

**REGULAR MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
April 17, 2017**

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:02pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made in the Bergen Record.. Notice of this meeting date change was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been emailed to the SUBURBANITE and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

(ALB) Roll Call:

| | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| NAPOLITANO(AN) | x | |
| EVANELLA (GE) | x | |
| WALKER (DW) | x | |
| FITZGERALD (LF) | x | |
| PEDERSEN (JP) | x | |
| CHUNG (JC) | x | |

Also present:

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

Mr. Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO

Mr. John Dineen, Borough Attorney

(PAH) Flag Salute

(PAH) Minutes Approval

March 13, 2017

Motion AN

Second LF

Vote AIF (ABSTAIN GE, JP)

March 20, 2017

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF (ABSTAIN JC)

(PAH) Suspend Order of Business

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

(PAH) Meeting Open to Public

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

Anna Lisa Pastore-347 Parkside Road

She is relatively new to the community and loves living in Harrington Park-this location enables her to balance the loads of motherhood and her medical profession as a Holistic and Integrative Medical Doctor. The location of this home would allow her to practice from her home and see 30 patients a week.

She applied for construction permit and found out she needed to appear in front of the Planning Board for approval for additional parking. She had then submitted 3 proposals to the Board for consideration. Her team revamped the plans to answer each request from board members. Regardless of however she responded, everything was apparently poorly received. She would like the "committee" reviewed since there was a miss-count on the vote and no explanation of denial was given to her. She continued with concerns that perhaps ordinances were not upheld and that she will be requesting reconsideration of the Planning Board. All this has left a poor taste in her mouth and cost her close to \$50,000. She included that she was apparently told by the Borough that she would not need an attorney. The Building Official said there would not be a problem. The Planning Board did not hold a level of integrity that a local board should have. She is at a loss and has many questions about the denial. Her practice is in very high demand and if she does not get the satisfaction that she wants she will have to take this all to a higher level and have a legal decision made on her behalf.

PAH thanked her for her comments.

Peter Ardito, Environmental Commission Chair

The EC had a litter clean up this past week-they do this 2 times a year. There is an excess of roadside trash and he is requesting the Borough have the County inmates come out and help clean up the County road areas. Additional help is also being requested from as many local organizations as possible to help keep the Borough litter free.

After a discussion with Mr. Zavardino from the Building Department, he is requesting the mayor to set up an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Tree Ordinance. Currently there are many loop holes and unenforceable areas, which can be misconstrued and misunderstood by residents and contractors. Closter has a very good tree ordinance and he would like to incorporate some parts into our ordinance.

The EC would also like to be provided copies on all applications that involve the removal of a tree on someone's property, to ensure that we have appropriate trees planted and older ones saved.

PAH will wait to receive some names from Mr. Ardito and will set up an Ad-Hoc.

(PAH) Meeting Closed to Public

Motion GE

Second JP
Vote AIF

(PAH) Return to the 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- F)

Resolution to appoint Richard Preiss, Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC, Professional Planners A
Vegetation Management for Orange and Rockland Service Upgrade Project B
Wheels for Meals: A Ride to Fight Hunger in Bergen County C
Resolution in Opposition to Financial Cuts to Community Development Block Grants D
Support of Assembly Bill A4667 which Imposes a Moratorium of Affordable Housing
Litigation Until End of Year (Schepisi) E
Payment of Claims F

Motion AN
Second JP
Roll Call AIF

(PAH) Consent Correspondence “AA”

Motion JP
Second JC

Discussion-AN inquired to ensure that no toxic chemicals would be used to control over growth. Also, he wanted to know if a conversation took place with the arborists so proper trimming and pruning would take place with the O & R program to keep the tress looking nice and healthy (without leaving poles). ALB was present at the meeting with O & R and it was discussed and stressed by the Mayor as well as Mr. Ardito from the Environmental Commission that full attention would be made to not use toxic chemical on vegetation and to prune the trees with care.

PAH noted that JC attended the CDBG meeting this past week and that he was requesting support for this resolution since the Borough residents benefit greatly from this program. Such things as the Senior Van and Senior Activities funding, along with Meals on Wheels and Vantage Health plans are also funded through CDBG. The Borough has also benefited through grants for handicapped accessibility and sidewalks. This is not a wasteful program. He also requested support for Asw. Schepisi’s resolution for the moratorium on COAH-this has been a wasteful program and it is a shame how much money has been spent to accomplish nothing.

