

# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Borough of High Bridge

Date: April 14, 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

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

- A. Kier LoIacono, Brent Dugan or George Columbus  
Councilwoman Shipps nominates Brent Dugan. No second.  
Councilman Strange nominates Kier LoIacono. Councilman Zappa seconds.

Motion to close nominations:

Motion: Stemple, Second: Shipps. Roll call vote: Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes; Motion passes, five ayes.

Motion to appoint Kier LoIacono to the Borough Council:

Roll call vote: Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes; Motion passes, five ayes.

### 4. ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Shipps, present; Councilman Stemple, present; Councilman Strange, present; Councilman Zappa, present; Councilman LoIacono, present; Council President Hughes, present; Mayor Desire, present.

Also present were Attorney Steve Firsker, Deputy Clerk Adam Young, Temporary Assistant Administrator Nate Schwartz, and Administrator John Gregory. Also present were eight members of the public and press.

### 5. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, 2016

Motion to amend the agenda to include the executive meeting minutes for reading and approval:

Motion: Hughes, Second: Shipps.

Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, abstain; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes; Motion passes, four ayes, one abstention

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 minutes and to approve the minutes.

<b>Motion to Dispense w/Reading of Minutes</b>				Hughes		<b>Second</b>		Stemple			
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>				Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Ab=Absent							
Hughes	Y			Shipps	Y	Stemple	Y	Strange	A	Zappa	Y
<b>Motion to Approve Minutes</b>				Hughes		<b>Second</b>		Shipps			
<b>Roll Call Vote</b>				Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain or Ab=Absent							
Hughes	Y			Shipps	Y	Stemple	Y	Strange	A	Zappa	Y

### 6. VISITORS:

- A. **Resolution 86-2016** – To appoint Nate Schwartz Assistant Administrator for the day

Motion to approve Resolution 86-2016 – Motion: Hughes, Second: Zappa

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

Motion passes, six ayes;

**7. PROCLAMATIONS:**

**A.** P8-2016 NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON**

Steve Barenfine spoke about the Cregar Road construction and equipment stored on his property  
Michele Schwartz thanked the Borough for the opportunity for Nate Schwartz to participate in the Administrator for a day program.

**9. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCES – SECOND READING: NONE AT THIS TIME**

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**A. Resolution 115-2016** - Sale of Borough owned Property, Block 4.02, Lot 9, Church St.; Block 4.06, Lot 8, Taylor St.; Block 7, Lot 19 McDonald St.; Block 22, Lot 7, Beavers St.

Motion to approve Resolution 115-2016 – Motion: Strange, Second: Stemple  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

**B. Resolution 116-2016** - To seek permission from the NJ Highlands Council to break up and rezone Block 19 Lot 32, 3.11 acres with one, 1 acre lot deeded open space to protect the riparian rights and the forestry, and 2 lots rezoned R-4 but deed restricted to single family houses.

Motion to approve Resolution 116-2016 – Motion: Stemple, Second: Strange  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

**C.** Paving of Jericho Parking Lot – Council discussed the cost and other possible options of addressing the parking lot. Council recommended further discussion on the topic.

**11. NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**12. NEW ORDINANCES: NONE**

**13. CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	PURPOSE
117-2016	Approve Solicitors Permit	
118-2016	Authorize Tax Appeal Counter Claim	Property in Tax Appeal under assessed
119-2016	Cancel Capital Balances	Cancel Appropriation for Ambulance Equipment
120-2016	Authorize Sale of Surplus Property	Auction of Surplus vehicle/equipment

Motion to remove **Resolution 118-2016** for discussion – Motion: Strange, Second: Zappa  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;  
Discussion: Council discussed the possible outcomes of the counter-claim.

Motion to approve **Resolution 118-2016** – Motion: Strange, Second: Zappa  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

Motion to approve the consent agenda resolutions, as amended – Motion: Stemple, Second: Strange.  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

**14. COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT: NEXT REPORT APRIL 28, 2016**  
Council discussed the issue of street-scapes progressing in conjunction with paving. The Administrator reports that he has contacted the County on this issue.

**15. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**  
**A.** Detour approval for Cregar Rd

**16. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON – NONE**

**17. LEGAL ISSUES: - NONE**

**18. BILL LIST: TOTAL AMENDED AMOUNT: \$316,341.02**

Motion to remove item SAMR, Inc. item from the bill list for discussion – Motion: Strange, Second: Zappa  
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

Discussion: Council discussed the difference in expected contract amounts with the E-container, asked that further information be found out about this, and asked Administrator Gregory to follow up with the finance department on this process

Motion to approve the amended bill list – Motion: Stemple, Second: Hughes.

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes with the exception of any Police related items; Stemple, yes with the exception of any Fire Department related items; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

**19. EXECUTIVE SESSION: - DISCUSSION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION AND FUNDING REQUEST, STEVE FIRSKER ATTENDING**

**Resolution 4E-2016** – Executive session

Motion to move into executive session – Motion: Stemple, Second: Hughes.

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes.

Motion to return to open session – Motion: Strange, Second: Zappa.

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes.

**Resolution 121-2016** – Provides additional funding for e-consult representation

Motion to approve Resolution 121-2016 – Motion: Stemple, Second: Hughes.

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes.

**20. ADJOURNMENT: MAYOR DESIRE ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.**

Motion to adjourn – Motion: Shipps, Second: Zappa

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;  
Motion passes, six ayes;

**Next Council Meeting – April 28, 2016, 7:30pm, Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ, 08829**