



# MINUTES OF THE MAYOR and COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands was held on September 20, 2011, and Shore Casino Simon Lake Drive, Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

This meeting was hosted as a Meet & Greet. However 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 September 16, 2011. No formal action was taken.

Mayor Rast began the Meet & Greet session at 7:20 PM present were Mayor Rast, Councilman Hoffman, Councilman Sutton, and Councilman Dellosso, Administrator Hubeny and Clerk Harris. Councilman Archibald arrived at 7:50pm and Councilman Doyle arrived at 7:52pm.

Councilman Dellosso and Councilman Hoffman gave a report to the members of the public about the Borough Hall renovations. They then answered questions from the public:

Lisa Nestasi, South Avenue, expressed her concern about the library activities being canceled this summer because the county would not allow activities outside of the library.

William Phillips, Memorial Parkway, commented that once the library was open the Field house would be available again for those types of activities that could possibly be run through the recreation department.

Councilman Dellosso, Councilman Hoffman and Councilman Fligor discussed the dissolution of the Atlantic Highlands/Highlands Regional Sewer Authority. They projected there would be a \$200,000 per year savings. They then answered questions from the public:

Lisa Nestasi, South Avenue, asked if the savings were per year.

Councilman Sutton made a presentation regarding the water treatment plant. He explained that the borough would be financing \$1.2 million worth of repairs and would pay for this financing by charging a surcharge of \$30 per quarter to each unit that utilizes the borough's water. He then answered questions from the public:

Jane Frotton Memorial Parkway, is concerned that the Borough will not be bonding for this.

Wilbur Bishoff, Memorial Parkway, recommended that the borough consider selling the water system to American Water. He asked if the borough has done a cost benefit analysis for this over the next 20 years. He also questioned it was possible to include the water and sewer charges as part of the tax bill allowing residents to take a deduction.

William Phillips, Memorial Parkway, commented on the Borough of Highlands experiences with American Water after they sold their system for 3 million dollars.

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Paul Cavise commented on his three homes in Fair haven, where they use American water. He questions if the residence of Atlantic Highlands will be able to afford the borough was water in 20 years.

Lisa Nestasi, South Avenue, feels it is frustrating to the taxpayer and wonders what has been done in the past to maintain the water system. She also advocates water conservation utilizing "green" methods such as rain barrels.

Evelyn D'Amato commented that she feels this town is the only town that does things after studying the impact on the town and its residents.

Robert Johnson agrees with Lisa Nestasi's comments on wasted water in the harbor and asked if the \$30 charge was a per meter charge.

Jimmy Passaro commented that the borough has promised water and sewer bill decreases before, however the bills never go down. He asked if the \$30 fee was going to be in a separate bill or a separate line on the current water/sewer bill.

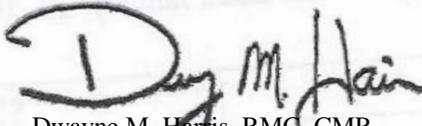
At approximately 9:00 PM the Mayor thanked everyone for their participation; he thanked residents for coming out to discuss these vital Borough issues and ended the Meet & Greet session.

A motion, to approve these minutes, was offered by Councilman R Dellosso and was duly seconded by Councilman J Hoffmann.

This motion was passed by the following vote:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Councilman J Archibald, Councilman R Dellosso, Councilman P Doyle, Councilman L Fligor, Councilman J Hoffmann and (5)
<b>Nays:</b>	None (0)
<b>Abstain:</b>	Councilman R Sutton (1)
<b>Absent:</b>	None (0)

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 September 28, 2011.



Dwayne M. Harris, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk