

BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES –JULY 6, 2011

A Special Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall on Wednesday July 6, 2011. The Meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by Mayor Vahalla. The invocation given by Council President Cammarano was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by a notice sent to the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger on June 27, 2011 stating that a special meeting of the Mayor and Council would be held on July 6, 2011 at 5pm in Borough Hall and by posting said notice on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and filing the same with the Borough Clerk.

Present were Councilmembers Wallace, Rasmussen, Rubin, Muldoon, Lease and Council President Cammarano.

Also present were Mayor Vahalla, Borough Attorney Murphy and Borough Clerk Harris.

AGENDA SESSION

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, second by Councilman Lease, with all in favor the agenda session was opened.

Council President Cammarano moved the New Business Consent Agenda to immediately follow the agenda session.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, second by Councilman Lease, with all in favor the agenda session was closed.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, second by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the consent agenda encompassing resolutions R2011-147 and 148 were approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-147

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PATROLMAN TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT-
TROHALIDES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that Anthony Trohalides, be and he is hereby appointed as a Police Officer of the Police Department of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey in accordance with law at the starting rate of Patrolman with said appointment being effective July 6, 2011.

Dated: July 6, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-148

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PATROLMAN TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT-
CHIJOKE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that Emeka Chijioke, be and he is hereby appointed as a Police Officer of the Police Department of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey in accordance with law at the starting rate of Patrolman with said appointment being effective July 6, 2011.

Dated: July 6, 2011

The oath of office was administered to Patrolman Emeka Chijioke by Borough Attorney Murphy.

The oath of office was administered to Patrolman Anthony Trohalides by Borough Attorney Murphy.

Chief of Police Rentenberg spoke regarding the hiring of the two new patrolman. The Chief stated that there were 95 applications submitted for two positions and that the candidates selected were the most qualified to serve the Borough of Metuchen.

Mayor Vahalla welcomed the new officers and wished them the best of luck and a long career in Metuchen.

Council took a 2 minute recess at 5:14pm.

Council re-convened at 5:16pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to public comment on any items on the agenda.

Hearing no one wishing to speak Mayor Vahalla closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Wallace stated that the New Jersey Department of Transportation will be working on Route 27 up to the bridge in Metuchen. Councilman Wallace wants have the Borough Engineer speak to NJDOT regarding the section of road between Route 287 and Bridge Street that continually floods in hopes that the situation would be addressed being the road is about to be worked on.

Councilman Wallace stated that there have been reported incidences in the Borough and surrounding towns where men dressed in utility company uniforms knock on residents' doors attempting to gain access and burglarize those homes. Councilman Wallace suggested that the police cars that are being retired should be painted, have Code Enforcement decals added to them and then given to the Code Enforcement Department to utilize for their inspections. Having a marked car will allow residents to know that they are Borough employees not intruders.

Councilwoman Rasmussen stated that she attended the Middlesex County Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting on June 28 where Jim Constantine presented the Greenway Extension Plan.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Vahalla stated that there was a fire at C&K Plastics on June 25. 3 Firefighters were injured and 14 companies responded to the fire. Mayor Vahalla congratulated the Fire Department on the work provided regarding this fire.

Council President Cammarano stated that the collaborative effort set forth to fight this fire is a great example of how beneficial mutual aid is to area departments.

Councilman Wallace reiterated the seriousness of that particular fire.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.