

MEETING AGENDA OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

MEETING DATE November 12, 2015 **REGULAR COUNCIL** 7:30 PM
MEETING PLACE High Bridge Firehouse 7 Maryland Ave.

Actual meeting may contain discussion of items not mentioned on the agenda and alternatively any items specifically listed may be omitted.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor calls meeting to order and makes the following statement: “Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of 2015 Meeting Dates was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on January 1, 2015, Noticed in the Express Times on January 15, 2015, and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall. Action may be taken.”

2. FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor or Presiding Officer.

3. ROLL CALL:

Roll Call Vote						P=Present A=Absent							
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa		Mayor Desire	

**4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: -
MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FOR:**

Regular Meeting Minutes October 22

Motion to Approve:				Second:							
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

MOTION TO APPROVE OR CORRECT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes October 22

Motion to Amend/Approve:				Second:							
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

5. VISITORS:

A.

6. 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 section of the agenda. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

7. 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.

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	PURPOSE
206-2015	Refund Utility overpayment	Refund due to meter issue
207-2015	Chapter 159 Build out study	Authorization to spend funds for the Build out study
208-2015	Year End Transfers	Transfers between budget accounts to cover unforeseen expenditures
209-2015	Authorize Purchase of Truck	New Water truck from State Contract
210-2015	Escrow Refund	Closed out escrow
211-2015	Landlord Registration refund	Exempt property owner occupied
212-2015	Professional Services Contract	Amend Planner Contract
213-2015	Accept Highlands Plan Performance Grant	Accept highlands performance grant
214-2015	Lien Redemption	Payoff of tax lien – funds to lienholder
215-2015	Approve grant NJDOT	Authorize filing of grant for Mill Street Reconstruction.
Motion to Approve Resolutions 206 – 215:		Second:
Roll Call Vote		Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent
Hughes	Scarcia	Shipps
		Stemple
		Strange
		Zappa

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: Monthly Report

<u>Governing Body Member or Appointed Official</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Councilman Zappa	<u>Planning & Engineering</u>
Councilwoman Hughes	<u>Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste / Recycling, Open Space, & Cultural & Heritage</u>
Councilwoman Scarcia	<u>Information, Economic Development, Events</u>
Councilman Strange	<u>Emergency Services, Education & Municipal Court-</u>
Councilwoman Shipps	<u>Department Of Public Works & Recreation</u>
Councilman Stemple	<u>Finance & Golf</u>
John Gregory	<u>Administrator’s Report:</u>
Mayor Mark Desire	<u>Executive Services</u>

9. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. NEW ORDINANCES – Introduction of Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2015-34
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AMEND CHAPTER 120-10 FEES; EXPIRATION OF LICENSE SECTIONS (A) & (C)

A. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce amendment to Ordinance #2015-34

<u>PURPOSE:</u>		<u><i>Set the cost for Dog Licenses reducing the cost for spay and neutered dogs, increasing the cost for nonspayed or neutered dogs to encourage the spaying and neutering of dogs and incorporating the State fee in the license amount</i></u>							
<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>				<u>Second:</u>					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippis		Stemple		Strange	Zappa

Mayor Desire states that the amendment to Ordinance #2015-34 shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of December 10, 2015.

ORDINANCE 2015-35
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VACATE CHAPTERS 65 AND 73 REGARDING BOROUGH PERSONNEL

B. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce amendment to Ordinance #2015-35

<u>PURPOSE:</u>		<u><i>Vacate Personnel Ordinances to adopt Personnel Policy by Resolution to facilitate the ease of changes to the policy as required.</i></u>							
<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>				<u>Second:</u>					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippis		Stemple		Strange	Zappa

Mayor Desire states that the amendment to Ordinance #2015-35 shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of December 10, 2015.

ORDINANCE 2015-36
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 FORD 2144 BRAVE III AMBULANCE BY THE RESCUE SQUAD

C. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce amendment to Ordinance #2015-36

<u>PURPOSE:</u>		<u><i>Vacate Personnel Ordinances to adopt Personnel Policy by Resolution to facilitate the ease of changes to the policy as required.</i></u>							
<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>				<u>Second:</u>					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippis		Stemple		Strange	Zappa

Mayor Desire states that the amendment to Ordinance #2015-36 shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of December 10, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2ND READINGS.

A. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to ReOpen Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-30 Reopen, Councilman Zappa to amend and introduce the amendment proposed at the October 8 Council meeting.

Purpose	<i><u>Amend Noise ordinance making it less restrictive but easier to enforce regarding engine braking</u></i>									
Motion to ReOpen:						Second:				
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa

Questions and Comments:

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance # 2015-30

Motion to Close:						Second:				
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-30.

Motion to Adopt:						Second:				
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance # 2015-30 is adopted shall be published by title only in the Hunterdon County Democrat and/or Express Times according to law

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. RESO 196-2015 Authorization to sign Solitude Village Water Takeover Agreement

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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15. LEGAL ISSUES:

NONE

16. BILL LIST:

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List.

Total Amount: \$ _____

Motion to Approve:						Second:				
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session if Needed OR Move to Adjourn.

RESOLUTION # 2??E-2015: None

Motion to Move into Executive Session:				Second:							
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

Motion to Return to Open Session:				Second:							
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Desire or presiding officer asks if there is any further business.

Motion to Adjourn:				Second:							
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

Next Council Meeting, December 10 2015 REGULAR MEETING, 7:30PM, Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.

Reorganizational Meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm Tentative

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS: (space for members of council and clerk to take notes on each item)
