

UNAPPROVED
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE

MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Date: May 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge came to order with Mayor Desire, at 7:30 PM on the above date. "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of 2014 meeting dates was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 9, 2014 and posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall. The meeting was held in the Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ. Action may be taken."

Mayor Desire led those present in the salute to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Flynn (arrived at 8:04PM)
Councilwoman Hughes
Councilwoman Miller
Councilman Rapp
Councilwoman Scarcia
Councilman Stemple

Attorney Barry Goodman, Administrator John Gregory, Municipal Clerk Diane Seals and twelve members of the general public and news media were also present.

VISITORS: High Bridge Board of Education, Superintendent Hobaugh and Business Administrator McCann came to present the School Budget.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS:

Councilman Rapp motioned to dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 24, 2014. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Rapp motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2014. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to Borough issues. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that portion of the agenda. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council.

Robert Babriecki came before Council to ask that trucks be kept off of Cregar Road, that "no use of Jake brake" signs be installed, reinstall a missing speed limit sign, and fix the potholes.

Mike Gronsky stated that he had reviewed the New Borough Hall plans and was concerned about the foundation/settlement. Attorney Goodman suggested that the Resolution be adopted with the stipulation that the engineer look into the issue.

Brent Dugan asked if the foundations would effect the settling rate.

Dr. Brenden Coughlin asked when will River Road be repaired. Mayor Desire said that they will look at the road. Councilman Flynn stated that the Borough can apply for only so many grants. Councilman Stemple stated that the roads are looked at every year.

David Defederico said "US Athletic Fields" was getting terminated and what will happen next. Administrator Gregory said that he was looking at different options. Work needs to be done within the week.

Robert Babrecki asked that the Borough fix the road in front of his house.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: Monthly report May 22, 2014

Councilman Flynn: **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

Councilwoman Hughes: **PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING, OPEN SPACE**

ENVIRONMENTAL:

PUBLIC HEALTH:

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING:

Councilwoman Scarcia: **INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURAL & HERITAGE &EVENTS**

NEWSLETTER/INFORMATION:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

RECREATION:

Councilwoman Miller: **EMERGENCY SERVICES, EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL COURT**

POLICE:

RESCUE SQUAD:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

**EDUCATION:
COURT:
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
CULTURAL & HERITAGE:
EVENTS:**

Councilman Rapp: **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION**
**PUBLIC WORKS:
RECREATION:
SWAC:**

Councilman Stemple: **FINANCE & GOLF**
FINANCE:

John Gregory: **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mayor, Mark Desire: **EXECUTIVE SERVICES**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 2ND Reading.

**ORDINANCE #2014-13
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS, CHAPTER 8**

Mayor Desire asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-13.
Councilwoman Hughes motioned to open. Councilman Rapp seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes
Questions and Comments:
Councilwoman Hughes explained that “wildlife” was added.

Mayor Desire asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-13
Councilman Rapp motioned to close. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.
Mayor Desire asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #2014-13 and stated that Ordinance #2014-13 shall be published by title only in the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.
Councilwoman Hughes motioned to adopt. Councilman Rapp seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

**ORDINANCE #2014-14
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VIII, HIGH BRIDGE HILLS GOLF, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
OF HIGH BRIDGE, ESTABLISHING GOLF RATES**

Mayor Desire asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-14.
Councilman Rapp motioned to open. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.
Questions and Comments:
Councilman Stemple explained that this ordinance establishes a range of rates to work with as per market may dictate.
Dr. Brenden Coughlin said to be sure to maximize income.

Mayor Desire asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2014-14.
Councilman Rapp motioned to close. Councilwoman Scarcia seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.
Mayor Desire asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance #2014-14 and stated that Ordinance #2014-14 shall be published by title only in the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.
Councilman Rapp motioned to adopt. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

**ORDINANCE #2014-15
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING LAND USE DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 145, DELETE SECTIONS
409.N AND 405.C.6, AFFORDABLE AGE RESTRICTED HOUSING AND REPLACE WITH 405.C.6, MIXED USE COMMERCIAL
RESIDENTIAL**

Mayor Desire explained that Ordinance #2014-15 has to go before the Planning Board/Bd of Adjustment, then on May 22nd there will be the Public Hearing.

Councilman Rapp motioned to move Public Hearing to May 22, 2014. Councilman Stemple seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Borough Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

1. **RESOLUTION #119-2014:** Approve Utilities adjustment for Account 101038S.
2. **RESOLUTION #120-2014:** Award of Bid for New Borough Hall to "Procomm Systems" for \$476,237.00.
3. **RESOLUTION #121-2014:** Termination of Contract with "US Athletic Fields".
4. **RESOLUTION #122-2014:** Establishment of Alternative Golf Events.
5. **RESOLUTION #123-2014:** High Bridge Hills Golf Club In-Season Golf Rates.
6. **RESOLUTION #124-2014:** Amend Professional Service Contract.
7. **RESOLUTION #125-2014:** Length of Service Award List.
8. **RESOLUTION #126-2014:** Approve Promotion of Patrolman Jonathan Danberry to Patrolman 1st Class, effective May 11, 2014.
9. **RESOLUTION #127-2014:** Approve High Bridge Women's Group Flea Market at the Commons on May 17, 2014.

Councilman Rapp made a motion to remove Resolution #120-2014 from Consent Agenda for discussion. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye, Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

As there has been a concern raised, Councilman Flynn motioned to amend the Resolution to include "award bid upon the engineer addressing the foundation/footing/ settlement concern." Councilwoman Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

Councilman Rapp motioned to adopt as amended. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

Councilman Rapp motioned to adopt Resolutions #119, 121, 122 thru #127, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes. Councilman Stemple seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice from Hunterdon County, Division of Public Health Services Solid Waste & Recycling regarding "Hazardous Waste Collection", Saturday, July 12, 2014 and "Electronics Collection Day" on Saturday, October 11, 2104
2. Certification of Funds for Quest.
3. Utilities Report for the month of April, 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW ORDINANCES: Introduction 1st reading. None at this time.

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No comments at this time.

Chris Zappa mentioned a streetlight on a wooden pole was down. Administrator Gregory said it was JCP & L's and they would follow a work order.

LEGAL ISSUES: There were no legal issues at this time.

BILL LIST:

Councilman Rapp motioned to approve and direct payment of all vouchers as they appear on the Bill List in the total amount of **\$165,660.21** a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: RESOLUTION #128-2014: Legal advice on Possible Litigation with the Town of Clinton Sewer issue and the Solitude House.

Councilman Rapp motioned to adopt a resolution allowing for Executive Session, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof these minutes. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

Councilman Rapp motioned to return to Open Session. Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Roll Call Vote: Flynn, aye; Hughes, aye; Miller, aye; Rapp, aye; Scarcia, aye; Stemple, aye. Motion Carried: 6 ayes.

Mayor Desire asked if there was any further business. There was none at this time. Mayor Desire asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Rapp motioned and Councilwoman Hughes seconded. Vote: 6 ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Seals, Municipal Clerk, RMC