

**REGULAR AGENDA MEETING  
Mayor and Council  
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey  
March 11, 2019**

**(PAH) Call Meeting to Order**

**Time: 7:04pm**

**Mayor's Announcement:**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been provided to individuals requesting the same.

**(ALB) Roll Call:**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x	
EVANELLA (GE)	x	
WALKER (DW)		x
BROCKMAN (JB)	x	
PEDERSEN (JP)	x	
CHUNG (JC)		x

**Also present:**

**Ms. Ann H. Bistriz, Borough Clerk (ALB)**

**Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO, CTC (KJT)**

**(PAH) Motion to Suspend the Order of Business**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Open to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**Peter Ardito, Chair Environmental Commission-HarBee Beekeeping LLC  
57 Glen Avenue E, speaking on behalf of the Environmental Commission**

Distributed was a service contract for HarBee Beekeeping which would supply the Borough with bees, will maintain the hives, and provide a minimum of 24lbs of saleable honey to the Borough. This company does work in other municipalities in the area, including Demarest and works with businesses such as Stokes Farm in Old Tappan. This program would be funded through the EC and would cost \$1500 annually, with a deal made to save \$200 for a 2-year contract.

The contractor holds his own insurance and the agreement is necessary as part of our municipal insurance coverage.

Location would be in the fenced in area by the mulch pile and tree bank in the far back of Highland Upper Field, out of the vicinity of the public and especially playing fields.

This project can begin in mid-Spring and provide Sustainable NJ points for the borough. The sale of the honey produced would help offset any expenditures.

AN suggested that the honey be sold in ¼ pound jars, rather than ½ pound size. He also suggested a trail cam to watch the area to see if there are any adverse conditions or animals that would affect the production of honey and the safety of the bees.

PA will speak to Mark Kiernan regarding the pathway, fencing and camera installation.

PA inquired if the Borough will be supporting the Opposition to Utilities and their control of the public right of ways. PAH informed PA that resolution was on the agenda.

Brief discussion followed about the removal of trees along Closter Road by Orange and Rockland and the impact the run off will have on the area and water supply.

**(PAH) Close to Public**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Return to Regular Order of Business**

**Motion GE**

**Second JP**

**Vote AIF**

**(PAH) Consent Agenda-Resolutions-**

**All matters listed under this section are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion as listed below. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Should discussion be desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately under New or Old Business on the Agenda.**

**Consent Approval Items: (A-E)**

**2019-53-GO THE DISTANCE FOR AUTISM RIDE-Addendum A**

**2019-54-OPPOSE THE VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ACT**

**(S2505/A2558) Addendum B**

**2019-55-A RESOLUTION DEMANDING A COMMITMENT FROM SUEZ NORTH AMERICA TO AGGRESSIVELY REPLACE LEAD SERVICE LINES THEY OWN-Addendum C**

**2019-56 AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR A HINO TRUCK MODEL 195 OR EQUIVALENT-Addendum D**

## **2019-57 LIONS CLUB COFFEE AND CARS-Addendum E**

### **Motion JP**

### **Second GE**

**Discussion:** PAH noted that there is a correction to the date for the Lions Club event-it should be corrected to MAY 18<sup>th</sup>.

AN commented that perhaps SUEZ should take more accountability and guidance for the lead issue with the water lines. PAH has spoken with representatives for SUEZ and they informed him that houses built after 1986 should not have any problems- the water is leaving the treatment plant fine- the issue is the lines from the street connection to the home-on private property could be lead. This leaves the responsibility with the homeowner since it is not Suez property. ALB was directed to reach out to her connections at SUEZ for additional information.

### **Roll Call Vote AIF**

### **Individual Committee Reports**

#### **(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher**

**Surplus Equipment**-Mike Hunken, OEM is looking into this program which PAH discussed with Congressman Gottheimer last month. Could possibly be able to get equipment for all departments.

**Silver Award-Bergen JIF**-\$1000 Safety Award to be used towards street signs

**BCUA Grant for \$3000 Recycling Center Security Cameras**-Grant funds will be used to watch the recycling center which often has illegal dumping of all sorts of materials.

#### **(AN) Planning Bd., Bd. of Adjustment, Construction, Fire, Ambulance**

#### **(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel**

February Report:

462 calls, 159 traffic enforcements, 5 motor vehicle collisions,

3788 miles driven YTD 10,077

60 summonses YTD 97 Officer Getto YTD 29

OT \$13,300-this should be less in future months since injured officers are back to work.

Officer Leeman has been certified for animal cruelty enforcement she would also like to start a program in the HP school to recognize achievements by students with a police escort to school.

PAH asked about the difference in mileage traveled between January and February. GE explained that it is affected by the weather and variety of incidents that are responded to.

#### **(DW) DPW, Building & Grounds, Sanitation/Recycling**

#### **(JB) Board of Health, Environmental Commission**

BOH is considering a program to provide vaccinations such as measles (or other recommendations) to all qualifying first responders (HPVAC/HPFD). This would be a

program for the future and there are several components that still need to be addressed including consideration for Titer Testing to determine who should be vaccinated.

**(JP) Finance, Admin. & Exec., Grants**

2019 budget is complete and includes:

Settled contracts, Library will be budgeted an extra \$9000 to meet their needs, pension increases, and a variety of capital improvements.

Taxes for the average house will increase \$70 per year. Surplus is 1.31Million \$50,000 placed aside for tax appeals. Budget will be introduced March 18, 2019.

Finance Committee met this evening. Riverside Cooperative bids will take place March 13., retro pay for police will be next payroll, \$3000 was awarded from the BCUA which will be put towards security cameras for the DPW, Baseball payments accepted in Finance Office, Harriot Avenue Street signs will be set up shortly, carbon monoxide detectors have been placed in Borough Hall, Field Maintenance contract will be awarded March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**(JC) Recreation Commission, Liaison to Board of Education, Public Information**

**(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator**

**Harrington Park 5k Race-Banner Approval.**

Sharing of time for Town Day, Farmers Market and the 5K will be designated on the resolution for the upcoming meeting so all get to benefit from the street coverage.

**2019-58 HARRINGTON PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY-HISTORY DAY**

**Addendum F**

Council requested that the chalked areas be cleaned after the event to prevent any staining or encouraging others to draw on these sidewalks in the future without permission.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**(AN)** Noted that the Library sign is in disrepair- he fixed it last year with a zip tie and nothing has been done since. KJT will speak to Library to have the sign repaired.

**(GE)** Chief of Police would like to set up a presentation from the Rodgers Group to explain the Police Accreditation Program and how it benefits the Borough. JIF recommends this program and offers a discount on the annual premium. A presentation was made to Council in 2013, but at that time, police manpower was limited. There could be penalties if there are existing problems or the program was not completed, however, as per PAH, many of the recommendations have already been instituted by Chief Maalouf. Accreditation program could cost \$50,000, with a small annual fee as well.

**(JB)** **Mosquito Control Commission**-Board of Health-the County has instituted a program to aerial spray our wooded areas and is requesting permission from the Borough. Brief discussion regarding notification and type of chemicals took place. ALB will contact the

Mosquito Control Department for additional information for further discussion at the March 18, 2019 meeting so Council can make the appropriate decision.

(JP) Informed Council that the Owner of Capital Alternatives (Grant writer), Marlene Casey has passed away after a lengthy illness.

**(PAH) Motion for Closed Session Time: NONE**

**Second  
Vote**

**RESOLUTION**

~~WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.~~

**Return to Open Session**

**Adjournment-Time: 8:18pm**

**Motion: GE**

**Second: JP**

**Addendum A  
RESOLUTION  
2019-53**

**GO THE DISTANCE FOR AUTISM RIDE**

**WHEREAS,** the organizers of the Go the Distance for Autism Ride have applied for permission to use roadways within Harrington Park on Sunday, June 2, 2019 beginning at 7:00am to 10:45am, starting and ending at Bergen Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** the proceeds raised by the event will be donated to the Alpine Learning Group, The Epic School, REED Academy and Garden Academy (Coalition for Autism Education): and

**WHEREAS,** the bike ride will use Harriot Avenue and Bogerts Mill Road from the River Vale line to Schraalenburgh Road into Harrington Park.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that there is no objection to the Go the Distance for Autism Ride using these roads on Sunday, June 2, 2019, as hereinbefore mentioned.

**Addendum B  
RESOLUTION  
2019-54  
OPPOSE THE VEGETATIVE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ACT  
(S2505/A2558)**

WHEREAS, there is presently pending before the New Jersey Senate and Assembly the proposed Vegetative Management Response Act (S2505/A2558); and

WHEREAS, said legislation would allow any public utility to unilaterally usurp the role of local government in the management of public trees within public parks and within the public right-of-way, and would unilaterally permit the removal of trees on private property without the owner's consent whenever the public utility determines that such trees are "growing in, near, or adjacent to the electric utility's right-of-way, and the electric distribution and transmission system...which may fall into, touch, affect, or otherwise interfere with an electrical distribution line;" and

WHEREAS, proposed amendments to N.J.S.A. 40:64-12.c would expand the purview of any public utility (such as electric, gas, water, and pipeline) or cable television company to clear, remove, cut, or destroy any tree, shrub, or plant, without municipal permission or consultation, if done to install or maintain any structures or fixtures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation exempts public utilities from local regulation or penalty if they claim to be "acting in good faith, with due diligence and reasonable judgment;" and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, a utility is under no obligation to confer with the local government or the private property owner before unilaterally choosing to clear, move, cut, or destroy the vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation limits the authority of local shade tree commissions by granting authority to any public utility to carry out "vegetative management" without notifying or consulting with the municipality or taking municipal regulations into account; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park values both its public and private trees, which not only add to the beauty and overall livability of the Borough but also serve as a buffer to the extremes of weather, offer cooling shade in the summer and shelter from winter winds, produce oxygen and reduce carbon dioxide in the air and help to curtail flooding and restore the groundwater supply; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation is imbalanced and dramatically expands the authority of electric and other public utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that public utilities and cable television providers have an obligation and responsibility to work with local authorities to cooperate in the responsible management of trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough of Harrington Park opposes the Vegetative Management Response Act in its present form and urges the New Jersey Senate and Assembly not to adopt same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of the within resolution to State Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Gordon Johnson and Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttle and to the municipal clerks within Bergen County.

**Addendum C**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**2019-55**

**A Resolution Demanding a Commitment from Suez North America to Aggressively Replace Lead Service Lines They Own**

WHEREAS, provision of clean drinking water is one of the most important services that Suez North America provides to its customers in Bergen and Hudson counties; and

WHEREAS, Suez North America's most recent random samplings taken from July 2018 to December 31, 2018 showed dangerous levels of lead in a percentage of homes tested; and

WHEREAS, Suez North America has identified approximately 8,600 customers who have lead service lines owned by the utility; and

WHEREAS, Suez North America has reached a tentative agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to replace only seven percent of these lead service lines annually; and

WHEREAS, this lead service line replacement plan tentatively agreed to by Suez North America and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection would take nearly 15 years to complete; and

WHEREAS, the customers of Suez North America in Bergen and Hudson counties deserve a clean safe source of water; and

WHEREAS, a replacement plan that takes more than a decade to address what is a public health crisis is untenable, irresponsible, unsafe and unfair to Suez North America customers in both Bergen and Hudson counties; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park calls on Suez North America to commit to an aggressive replacement program for the removal of all lead service lines the utility owns in as short a timeframe as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park calls on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey State Legislature and Governor Phil Murphy to hold Suez North America accountable and demand that they commit to an aggressive replacement plan for all lead service lines they own; and

WHEREAS, water quality for all residents of Bergen and Hudson counties must be of paramount importance as a basic human right;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Harrington Park demands that Suez North America and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection take immediate and expedited action to safeguard the drinking water in Bergen and Hudson County homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, NJDEP Commissioner Catherine McCabe, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the New Jersey State Legislature, Governor Phil Murphy and Suez North America.

**Addendum D**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**2019-56**  
**AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE**  
**OF BIDS FOR A HINO TRUCK MODEL 195 OR EQUIVALENT**

Whereas the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park have determined that it is in their best interest considering the health, welfare and safety of its citizenry to purchase a new Hino Model 195 or equivalent;

Whereas further the Harrington Park Department of Public Works has prepared a set of specifications for the vehicle that the Borough seeks to acquire;

Whereas further the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Harrington Park has certified that there is sufficient funding available for the purchase of the same;

Whereas N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1 et seq. requires that such contracts only be entered after public bidding;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Clerk/Chief Financial Officer or other authorized person shall cause to advertise for bids the contract for a “New Hino Model 195 or equivalent”, to be delivered to the Borough within twenty days of the bid acceptance and award, and shall

further provide for the distribution of specifications regarding the vehicle, and to otherwise provide for the place, time, date for the return and opening of all such bids.

**Addendum E  
RESOLUTION  
2019-57**

**Lions Club Coffee and Cars**

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the request of the Harrington Park Lions Club to hold Coffee and Cars at Borough Municipal Parking Lot (8:30am-1pm) May 18, 2019. Parking spaces utilized shall be limited to those in the center of the lot and along Short Place. Designated spaces for first responders shall be kept accessible at all time. Certificate of Insurance will be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office.

Be it Further Resolved that access to the Borough Hall bathrooms are allowed and after the event all garbage and recycling will be removed from the grounds and properly disposed.

**Addendum F  
RESOLUTION  
2019-58**

**Harrington Park Historical Society History Day**

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the request of the Harrington Park Historic Society to hold History Day at Borough Hall (8am-2pm with set up on April 26, 2019 from 7pm) on April 27, 2019 in conjunction with the Garden Club Plant sale in the Municipal Parking lot from 9am to Noon, April 27, 2019. In conjunction with the event, the Arts Council is requesting to allow children to use participate in a chalk out on the sidewalk between the Library and Borough Hall.