

**Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus
Bergen County, New Jersey
Mayor and Council Minutes
May 15, 2018
Work Session**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35PM by Mayor Randall

Open Public Meetings Statement: Read into the record by the Recording Secretary

Roll Call: Mayor Randall, Councilman Troast, Councilman Rorty, Councilman Shell, Councilman Iannelli (absent), Councilman Fiato (absent), Councilman Crossley

Also in Attendance: David Bole., Borough Attorney; William Jones, Borough Administrator; JoAnn Carroll, Recording Secretary

Motion to change order of agenda: Crossley

Seconded by: Shell

All in Favor

None Opposed

Presentation by local Boy Scouts regarding their project helping homeless veterans in New Jersey; they collect backpacks and items to place in backpacks and distribute them to homeless veterans; requested help with areas to distribute the backpacks and also to promote their cause; Specialist Brooks of the US Army aided the boys; the Mayor stated the Borough would help in any way it could; can promote on Facebook; suggested the Boys Scouts reach out to the local churches as well.

PROCLAMATIONS

May 15, 2018 Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 13-19, 2018 Police Week

Mayor Randall read the proclamations into the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carried to the next Mayor and Council meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS- April 2018

All reports are on file at Borough Hall

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

In regards to the storm this same evening, Mr. Jones stated PSE&G had reported 70% of the Borough was without power; the Sheridan, Hollywood Avenue and Gilbert sections are affected; OEM opened the Community Church

as an evacuation point; power should be restored by 10PM; problem with residents calling the Police Department to state the power is out instead of calling PSE&G; this ties up the lines for real emergencies; the Mayor stated there was a large PSE&G presence in the Borough.

Mr. Jones stated Phase 2 of the Brandywine project is basically 100% complete; Phase 1 is almost done; only portion left is the final hook up on West Road; the junction box has to be rebuilt; the County has started paving in that area; through all of the construction, the Borough has communicated with the school districts to let them know when the roads would be closed; tried to keep the roads open for school buses and garbage trucks; the curb cuts are still to be done on Race Track Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

Worth Pinkham Library Bd requesting a review of parking

Mr. Jones stated a copy of the letter received from the library was distributed to the Council; a neighbor has been calling the Police Department in regards to illegal parking by library employees; if the parking in that area is allowed for over 6 hours, commuters will start to occupy the spaces; Chief Minchin has vowed to work with the library; the library is looking at two other parcels of land they own for possible parking; there is a steep grade in that area; Councilman Crossley asked if 2-3 more parking spaces could be added for library employees only; the employees' cars could be identified by stickers; Councilman Rorty stated there is also parking available in the commuter parking lot approximately 100 yards away; Mayor Randall stated Chief Minchin would be in attendance at next week's meeting to review.

CONSENT RESOLUTION:

18-63 Entering into an Agreement with GMA to provide an Interim Borough Clerk

18-64 Payment of Vouchers

Will be placed on next week's agenda as Resolutions 18-66 Agreement and 18-67 Vouchers

Mayor Randall inquired about the railroad crossing study; Mr. Jones stated police activity reports are sent every 2 weeks; there are transit police on site; own policing being done; 30 summonses have been written; an Ordinance has been adopted and there is a sign at the site; the problem is the vast majority of travelers going up the hill are not Ho-Ho-Kus residents; Ridgewood residents have been informed; can't get the word out because they are not our residents; people in violation on our side of the border are people going back into Ridgewood; Mayor Randall stated he wanted the public to know that the Borough has put forth every effort in regards to this issue but unfortunately the Borough is not totally in control.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Stanley Kober, 919 Washington Avenue: stated the Eagle Scout project has been completed at the cemetery; would like to have an official opening and would appreciate members of the Council being there; will also contact the newspaper for some publicity; should not take more than 15-20 minutes.

Mr. Jones suggested members of the Council could meet before a meeting.

FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

Ord # 2018-06 “Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer”

Ord # 2018-07 “Amend Chapter 79 Table of Organization HHK Police Department”

Will be placed on next week’s agenda

OLD BUSINESS

A. Liaison Reports:

1. Recreation: Councilman Iannelli-not in attendance

2. Board of Education: Councilman Iannelli-not in attendance

3. Other:

a. Ambulance Corps: Councilman Crossley- will have a report next week

b. Library: Councilman Fiato- not in attendance

B. Shade Tree: no report

C. Chamber of Commerce: Councilman Shell: stated the Taste of Ho-Ho-Kus event is scheduled for June 6; tickets are for sale on line; only 300 are available; great event.

Mr. Jones stated the Memorial Day events were currently being planned.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Chief Minchin was currently occupied with the storm; the ladder truck has arrived; needs to be lettered; the Fire Department’s Wet Down and Block Party is scheduled for June 9th; there will be minimal impact to the business district.

Mayor Randall asked about the scope of the lead testing; Mr. Jones stated there has always been lead testing programs; homes built prior to 1970 used lead pipes and homes built between 1980 and 1989 used lead solder; the Borough’s entire water system and the delivery of the water to the meters is completely lead free; the State is requiring the Borough to test 60 homes; unsure when the results are due; State mandates the Borough pay for the testing; tripled the amount of tests and the frequency.

CLOSED SESSION: Employment replacement and designation pursuant to NJSA 10:4-12(b) 8

Motion to go into Closed Session: Councilman Rorty

Seconded by: Councilman Shell

Ayes: Councilman Troast, Councilman Rorty, Councilman Shell, Councilman Crossley

Nays: None

Meeting went into Closed Session at 8:20PM.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35PM.

Roll Call: Councilman Troast, Councilman Rorty, Councilman Shell,
Councilman Crossley

Motion to adjourn: Crossley

Seconded by: Rorty

All in Favor

None opposed

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

JoAnn Carroll
Recording Secretary
May 16, 2018