28 at 4:30 p.m. We will have our Tree Lighting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our drive-through with Santa is December 4<sup>th</sup>, our 55+ Dinner Delivery will also be on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> Santa will drive through town on the Fire truck.

All the Councilmembers individually wished Matt Crane the best on his future endeavors and all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Mena thanked the Fire Dept. for the quick removal of the tree that fell down.

Borough Administrator Matt said that a meeting is scheduled with our Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney regarding Shared Services. The handrails on the ADA ramp should be installed next week. We should be receiving cameras since we qualified for the Enrichment Enhancement.

The Fire Department will hold their Annual Football Game at 8:30 A.M. at Monroe Township High School.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Reid and SECONDED by Councilman Mena to adjourn the meeting.

Sandra Bohinski  
Municipal Clerk