

**BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**OCTOBER 21, 2014- 8.00 P.M.**

**I. OPEN MEETING STATEMENT - ROLL CALL**

**Mayor Randall opened the meeting 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	Absent
Councilmember Weiss	Absent
Councilmember Shell	Present

Also present were borough administrator Donald Cirulli and borough attorney David Bole

**II. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Borough administrator Donald Cirulli reviewed the grant for the proposed park, plans are to reconvert the existing park. Install a new path, information sign board, remove old vegetation, install benches, picnic tables and safety fences. Have Cablevision install WiFi and hot spots, the total cost is \$42, 000, the borough is applying for a matching grant of 21 K plus soft costs our final would be 30K.

Stanley Kober 919 Washington Avenue hopes that the historic of the dam will not be lost with all of the proposed changes.

Councilmember Shea asked why the Borough is making proposed changes to the Park, Mayor Randall responded that the borough does not have a lot of parks and given the setting it will be an attractive spot and the residents will make use of our downtown area.

**III. SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**IV. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

1. September 23, 2014	Public Meeting
2. September 23, 2014	Closed Session

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stanley Kober 919 Washington Ave commented that the borough needs to make changes to the recording system. He suggested having the room brought up to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with a ceiling projector, plasma displays and update to the speaker system. Mr. Kober also commented, that with a resolution on the agenda for approval of a grant application for Brandywine/Valley Forge drainage if the Mayor and Council would consider including Washington Avenue to the application.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. FINANCE**  
Finance Officer's Report – Sept 2014
  
- B. PUBLIC SAFETY**
  - 1. Police Report – Sept 2014
  - 2. Court Report – Sept 2014
  
- C. PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTIES**
  - 1. Supt. of Public Works – Sept 2014
  
- D. WATER**
  - 1. Water Supt. Report – Sept 2014
- E. FIRE**
  - 1. Fire Dept. Report – Sept 2014
  - 2. Fire Prevention Bureau – Sept 2014
  
- F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS**
  - 1. Library – Sept 2014
  - 2. Ambulance Report – Sept 2014
  
- VII. A. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - 1. The Contemporary Club- Permission to hold the Annual Halloween Parade on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  
- B. Ordinances and Resolutions Other Towns.**
  - 1. Township of East Brunswick- Local Pension Funding
  - 2. Borough of New Milford-Assembly Bill 3404- Retail Liquor License for Historic Taverns.
  
- C. Bergen County.**  
None
  
- D. League of Municipalities.**
  - 1. Transportation Trust Fund
  - 2. Recommended Fire Station Precaution during Election
  - 3. Draft Resolution on Transportation Infrastructure Funding Available
  - 4. Organize a “Jeans for Troops” drive
  - 5. Weekly Updates
  
- E. State of New Jersey.**  
None
  
- VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**
  - 1. Ord. # 1033 Amend Chapter 46 “Police Department”
  - 2. Ord. # 1034 Amend Chapter 79 “Vehicles and Traffic”
  
- IX. FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES**  
None

**X.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

1.# 14-120 County Trust Fund Program

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$21,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: North Franklin Turnpike Park Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, a part of the application process, the governing body/board received public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on Tuesday, October 21, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 31, 2014, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is committed to providing a dollar for dollar case match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement; and,
5. That the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilmember Troast approved the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Lennon  
All Ayes.

Absent: Councilmembers Rorty and Weiss.

2. Authorize Advertisement for Bid for Lease- 188 Franklin Tpk

3. Approval for Grant Application- Brandywine/Valley Forge Drainage Application

4. Waive Health Care Coverage

5. Approval for Public Auction

6. St. Luke’s Church:

a. # 411 Off Premise Raffle- December 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

b. # 412 On Premise Raffle- March 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

c. # 413 Off Premise Raffle- March 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

7. Co-operative Agreement-Clay for Recreation Fields

8. Forgiveness of Water Bill-188 Franklin Tpke

9. Payment of Vouchers

**XI. CONSENT RESOLUTION**

None

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Liaison Reports:

1. Recreation

Councilmember Shea commented about the ongoing issue with the Board of Education and the Recreation Commission on the use of North Field. The blankets that were placed on North Field is working well.

2. Board of Education

Councilmember Lennon attended the BOE meeting and the topic of discussion was the referendum on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 for the Track and Field.

3. Other

B. Shade Tree

C. Chamber of Commerce

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Officer Lisa Phillips spoke to Borough attorney Dave Bole about Tree Houses in the Borough, and how it will fit in with our existing Zoning Ordinance.

**XIV. MAYOR'S REMARKS**

None

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussions to come before the Council and on a motion made by Councilmember Lennon, seconded Councilmember Shea, and carried, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Borchers, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk