

**MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Date: February 11, 2016: 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 2016 Meeting Dates was published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times on December 24, 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: P=PRESENT; A=ABSENT

Governing Body Member	P or A	Time Arrived if Late
Councilwoman Scarcia		
Councilwoman Shipps		
Councilman Stemple		
Councilman Strange		
Councilman Zappa		
Council President Hughes		
Mayor Desire		

**4. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE MEETING
MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2016**

Mayor asks if there are any corrections to the prior meeting minutes. Mayor asks for a motion to dispense with the reading of the prior meeting(s) minutes and to approve minutes (*or corrected minutes*)

Motion to Dispense w/Reading of Minutes						Second					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	
Motion to Approve Minutes (corrected)						Second					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

5. VISITORS:

- A.** Eagle Scouts
P2-2016 - Dylan Wylie
P3-2016 – Matthew Krisanits
P4-2016 – Robert Whitney
- B.** Assessor Presentation on Abatements

6. : PROCLAMATIONS:

- A.** –P5-2016 Support for Arbor Day

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A.** Sale of Water System – Resolution 65-2016, Authorization to Issue RFP R01-2016

Purpose	To seek out proposal for takeover of the Borough Water System										
Motion to Approve Resolution 65-2016						Second					
Roll Call Vote						Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent					
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

Next Council Meeting, February 25, 2016, 7:30 pm, Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.

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- B.** Professional to explore Sewer Location and Design – Resolution 66-2016, Authorization to Issue RFP R02-2016

Purpose	To seek out a Professional for Waste Water Plant Location and Design										
Motion to Approve Resolution 66-2016					Second						
Roll Call Vote					Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent						
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

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

9. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- A.** Ordinance 2016-05 Abatement Ordinance

**ORDINANCE 2016-05
RENEWING BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE CODE CHAPTER 365 WITH AMENDMENTS TO
CHAPTER 365-6**

Purpose	Renew Abatement Ordinance for rehab and new development.										
Motion to Open Public Hearing					Second						
Roll Call Vote					Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent						
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

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

Motion to Adopt 2016-1					Second						
Roll Call Vote					Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent						
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipp		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

Ordinance # 2016-05 is adopted shall be published by title only in the Hunterdon County Democrat and/or Express Times according to law

10. NEW ORDINANCES – IF ANY, NEXT NUMBER 2016-6

- A.** NONE

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11. 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			
67-2016	Lien Redemption	Payment to Outside Lien Holder for Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate			
68-2016	Approval for Application for County Open Space Funds	Annual application to Hunterdon County for Open Space Funding to be used for paying debt- Lake Solitude			
69-2016	Refund Food Handlers Permit	Refund to School for payment of food handlers permit-School is exempt from payment			
70-2016	Emergency Temp Appropriation	State of Emergency-Blizzard Expenses			
71-2016	Approval of Charity Event	Comedy Club Charity event for new backstop			
72-2016	Permanent Status	Employee to permanent full-time employment			
73-2016	Authorization to issue RFP	Water Main Repair Service			
74-2016	Approval of Social Affairs Permit	Fire Department			
75-2016	Approval of Raffle Licenses	Fire Department			
Motion to Approve Resolutions 67 – 75:		Second:			
Roll Call Vote		Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent			
Hughes	Scarcia	Shipp	Stemple	Strange	Zappa

12. COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: MONTHLY REPORT DUE FEBRUARY 25, 2016

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A. ?

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON

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

15. LEGAL ISSUES:

A. NONE

16. BILL LIST:

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

Total Amount: \$ 303,411.39

Motion to Approve:		Second:			
Roll Call Vote		Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Absent			
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1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session if Needed OR Move to Adjourn.**
 A. RESOLUTION # : 2E-2016 – None Scheduled

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

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

17. 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 or Absent							
Hughes		Scarcia		Shipps		Stemple		Strange		Zappa	

18. LOOK AHEAD MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2016

- A. Council Monthly Reports
 B. Council Goals