



MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF March 14, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, was held on March 14, 2012 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: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton, Mayor Frederick J. Rast III
Absent/Excused: Councilman Peter T. Doyle.

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 1/03/2012. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would be taken.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Christopher Rooney – Tri-District School Superintendent – School Budget made a presentation on the budgets for Atlantic Highlands Elementary School and Henry Hudson Regional. He highlighted some of the trends in the districts over the last four years and then discussed new programs and curriculums being introduced. He mentioned the need to do lot of technology infrastructure expansion to meet the future needs of the students and requirements of the State. He noted that during the 2011-2012 the increase was .68 per \$100.00 of assessed value and in 2012-2013 the increase will be \$0.00 zero, for both schools. There have been reductions in salary because of the sharing of services of the Superintendent, the Business Administrator, Nursing services, Shared Basic Skills teachers and other professionals. They have also saved \$1.2 million dollars by refinancing their bonds. Out of district tuitions are also bringing in \$219,000 which is equivalent to 4 points, and that figure is trending up. He also mentioned that they are receiving revenue from their solar panels.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

Motion: Action: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Lou Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Robert Sutton.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS – COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PROFESSIONAL, OTHER

Councilman Archibald – No Report.

Councilman Hoffmann mentioned the vendor researching the wind turbines in the harbor has provided a link for residents to go and look at the weather in the Harbor. He reported the Harbor is doing well.

Councilman Dellosso reported the Town Wide garage sale will be on May 19, 2012. The punch list for the building is coming down but there as till a few issues that need to be addressed. He reported that the Historical Society has been approved for the State Registry of Historical Homes. This will qualify them for the Federal registry.

Councilman Sutton – No report

Councilman Fligor reported that September 28, 2012 will be the Mayor’s Ball and they will try to incorporate it with the 125th Anniversary of the Borough. He did mention that tax collections are up over last year and Debra Hough, the Tax Collector should be congratulated.

Mayor Rast announced that there are vacancies on the Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions and asked for volunteers.

Administrator Hubeny reported the Borough received a \$100,000 check from NJNG for the South Avenue Park restoration, which will be held in escrow for park repairs. He also received reimbursement from Community Block for the Woodlands Park program that was completed last year. The Bonds for the Water/Sewer improvements will go out for sale on March 21. He also reported the Borough received a \$200,000 grant to pave along West Ave from Highland Ave to the highway.

Clerk Harris – no report

Borough Attorney Bernard Reilly – no report

Jane Frotton – Harbor Commission will be going to look at the wind turbines in Brick Town in furtherance of the Harbor Commission’s investigation for installation in the Harbor. She has also compiled a previous donor lists for the Fireworks and she will be sending out the letters, requesting donations soon.

James Krauss, Environmental Commission reported that the turbines he investigated in Long Branch had a slight squeak to it and thought the repair and maintenance should be a consideration for the Borough also.

Michele Rast for the Chamber of Commerce reported on June 10, the Chamber will be sponsoring a “Taste of Atlantic Highlands” and the cost will be \$30.00. Visitors will be able to

come and sample foods and wares from all of the vendors along First Avenue. She reported the entrance wall on the corner of Memorial Pkwy and First Avenue is just about finished. They need to install the lettering and the LED lighting. There will be an area for planting behind the wall, either Holly or Birch Trees. The Chamber spoke to Mr. Shin from the Shell gas station across the street, and he is very agreeable to a wall on his property but is concerned that the wall will not infringe on the visibility of his property. They are working out the details with him. June 17th is the car Show. The Film Fest One and the Historical Society Flea Market will team up and host their programs during the same day.

Mayor Rast reported that the Code Enforcement has become aggressive on the way stores are being maintained in accordance with our ordinances. He also commented that he has reached out to Highlands and Sea Bright regarding sharing dispatching services. They are still waiting for each town history before they can determine pricing. He has had about 6 meetings and the other Municipalities are very receptive and he will keep everyone informed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 03-2012, 2012 COLA ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

Motion: Action: Introduce Ordinance, **Moved by** Councilman Roy Dellosso, **Seconded by** Councilman Lou Fligor..

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 056-2012, APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT ATTORNEY – RICHARD LEAHEY

Motion: Action: Approve Resolution, Moved by Councilman John Archibald Jr., Seconded by Councilman Jacob Hoffmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 057-2012, APPROVING THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Motion: Introduce the 2012 Municipal Budget, Action: Approve Resolution, Moved by Councilman Roy Delloso, Seconded by Councilman Robert Sutton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 058-2012, PAYMENT OF BILLS, \$389,279.31

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, **Seconded by** Councilman Roy Delloso.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION –

Michele Rast – 49 Eighth Ave asked what is happening with the regulators on First Ave. Sara Weimer expressed her support of Superintendent Rooney.

James Krauss - 77 Bayside Dr., commented that he would like to not touch the Deferred School Assets unless it is an absolute emergency. He does not feel \$57.00 is a major item.

Robert Dougherty – 16 Simpson Ave commented he feels the current governing body is doing a really good job and deserves a lot of credit. He runs into people all day and people are happy at the way the town is being run.

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Engineer Marks reported that Well #1 documentation, has been submitted to DEP for permitting. Hopefully that permit will be in in 90 days or so. Once it is in, we can go to bid.

ADJOURN [8:30pm] - There being no further business before the Mayor and Council

Motion: Adjourn, Moved by Councilman Roy Dellosso, Seconded by Councilman Lou Fligor.

Motion passed unanimously.