

### MINUTES OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held on April 13, 2005 in the public meeting room of Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue, Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

Mayor Donoghue called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. After a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following roll call was taken: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola. Borough Attorney Miller, Borough Engineer Elliott, and Acting Municipal Clerk Harris were also present.

Mr. Harris stated that notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Courier, continuously posted in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of Atlantic Highlands, on 1/5/2005. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would be taken.

Mayor Donoghue read a Proclamation honoring former Mayor Helen Marchetti, on the occasion of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, declaring the month of April, 2005 Helen Marchetti Month in the Borough of Atlantic Highlands.<sup>i</sup>

### **RESOLUTION 064-2005, APPOINTMENT TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY**

Mayor Donoghue asked for a motion to name Steven Noonan as a member of the Borough Council. The motion was made by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

Mayor Donoghue stated that the Law calls for a member of the Democratic Party to replace Mr. Niles who had resigned. The Democratic Municipal Committee has submitted three names to this Council. It would now be appropriate to bring this Council up to full strength, but too appoint Mr. Noonan. He is a former Councilman, present and past member of the Planning Board and has demonstrated overt years his dedication and qualifications and has a great deal of experience in Municipal Government. He would encourage the Council to vote for this Municipal appointment.

This motion failed with the following roll call vote: AYES: Council members Ladiana and Nolan NAYS: Council members Archibald, Fligor and Spatola Mayor Donoghue asked for a motion to name Robert Sutton as a member of the Borough Council. The motion was made by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

Mayor Donoghue asked if any member would like to comment on their preferences. No one responded.

This motion failed with the following roll call vote: AYES: Council members Ladiana and Nolan NAYS: Council members Archibald, Fligor and Spatola

Mayor Donoghue asked for a motion to name Ellen Sheehan Duda as a member of the Borough Council. The motion was made by Council member Archibald and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This motion passed with the following vote: AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS: Council members

Mrs. Duda stated that although she was confident that she would be able to handle this position, but due to circumstances relative to the best interests of her family, she is forced to decline acceptance of this appointment.

Council member Archibald asked for the legal opinion as to the result of the situation. Attorney Miller explained that one of them has to be picked. Acting Clerk Harris clarified that because Mrs. Duda refused to serve, the position has failed to be filled. The Democratic Executive Committee would then have the authority to appoint the replacement if the Council fails to fill the vacancy after thirty days of its occurrence.

Mayor Donoghue stated that since it is likely that one of these people is likely to end up on this council, it would be a wonderful and conciliatory step if we could sit them this evening.

Council member Ladiana asked if she could move to reconsider Steve Noonan. Acting clerk Harris explained that a motion to reconsider can be made, but it must be made by someone on the prevailing side.

Council Member Archibald made a motion to reconsider the appointment of Steven Noonan as a member of the Borough Council. Council member Fligor seconded the motion.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS:

Mayor Donoghue administered the Oath of Office to Council member Noonan, and he assumed his position on the dais.

#### **RESOLUTION 065-2005, ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Ladiana and seconded by Council member Noonan.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Mayor Donoghue NAYS: Council members Archibald, Fligor and Spatola

Mayor Donoghue administered the Oath of Office to Council President Nolan.

#### **RESOLUTION 066-2005, APPOINTING DAVID ROSSBACH POLICE SERGEANT**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Spatola.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan, and Spatola NAYS:

Mayor Donoghue administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant David Rossbach.

Joseph Hawley – Ocean Blvd- asked the Mayor if there would be a public comment session. Mayor Donoghue affirmed there would be a little later in the meeting. After persistent questioning by Mr. Hawley, Mayor Donoghue opened the meeting to the public.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Joseph Hawley-25 Ocean Blvd- asked about the appointment to the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer position. He noted that Scott Melski is not listed for that appointment and feels it is a shame that he is not being hired to fill this position. He stated that if this Governing Body appoints anyone other than Scott, you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Mayor Donoghue explained that these appointments are made at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and in general it is the duty of this Council to appoint the bestqualified people, regardless. Tim Barrett-Memorial Parkway- stated that they still have a drain problem he wanted to make sure that that problem hasn't been forgotten or put on the back burner.

Engineer Elliott explained that the changed a drain piece on the northeast corner and the majority of the problem is on the northwest corner.

Mr. Barrett explained that the drain they switched is half of the size that it was and now it is worse than it was.

Mr. Nolan explained that they are moving forward on this and we can only hope that they come out and do it correctly.

Mayor Donoghue committed that we would get back to them forthwith on this issue. Council member Fligor apologized for all that Mr. Barrett is going through but explained that due to the new storm water management plan, all drains will eventually be that size. Council member Ladiana recommended that all of the governing body members call Wilber Dixon on this issue.

Barbara Humphrey- 50 memorial Pkwy- she was told that the parts were there and waiting to be installed and now it sounds like a totally different story.

Mayor Donoghue understands her frustration and reemphasized Council member Ladiana's suggestion to follow up with Mr. Dixon.

Chief Vasto- suggested the Road Dept. pick up the debris on seventh ave prior to the rain. They can look at the forecast and pick it up before it rains.

Robert Dougherty, Public Works Director, suggested the Police Dept. notify the duty guy when it rains, to clean the drains and be on site with a rake to prevent them from reclogging.

Mark Ackerson-Street Dept-feels that if the town gets a handle on the brush problem instead of letting them put it out 24-7, maybe make some kind of schedule for pick-ups, maybe this problem will be solved. We have gone through this town in two weeks, three times and you can go down any street and there are piles as big as he is, it is out of control.

Mayor Donoghue commented that a schedule needs to be put together and if it is not followed then maybe we need to get into some code enforcement.

Council member Ladiana stated there was no schedule put together for this year and asked Council member Spatola if anything has been done to get one for this Spring. Mayor Donoghue stated he would like to see the Chairman of the Streets Committee in conjunction with the Street Dept, Public Works Director, Chief of Police and anyone else that need to be involved with this, to develop a plan to limit the very liberal brush pick up policy we have hear, which causes a great deal of work, overtime and disposal problems.

Allan Dean-Second Ave- thanked Bernard Frotton for serving this community as the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for many years. He is concerned with the tree trimming being performed by JCP&L and feels the trees are being butchered. He also feels that the Borough should not be appointing the Planning Board Secretary, and is

uncertain of its legality. He stated that is an office that is selected and appointed by the Planning Board at our reorganization meeting.

Council member Ladiana commented that the Planning Board has not attempted to reach out to appoint. She had not heard from any Planning Board members. She had spoken to Mr. Steib in February and he had never mentioned that it was not their job.

Council member Archibald suggested that the resolution be amended and change the job description to Assistant Borough Finance Officer to include certain Planning Board Duties.

Mayor Donoghue noted that he has no indication that it illegal and the Planning Board Chairman has been consulted on this, there is a clear need to fill this position.

He asked if Mr. Noonan would continue as a member of Planning Board.

He also feels the Council is trying o bypass the Planning Board by denying participation in things like the DOT Harbor discussions and the Harbor Development Advisory Committee.

Kate Wigginton-Ave D- the Borough has a very liberal trash pick up policy. She would like the council to address it to kind of neaten things up.

### **RESOLUTION 067-2005, EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

### **RESOLUTION 68-2005, PAYMENT OF BILLS**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

Council member Archibald addressed Attorney Millers bill. We are now up to \$12,000.00 between January and February. At this rate we will be at \$70,000.00 for this year. The Finance Committee has only budgeted \$40,000.00 and he is asking this Council to take a look at this bill.

Attorney Miller stated, after much discussion, that she is willing to renegotiate her fee agreement in a way that is fair to her and everybody. She took the exact same fee agreement as the previous council and everyone seemed to think that was fair. Mayor Donoghue stated that he feels Mr. Archibald should be going over these things with Mrs. Miller rather than grandstanding here, week after week.

Mrs. Ladiana noted that Mr. Leahy had the same contract the Mrs. Miller followed, and in hindsight that was a mistake.

