

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
Mayor & Council
Special Meeting
July 1, 2014

Meeting Location: Henry Hudson Regional High School, 1 Grand Tour, Highlands 07732

Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Mrs. Cummins read through the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Notice is hereby given that this is a Work Shop/Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

Mayor Nolan asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Card, Ms. Kane, Mr. Redmond, Ms. Ryan, Mayor Nolan

Absent: None

**Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Debby Dailey, Deputy Clerk
Tim Hill, Borough Administrator
Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney
Dale Leubner, Borough Engineer**

Mayor Nolan asked Pastor McGrail to lead us in prayer.

Pastor McGrail gave a prayer for the community.

Presentation to Councilman Chris Francy:

Mayor Nolan and Councilwoman Rebecca Kane presented a plaque to Councilman Christopher Francy for his years of service on the council.

Mayor Nolan read the plaque and then presented it to Mr. Francy.

Mr. Francy thanked everyone.

Swearing in of Councilwoman Kane:

Mayor Nolan swears in Councilwoman Rebecca Kane.

Swearing in of Councilman Card:

Mayor Nolan swears in Councilman Doug Card

Sandy Awards:

Mayor Nolan spoke of the pamphlet that was given out. It lists the names of all that helped out the days leading up to Hurricane Sandy and after. He then did plaque presentations and acknowledgements.

Office of Emergency Management:

Mayor Nolan read the inscription on the plaque presented to the Office of Emergency Management. Dave Parker was not present at this time to except the award.

Ms. Kane read names of the OEM Staff, OEM Emergency Operations Staff and OEM Shelter Staff.

Highlands Police Department:

Mayor Nolan read the inscription on the plaque presented to the Police Department.

Miss Kane read the names of Police Officers, Communication Operators, Special Officers and Explorers. She also thanked Chaplain Martin McGrail.

Highlands First Aid Squad:

Mayor Nolan read the inscription on the plaque presented to the First Aid Squad.

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Miss Kane read the names of the First Aid Squad.

Highlands Fire Department:

Mayor Nolan read the inscription on the plaque presented to the Fire Department.

Miss Kane read the names of the Fire Department.

Highlands Department of Public Works, Administrative Staff, Building & Housing Staff, Recreation Department and Municipal Court:

Mayor Nolan read the inscription on the plaque presented to the Department of Public Works.

Miss Kane read the names of all employees in each department.

Tim Hill, Borough Administrator:

Mayor Nolan presented Mr. Hill with a plaque acknowledging his service and dedication.

Mayor Nolan than made the following presentations of recognition and acknowledgement for their service and dedication to:

Highlands Elementary School

Borough of Atlantic Highlands

Sea Bright Police Department

Atlantic Highlands Fire Department

Middletown Fire Department

OEM Plaque Presentation to Dave Parker:

Miss Kane presented the plaque to Dave Parker, Officer of the Office of Emergency Management when he arrived.

HBP Plaque Presentation to Carla Cefalo-Braswell:

Mayor Nolan presented a plaque to Carla Cefalo-Braswell of the Highlands Business Partnership in recognition of their service and dedication for the Borough of Highlands.

Mayor's Recognition of Local Businesses:

Mayor Nolan presented the following local businesses with plaques in recognition of service and dedication to the Borough of Highlands to:

Windansea Resaurant

Off the Hook

Francesco's

Chilango's

Cisco Communication – Gary Aviles

Mayor Nolan gave recognition awards to the following groups, volunteers and individuals for their service, resources and dedication to the Borough of Highlands to:

Rosemary Ryan

O.L.P.H.

Montgomery Prayers

Gary Chivok

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Artel Morris

Mark Leester

Plaque Presentation to Mayor and Council from Highlands Police Department:

Chief Blewett read the inscription on the plaque presented to the Mayor and Council for their services during the storm.

Plaque Presentation to Sea Bright Fire Department:

Chief Blewett presented a plaque to Sea Bright Fire Department for their support during the storm. He explained how much they helped Highlands.

Mayor Nolan thanked all residents, volunteers, committees, future businesses, business owners, contractors, corporations, organizations and non-profit groups who all helped this community in their time a need. He thanked them for their compassion and generosity and continued support.

Mayor Nolan called for a ten minute break at 7:53 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

Mayors Committee Appointments:

Mayor Nolan made the following appointments to the Mayor's Committees as of July 1st, 2014.

Council President	Rebecca Kane – 1 year term
Building/Housing	Rebecca Kane
Public Relations	Tara Ryan/Rebecca Kane
Parks & Recreation	Tara Ryan/Rebecca Kane
Environmental/Shade Tree	Doug Card
Building/Housing Sub-Standard	Kevin Redmond
DPW Council Rep	Rebecca Kane
Public Safety Committee	Kevin Redmond
Budget	Mayor Nolan/Rebecca Kane
Sewer Authority	Doug Card
Public Information Officer	Tara Ryan/Tim Hill
Arts Council	Tara Ryan
HBP Council Reps	Kevin Redmond/Rebecca Kane

Public Portion:

Richard Fitzgerald of Twilight Terrace asked about bulk pick up. It was not picked up. He would like to resolve it now so as not to be a problem in the future.

Mr. Hill stated that he spoke with Condo Maintenance yesterday. He is working with M&S Sanitation. If it is not in their contract to pick it up the DPW will pick up the bulk.

Kim Skorka – passed.

Jennifer Olsen – passed.

Melissa Pederson – passed.

Marty Glavin – passed.

Carol Bucco – passed.

Lori Dibble of 2 Matthew Street asked about the Master Plan, assessment process and substandard housing.

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Mr. Hill stated that we are working on substandard housing with Code Enforcement and the Workforce Development Group. They are doing visual assessments. The information will be shared with people doing the Master Plan.

Lori Dibble asked about the number of houses to be demolished.

Mayor Nolan stated that the list is still being worked on. He would like to have a town hall meeting in the fall to bring back all the information that has been gathered to the residents.

There were no questions.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Ryan and all were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Debby Dailey, Deputy Clerk

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