

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 08, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: High Bridge Firehouse, 7 Maryland Ave.

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 states: “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

Councilman LoIacono, present	Councilman Strange, present
Councilwoman Shippis, present	Councilman Zappa, present
Councilman Stemple, present	Council Pres. Hughes, present
	Mayor Desire, present

Also present were Attorney Goodman, Administrator Michael Pappas and Acting Clerk Adam Young along with thirty-four members of the public and press.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MINUTES – NOVEMBER 11TH, 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 November 11th, 2016 minutes: Hughes, Second: Zappa
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shippis, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;
Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the November 11th, 2016 minutes: Hughes, Second: Shippis
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shippis, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;
Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

VISITORS:

A. High Bridge students – playground equipment donation: Council thanked the students for their donation

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS:

A. Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over: Proclamation was read and accepted by Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

Paul Lipani - 14 Hillcrest Lane - Asked about the status of the current road repairs as it relates to Hillcrest Lane. Council discussed the previous plans for road repairs around the town and cost of the current projects being worked on.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Ordinance 2016-27: Amend Chapter 184-10 Ordinance to Include Chapter 184-10.1 – Trailer Parking

Motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2016-27: LoIacono, Second: Strange,
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shippis, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;
Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Council described the intent to make roads safer with this Ordinance.

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2016-27: Stemple, Second: Strange,
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shippis, yes; Stemple, no; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;
Vote results: 1 no, 5 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-27: LoIacono, Second: Strange,
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shippis, yes; Stemple, no; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;
Vote results: 1 no, 5 ayes. Motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2016-27 is adopted shall be published by Title in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat in accordance with the law.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Reorganizational date – Proposed date of January 5th, 2017, 7pm at 7 Maryland Ave. High Bridge
B. Sale of Borough Hall – No bids have been received. Council discussed options to continue with the sale of the Borough Hall, 71 Main Street.

- C.** Requests for proposal - Professionals: Council discussed the use of a committee for review.
- D.** Highland redevelopment plan proposal – Council discussed the Highlands Council funding for a redevelopment plan of 100 West Main Street, a request of reallocation of the available funds for this project, and an overview of options for areas designated in need of redevelopment.

Resolution 259-2016 - Motion to add Resolution 259-2016 authorizing a letter to be sent to Maser for moving forward with the reallocation of available funds for the Highland redevelopment plan proposal:

Motion: Hughes, Second: LoIacono,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 259-2016: Hughes, Second: LoIacono,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

- E.** Department of Transportation aid programs – Discussed different aid programs available from the Department of Transportation including Transit village, safe streets, and other programs.

- F.** Ice-skating rink – Discussion of funds, the need for insurance coverage and funding a fence were discussed by Council.

Resolution 260-2016 - Motion to add Resolution 260-2016 authorizing the construction of an ice-skating rink utilizing funds up to the amount of \$4000.00:

Motion: LoIacono, Second: Hughes,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 260-2016: LoIacono, Second: Hughes,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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
Resolution 243-2016	Award of Contract – Billy Casper
Resolution 244-2016	Lien Redemption
Resolution 245-2016	Refund tax overpayment
Resolution 246-2016	Utility adjustment
Resolution 247-2016	Utility refund
Resolution 248-2016	Authorize a request for proposal – Borough Planner
Resolution 249-2016	Hazard Mitigation
Resolution 250-2016	Property assessment program authorization
Resolution 251-2016	Cancelation of Capital Balances
Resolution 252-2016	Year End Transfer
Resolution 253-2016	Amend professional contract - Maser
Resolution 254-2016	Appointment of Deputy Registrar
Resolution 255-2016	Undersized Lot Bid Received
Resolution 256-2016	Undersized Lot Bid Received
Resolution 257-2016	Undersized Lot Bid Received
Resolution 258-2016	Undersized Lot Bid Received

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: Strange, Second: LoIacono,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:

End of year goals were discussed for all Council members.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- A.** Proposed 2017 Council meeting dates
- B.** 100 West Main redevelopment proposal
- C.** Sale of 71 Main Street proposals
- D.** RFP evaluation criteria document
- E.** Department of Transportation aid programs documents

- F.** Finance Department End of Month Reports
- G.** Community service workers

Resolution 261-2016 - Motion to add Resolution 261-2016 authorizing the continuation of utilizing community service workers:

Motion: Hughes, Second: Strange,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 261-2016: LoIacono, Second: Hughes,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON - NONE

LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

BILL LIST:

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$ 960,730.92**

Motion to approve bill list: Hughes, Second: Zappa

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Councilwoman Shipps abstains from any Police related items.

Councilman Stemple abstains from any Fire Department related items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION AND STAFF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Resolution # E13-2016 - Motion to move into executive session: Hughes, Second: Shipps,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to move into open session: LoIacono, Second: Strange,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Resolution 262-2016 - Motion to add Resolution 262-2016 authorizing the wage increase for Barbara Kinsky:

Motion: LoIacono, Second: Hughes,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 262-2016: LoIacono, Second: Strange,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Resolution 263-2016 - Motion to add Resolution 263-2016 to set the Administrator's salary:

Motion: Hughes, Second: Stemple,

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

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt Resolution 263-2016: LoIacono, Second: Stemple,

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT: PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.

Motion to adjourn: LoIacono, Second: Strange

Roll call vote: Hughes, yes; Strange, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Vote results: 6 ayes. Motion passes.

Next Council Meeting: Reorganizational Meeting - January 5th, 2017, 7:00 pm
Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