

BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS
PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 24, 2015- 8:00 PM
MINUTES

Mayor Randall called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. The opening statement was read.

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session. In accord with the provisions of Section 5 of the "Open Public Meetings Act", I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall and that a copy of the schedule of this meeting has also been filed with the Borough Clerk, and that copies of the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to The Record and the Ridgewood News - newspapers with general circulation throughout the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus

Roll Call: Members present were: Mayor Randall, Councilmembers Troast, Shea, Rorty, Weiss, Shell and Iannelli. . Also present was borough attorney David Bole.

Mayor Randall led all in the pledge of allegiance

Mayor Randall administered the Oaths of Office to Police Lieutenants Christopher Minchin and Anthony Grego

Councilmember Shea introduced the new Library Director Gretchen to the Governing Body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 20, 2015 Public Meeting
2. January 20, 2015 Closed Session

Councilmember Rorty motioned the approval of the Minutes, seconded by Councilmember Troast.

All Ayes

Abstain: Councilmember Shell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- January 2015

On file

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. GI Go Fund-Thank you for participating in Jeans for Troops drive.
2. Ho-Ho-Kus Public School- Signage Change on Lloyd Road
3. Borough of Tinton Falls- Resolution to support, recognize and honor the services of Law Enforcement Officers
4. NJLM:
 - Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline Projects in New Jersey
 - Contact Legislators Now to Protect Relief for the Property Taxpayers
 - Support efforts to increase local transportation aid
 - Weekly Policy Updates

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

FINAL PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

CONSENT RESOLUTION

- 15-36 Recycling Tonnage Grant

WHEREAS, The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the Mayor and Council hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of

Environmental Protection and designates Donald Cirulli Borough Administrator to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

- 15-37 Community Development Representatives

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus has entered into a Three Year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community to be part of the Community Development Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1 through June 30.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body hereby appoints Thomas W. Randall, Mayor, as its representative to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Donald Cirulli, Administrator, is hereby appointed by the Mayor as Community Development Representative.

- 15-38 Appt. Police Lieutenant-Christopher Minchin

Whereas, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Lieutenant in the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department; and

Whereas, after posting and due consideration, Chief John Wanamaker has recommended that Sergeant Christopher Minchin be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and that he be sworn-in by Mayor Randall at the Mayor and Council meeting of February 24, 2015, so that the promotion becomes official as of that date; and

Whereas, it has been decided that, along with the promotion, a pay increase to \$140,000 per year will be given, effective as of February 24, 2015

Now, Therefore be it Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that Sergeant Christopher Minchin is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department and that his salary is increased to \$140,000.

- 15-39 Appt. Police Lieutenant-Anthony Grego

Whereas, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Lieutenant in the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department; and

Whereas, after posting and due consideration, Chief John Wanamaker has recommended that Sergeant Anthony Grego be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and that he be sworn-in by Mayor Randall at the Mayor and Council meeting of February 24, 2015, so that the promotion becomes official as of that date; and

Whereas, it has been decided that, along with the promotion, a pay increase to \$140,000 per year will be given, effective as of February 24, 2015.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that Sergeant Anthony Grego is hereby promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department and that his salary is increased to \$140,000.

- 15-40 Municipal Alliance

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth, and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community. and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen

Now therefore be it resolved by the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Ho-Ho-Kus Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2016 in the amount of:

DEDR	9,520
Cash Match	2,380
In-Kind	7,140

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements

- 15-41 Appt. Fireman Thomas DeVita

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, through its Chief, has recommended to the Mayor and Council the appointment of Thomas DeVita 226 Sollas Court, Ridgewood New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeVita has passed his physical as required by the Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-

Kus that Thomas DeVita on this date is appointed as fireperson of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus

- 15-42 Payment of Vouchers

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$2,367,946.32.

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 **\$2,367,946.32** be approved and ratified respectively

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mayor Randall						
Councilmember Troast	X		X			
Councilmember Shea			X			
Councilmember Rorty		X	X			
Councilmember Weiss			X			
Councilmember Shell			X			
Councilmember Iannelli			X			

Councilmember Troast approved the Consent Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Rorty.

All Ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Liaison Reports:

1. Recreation

Sign-ups for Soccer, Football and Cheerleading set for March 14th and 21st. Baseball sign up is complete with 200 registrations.

2. Board of Education

3. Other

B. Shade Tree

C. Chamber of Commerce

Reduced parking fee for business going well, just need to make sure that all businesses take advantage of the offer and purchase the Permits.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow clearance around Fire Hydrants

DPW Superintendent Jeffrey Pattman stated that an Ordinance needs to be in place whereby it's the resident's responsibility to clean out the snow around the fire hydrants so it is visible in case of a fire. There were three (3) fires in different town where the snow around the hydrant hindered access the firemen, which led to fatality.

Councilmember Iannelli asked if the borough was responsible for the stairs on Addison place. Jeffrey Pattman responded that it was the responsibility of the borough and that it would be taken care of.

Councilmember Steve Shell added a fun fact that Bryce Sherlow a resident of Ho-Ho-Kus was a contestant for the TV show called "The Voice".

MAYOR'S REMARKS

None

CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, under the "Open Public Meetings 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 Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of the Closed Session will be available to the public in the minutes regarding the same at the conclusion of the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council and on a motion made by Councilmember Shell, seconded by Rorty and carried, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Borchers, RMC/CMR

Borough Clerk.