Vote AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

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

Building Department: \$16,661 18 permits and 5 Zoning Permits

Fire Department: 16 calls, 2 drills, 2 inspections, 1 officers meeting and 1 Interboro Meeting

AN is working to keep an updated list of equipment necessary for our first responders. This includes the lifespan of what we have and a replacement plan time table.

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

March: 542 calls 219 Traffic Details 3 Motor vehicle collisions

71 summonses YTD 222 Officer Getto has written 67 YTD

OT -\$1100.00

O/E- \$11,530 YTD

Miles driven for March-4359-YTD 13. 136

No DUIs for month

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

March 2- Windstorm clean up on Hazel Street, Closter Road sign was damaged and is being repaired.

March 14-Trouble during snow storm clean up-however everything got back on track within 24 hours.

Recyclables to Market:

13,960 lbs. newspaper

37,320 lbs. junk mail

7,500 lbs. cardboard

2,620 lbs. plastics

7,520 lbs. white goods

2,380 lbs. automotive scrap

(LF) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

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

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

Check was received from Titans Baseball due to the letter they received from the Borough Attorney.

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Disclosure Statements have been distributed-Due May 30, 2017

Old Business

(GE) Deer Population Control Meeting Update

The meeting in River Vale was extremely informative and interesting. Fish and Wildlife Commission presented a program that addressed an issue with the deer population that is related back to an imbalance in this area where the deer live. There are different ways to control the population which can include sterilization (which is not cost effective), trap and transfer, euthanasia and hunting. Hunting is the most cost efficient and effective means of control and there may be recommendation from the Commission to allow cross-bow hunting for maintenance of the deer population. Lethal methodology requires capturing the deer which can be difficult as well as requiring substantial man power. New Jersey allows deer hunting 5 ½ months per year, and the state is divided into 60 different zones for purposes of wildlife management. The majority of people who come to oppose deer population control methods tend to live outside of the particular area and are not experiencing what the local residents deal with on a regular basis.

PAH agreed with GE that the meeting was very worthwhile. He has suggested to the Northern Valley Mayors that they invite the speakers to a future meeting.

Both PAH and GE are in agreement that we should ban feeding of deer on private property by amending our current ordinance. If the deer population is not controlled they could eat the area into a desert. ALB noted that the Board of Health is considering this recommendation already. In general there is great doubt that anything will really control the growth of the deer population unless something is done on a regional basis.

- (JC) Reminded GE to speak with the Chief of Police to utilize Nixel more often for the street closures for PSEG.

New Business

(GE) Speeding on Brook Street has been an ongoing issue. Cars do not stop at the end of Ehret and pull right on to Brook without stopping. The Chief is waiting for a report from Traffic Officer Flyge. Further discussion took place regarding the line of sight in the area. Also, follow up on the repair of the mobile traffic sign will be made.

(JC) Attended the CDBG meeting and was happy to report that any future cuts will not affect the coming fiscal year. At this time there is nothing to report until decisions are made at the higher level.

(PAH) Mayor's Report

- Verizon is planning cellular upgrades in the area with a possible future presentation to Council.
- Opening Day of Baseball is April 22 at 9am at the HP School
- Discussion has taken place with Mayor Kramer from Old Tappan regarding the drop off area behind the High School. A study is already underway to make the area safer and less congested.

Ordinances-None

Adjournment-Time: 8:13pm

Motion: JP

Second: AN
Vote: AIF

Addendum A
RESOLUTION 2017-75
Appointment of Borough Planner

WHEREAS, the Borough of Harrington Park has determined that there is a need to appoint a Planner to advise, prepare and submit information on behalf of the Borough with respect to the State of New Jersey requirements for Affordable Housing and other planning issues when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Harrington Park Planning Board has requested that Richard Preiss, of Phillips, Preiss Grygiel LLC, 33-41 Newark Street, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030 be hired as the Borough of Harrington Park's Borough Planner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Richard Preiss, P.P. has submitted a proposal to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park setting forth the cost and fees for planning services
2. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available to pay for such services, Richard Preiss, P.P. for his planning expertise for the Borough and Planning Board at the hourly fee (\$160.00 per hour) as per the submitted proposal

