



MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, was held on June 13, 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.

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.

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.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting, May 23, 2012

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

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION:

Mayor Rast presented a plaque to retiring Librarian, Marilyn Scherfen in recognition of her long service and dedication to the Borough as an employee of the library.

"GO GOLD CURE KIDS CANCER CAMPAIGN" - KATHLEEN HARPER AND MARI KOVACH- Mari Kovach made a presentation to the Governing Body about "Go Gold for Pediatric Cancer". The goal for the "Make Some Noise Foundation" is to raise funds and awareness for this cause. They would like Atlantic Highlands to be one of the first towns in the Bayshore Area to "Go Gold for Pediatric Cancer". They would like to do some of the same advertising and promotion utilized by the Paint the Town Pink Foundation, with a gold stripe down First Ave, banners, gold ribbons and by also soliciting the support of the local businesses. Gold is the color designated for pediatric cancer and September is the month designated for such recognition.

POLICE STAFFING- Mayor Rast stated that the council has given this serious consideration and by moving acting on the proposal would allow the Chief to add a 5th Sergeant. He suggests having a show of hands as to who would like to move forward. Councilman Hoffmann asked for the committee to present a report before a vote is taken. Councilman Archibald reported that he, Mr. Sutton, the Chief and the Captain had met and discussed concerns relating to insurance and the lack of training of the newer officers. Councilman Sutton commented that the Chief was concerned about being subject to a lawsuit because of not having the right people in place. He thought it would cost about \$4,000 to add an additional Sergeant and he would recommend moving forward. Councilman Archibald also added that if we did not move now, the Chief would have to go out and retest, because the current testing is due to expire and retesting would cost about \$1,800. The Mayor asked for an informal show of hands and the decision to promote a 5th Sergeant was unanimous. A recommendation and resolution will be prepared for a future meeting.

REPORTS – COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, PROFESSIONAL, OTHER

Councilman Delloso reported the AH/HRSA Dissolution Committee will be meeting on Friday to discuss moving that plan forward. He mentioned the Historical Society had their house tour over the weekend and there were about 125 participants and the first Taste of Atlantic Highlands was held on Sunday by the Chamber of Commerce, which drew in about 170 persons. Next Wednesday, June 20th, the Historical Society is having a lecture by the Commander of Earle Naval Pier and everyone is invited to attend. He mentioned the Harbor Commission will be combing two bonds to get some work done which he will explain later.

He mentioned the Harbor Commission gave approval of the proposed party boat in the Harbor. It is a three level boat that would have food, dancing and gambling on the third level. This could bring a huge return to the town as the boat is planning 13 trips per week. Councilman Archibald asked several questions about the times of the runs, parking and how that would interfere with the commuter parking. Some of the issues discussed at the Harbor Commission meeting were where the boat would park, pier renovations and expenses and the hiring of local residents.

Al Thompson of the Harbor Commission mentioned there approval was to move forward and further look into the proposal.

Al Schuman commented that they would like to hire 110 people and hope to get 80-90 from the area. The boat was in Savannah and feels this market would be a good market. The boat is an entertainment venue not a casino. The casino is just a part of the entertainment. The boat is on its way north, it will be updated and retrofitted for the area. This venture will be bringing a lot of people in, usually by bus, and that will bring business to local restaurants and shops along First Ave. He mentioned that they are here to be a part of the community, not to see what they can take out. They would like to get in as soon as possible because summer is their busy season. He projects they will board 88,000-100,000 people during a ten month period in this market. He would like to know if the town would like to have them here or not. If yes, we can work out the how to make it happen.

Jane Frotton of the Harbor Commission commented that Al and his organization would also be willing to help fund structural improvements in the town [parking garage] that would help them and the town as well.

The Governing Body approved further investigation of this venture.

Councilman Sutton reported the Water and Sewer committee will be meeting next week to discuss some of the proposed projects that are being or need to be worked on.

Councilman Fligor reported on NJNG and the removal of the regulators along First Avenue. The As- built for the Sodon Property are still being worked on. NJNG may need to continue the cleanup at the Borough Yard due to changes in DEP regulations.

Administrator Hubeny commented on the status of T-Mobile and the proposed cell tower as a response to a question from Councilman Hoffmann. T-Mobile has paid the rents due but would like to discuss a release on the lease agreement.

Councilman Archibald had no report.

Councilman Hoffmann reported that the Harbor Commission is doing an investigation into a whole year wind cycle for the proposed wind turbines. He also asked for volunteers for the Fireman's Fair which is being held July 3rd through the seventh. The Fireworks are on the 6th with a rain date for the 7th. The drawing for the motorcycle will also take place on the 7th.