Mr. Archibald stated that we are going to spend \$72, 00.00 this year and we need to scrutinize the bill.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS: Council member Archibald

#### **RESOLUTION 69-2005, REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Archibald.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

Proposed resolution 70-2005 was removed from consideration at the request of Council member Ladiana

#### **RESOLUTION 71-2005, GRANTING PERMISSION FOR MIDDLETOWN TO PLACE ANTENNA**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Fligor and seconded by Council member Nolan.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION 72-2005, AUTHORIZING SALE OF SONIC JET FIRE BOAT**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Spatola.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

#### ORDINANCE 09-2005, AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-98 INCREASING WATER AND SEWER RATES

This Ordinance was called up for Second Reading and Final Adoption and read by title.

A Motion to open the Public Hearing was moved by Council member Nolan, seconded by Council member Spatola and unanimously approved.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Allan Dean-Second Ave- questioned why we are seeing increases.

Mayor Donoghue explained that due to past actions, surpluses that existed have generally dissipated and this has become necessary.

Council member Ladiana gave a detailed history of the financial position of the Water and Sewer Utility since 1998.

Robert Dougherty -Water/Sewer Superintendent stated that the fact of the matter is that we got into trouble when we had the two sewer reductions. The Council was advised not to do it by the CFO. We were going along fine until that time in 1998-99.

Council member Fligor outlined a new electronic system that the Borough is in the process of implementing, that would reduce the manual reading and entering of meter information.

William Eaton-Bay Ave- recommended the Borough consider changing out Industrial meters that are more than ten years old and then transfer ownership to the building owner.

Joseph Hawley-25 Ocean Blvd- he was under the impression that collections were up last year. The prior utility collector reported increased collections over the prior year.

Kate Wigginton- asked of the water or sewer rate were going up.

Council member Ladiana explained it was a 6% increase in both

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was moved by Council member Nolan, seconded by Council member Spatola and unanimously approved.

FINAL ADOPTION was moved by Council member Ladiana, seconded by Council member Nolan and approved by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Fligor, Ladiana, Niles, Nolan and Spatola NAYS: Council member Archibald

### ORDINANCE 10-2005, EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

This Ordinance was called up for Second Reading and Final Adoption and read by title.

A Motion to open the Public Hearing was moved by Council member Nolan, seconded by Council member Fligor and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

No member of the public came forward.

A Motion to close the Public Hearing was moved by Council member Nolan, seconded by Council member Fligor and unanimously approved.

FINAL ADOPTION was moved by Council member Ladiana, seconded by Council member Spatola and approved by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Niles, Nolan and Spatola NAYS: Council member

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of Minutes: March 09, 2005 Regular Meeting
- 2) Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2005 Regular Meeting
- 3) Approval of Raffle Licenses 3320-05, Sandy Hook Little League, Fireman's Filed House
- 4) Approval of raffle License 3321-05, Atlantic Highlands Fire Dept., Municipal Harbor, Atlantic Highlands, NJ
- 5) Approval of Annual Block Party for Bay Ave residents, July 16, 2005
- 6) Approval of Use for Veterans Park, Earth Day, April 23, 2005

The above items were moved as one motion by Council member Fligor, seconded by Council member Nolan and adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Niles and Noonan NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Council member Spatola

### **REPORTS - COUNCIL MEMBER, COMMITTEE, PROFESSIONAL**

Council member Ladiana reported that she and the Engineer walked the Bayshore Trail, on April 1<sup>st</sup>, with members of the DOT to get our hands around what is needed to get the trail done and our funding from the State. She also met with Jackie Royce, of the Environmental Commission, and the put together a chart of steps needed to get the county to begin working with us. The DOT representative is still working on the Feds to get them to the six feet and she also has the authority to increase the \$366,000.00 grant to \$400,000.00 as well as giving us an additional \$200,000.00 for the Wetlands mitigation. She reported that the Stormwater Management Grant Application has been submitted. Earth Day is coming up and she has been working with Council member Fligor.

