

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2014- 8.00 P.M.**

**I OPEN MEETING STATEMENT – ROLL CALL**

Mayor Randall opened the meeting at 8.00 PM and asked the clerk to read the opening statement.

Roll Call:

Mayor Randall	Present
Councilmember Troast	Present
Councilmember Lennon	Present
Councilmember Shea	Present
Councilmember Rorty	Present
Councilmember Weiss	Present
Councilmember Shell	Present

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sam Koenig, Mayor for the day led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III.**

**IV. SWEARING IN- EMT**

Mayor Randall with the assistant of Ambulance Corps Liaison administered the Oath of office to newly certified EMT Carole Dulmage.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. August 20, 2013 Combined meeting

Absent: Cn. Lennon

Councilmember Troast approved the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Rorty

All Ayes

2. September 24, 2013 Public Meeting

All Present

Councilmember Rorty approved the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Lennon.

All Ayes

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE**

Finance Officer's Report – January 2014

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Police Report – January 2014
2. Court Report – January 2014

**C. PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTIES**

1. Supt. of Public Works – January 2014
2. Construction Office Report – January 2014

**D. WATER**

1. Water Supt. Report – January 2014
2. Water Registrar's Report- January 2014

**E. FIRE**

1. Fire Dept. Report – January 2014
2. Fire Prevention Bureau – January 2014

**F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

1. Library – January 2014
2. Ambulance Report – January 2014

**VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

1. Charles Zabielski 88 Sheridan Avenue came before Mayor and Council to discuss the issue of DPW plowing the streets and throwing the snow on to his property after all his shoveling has been done. Mayor Randall responded that it is the nature of the plowing and that the DPW workers are not doing it on purpose as Mr. Zabielski stated.

2. Carol Tyler, 1 Stoudts Lane stated that she was appalled by the behavior of the resident's attitude towards the DPW workers plowing the streets. Mrs. Tyler commented that residents are rude and obnoxious to all the DPW workers plowing the streets and asked the Mayor and Council if there will be some consequences when any resident has attitudes with the DPW workers. Mayor Randall assured Mrs. Tyler that if there is a complaint that it will be taken into consideration.

3. Steve Sager 51 Sheridan Ave, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce commended the DPW and the Police Department for all the work done during the past winter storms with all the plowing and clearing of the snow from the street. Councilmember Shea also commended them for all their hard work and efforts. Mr. Sager offered to treat all the DPW employees by buying them lunch as a thank you.

Mr. Zabielski commented on Mrs. Tyler statement asking if the DPW workers were actually driving the speed that they are supposed to. Mrs. Tyler commented that they drive at the speed they are supposed to.

**VII. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Received an email from Superintendent of School Debra Ferrara thanking the DPW for all their hard work and the cleaning of the school street with all the snow

**VIII. A. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. HHK Contemporary Club request permission to hold Easter Parade and Egg Hunt.

**B. Ordinances and Resolutions Other Towns.**

None

**C. Bergen County.**

None

**D. League of Municipalities.**

1. DCA Issues Spending Plan Proposal for Sandy Recovery Funding
2. Annual Mayor's Legislative Day Rescheduled to March 12, 2014
3. Public Employment Conference.

**E. State of New Jersey.**

None

**IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**X. FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES**

Ordinance # 1026 Amendment to "Land Use Procedures"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Section 32A-29 **FEES PAYABLE TO BOROUGH CLERK** is amended and supplemented as follows:

**Section I**

**Section 32A-29 – FEES PAYABLE TO BOROUGH CLERK**

(A) No change.

(B) No change.

(1) Minor subdivision or re-subdivision

(a) This paragraph is amended to require a filing fee of \$350 and an escrow of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars per lot to be created by such minor subdivision. If the subdivision is classified by the Planning Board as a major subdivision, then the applicant must submit an additional \$150 filing fee and \$100 for each lot to be created by the proposed subdivision, but applicant shall receive a credit for any amount paid pursuant to this subsection.

(b) No change.

(c) No change.

(2) Major subdivision

(a) This paragraph is amended to require a filing fee of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars plus One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for each lot to be created by such major subdivision and an escrow of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars per lot to be created by such subdivision.

(b) No change.

(c) No change.

(3) No change.

(4) No change.

- (5) No change.
  - (a) An escrow in the amount of \$1,000 is required for all Zoning Board applications to cover legal and engineering fees.
- (6) Minor Site Plan
  - (a) This paragraph is amended to require a filing fee of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars and a Six Hundred (\$600) escrow to cover out of pocket expenses incurred by the Borough including, but not limited to engineering/legal fees.
  - (b) No change.
- (7) Major Site Plan
  - (a) This paragraph is amended to require a filing fee of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars and a Six Hundred (\$600) Dollar escrow to cover out of pocket expenses incurred by the Borough including, but not limited to engineering/legal fees.
  - (b) No change.
- (8) No change.
- (9) All other applications, including but not limited to conditional use approval or an application for issuance of a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-34 or N.J.S.A. 40:55D-36, (\$250 Planning Board; \$400 Zoning Board of Adjustment).

