

# BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 13, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: High Bridge Firehouse, 7 Maryland Ave.

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Please note: This meeting may contain discussion of items not mentioned on the agenda and, alternatively, any items specifically listed may be omitted.

## 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 now be taken.

## FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR OR PRESIDING OFFICER

## ROLL CALL:

Councilman LoIacono	present	Councilman Strange	present
Councilwoman Shipp	absent	Councilman Zappa	present
Councilman Stemple	present	Council Pres. Hughes	present
		Mayor Desire	present

Also present were fifty-nine members of the public and press as well as Acting Clerk Adam Young, Attorney Barry Goodman, Chief Brett Bartman, Borough Engineer William Burr, and Administrator Michael Pappas.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2016

Mayor asks if any corrections necessary or for a motion to dispense with the reading of the prior meeting(s) minutes.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the September 22nd, 2016 minutes: LoIacono, Second: Strange  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shipp, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 minutes: Hughes, Second: Strange  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shipp, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

## VISITORS:

- A.** Crime Stoppers award was presented to Chief Bartman
- B.** Elizabethtown Gas presentation - Presented the proposed gas line project on Cregar Road.

Cindy Meyer - Has concerns that the chip and seal will not be sufficient and that her sewer line will be an issue. Council confirmed that the chip and seal is temporary and that sewer laterals can be avoided. Ms. Meyer agreed to submit plans to the contractor. David Stonicker - Asked why the project of the pipeline was not done earlier. Council explained the project timelines moving in phases and that this is a newly proposed pipeline project. Mr. Stonicker asked about the speeding on Cregar. Chief Bartman quoted a traffic study completed on Cregar Road. George Wanger - Asked how the connection of the lines improves the service of the system. The Elizabethtown Representative explained that this project gives flexibility to the system's operations. Chris Wescott - Asked what the pipe pressure will be at the home connection. The Elizabethtown representative commented that it is not uncommon to have the 175lbs at the house. Mr. Wescott about getting a connection at his residence. Asked how deep the main will be set. 3 feet was the reply from the Elizabethtown Gas representative. Steve Barren - Asked about conversion issues with his current home appliances. General conversion was discussed. Elizabeth Wanger - Has concerns about trees being affected. Elizabethtown Gas confirmed the placement of the pipeline would be below the center of the street. Discussion of connection logistics ensued. Marcus Siebler - Asked about burying the powerlines and any rebates for converting to gas. Council discussed the extensive cost of this proposal.

Bob Bork - Asked about pipeline placement and how letters were distributed. The Borough Engineer explained the hand delivery process. Barbara Yanni - Asked about homeowner responsibilities of converting. Discussion ensued on these logistics. Richard Korebco - Asked about getting gas service and tax funding of road projects. Jerry Veniziano - Asked about getting gas service and stepping down pressure on the gas line system. Discussion ensued. Todd Honeycutt - Asked how Council is planning to commute out with the residents. Council noted more frequent website updates, public service announcements, and direct communication with the contractors. Discussion ensued about signup deadlines, future meetings with Elizabethtown Gas and taking care of these logistics. Jim Dietz - Asked what size pipe will be used. 12" pipe will be used. Gabrielle Carabca - Asked what benefits are offered to the residents. Discussion ensued of offering natural gas to more residents than were previously able to receive service. Rich Rafallo - Asked what other projects may be offered to other parts of town. Discussion of guidelines of service ensued. Catherine Coall - Asked what path would be taken for installation. Discussion ensued.

**C.** High Bridge Hills presentation - Presented statistics, course improvements, and plans for increased revenue in the future. Jenn Stalnicker - Asked that hole 17 be a par 5 for women and expressed much gratitude for the course and management. George Mahathy - Has concerns about increased noise from golf carts and golfers. Discussion of quiet zones, financial necessity with batteries, member agreements ensued.

### **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS: NONE**

### **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.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A.** Amend Ordinance 390-2 to include trailers and inoperable motor vehicles – no update given
- B.** Recycling and trash schedule - Map is unreadable. Michael Dinardi spoke to the implementation of the recycling process.
- C.** Landlord registration - Landlord registration. Administrator Pappas spoke to the changes to the Ordinance for efficiency.
- D.** Best practices - Best practices discussed by the Administrator and Council

Comment added by Councilman Strange that the Ordinance for background checks for recreation members is still being adjusted. Attorney Goodman noted that the Ordinance will be going through the usual, public process for proper review by Council and the public.

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** **Ordinance 2016-24**: Private sale of undersized lots

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2016-24**: Hughes, Second: Strange,  
Roll call vote: Lolacono, aye; Shipps, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that the **Ordinance 2016-24** shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of October 27, 2016.

- B.** **Ordinance 2016-25**: Sale of Borough Hall – 71 Main St.

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2016-25**: LoIacono, Second: Strange,  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shippis, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that the **Ordinance 2016-25** shall be published in summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of October 27, 2016.

### **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.

<b>RESOLUTION #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
Resolution 221-2016	Ch 159 – Body Armor
Resolution 222-2016	Advertise Department of Works part-time position
Resolution 223-2016	Amend Professional Contract- Quest
Resolution 224-2016	Authorize RFP – Professional services
Resolution 225-2016	Escrow refund
Resolution 226-2016	NJ Dept. of Transportation - Main Street Phase Three
Resolution 227-2016	OEM Hazard Mitigation Plan
Resolution 228-2016	Award of Contract - JTG

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (add “as amended” if needed): Strange, Second: Zappa,  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shippis, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A.** Best practices inventory
- B.** Resident notice
- C.** Quest proposal – deed notice

### **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.

### **LEGAL ISSUES: NONE**

### **BILL LIST:**

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$293,905.11**

Motion to approve bill list: Stemple, Second: Strange  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shippis, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE ON CLINTON SEWERAGE ARBITRATION**

**Resolution # E10-2016** - Motion to move into executive session: Zappa, Second: Strange,  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shippis, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to move into open session: Stemple, Second: Strange,  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shippis, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;  
Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

**ADJOURNMENT: MAYOR DESIRE OR PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion to adjourn: Stemple, Second: Strange

Roll call vote: LoIacono, aye; Shipps, absent; Stemple, aye; Strange, aye; Zappa, aye; Hughes, aye;

Vote results: Five ayes. Motion passes.

*Next Council Meeting: October 27, 2016, 7:30 pm – Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ*

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam Young, Municipal Acting Clerk