



MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 27, 2024 – MINUTES  
7:00PM

\* MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - SALUTE TO THE FLAG - MOMENT OF SILENCE  
Mayor Slavicek called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All in attendance stood for a moment of silence for our armed forces serving to protect us.

\* CALLING OF THE ROLL

Mayor Slavicek

Councilman Karczewski

Councilwoman Bohinski

Councilman Duffy

Councilman Dzingleski

Councilman Reid

Councilman Stasi

Also in attendance was Borough Attorney Joseph Youssouf.

\* OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as is required under Chapter 231 Public Law 1975 specifying the time, date, location and to the extent known the agenda by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building outside of the meeting room and providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers and by filing a copy in the office of the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the certification which will be entered in the minutes of this meeting.

\* PUBLIC PORTION

During the Public Portion of any Council Meeting members of the Public may only speak on topics of concern to the residents of the Borough. Everyone will be given five minutes to speak as per the Rules to Govern adopted January 3, 2024. During the Public Portion of any meeting, the members of the Public as well as the Governing Body shall be courteous and respectful to one another. No comments and/or behavior that are considered disrespectful, ill-willed or with the intent to harass will be tolerated. If such behavior occurs, then that

individual member of the Public will be asked to sit down and his or her turn to speak will be over, even if the five minutes is not.

John Nartowicz, 2 Holly Manor Court inquired about the trailer with the excavator parked next door, he stated it is very hard to see when turning into the Borough parking lot. He stated the excavator blocks the view. He asked if the first parking spot could be eliminated. Mayor Slavicek stated that we plan to pave the parking lot next year and will be going out to rebid it soon. There will be some modifications made to the parking lot when that is done. Borough Attorney Yousouf stated that there is the force of law versus being a good neighbor. Mayor Slavicek stated that he will reach out to them to see if they could move the trailer up. Mr. Nartowicz asked about the High Street railroad crossing regarding the reoccurring issues with the potholes. Mayor Slavicek stated that the DPW Director has been in touch with Conrail and the County, and he will have him reach out to them. Mr. Nartowicz asked about the parking plan for High Street and inquired if it will be no parking on one side. Councilman Reid stated that at the pre-construction meeting it was stated that one side would be with the curb painted yellow. Mr. Nartowicz inquired about the house on Park Avenue that has many cars on the property, the Clerk informed him that code enforcement action has been taken on it.

\* ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – October 16, 2024

MOTION – Councilman Dzingleski      SECONDED – Councilman Reid

ROLL CALL: 6-0

\* CONSENT AGENDA

Report of Municipal Clerk and Tax Collector for October 2024

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2024 – 134: Paint Program Agreement with Middlesex County
- 135: CFC/HCFC Subsidy Agreement with Middlesex County
- 136: Appointment of Municipal Housing Liaison
- 137: Certification of the Annual Audit
- 138: Refund of Cleaning Fee for Community Center Usage
- 139: Interlocal Health Service Agreement
- 140: Refund of Rental and Cleaning Fee for Community Center Booking
- 141: Authorization for Budget Transfers for the Year 2024 No. 1
- 142: Authorization for the Purchase of 2024 Ford F550
- 143: Reimbursement of Duplicate Tax Payment
- 144: Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation
- 145: Authorization to Rescind Petty Cash Animal Shelter Fund
- 146: Authorization to Rescind Petty Cash Water Utility Fund
- 147: Bill List

Councilman Reid asked for Resolution 2024-141 and 2024-142 to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION – Councilman Dzingleski      SECONDED – Councilman Stasi



ROLL CALL: 6-0

2024-141: Authorization for Budget Transfers for the Year 2024 No. 1

MOTION – Councilman Dzingleski      SECONDED – Councilman Karczewski  
ABSTAIN – Councilman Reid  
ROLL CALL: 5-1-0

2024-142: Authorization for the Purchase of 2024 Ford F550

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski      SECONDED – Councilwoman Bohinski  
ROLL CALL: 5-1

\* REPORTS of Committees, Borough Attorney, Business Administrator

Mayor Slavicek wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and stated that he is thankful for the Borough's dedicated team members. He stated that Paul Reed and Melissa Hallerman went to the League of Municipalities to take classes for their credentials. There are many upcoming holiday events upcoming in the town. We have the tree lighting, children's holiday party, senior dinner, the Fire Department's Santa and Sirens, and the menorah lighting. Our annual ornament was a huge success this year. Next Wednesday is the Borough employee holiday dinner.

Council President Karczewski wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Dzingleski wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Reid wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Duffy wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Bohinski stated that April 6-12 is New Jersey's Local Government Week and she asked for a packet of information so we can be featured in the magazine.

Councilman Stasi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Municipal Clerk Melissa Hallerman read a statement from Business Administrator Matthew Crane that included the trees being addressed on High Street, performance evaluations started with employees, and his preparation for the 2025 Budget. She stated that she will be attending the Middlesex County Clerk's Meeting in December where new licensing regulations will be the topic. She also attended the League of Municipalities, that included the Fall Registrar's Conference and took classes on Ethnicity and Finance completing all of her required credits a year early.

\* CLOSED SESSION – Resolution pertaining to Matters: Attorney Client Privilege.

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski      SECONDED – Councilman Stasi

ROLL CALL: 6-0

\* OPEN SESSION

MOTION – Councilman Karczewski  
ROLL CALL: 6-0

SECONDED – Councilman Stasi

\* ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Karczewski and SECONDED by Councilman Duffy at 7:38pm. All were in favor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hall", written in a cursive style.

Melissa Hallerman, RMC  
Municipal Clerk