

MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, was held on November 30, 2011 in the public meeting room of Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands NJ.

Mayor Rast called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After a silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the following roll call was taken:

Roll Call:

Present: Archibald Jr. John, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Rast, III Frederick J. Mayor (Not voting), Sutton Robert **Absent/Excused:** Dellosso Roy.

Municipal Clerk Harris stated that notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, continuously posted in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk of Atlantic Highlands, on 1/04/2011. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would be taken.

Presentation: Atlantic Highlands Lion's Club:

A check was presented to the Chief of Police by the Atlantic Highlands Lion's Club in the amount \$6,285.00 for the purchase of bullet proof vests.

Chief Vasto thanked the Lions' Club and explained that vests are not cheap and only last about five years. This really shows how an organization like theirs cares for the Police.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, November 09, 2011

Motion: Action: Approve, Moved by Sutton Robert, Seconded by Fligor Lou. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS – COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PROFESSIONAL, OTHER

Councilman Sutton reported that the water meter audit requested by the Mayor has been completed and there are about 20 locations that are not being equally charged.

Councilman Fligor reported the Sewer Authority went out with an RFP for a price to separate the sewer lines between Atlantic Highlands and Highlands. He will also be speaking with Spence Wickham about putting the trail along the easement line owned by the Bayshore Outfall Authority. He reported the Community Events committee is holding a Christmas tree sale and asked for everyone support. He reported the First Aid's Santa Run will begin on December 3rd.

He also reported that the Beautification Committee will be wrapping the poles with lights and Garland, beginning on Friday night.

Councilman Archibald reported on the Police report for October with 928 calls for the month. There was also about 93 hours of overtime. The PBA contract has been voted on and the amended Salary Ordinance is to cover the PBA and MSA salary increases.

Councilman Hoffmann is getting ready for the events coming up in the field and everyone is getting ready for the Holiday Season. The Harbor is getting ready for the winter.

Councilman Doyle reported on the November 11 ceremony for the American Legion which was well attended, and thanked everyone for their attendance. He reported on a bill being put in at the Assembly level that would override Municipal Ordinances on disorderly conducts.

Hubeny reported that changes are being made in the Borough yard regarding electronic recycling. Advanced recovery will now be serving us and they will pay us for your recycling. Streetscape IV will be completed next week. You will see the RFP for the Borough and Harbor professionals. They are all in front of you with a summary sheet. He reported Borough hall is moving along and as you know December 6^{th} is our substantial completion date. I do believe Santorini will make that date, but we have added on some additional work that may delay them a couple of weeks.

Clerk Harris reported that Hunter technologies will be in tomorrow to do a walk through for the new phone system installation and again next Tuesday to discuss system programming.

Engineer Marks reported they [T&M Associates] are well on their way with design and engineering for Well #1. They had also met with NJNG to coordinate with them. NJNG has expressed their willingness to help financially, with any costs associated with well repair and their capping in the Borough Yard in the wake of their remediation work. He reported the bollards for the streetscape project will be installed next week and we will be able to close that out. We met with NJDOT to coordinate the installation of the Stone Sign wall. The shelter needs to be moved five or six feet east. NJ Transit had no objection with the movement and offered to replace it with something new. The bus shelter is Borough property so it can be reused or repurposed maybe in the Harbor. The remedial repairs on the 2007 road project will be completed next week.

Jane Frotton Harbor Commission chairman reported that they had a meeting with MaryAnn Hess regarding the jetty usage. She will present them to the Harbor Commission before they bring it to the Council. She also mentioned that the Life Saving Station is still in committee and some issue that arose will be discussed by the Harbor Commission. No final decisions have been made.

Al Thompson - Harbor Commissioner commented on the status of the boat house project proposed by the Art's Council regarding it historic status on the State level.