Council member Fligor reported that Kramer has begun cleaning up by the Borough Yard. NJNG will be having a public Open House meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Water Dept clarifier is getting its finishing touches. It has been discovered that the clarifier is sinking 4 1/2 inches on one side and feels this could have contributed to the malfunction of the clarifier. If the clarifier were going to settle, it would have done it six months from the point of installation. 18 years ago they rebuilt it with no problem, and here we are 20 years later and there has to be a reason for it. He requested that all water meters be read this quarter and next quarter. We need two good quarters of water meter reads to have a base when the electronic meters come in.

good quarters of water meter reads to have a base when the electronic meters come in. Earth Day is April 23<sup>rd</sup> with seining and the Earth Day Fair and on the 24<sup>th</sup> is the Lenape Woods West clean up and he encourages all members of the community to come out and participate.

Council member Spoke on the Captains Guide Magazine who has approached us and the Chamber of Commerce to advertise in this guide. It will come out in June and is designed to help boaters who sail around to different Marinas and find our Harbor. He reported that one of the Firemen had an accident with the fire dept rescue boat and it will be out of commission.

Council member Archibald reported that he has responded to the officer who had submitted a grievance and has also reached out to PBA President, Richard Glietz to address the mold issues in Borough Hall.

Council member Spatola reported that there would be a poetry reading on Saturday at Goodies, starting at 7:00. The Town Garage Sale is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Vasto gave a brief report on "Rude Awaking" in conjunction with the Highlands Police Dept, for the juniors and seniors at Henry Hudson. It talks about drinking, driving and drugs and what could happen. It will be held at Henry Hudson on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and encouraged everyone to come up and take a look.

Council member Ladiana commented on the success of the Ice Skating in Red Bank.

Council member Noonan commented that he appreciates the opportunity to serve Atlantic Highlands again.

Engineer Elliott reported that the Transportation Trust Fund Applications are due to Freehold. One is for the resurface of Highland Ave and Beverout, the other for the continuation of the Streetscape from Washington Ave down to Highway 36.

Council member Archibald asked Attorney Miller on the Status of the Sidewalk Ordinance. Attorney Miller reported that is being reviewed at the County level and we are still waiting for an additional engineering review. She also received the last deed needed for the green acres reimbursement.

Robert Dougherty reported that Pat Murray is redoing the Stone Bridge. The hydrants will be flushed at the end of April and the first few days in May.

#### **COMMENT SESSION**

Mary Wall-79 Ocean Blvd- reminded this Administration that they did challenge the bills of the attorney for gate Cottage, and they were right to do so since the attorney is paid with public money. She wanted to remind Mrs. Miller that she is paid with public funds and she is a public servant and she works for us, not the other way around.

Bernard Frotton- 12 Memorial Pkwy- thanked everyone that he has worked with over the years but he has was questioning the times he worked, the salaries he received and the way they were anticipated in regards to the inspections he completed as the Zoning Officer for the Borough. The State sent the Borough a letter back in January that he is requesting the Borough answer.

Mickey Rast- 49 8<sup>th</sup> Ave- Mentioned the Captains Guide and mentioned the Harbor Commission has committed \$2,500.00 and the Chamber is also committing \$2,400.00 and would like the Borough to contribute funds to this as well.

Council member Nolan questioned the availability of Municipal funds for advertising. Jane Frotton of the Harbor Commission feels this is an excellent piece and this would be a good investment for the Borough, the Chamber and the Harbor.

William Eaton was under the impression that the Harbor and Chamber were to split the cost and it would not be a taxpayer issue.

Allan Dean is a member of the Chamber of commerce and he is unclear as to why this is being considered. He does not see any benefit to the taxpayer and he is opposed to this.

Joseph Hawley-Ocean Blvd- thanked Mr. Frotton for his years of service. He believes the borough should consider naming one of the pocket parks after Helen Marchetti. He would also hope they consider naming Scott Melski as the towns Code Enforcement officer.

William Eaton-Bay Ave- commented on the need to fill out the annual Financial Disclosure Statements required by Local Government Officers. He then polled the Governing Body to see if they were all in compliance with law. He then asked the Mayor to direct the clerk to check on the compliance with this law, and if members have not complied then appropriate resignations be asked for.

Mickey Rast- commented that the business owners should be subject to fines for violating the Ordinances regarding garbage pick up and other issues along First Ave.

Bernard Frotton- responded to some of the issues raised by Mrs. Rast.