Addendum B
RESOLUTION 2017-76

Vegetation Management for Orange and Rockland Service Upgrade Project

WHEREAS, Rockland Electric company would like permission to begin our Vegetation management area on or before around April 17, 2017, and

WHEREAS, vegetation trimming will be focused on the areas of Schraalenburgh Road from the Tappan Road light to Old Hook Road Light in the Borough of Closter and Harriot Avenue from the Tappan Road light through to Bogerts Mill Road; and

WHEREAS, Moving in to the borough earlier will give RECO a head start on the required vegetation work, providing an opportunity to prune before the trees canopy has a chance to bloom. In essence, it will give RECO the ability to prune before leaves sprout providing a much less visual impact while removing dead wood more easily.

BE IT RESOLVED that Rockland Electric may commence their Vegetation Management program taking into consideration the additional detours for on-going PSEG work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the school drop off and pick up schedule will not be adversely affected.

Addendum C
RESOLUTION 2017-77

Wheels for Meals: A Ride to Fight Hunger in Bergen County

WHEREAS, the Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson has applied for permission to use roadways within Harrington Park to conduct their Wheels for Meals: A Ride to Fight Hunger in Bergen County on June 11, 2017 between the hours of 6:30am-1pm; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds raised by the event will be used to support JFS-related services to families in need; and

WHEREAS, Bergen Bike will encompass many towns in Bergen County commencing and finishing at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh in Rockleigh, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, only the 25 mile and 50 mile bike tour will pass through the Borough of Harrington Park involving approximately 30 riders; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrington Park Police Department, the Harrington Park Volunteer Fire Department and the Harrington Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps be notified of the event and proper insurance be filed with the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that there is no objection to the conducting of the Jewish Family Service of Bergen and North Hudson-Wheels for Meals: A Ride to Fight Hunger in Bergen County on June 11, 2017, as hereinbefore mentioned.

Addendum D
RESOLUTION 2017-78

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant program has existed for over 40 years, providing grants to communities and non-profit organizations to provide various services for the Borough of Harrington Park, as well as, Bergen County programs, and

WHEREAS, residents of Harrington Park have benefited over the years from Community Development grants such as the purchase of the Senior Van, barrier-free curb improvements and barrier-free improvements to our Borough Hall and Public Library, and Senior Housing Development (Brookside Village), drainage improvements to prevent flooding County-wide and County programs such as Meals on Wheels just to name a few, and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding for FY 2017 will amount to a 50% cut if left intact, leaving many programs underfunded or unfunded, targeting Senior Citizens in Harrington Park and throughout the country,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of

Harrington Park strongly supports the programs and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant program, and that President Trump and members of the United States Congress take into account all the worthwhile programs supported by Community Development Block Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, US Senate and House of Representative leaders, Congressman Josh Gottheimer, US Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, NJ League of Municipalities, and the Bergen County Community Development.

Addendum E
RESOLUTION 2017-79
URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING
BURDENS AND PROVIDE DEFINED RULES AND RELIEF IN PROVIDING
THEREOF

WHEREAS, municipalities do not have the resources to provide court mandated housing to comply with the Mount Laurel doctrine without proper funding; and

WHEREAS, lawsuits increase housing four-fold through court mandates and without an affirmative defense municipalities can do nothing to stop growth and sprawl, costing millions of dollars outside of local budgets; and

WHEREAS, property taxes must be raised exponentially to pay the costs associated with court mandates and, therefore, population, further overburdening taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of unfunded court mandates has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, expected state population growth of .3 percent does not provide sufficient demand to justify court-mandated 30 percent housing supply increase; further congesting our state; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is already the most densely populated state in the country with 1,195 persons per square mile; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life and public welfare in this municipality will be reduced, negatively impacting infrastructure, water and sewer capacities; school class sizes and school services; municipal services such as volunteer and staffed ambulatory services and fire departments, police departments, public transportation and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing and rentals is not due to a lack of units, rather it stems from residents paying property taxes that are unaffordable and increasing by roughly \$700 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey should relieve the burden of unfunded court mandates and provide statewide parity and predictability in regard to municipal affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly is urged to pass Assembly Bill No. 4666 imposing an end-of-year moratorium on all affordable housing litigation; and Assembly Bill No. 4667 establishing the

Hazardous Waste Bogerts Mill Road (PSEG)