(10-17) No change.

**32A-29.1 MISCELLANIOUS ZONING FEES**

- (1) Driveway permit \$50
- (2) New Construction Review \$50
- (3) Air Conditioning Unit Permit \$50
- (4) Generator Permit \$50
- (5) Pool Permit \$50
- (6) Shed Permit \$50
- (7) Permit for additions to Residence \$50
- (8) Permit for Retaining Wall \$50
- (9) Patio/Deck \$50
- (10) Pod/Dumpster \$25 for one month; \$10 per month thereafter

**Section II**

**Repealer**

All other provisions of this chapter which are not affected by this amendatory Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect. However, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this amendatory Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section III**

**Severability**

If any portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section IV**

**Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

Councilmember Rorty moved the adopted of the Ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Lennon

All Ayes

**XI. RESOLUTIONS**

None

**XII. CONSENT RESOLUTION**

1. # 14-50 Check Write-Off

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following list of 2012 Checks are Stale-dated and need to be written off, and funds to be credited to the appropriate accounts.

	<b>TOTAL</b>
Payroll Account Check # 208 (\$238.03)	\$238.03
Current Account Check # 100103 (300.00)	\$300.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the above checks be written off

2. # 14-51 Transfer of Funds

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
2013 Group Ins. (O.E.)	9,000	
2013 Roads (S&W)	38,000	
2013 Planning Bd. (S&W)	19,000	
2013 A&E (O.E.)		1,000
2013 Finance (O.E.)		3,000
2013 B&G (O.E.)		3,000
2013 Police (O.E.)		2,000
2013 Police (S&W)		57,000
Totals	<u>66,000</u>	<u>66,000</u>

3. Traphagen School Raffles

a. #14-52 On-Premise 50/50

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following On Premise 50/50 Raffle Application, submitted by Traphagen School, Identification No. 514-5-33492 be and the same is hereby approved.

APPLICATION: RA 414  
 DATES: March 28, 2014

b. #14-53 On Premise Raffle

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the following On Premise Raffle Application, submitted by Traphagen School, Identification No. 514-5-33492 be and the same is hereby approved.

APPLICATION: RA 415  
 DATES: March 28, 2014

4. #14-54 Forgiveness of Solid Waste Bill

**Whereas**, 33 Edgewood Drive, 1010 WSRR and 40 Deerhill Drive in Ho-Ho-Kus are empty lots because the residential structures have been eliminated, and

**Whereas**, all resident structures will be credited for 3 months and then to be reviewed for the balance

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that the bill in question be cancelled

5. #14-55 Appt. Zoning Board-John Deegan

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the following Zoning Board of Adjustment Appointment made by Mayor Randall be confirmed.

**Appoint as Full Member.**

**John Deegan**  
**55 Pinecrest Road**  
**Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. 07423**

for the term ending 12/31/2015

6. #14-56 Inter-local Well Baby Clinic- Waldwick

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Health of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, that the Borough is hereby authorized to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Waldwick to provide a Well Baby Clinic program in accord with the terms and conditions of an Interlocal Services Agreement to be entered into and subject to the adoption by the governing body of the Borough of Waldwick of a resolution authorizing the agreement.

7. #14-57 Payment of Vouchers

**WHEREAS**, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$1,682,042.14.

**WHEREAS**, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Mayor and Council, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the claims totaling **\$1,682,042.14** be approved and ratified respectively

Councilmember Troast approved the Resolutions, seconded by Councilmember Rorty.

All Ayes.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Liaison Reports:**

1. Recreation

Councilmember Shea stated that the HHK/Saddle River Recreation have created a wrestling program.

2. Board of Education

3. Other

**B. Shade Tree**

**C. Chamber of Commerce**

Councilmember Shell reported that the Annual Taste of Ho-Ho-Kus is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. At the meeting of the Chamber the parking issues were discussed and some recommendations were made. A Fundraiser is planned for the Fall details to follow.

**XIV NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Shell stated that all the Basketball hoops that are on the Borough right of way not only caused problem with leaf pick up but it also caused an issue with snow plowing. He suggested the Governing Body have an Ordinance in place eliminating the installation of Basket Ball hoops in

the Borough right of way. Councilmember Shell also asked that the Borough take a look at the residents blocking all the Fire hydrants with snow, making it difficult for the fire department to locate the hydrants during a fire.

**XV. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

None

**XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, under the "Open Public Meeting Law", all sessions must be open to the Public, and

**WHEREAS**, under the Public Meetings Act Law, exceptions exist for a public body to hold a closed session.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus hereby recess under the exception for Contracts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the results of the closed session will be available to the public in the minutes regarding same at the conclusion of the matter

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before the Council and on a motion made by Councilmember Rorty, seconded by Councilmember Lennon and Carried, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Borchers, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk