

MEETING MINUTES OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF HIGH BRIDGE BOROUGH

MEETING DATE May 7, 2015 **MEETING TIME** 7:00PM
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 Desire.

3. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were three members of the public including press, Administrator John Gregory and Deputy Clerk Young.

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES FOR:

March 12, 2015, March 26, 2015, February 12, 2015 and February 26, 2015 regular meeting.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR CORRECT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting minutes of **March 12, 2015**

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR CORRECT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting minutes of **March 26, 2015**

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR CORRECT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting minutes of **February 12, 2015**

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE OR CORRECT PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting minutes of **February 26, 2015**

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

5. VISITORS: None at this time.

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.

Dr. Brendan Coughlin asked Councilman Stemple if there would be an audit of the Golf course by a New Jersey firm. Councilman Stemple replied that there would not be. Dr. Coughlin expressed concerns regarding the quality of water from the Solitude water tower. He also had concerns regarding Resolution #109-2015. He asked why the contractors who built the pool house at Solitude did not have a sewer hookup fee in place. Council responded that Dr. Coughlin should take the issue up with the Solitude Condominium Association, and that this issue is was the responsibility of the Association. He was also concerned about the sewer being connected to a lateral sewer. He questioned how the Hoffman sewer issue was dealt with, and Council responded that the homeowners were billed for this fix through their respective utility bills.

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.

<u>RESOLUTION #107-2015</u>	Approval of Fire Department Raffle		
<u>RESOLUTION #108-2015</u>	Approval of Raffle Knights of Columbus		
<u>RESOLUTION #109-2015:</u>	Authorization to Connect to Sewer		
<u>RESOLUTION #110-2015:</u>	Authorization to accept Click or Ticket grant		
<u>RESOLUTION #111-2015</u>	Authorize Gary S. Dillon to the NJ State Fire Assoc.		
<u>RESOLUTION #112-2015</u>	Authorize Town Wide Yard Sale		
Motion to Approve Resolutions 107, 108, 110-112:	Shipp	Second:	Scarcia
Roll Call Vote	Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent		
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y
Shipp	Y	Stemple	Y
Strange	Y	Zappa	Y

Motion to remove Resolution #109-2015 from the Consent Agenda.				Shipp	Second:				Scarcia			
Roll Call Vote								Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shipp	Y	Stemple	Y	Strange	Y	Zappa	Y	

Questions and comments:

Councilwoman Shipp asked a question regarding Resolution #109-2015. She asked if there would be a retroactive charge to the Solitude Condominium Association for the amount of time the sewer has been hooked up? Councilman Zappa answered that they would be charged.

Councilwoman Scarcia asked if this should be stated that in the document for Public record. Council decided to table Resolution #109-2015.

Motion to table Resolution #109-2015 to discuss at next meeting.				Shipp	Second:				Scarcia			
Roll Call Vote								Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent				
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y	Shipp	Y	Stemple	Y	Strange	Y	Zappa	Y	

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:

Reports on May 28, 2015

Councilman Zappa	<u>PLANNING & ENGINEERING – Liaison to Planning Board/Board of Adjustment</u>
Councilwoman Hughes	<u>PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING, OPEN SPACE, & CULTURAL & HERITAGE – Solid Waste/Recycling 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 Shipp	<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.** Grant approval Cregar Road Section 6 for 160,000
- B.** Valuation Table Equalized Ratables from State of NJ Office of School Finance
- C.** County Office of Emergency Management Drill
- D.** Letter from New Jersey Business Association
- E.** Resignation Letter Ralph Price.

Questions and Comments:

Councilwoman Shipp asked a question regarding the resignation letter from Ralph Price. Mayor Desire answered that this letter has been rescinded.

10. NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Adoption 2015 High Bridge Borough Budget as amended

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Budget Resolution# 104-2015

2015 BUDGET AMENDED AND ADOPTED

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Stemple explained that the changes in the budget address reclassification of line items from one account to another account. The changes have all been reflected into this budget.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Budget Resolution# 104-2015

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Budget Resolution# 104-2015.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

12. NEW ORDINANCES - Introduction

A. Mayor Desire asks for a Motion to Introduce Ordinance #2015-22

**Ordinance 2015-22
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

VACATE BOROUGH CODE SECTION 142-6 CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

Motion to Introduce Ord# 2015-22:	Stemple	Second:	Shipp
Roll Call Vote			Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; At=Absent
Hughes	Y	Scarcia	Y
Shipp	Y	Stemple	Y
Strange	Y	Zappa	Y

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Mayor Desire explained that this new State permit system is meant to be more efficient in Borough Hall. Councilwoman Shipp asked if the fees were remaining the same. Deputy Clerk Young responded that the fees are being updated to the State fee structure. Administrator John Gregory added that some of the fees will go and some will go down.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-22 is hereby introduced and shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law

13. PUBLIC HEARING: 2ND READINGS.

A. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-03

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 Section 30 and Add
Section 36**

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Zappa gave an update on Main Street Parking issues.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-03

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

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

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

5 ayes, 1 Abstention, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-03 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law

B. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-13

**Ordinance 2015-13
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Vacate Borough Code Section Article VI subsection 167-9 Special Events Fee Schedule

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilwoman Scarcia stated that Special Event add prices were changes. She explained that they are changing because the printing prices had increased.

Christina Whited asked if there was more than one source explored for the printing. Councilwoman Scarcia answered that other options had been explored.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-13

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-13.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-13 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law

Motion to approve Resolution 112-2015 fees for Special Events

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

C. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-14

**Ordinance 2015-14
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Vacate Borough Code Section Article III subsection 167-6 Recreation Fee Schedule

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilwoman Shipps stated that there are no changes to field usage fees and no changes to the summer recreation program fees. The only changes will be the usage of the fields for adult softball, due to 5 fewer teams this year. They have given up an entire field use.

Councilman Zappa explained that the reason for vacating this subsection is so that the fees can be set by Resolution instead of Ordinances.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-14

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-14.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-14 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law

Motion to approve Resolution 113-2015 fees for Recreation

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

D. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-15

**Ordinance 2015-15
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Vacate Borough Code Sub-Section 407-38 Water Rates, Fees, and Charges sections A & B

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments: Councilman Zappa explained vacating in order to reinstate through Resolution.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-15

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-15.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-15 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

Motion to approve Resolution 114-2015 fees for Water Charges

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

E. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-16

**Ordinance 2015-16
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$275,000 from Capital Improvement Fund for Road Improvements to Cregar Road, Phase V.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Zappa explains how the funds are being utilized.

Councilwoman Scarcia asked how many more phases are remaining. Councilman Zappa answered that only one more phase. He also stated that next year's grant has already been approved for \$160,000. Phase six will cover the area from the bridge east.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-16

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-16

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-16 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

F. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to introduce Ordinance #2015-17

**Ordinance 2015-17
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$120,000 from Water Capital Improvement Fund for Road Improvements to Cregar Road, Phase V

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Zappa explains that these funds will cover the other component of the road construction which is the sewer and water, and also to fill in the large ditch on the westbound side of Cregar Road. Councilwoman Scarcia asked what be used to replace it? Councilman Zappa answered there will now be a storm water system in place of the ditch.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-17

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-17.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-17 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

G. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-18

**Ordinance 2015-18
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$68,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the General Road Repairs Including Curbing, Chip Sealing and Pothole Maintenance.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilwoman Scarcia question if there were plans to obtain new equipment with this fund? Councilman Stemple responded that there are no plans to purchase equipment and this fund includes cost for materials and any rental of equipment necessary. Discussion ensued regarding prices of equipment rental. Councilman Zappa also explained some of the methodology utilized to repair roads.

Mike Gronsky asked if there was a prioritized list of roads to be repaired. Councilman Zappa responded that he is working on a detailed list.

Christina Whited asked if the machine was being rented for an entire month. Council responded that it is still undecided if a rental would take place at all, but there may be access to a smaller machine on loan from another location. Christina Whited also inquired if there was a smaller increment of time allowed to rent this machine.

Councilman Shipps responded that this was not the case.

Dr, Brendan Coughlin asked a question regarding how a pothole patcher found in the amended capital budget will work with the rentals. Councilman Stemple responded that a machine is not being purchased this year, but hopefully purchased in the next year.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-18

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-18.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-18 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

H. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to Open the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-19

**Ordinance 2015-19
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$67,000 from Capital Improvement Fund for the Partial Replacement of the Fire Department SCBA Air Packs.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Strange commented that there are several SCBA packs that need to be replaced due to the replacement cycle. This year eight will be replaced, this is one third of the SCBA air packs. Council explained that staggering replacement will be more cost effective. Eight packs constitutes an entire SCBA team.

Dr. Brendan Coughlin asked if the police cars were supplied with these as well. Council and Chief Bartman answered that this was not the case, and these packs are more necessary for the fire department.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-19

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-19.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-19 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

- I. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to Open the Public Hearing Ordinance #2015-20

**Ordinance 2015-20
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$13,200 from Capital Improvement Fund for the Replacement of the Fire House Roof.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Stemple explained that this needs to be addresses before the roof further deteriorates.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-20

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-20.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-20 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

J. Mayor Desire asks for a motion to open the Public Hearing Ordinance #2015-21

**Ordinance 2015-21
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Ordinance Appropriating \$20,000 from Sewer Capital Improvement Fund for the Replacement of Two (2) Pump Valves.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Questions and Comments:

Councilman Scarcia asked the location of the two pumps that needed the valves. Councilwoman Shipp responded that these pumps were located on two wells. She also explained that they got bids from two vendors. Discussion with Council ensued regarding past water pump valve replacement.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2015-21

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire asks for a motion to adopt Ordinance# 2015-21.

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2015-21 is hereby adopted and shall be published by title only in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat according to law.

13. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Weight Limit on Main Street. 8 ton or 16,000lbs with exemptions for Local Delivery, School Busses, and Emergency Vehicles. This limit will exclude ALL commercial trucks which require a CDL for Vehicles in excess of 26,000lbs, it would also exclude some large truck RV Fifth wheel combinations which would likely run into Height issues.

Discussion with Council and Chief Bartman ensued regarding this item, it was decided to do further investigation into this matter.

14. 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.

Christina Whited asked if someone was looking into the cost of the signs previously discussed regarding overweight trucks. Councilman Zappa explained that this would be a County cost. She also expressed concerns regarding better signage regarding pedestrian crossing around the Columbia trail. She also inquired if there could be a web camera placed in front of Borough Hall to record trucks going down Main Street. Chief Bartman responded that this was not a possible option. Christina Whited noted how impressed she is that attendance at the Council meetings has been commendable. She then questioned if the two hour parking limit going from Casa Maya to the corner of Bridge Street issue had been dealt with. Council responded that there was no sign, but there is two hour parking sign in front of Mrs. Riley’s. She also inquired about the lack of a storm drain on Main Street. Mayor Desire responded they will look into it.

Dr. Brendan Coughlin expressed concerns about the Clubhouse at Solitude village regarding a possible sewer lateral. He inquired how the residents on Hoffman received relief for the lateral present there. Council responded that they did not receive relief from the Borough and the Hoffman residents were charged for the fix. He then asked how the residents of Solitude would address a problem if one were to occur. Council explained how the shared sewer worked on Hoffman. They also explained that Hoffman resident chose to pay DPW to fix the problem. They also could have paid a private contractor to do the fix. Solitude village residents could also approach a future issue in the same manner. Councilman Stemple did say that there would be no guarantee that DPW would be available to do the fix. Councilman Zappa also added that DPW did not fix the issue, but that these Hoffman residents did need to hire a private contractor as well.

15. LEGAL ISSUES: None at this time.

16. BILL LIST:

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

Total Amount: \$ 217,453.40

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

6 ayes, Motion passed.

Councilwoman Shipp approves bill list with abstention from police related items. She also asked about a charge for the institute for Forensic Psychology. Chief Bartman said that it was a personnel matter, and she should speak with Administrator Gregory or Attorney Barry Goodman.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

6 ayes, Motion to adjourn passed.

Adjournment: 8:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deputy Clerk Adam Young

**Next Council Meeting Joint with the High Bridge Board of Education- May 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING,
6:00PM, Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.**