#### **RESOLUTION 073-2005, ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

**RECONVENE** - At 11:00pm the meeting was resumed.

Council member Nolan made a motion to close the Executive Session it was seconded by Councilmember Spatola and carried by unanimous consent.

# PUBLIC ORDINANCE 11-2005, AMENDING ORDINANCE 1-2005 "SALARY ORDINANCE"

This Ordinance was read by title. It was moved for Introduction and First Reading by Council member Nolan, seconded by Council member Ladiana and was approved by the following vote. It shall be published in an official newspaper and a public hearing shall be held on April 27, 2005.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION 074 -2005, APPOINT CONSTRUCTION CODE AND SUB-CODE OFFICIALS**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Council member Noonan

#### RESOLUTION 075-2005, APPOINTING DANIEL STOKES SPECIAL OFFICER CLASS I

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Spatola and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS: ABSTAIN: Council member Noonan

## RESOLUTION 076-2005, APPOINTING MICHELLE CLARK PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Archibald and seconded by Council member Ladiana.

In consideration of prior discussions the title of this position will be amended to Administrative Assistant.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Council member Ladiana

### **RESOLUTION 077-2005, APPOINTING MARIANNE HANKO, ZONING OFFICER**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Fligor.

Council member Archibald requested an e-mail notification as to what her hours would be.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Council member Noonan

## **RESOLUTION 078-2005, APPOINTING GLENN BLAZE, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Ladiana and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan and Spatola NAYS: ABSTAIN: Council member Noonan

Council member Nolan commented that recommendations for resolution 079-2005 should come from the Planning Board. Allan Dean confirmed that he would present it before the Board at the next meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION 080-2005, ACCEPTING REQUEST FOR LONG TERM MEDICAL LEAVE**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Nolan and seconded by Council member Noonan.

Mayor Donoghue gave a summation of the request and proposed agreement in regards to John Phair.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION 081-2005, OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE B.E.S.T. ACADEMY**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Archibald and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

#### **RESOLUTION 082-2005, APPOINTING TEMPORARY ACTING FINANCE OFFICER**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Ladiana and seconded by Council member Nolan.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote.

AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Council member Noonan

## RESOLUTION 083-2005, APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION AGREEMNT – NJDOT GRANT PROGRAM

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Ladiana and seconded by Council member Fligor.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION 075-2005, APPLICATION AND RESOLUTION AGREEMENT-NJDOT PROGRAM**

This resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Council member Fligor and seconded by Council member Archibald.

This resolution was adopted by the following vote. AYES: Council members Archibald, Fligor, Ladiana, Nolan, Noonan and Spatola NAYS: ABSTAIN:

**ADJOURN** - There being no further business before the Mayor & Council, Council member Nolan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 PM, the motion was seconded by Council member Ladiana and unanimously approved.

The Governing Body approved these minutes on May 11, 2005.

Dwayne M. Harris Acting Municipal Clerk

#### BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

#### A PROCLAMATION By MAYOR PETER E. DONOGHUE and the members of the Borough Council

ON BEHALF OF THE GRATEFUL RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH

In recognition of the long and tireless service of HELEN M. MARCHETTI

To the residents of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, on the occasion of her 80th birthday, we therefore declare the month of April 2005 to be Helen Marchetti month in the borough.

This honor is bestowed on Mrs. Marchetti to honor her long, tireless and varied efforts on behalf of the community, including but not limited to her current and past service as Mayor -- highlighted by her role as Centennial mayor, member of the Borough Council, Atlantic Highlands Board of Education member and president, Harbor Commission member and chairman, Atlantic Highlands Historical Society member and president, Lions Club member and president, Atlantic Highlands Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary.

Few areas of community life have not been touched by the guiding hand of Mrs. Marchetti, a fact which we residents of her beloved town acknowledge with intense gratitude. Here penchant for public service and the dedication and warmth with which she exhibits it is an inspiration to all of us.

Therefore, we members of the governing body urge all residents to join us in praising the extensive efforts of Mrs. Marchetti and wishing her at heartfelt Happy Birthday.

Peter E. Donoghue, Mayor

April 13, 2005

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