

MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

Council President Chris Slavicek called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided as is required by the Open Public Meetings Law with publication in the Home News Tribune 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 - absent
Karczewski
Perez

Clwmn. Bruno made a MOTION and Clmn Perez SECONDED the motion to go into Closed Session. ROLL CALL: 4 - 0.

The Council returned to Open Session.

* PUBLIC PORTION

Sewell Peckham, John Street asked if four members of the Council constituted a quorum. The Borough Attorney commented yes.

Nicole Nunes, Marlboro commended those present for showing up and caring about the residents.

Kim Opinski, Avenue A wanted to go on record that on September 19 Clwmn. Bruno was visiting her. Around 8:00 p.m. she went outside her home when a car pulled up and George Martin got out of his car and was screaming and videotaping them. She found this harassment to be very offensive.

Virginia McGinnis, Monroe Township expressed concerns over a dog named Darla. Richard Cieslesz took this dog home and she wondered why the SPCA did not report this to the Police. They took the dog home and the dog was the property of the Borough and they committed theft of Borough property. She asked Chief Lockman to look into this. She also expressed concerns over the usage and recording of the drug telazol.

Joseph Reid, Locust Drive said it is a refreshing change of pace putting Helmetta residents first.

Tom Zwolinski, Avenue A suggested that maybe a full audit of the shelter should be done.

He had questions of what it was going to cost us in regards to paying our debt. The Borough Administrator said he talked to a few people who showed an interest in the shelter. Joseph Reid, Locust Drive said that people in town are being told that a new fire truck would cost \$1.3 million.

Sewell Peckham asked if anyone checks on the shelter and was told Darren stops by and makes an inspection.

Virginia McGinnis said there is so much misinformation on the website. Judge Travis finds in favor of the plaintiff. It is not frivolous. It is mind boggling to say it is frivolous.

* CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTION # 201

Report of Municipal Clerk,

RESOLUTIONS:

2015 – 137 Acceptance of resignation of Kevin O’Keefe

138 2015 Best Practice Inventory

139 Hiring of Temporary Finance Clerk

140 Acceptance of resignation of Sharron Pyne, Court Administrator

141 Hiring of part time Court Clerk Danielle Tanzi

~~142 Hiring of Certified Tax Collector~~

~~143 Payment of Bills~~

Acceptance of application of Louis Ceras for Junior Membership to the Fire Dept.

MOTION – Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4 – 0

142 Hiring of Certified Tax Collector – Tina McDermott

(once terms and conditions are finalized by the Borough Administrator)

MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

143 Payment of Bills

Approval was made to pay the bills once a few questions were answered.

MOTION – Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clmn. Karczewski

ROLL CALL: 3-0-1

* COMMITTEE REPORTS: MAYOR, BOROUGH ATTORNEY, BOROUGH ENGINEER, DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clmn. Karczewski said the Community Center was deeded over to us and has been added to the insurance company. Hydrant flushing is being done during the day. A preconstruction meeting was held for the High Street project. The alarm company will inspect the center. The sprinklers will be winterized at the shelter. Discussion is being held about putting the internet and phone line in. There is talk about the possibility of a dumpster. It will be looked into if the lights must be kept on. Pradeep Mathew asked that the Fire Dept. be kept informed of the High Street project.

Clwmn. Bruno is working on the PBA contract as there is a typo, a sidebar will have to be done. She offered her condolences to Rafe and Nick Dolce who are members of the Fire Dept.

Clmn. Slavicek said that 90% of the townhouses are occupied and all is set

with Conrail.

Clmn, Perez stated that 65 – 80% of the budget is spent. Legal is very high. Budget transfers will be made.

Chief Lockman had a meeting about the cameras. The speed study on Lake Avenue was done and he is waiting for the data to be broken down. No parking during snow signs will be installed in Sutton Place. Halloween curfew was discussed.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

2015 -11 An Ordinance of the Borough of Helmetta authorizing the Mayor to sign a Cross-Access easement agreement with Camelot at Helmetta Urban Renewal, LLC

MOTION: Clmn. Karczewski SECOND – Clmn. Perez

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

2015 – 12 An Ordinance amending portions of Chapter 42 of the Borough Code (entitled “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER”), Chapter 55 (entitled “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), And Chapter 13 (entitled “POLICE DEPARTMENT”).

MOTION: Clwmn. Bruno SECOND – Clmn. Perez

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

2015 – 13 An Ordinance amending a portion of Chapter 43 of the Borough Code (entitled “PLAYGROUNDS, PUBLIC LANDS AND PARKS”).

MOTION: Clmn. Perez SECOND – Clwmn. Bruno

ROLL CALL: 4 - 0

* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION was made by Clmn. Karczewski and SECONDED by Clwmn. Bruno to adjourn the meeting.