

**REGULAR AGENDA MEETING
Mayor and Council
Borough of Harrington Park, New Jersey
May 9, 2016**

(PAH) Call Meeting to Order

Time: 7:00pm

Mayor's Announcement:

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the meeting was made. It is included in the Annual Meetings posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, 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
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, Borough CFO/ CTC (KJT)

(PAH) Suspend the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE

Second JP

Vote AIF

(PAH) Open to the Public

Motion GE

Second JP

AIF

(JC) Junior Woman's Club-Memorial Day Concert

Ms. Allison Donnelly and Ms. Ashley Plescia were present from the Harrington Park Junior Woman's Club. They have planned a family concert on Memorial Day, at 1pm –Highland Field. They thanked the town for working with them and they were requesting consideration to place signage around the Borough to advertise the event. Their hopes are to bring back some of the past programs that and events that used to take place. The Club has provided the Borough with appropriate insurance and Recreation Commission has applied for a Social Affairs Permit to sell beer and wine.

PAH added that if they need any help they should not hesitate to reach out to Council.

(GE) Officer Miller to discuss traffic changes and signage

Since there was a public present regarding this matter, PAH allowed the public to speak prior to the beginning of any presentation.

Mary Ann Ryan, Oak Street

She thanked the Chief of Police and Traffic Officer, Miller for the upcoming presentation and hopes that it addresses the reasons why there was no parking around the vicinity of Our Lady of Victories (OLV) Church during the High Holidays of Easter weekend.

Yellow tape marked off no parking areas along the roads by OLV as well as the Community Church. Many parishioners attend church for this holiday weekend, and that includes those who travel from out of town.

Ms. Ryan inquired if this action was for an emergency, and if so, or not, why was there was no communication to the residents of Harrington Park, as well as the church. She was told that Father Brian, was unaware that parking would be eliminated in these areas, nor was he aware that the signage along the front of OLV would be changed to reflect “no parking,” either.

Ms. Ryan contacted the County to see who has jurisdiction over such a decision. If it was the municipality, the residents should have been informed. She reached out to Chief Maalouf who contacted her to discuss the fact that on one of the most religious days there was such a lack of concern for convenience of parishioners. In fact, she had been told by a very reliable source that many felt this was a “hate crime against Christians.” She did not think that was the type of reputation the Borough of Harrington Park should be associated with.

Chief Maalouf responded with the following: He had received several complaints from residents within the vicinity of the Church regarding the excessive traffic and the difficulty created to cross the street or pull out of a driveway. There are several accidents on file as well. The Council was not informed of this decision and the Chief took full responsibility for the lack of communication. He assured Ms. Ryan that this was not an action of hate-for he is of the same religion. His main concern was safety for all involved. He added that a letter was posted on Facebook and the Borough website. Ms. Ryan requested a panel of residents to discuss safety and traffic issues. Chief responded that he has the final say, and he always tries to address concerns of the residents, and that he always available to speak to.

PAH added that in 32 years of his participation in Borough government, he felt that the “hate act” was a ridiculous claim. Currently 5 out of the 6 Council members are members of OLV. Ms. Ryan clarified that this is not her claim, but one from a very good source. However, PAH did agree that there was a communication issue. PAH stated that GE had secured additional parking at the school, to keep the cars off the main road. GE added that neither he, nor any Council members were aware of the decision to prevent parking on the roadways, even though this has been an ongoing issue for several months.

PAH added that the American Atheists sent a letter to the Borough regarding the fact that the Police are too supportive of church related organizations.

Chief Maalouf reiterated that safety is the dominating factor on the decision for parking of vehicles in the area. Safety trumps convenience, at all costs.

Ms. Ryan stated that social media gets lost on many people. Something should be in the newsletter or a reverse 9-1-1. Chief Maalouf responded that the reverse calling system is only for emergency purposes, and this situation is not an emergency. In the future OLV will be contacted and they can send out the information to their members.

Mrs. Ryan reiterated that communication is the key and that maybe an officer on the corner would help alleviate some of the problems. Chief Maalouf agreed. However, he noted that if there was an emergency call, the officer would have to leave. The Chief added that sections of Lynn Street, Carman and the Parkway were all addressed.

Officer Jake Miller presented his report for the regulation of traffic and parking in the vicinity of OLV, Community Church and St. Andrews.

Officer Miller (JM) has been on the Harrington Park Police Department for 4 years. He was appointed Traffic Officer last April. He has continual training for this process that takes quite a length of time.

JM explained that there are regulations by the State of New Jersey NJSA Title 39 that address parking within the limits of crosswalks, handicapped areas, road crossings and stop signs. State Statutes supersede Borough Ordinances.

Included in JM's report is a map that marks out what areas are not permitted to allow parking. Also, there are many times that the crosswalks cannot be used since cars are parked across them. Discussions have been held with Father Brian. Verbal warnings have been given out to violators, prior to anyone being issued summonses. Regardless of what the public may think, State parking and traffic restrictions do not have to be posted.

Mrs. Ryan stated that all this research is fine, but the word needs to get out to the residents.

Mr. Michael Ryan, Oak Street

Mr. Ryan stated that social media is not a legal notice. JM responded that he was not noticing for legal purposes. It was for informational purposes.

PAH asked if the report compiled would be available to the public. JM stated yes it would.

Mr. Ryan added that in his opinion, some of the spots that were marked "no parking" looked to be valid places to park. JM stated that in the front of the Church, 2 spaces would be available for funerals and weddings. It should also be noted that when people park on both sides of streets, emergency vehicles cannot fit through. The State requires 20'. Mr. Ryan took great offense to signs in places he thought was inappropriate. He felt that the act was discriminatory. JM answered that under the discretion of the Police Department, they can limit parking for the safety of pedestrians and others. That is why he has been trained

and has experience in this area. Mr. Ryan felt that the entire issue was incorrect. Council should have had to know what was going on. AN responded that he did not know that these parking restraints were put in place, however, he was not surprised, since this has been an ongoing issue, especially on Saturday afternoons.

Mr. Ryan inquired into how such a study was started. JM stated that in June 2015, then Councilwoman Ryan (your daughter) spoke with him, requesting that something be done to curtail the traffic congestion in the area of OLV during their religious services. Mr. Ryan stated that was nine months ago, and questioned how it pertained to the issue at hand during Easter. JM stated that a traffic study takes months to compile. All research needs to be cross checked with the State, County and local ordinances. Time is taken to measure traffic flow and watch the traffic patterns. He included that the signage that was placed around the churches was done in the same manner that is used for Memorial Day Parade, Opening Day of Baseball and even the White Elephant Sale.

PAH requested that Council review this report.

LF inquired if this study considered Lynn Street to Hackensack. JM stated no, since that area is generally not a problem.

JM added that 75 new signs have been installed by the DPW. Most were old signs that were faded and unreadable.

GE will follow up with Mr. Dineen regarding a traffic ordinance to address all these issues.

Mrs. Ellen Sutter

She requested police traffic control for the busy holidays, to help people cross the road and perhaps keep people from parking in the wrong place.

GE added that especially on Christmas, there are some areas that are very dark.

GE will have the Chief revisit as it gets closer to the holiday and thanked Mrs.

Sutter for bringing that issue to the Council. PAH stated that GE asked him to call the school to utilize the parking lot on Easter.

JC inquired about portable speed bumps on George Street. JM stated that there are regulations for installation of them and it is determined by the amount of traffic the location in question. With over 20 details on George Street, the average speed was under 35 miles per hour. In most cases, the cars look like they are traveling faster than they are. JC would like the police to consider lowering the speed due to the park and the amount of young children that play at that location.

**(PAH) Close to Public
Motion GE
Second JP
AIF**

(PAH) Request to Return to the Regular Order of Business

Motion GE

Second LF

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-G)

Signs for Concert-Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park A

Junior Fireman Ryan Kelly B

Hiring of Crossing Guard C

Harrington Park Sports Boosters 5K Race D

Harrington Park Library White Elephant Sale E

Tax Refund-Corelogic F

Swim Club Banner G

Motion AN

Second JP

Roll Call AIF

Individual Committee Reports

(PAH) Mayor Hoelscher

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

(GE) Police, Municipal Court, Personnel

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

(LF) Board of Health, Environmental Commission

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

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

Swim Club has been secured under the Borough's insurance policy

NVRHS budget adopted-1.79% increase (average home approximately \$30/year)

HP School-2% increase-\$218/yr for average assessed house (\$538,577)

(ALB) Borough Clerk/Administrator

Summer Hours

ALB requested Council to consider closing on early during July and August due to light resident traffic. Employees would all still work their usual amount of hours but will only take a 45 minute lunch, and no lunch on Fridays. This way the Borough Hall can close at 2:30 from July 1-September 2.

Old Business

(GE) Volunteer road-side clean-up by Knights of Columbus
ALB reported that insurance was received for the organization
GE added that he will confirm roads that will be cleaned with Mr. Kiernan and inform the Borough Clerk for a resolution for the next meeting.

(LF/JC)HP School Recycling

JC explained that in the past, the school used innovated means to save on recycling costs. They had used the Pepsi-Challenge to reduce their recycling expenses, however, the program was eliminated and now the school is working to contract with a company to collect their recycling. Cardboard is dropped off at the Borough Recycling Center. There is a bin for all paper-the bottles, cans and plastics are the issue that needs to be addressed.

(JC) Notification was just emailed out for upcoming Newsletter schedule.
Currently working on policy for organizations to be included in the Borough emails and Facebook page. ALB added that currently, if an organization sends her a request-she will post on the Borough Facebook page.

