

	<u>Liaison to State & County</u>
Councilwoman Scarcia	<u>INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EVENTS – Liaison to OEM, Municipal Court & Recreation</u>
Councilman Strange	<u>EMERGENCY SERVICES, EDUCATION & MUNICIPAL COURT- Liaison to Cultural & Heritage & Events</u>
Councilwoman Shipps	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & RECREATION</u>
VACANT	<u>FINANCE & GOLF</u>
John Gregory	<u>ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT</u>
Mayor Mark Desire	<u>EXECUTIVE SERVICES</u>

10 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None at this time.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.

12. NEW ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #2015-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE CHAPTER 145, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE STANDARDS CONCERNING SIGNAGE.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce Ordinance #2015-01

<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>		Hughes		<u>Second:</u>		Strange	
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent	
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shipps	Y	Strange	Y
						Zappa	Y

5 ayes; Motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance #2015-01 shall be published in summary in the Express Times along with the Public Hearing date of February 12, 2015.

ORDINANCE 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE SECTION 601 ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING BOARD ADDING SUBSECTION K “TRAINING”.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce Ordinance #2015-02

<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>		Shipps		<u>Second:</u>		Zappa	
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent	
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shipps	Y	Strange	Y
						Zappa	Y

5 ayes; Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance #2015-02 shall be published in summary in the Express Times along with the Public Hearing date of February 12, 2015.

13. PUBLIC HEARING: 2nd reading. NONE AT THIS TIME.

14. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Intent to renew Comcast Franchise Agreement. Public Hearing

Charles Smith is the Senior Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Comcast in Northern New Jersey. Mr. Smith explained that we are in the final stages of the franchise renewal process. Brent Dugan asked a question regarding how this franchise operates. Mr. Smith answered that the cable franchise is non-exclusive. He also explained that an Ordinance would be necessary to finalize the franchise renewal process.

b. ORDINANCE 2015-3 Parking Issues Snow Emergency Route

ORDINANCE 2015-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO REVISE CHAPTER 184 SUBSECTION 30 AND ADD SECTION 36

Questions and Comments:

Administrator John Gregory explained the details of Ordinance 2015-03. Discussion with Council regarding this Ordinance ensued.

Brent Dugan questioned if the entrance to the back part of The Commons would be widened. Administrator Gregory and Councilwoman Hughes will look into this issue.

Christina Whited expressed concerns regarding Van Syckle as a snow emergency street. Administrator Gregory addressed these concerns.

Jim Rospoli expressed concerns of his tenants at 46-48 Main and 7 McDonald regarding limited parking. A discussion with Council ensued. Administrator Gregory will measure lines and look for a way to address these concerns. Mr. Rispoli also explained that nonresidents have been parking in his private lot on Main Street and requested signage to address this. Discussion with Council ensued.

Laura Rocca expressed concerns regarding lot enforcement of parking in the McDonald Street parking lot. Administrator Gregory has spoken to Chief Bartman and address this issue.

Denise Hicksow asked what part of Main Street would be affected by this Ordinance. Administrator Gregory responded that both sides are affected. She is also concerned that cars in the McDonald lot will not be towed. A discussion with Council regarding fine and towing ensued.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce Ordinance #2015-03

<u>Motion to Introduce:</u>		<u> tabled </u>		<u>Second:</u>		<u> tabled </u>	
Roll Call Vote				Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippo		Strange	
						Zappa	

Ordinance 2015-03 tabled for future discussion.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance #2015-03 shall be published in summary in the Express Times along with the Public Hearing date of January 22, 2015.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS: It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to one minute (1) 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. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

James Rispoli expressed concerns regarding a pole in front of his building. The pole are touching the roof of the building. He contacted JCP&L. A discussion with Council ensued. Mayor Desire said JCP&L will be contacted.

Eric Erb a member of the Cultural Heritage committee asked a question regarding what can be done regarding an upcoming event before a Resolution is passed. Administrator Gregory stated he would need more details because of overnight possibility and risk management.

16. **LEGAL ISSUES:** None at this time.

17. **BILL LIST:** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List.

Total Amount: \$430,912.39

<u>Motion to Approve:</u>	Hughes				<u>Second:</u>	Strange			
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shippo	Y	Strange	Y	Zappa	Y

5 ayes, Motion passes.

Councilwoman Shippo approves bill list with abstention from police related items.

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None at this time.

<u>Motion to Move into Executive Session:</u>	_____				<u>Second:</u>	_____			
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippo		Strange		Zappa	

<u>Motion to Return to Open Session:</u>	_____				<u>Second:</u>	_____			
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes		Scarcia		Shippo		Strange		Zappa	

18. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Desire or presiding officer asks if there is any further business. If none,

<u>Motion to Adjourn:</u>	Hughes				<u>Second:</u>	Strange			
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent			
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shippo	Y	Strange	Y	Zappa	Y

5 ayes; Motion to adjourn passed.

Next Council Meeting- JANUARY 22, 2015 REGULAR MEETING, 7:30PM, Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Young, Deputy Clerk