James Krauss – Environmental Commission, reported on the continuing progress down at Hudson Springs.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Dick Contrell from WPCS made a presentation along with Chief Vasto regarding the radios in the Police Station. The radios are from 1995-1996 and are no longer serviceable. We [the Police] need new radios and it is now matters of getting the Council's okay and order these radios. The Police console is old, and we hope it does not fail us. It also services the Fire Dept. and First Aid. We need to act on this and move along and purchase these radios which will take us through the next 8-10 years.

The Governing Body members asked several questions regarding the proposal being presented.

Ed Cetron commented on the why we need the physical hardware. He relayed an experience today that they [First Aid] tried to call dispatch but they couldn't because a repeater was out. If the first aiders are not close to the Police Dept., their radios [portables] do not work.

Helen Marchetti commented that what she is hearing is really scary to her. When she calls the police she needs them to respond. The Council should stop haggling over this and just approve it and get it done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ed Cetron, Auditorium Drive commented that the Mayor can be Santa on Monday. He will be available for Hunter technologies tomorrow if needed. He commented that the Community Events Committee would like to donate a living evergreen to the Borough as the official tree for the Borough. He asked if the Captain's House [boat house] decision was coming back to the Borough Council or will it be handled by the Harbor Commission. He finally commented on the how the Borough dispatches. He is in favor of getting the hardware. He is concerned because we are hearing a lot about moving dispatch to County. The Borough has to weigh the financial potential gains against the quality of service you get. There are rumors of people who would like us to move lock, stock and barrel to the County. He is not in favor of that. The County has made mistakes in the past dispatching Atlantic Highlands FA calls to Keansburg and Middletown. We have to look at things other than the financials. Sanitation is one thing but Police Fire and EMS, there is no room for error.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 20-2011 – Amending Ordinance 01-2011 [Salary Ordinance]

Motion: was made to introduce this Ordinance **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Hoffmann Jacob, **Seconded by** Sutton Robert.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5). **Yes:** Archibald Jr. John, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert. Public Hearing and possible adoption will take place on December 21, 2011 at 7:00pm.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA-</u> These items will be enacted by one motion. If detailed deliberation is desired on any item, Council could remove that item from the consent agenda and considered it separately

- 1. Resolution 170-2011, Transfer of Funds
- 2. Resolution 171-2011, Authorizing Change Order #58 Santorini Construction
- 3. Resolution 172-2011, Authorizing Change Order #59 Santorini Construction
- 4. Resolution 173-2011, Authorizing Change Order #60 Santorini Construction
- 5. Resolution 174-2011, Authorizing Change Order #61 Santorini Construction
- 6. Resolution 175-2011, Authorizing Change Order #62 Santorini Construction
- 7. Resolution 176-2011, Authorizing Change Order #63 Santorini Construction
- 8. Resolution 177-2011, Award Contract 2012/2013 Electrical Services -Sodon's Electric
- 9. Resolution 178-2011, Payment of Bills
- 10. Resolution 179-2011, Authorizing Change Order #64 Santorini Construction

Motion: To approve all items on the Consent Agenda., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Archibald Jr. John, **Seconded by** Sutton Robert.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5). **Yes:** Archibald Jr. John, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION -

No comments from the public

RESOLUTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION {8:27pm}

Attorney Riley read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- 1. **Item** Contract Negotiations PBA/MSA/MEA
- 2. Item Litigation Iler vs. Borough of Atlantic Highlands

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes will be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the above items and the public is excluded from this meeting.

Motion: the Mayor and Council to go into Executive Session to discuss the above items

Action: Enter Closed Session, Moved by Sutton Robert, and Seconded by Fligor Lou. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor asked for a brief recess.

The Regular Meeting resumed at [10:23]

Motion: There being no further business before the Mayor and Council the Mayor will entertain a motion to adjourn. **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Fligor Lou , **Seconded by** Hoffmann Jacob. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN [10:23] -

Motion: To approve these minutes was moved by Archibald Jr. John, seconded by Fligor Lou

Vote: Yes: Archibald Jr. John, Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert Abstain: Dellosso Roy. Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be the action of the Governing Body at its meeting held December 21, 2011.

is, RMC Dwayne M. L Municipal (