New Business

(LF) **Resolution to Deny Parole of Christopher Righetti.**
Request came from Ms. Wasson, a resident in town to have this resolution presented to the Mayor and Council. GE agreed that the Borough should approve this resolution. He explained his past experience actually seeing Mr. Righetti in the court room. ALB will place on the agenda for May 16.

(PAH) Motion for Closed Session GE Time: 8:21pm
Second JP
Vote AIF

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits a public body to conduct business in Closed Session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain matters in Closed Session as permitted by the aforesaid statute.

- 1) Contractual Negotiations and Potential Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussion of the aforementioned subjects may be made public at such time as disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect the interest and Borough as to said discussion.

Return to Open Session 9:12pm

Adjournment-Time: 9:13pm

Motion: GE

Second: JP

AIF

Addendum A

RESOLUTION 2016-78

Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park Fundraiser Concert

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the placement of signage on Borough property by the Junior Woman's Club of Harrington Park for the advertisement of their Memorial Day Concert at Highland Field on Monday, May 30th with a rain date of June 4, 2016. Time frame for signage placement shall be between May 9, 2016 and shall be removed no later than June 5, 2016. Sign locations are:

Blanch and Lafayette Road (Pondside Park)

Swim Club entrance on Lafayette Road

Jug Handle at Old Hook Road

Members and residents laws (with permission)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Junior Woman's Club will request additional approval from the Harrington Park Swim Club for placement of signs near their entrance and approval will be necessary from SUEZ for placing a sign on Old Hook Road since that is private property. No signs are permitted on utility or telephone poles or block line of sight for vehicular traffic.

Addendum B

RESOLUTION

2016-79

Harrington Park Volunteer Fire Department Junior Membership

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park approve the admittance of the following member in the Harrington Park Junior Volunteer Fire Department:

Ryan Kelly

BE IT RESOLVED that applicants shall also be approved for membership with the signed permission of his/her parent or guardian and medical examination.

Addendum C

Resolution 2016-80

Hiring of Crossing Guard

WHEREAS, Council has been advised by Chief Maalouf that there may be a need for a crossing guard; and

WHEREAS, Chief Maalouf recommends the re-hiring of Mr. Thomas Vincent Clarke to fill such full-time position as of September 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke shall only be hired if a current crossing guard resigns, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke shall trained appropriately and be paid only when he is called in to work at the prevailing wage as per the 2016 Salary Ordinance.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of Harrington Park shall hire Mr. Thomas V. Clarke for the future position of crossing guard.

Addendum D
RESOLUTION 2016-81

HARRINGTON PARK SPORTS BOOSTERS 5K RACE

WHEREAS, the Harrington Park Sports Boosters, requests to use the Harrington Park Borough Hall parking lot for additional parking for the 5K Fall Spectacular, November 12, 2016 between the hours of 7am-1pm; and

WHEREAS, the Harrington Park Sports Boosters will contact the Superintendent of Roads, Fire Department Chief and the Chief of Police for their guidance in traffic control, parking and the placing of signs and directional devices, so the event will run smoothly and safely; and

WHEREAS, signage for the HP Fall Spectacular 5K shall be allowed to be hung across Schraalenburgh Road and at Highland Field on Tappan Road.

WHEREAS, Harrington Park Sports Boosters will provide proof of insurance on behalf of their organization; and

WHEREAS, all signage shall be removed promptly after the 5K event takes place; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that it has no objection to using the Borough Hall parking lot for the Harrington Park Sports Boosters 5K Fall Spectacular's additional event parking as well as allow event signage to be placed though the Borough to be removed within 24 hours of the event.

Addendum E
RESOLUTION 2016-82

White Elephant Sale

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council approve the use of the Borough parking lot for the 22st Annual White Elephant Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library on June 11, 2016.

Addendum F

RESOLUTION 2016-83

Refund due to overpayment of Property Taxes due to an INCORRECT PAYMENT by wire transfer from CORELOGIC on February 4, 2016. This payment was intended for another town, Saddle River.

BLOCK	LOT	Property Owner	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	QTR
1018	1	UNITED WATER	1-61 NORMANDY AVE	\$343.70	1 ST 2016

WHEREAS, Corelogic are entitled to a refund of property tax due to an overpayment of \$343.70.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue refunds in the total amount of \$343.70 for overpayment of the 2016 property taxes

Addendum G
RESOLUTION 2016-84
SWIM CLUB BANNER

BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park have approved the request of the Harrington Park Swim Club to hang a banner across Schraalenburgh Road to help increase membership, and will be removed by July 31, 2016. Chief of Police shall be notified for consent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrington Park Swim Club shall provide for the hanging and removal at their own expense and shall abide by the provisions/requirements that shall be set forth by the Harrington Park Chief of Police and the County of Bergen

