

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE - COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 26, 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 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

ROLL CALL:

Councilman LoIacono, present; Councilwoman Adrienne Shipps, present; Councilman Michael Stemple, present; Councilman Stephen Strange, present; Councilman Chris Zappa, present; Council President Lynn Hughes, present, Mayor Mark Desire, present.

Eight members of the public were present including press. Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman and Deputy Clerk Young.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular and executive minutes – May 12, 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 May 12, 2016th minutes: Shipps, Second: Zappa

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to approve the April 28th minutes: LoIacono Second: Zappa

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

VISITORS: None

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS:

A. 2015 Mayor and Council Borough Awards were presented for Eileen Bonacci and Trudy Macholdt

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 minutes per person - None at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Second readings

A. Ordinance 2016-20 - Amend Chapter 12-2 Claims Approval

Motion to open public hearing: Shipps Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to close public hearing: Stemple Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-20: Hughes Second: Strange

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, no; Stemple, yes; Strange, yes; Zappa, yes; Hughes, yes;

Six ayes, motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2016-20 is adopted and shall be published by title in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat in accordance with the law.

B. Ordinance 2016-09 – Amendment appropriating \$225,000.00 from capital improvement fund for road improvements to Cregar Road, phase 5

Motion to open public hearing: Stemple Second: Strange

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

Questions and comments:

Pablo Delgado ask for the cost of phase 5 and the timeline.

Motion to close public hearing: Stemple Second: Shipps

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-20: Stemple Second: LoIacono

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

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2016-09 is adopted and shall be published by title in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat in accordance with the law.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Resolution 141-2016 – Emergency appropriation for Cregar Road phase 5 - (2/3rds vote required)

Motion to adopt Resolution 141-2016: Stemple, Second: Strange

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

B. Resolution 142-2016 – Award of contract – Cregar Road phase 5

Motion to adopt Resolution 142-2016: Zappa, Second: Strange

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

C. Resolution 143-2016 – Award of contract – Road reclamation

Motion to adopt Resolution 143-2016: Stemple, Second: LoIacono

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

D. Resolution 144-2016 – Rejection of bid – Hillcrest water main relining

Motion to adopt Resolution 144-2016: Stemple, Second: Strange

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

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Borough property letters of interest

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NJ Municipality magazine subscription

Resolution 147-2016 – Motion to amend the agenda to add and adopt Resolution 147-2016 - Updating NJ Municipal magazine subscription to purchase one Council and one Borough copy.

Motion to amend and adopt Resolution 147-2016: Hughes, Second: Strange

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

NEW ORDINANCES:

A. Ordinance 2016-21 - \$50,000 - General Road Improvements

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2016-21: Strange Second: LoIacono

Roll call vote: LoIacono , yes; Shippis , yes; Stemple , yes; Strange , yes; Zappa , yes; Hughes, yes; Six ayes, motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2016-21 shall be published in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of June 9th, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:

Mayor, member, or official	Department
Councilman Zappa	Planning , Engineering, & Public Works
New Borough Hall, cregar Road, Streetscape, D.P.W., potholes, street sweeper quotes.	
Councilwoman Hughes	Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste / Recycling, & Open Space
Premier planters om Main Street, HBBA plants, clean communities, Cultural and Heritage lecture series, Solitude House open, slate roof repair.	
Councilman LoIacono	Economic Development & Cultural/Heritage
Councilman Strange	Emergency Services, Municipal Court, & Recreation
21 alarms, 72 calls, end of equipment testing, hydrant inspections, 144 hydrants, golf outing, Police Department, archaeological process, patrol to secondary unit, 14-11 oil change, 14-12 oil change, 14-13 scheduled, Middle school CSI program, dispatch software, summer recreation soon.	
Councilwoman Shippis	Golf and Events
Newsletter submitted, web page, stage painted, SBA seminar.	
Councilman Stemple	Finance, Utilities, & Education
Lease addendum worded satisfactorily, budget introduced, residual audit report	
Mayor Mark Desire	Executive Services
Part time administration position, marriage, letter responses, staffing study, Library meeting, Memorial Day Celebration.	

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Tax and finance reports

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 minute per person - None at this time.

LEGAL ISSUES:

A. Discussion of golf cart lease – Attorney Goodman updated Council that the lease agreement language has been updated and is agreeable between both parties.

B. Town of Clinton – Attorney Goodman updated Council that both parties have agree to arbitration.

BILL LIST:

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$ 256,769.75**

Motion to approve bill list: Stemple Second: Strange

Roll call vote: LoIacono , yes; Shippis , yes/abstain; Stemple , yes/abstain; Strange , yes; Zappa , yes; Hughes, yes; Six ayes, motion passes.

Councilwoman Shippis abstained from any police related items and Councilman Stemple abstained from any fire department related items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to amend agenda to include legal advice and contract negotiations for the sale of Borough Hall

Motion: LoIacono, Second: Zappa

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

RESOLUTION # 6E-2016 – Appointment of Acting Clerk, discussion of part-time Administrator position, discussion of Department of Works employee position, and legal advice and contract negotiations for sale of Borough Hall

Motion to move into executive session: Hughes; Second: Strange

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

A. Resolution 145-2016 – Appointment of Adam Young to the position of Acting Clerk
Motion to adopt Resolution 145-2016: Motion fails

B. Resolution 146-2016 – Jeff Smith to a Department of Works full-time employee
Motion to adopt Resolution 146-2016: Motion fails

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Desire or presiding officer asks if there is any further business.

Motion to adjourn: Stemple Second: Strange

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

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Young
Deputy Clerk

Next Council meeting: June 9th, 2016, 7:30 pm - Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.