Mayor Rast reminded everyone of the upcoming car show.

Administrator Hubeny reported on the receipt of grants and moneys back for improvements made to Borough Hall on the HVAC and the boilers, about \$2,000. There will be an automatic license plate reader installed on First Ave and a pretty extensive camera system installed in the Harbor, all from grants. There are about 6 items left on the Borough Hall reconstruction that need to be finished. He talked about 4 major items the governing body still needs to give direction on. The Borough has \$74,707.00 left in the bond for the building. One of the major builds was the municipal archives which allows us to get all of our offsite storage of records back to the Borough. He would like to purchase a system that would hold up to 950 storage boxes, similar to what you see in a doctor's office. Another item is the finishing of the landscaping which would include the installation of a sprinkler system. There is also a suggestion to make this a community event. Another item would be the upgrading the Borough's computer systems and servers. The Police server crashed last week and the systems need to be upgraded. He mentioned that a previous bond for \$175,000 has a balance of \$91,600 which he would like to use to complete some of these projects.

Municipal Clerk Harris asked the members of the governing body to complete and submit their Financial Disclosures if they have not already done so.

Engineer Neff was in on behalf of Dave Marks and reported on some activities T&M is working on for the Borough, particularly the West Avenue resurfacing which the planning is about 95% complete. They did submit a grant application to Community Development to do some repaving in parts of the Woodland Park area of town

Attorney Reilly had no report.

Chief Vasto reported that they had solved a burglary that was committed on Bayside Drive. He has advertised for a Police officer and June 30 is the cutoff date for that. The Police cars are almost done. The radios are being installed and next week the computers will be installed. He expects them to be in full operation in two weeks. He also thanked his men for the part they played during the funeral services for Lenny Edward, and remarked on how he was a big supporter of the department and will be missed.

Jane Frotton of the Harbor Commission reiterated the need for the different committees established by the Harbor Commission to work and make appropriate recommendations back to the Borough.

Don Gates from Clean Communities reported on the progress of a Wetlands Mitigation Grant from the DEP.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Scherfen – Ave D, commented that people are traveling along Avenue D at an excessive speed, about 40mph. He would like one or two additional 25mph signs along Avenue D.

Thomas King, Ocean Blvd asked a question about where the Borough thinks the riders for the proposed casino boat would come from. He also asked what a license plate reader was and what it does for our town.

Dido Krikorian, Hill Road, asked what the proposed casino boat is going to do for the businesses. She thought they would be bringing people into town and is concerned that it may actually draw business away from downtown.

Kathleen Ligon, E. Highland Ave asked if they are talking about building a facility here for the people [party boat patrons] to wait in. We don't have a facility for the Sea Streak commuters to utilize.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 091-2012, AUTHORIZING AVAYA PRODUCT TRIAL/NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Motion: Approve Resolution, **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 092-2012, REFUND OF TAX SALE PREMIUM

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman John Archibald Jr., **Seconded by** Councilman Robert Sutton.

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 093-2012, 2011 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Lou Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Roy Dellosso.

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 094-2012, LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – 2012/2013 TERM

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Robert Sutton, **Seconded by** Councilman Roy Dellosso.

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 095-2012, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS/EMPLOYEES FOR 2012

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Roy Dellosso, **Seconded by** Councilman Robert Sutton.

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 096-2012, PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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 097-2012, APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTIC PIER

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Lou Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Roy Dellosso.

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 098-2012, REFUNDING OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Motion: Approve Resolution, **Moved by** Councilman Roy Dellosso, **Seconded by** Councilman John Archibald Jr.

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.

ORDINANCE 07-2012, BOND ORDINANCE - AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE 18-2007

Motion: Introduce Ordinance07-2012, **Moved by** Councilman Roy Dellosso, **Seconded by** Councilman Lou Fligor.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Councilman John Archibald Jr.

Public Hearing and possible adoption will be held on June 27, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION –

Police Chief Vasto thanked the Mayor and Council for getting the Police Department staffing back up to an appropriate level and he will be submitting a name for the fulfillment of the Sergeants position, for approval at the next meeting.

ADJOURN [8:45pm] - There being no further business before the Mayor and Council,

Motion: Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Lou Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Robert Sutton. The motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

June 13, 2012

Motion: Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman John Archibald Jr., **Seconded by** Councilman Jacob Hoffmann.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1)

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton, Mayor Frederick J. Rast III.

Abstain: Councilman Peter T. Doyle.

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 June 27, 2012.



Dwayne M. Harris, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk