

# BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE - COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 9, 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

## **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.

Twenty-three members of the public were present including press. Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman, Chief Bartman, and Deputy Clerk Young.

## **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular and executive minutes – May 26, 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 26<sup>th</sup> minutes: Hughes; Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to approve the May 26<sup>th</sup> minutes: Hughes; Second: Shipps

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

1. Citizen of the Year Award - High Bridge Stone

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 minutes per person**

Brian Scanlon has concerns about the mailing from the Borough.

Sean Mckay is concerned that the property zoning is changing.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Second readings

### **A.** **Ordinance 2016-19** – Amending zoning map and land use ordinance to extend boundaries of R-4 high density residential zone to include additional lots

Motion to open public hearing: Zappa, Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

John Musnuff commented on uses for R-4 zones, recommended amending Block 19, Lot 32 out of the Ordinance and tabling the issue.

Brent Dugan of the Planning Board confirmed that uses for Block 19, Lot 32 have Highlands restrictions and a maximum of three homes may be built there and had a concern about spot zoning which Mr. Goodman said he does not see being an issue.

Susan Schestler has concerns about the Borough developing the property, environmental impacts, lot lines, land locked properties, property access, and would like to know who owns the alleyway.

Tracy Karpowicz has concerns about road access.

Brian Scanlon has concerns about notification procedure, alley treatment, access, ownership, and heavy truck use on the road surface.

Sean McKay has concerns about the zoning changes and understands that Highlands regulations are in place.

Rhonda Roberts has concerns about plowing, steep hills, and the use of the lot in question.

Amy Gillalan has concerns about subdividing the lot and communication from the Borough.

Evan Apgower and Elizabeth Albert have concerns with clarity on lot access with alleys.

Marta Walingeowski asked if the lots can be split and purchased.

Jill Bagio has concerns about losing open space.

Anthony Romanelli asked for clarification about use for the different zone types

Motion to amend the Ordinance to remove Block 19, Lot 32 and table the public hearing to June 23, 2016:

Motion: Zappa Second: LoIacono

Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes, Shipp, yes, Stemple, yes, Strange, yes, Zappa, yes, Hughes, yes

Vote results: six ayes, motion passes

**B. Ordinance 2016-21** – Ordinance appropriating \$50,000 from capital improvement fund for general road improvements

Motion to open public hearing: Shipp, Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to close public hearing: Shipp, Second: LoIacono

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-21: LoIacono, Second: Strange

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Mayor Desire states that Ordinance 2016-21 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.** Borough property letters of interest – a discussion of how to handle valuation and letters of interest

**B.** High Bridge Historic Triangle rebid, due by June 30, 2016, 10 a.m.

**C.** Cregar Road as truck route

**D.** Water connection request – 19 Round Top Drive

**Resolution 157-2016:** Approve water connection request – 19 Round Top Drive

Motion to adopt Resolution 157-2016: Strange, Second: Zappa

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**NEW ORDINANCES:**

**A. Ordinance 2016-22** – Amendment to Ordinance 2016-1, salary and wage ranges

Motion to amend to include range of \$35,000 to \$65,000 and introduce Ordinance 2016-22:

Motion: Hughes, 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 2016-22 shall be published in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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>
148-2016	Dog license overpayment refund
149-2016	Green team appointments
150-2016	Michael Hann to permanent status
151-2016	Amusement devices for Mrs. Riley's Publik House
152-2016	Authorization for newsletter and website request for proposal
153-2016	Resolution requesting approval of items of revenue appropriation NJS 40A:4-87
154-2016	Refund of tax overpayment
155-2016	Approval of addition to special events fees for 2016
158-2016	Plenary license approval – Mrs. Riley's Publik House
159-2016	Plenary license approval – Riverside Liquors

Motion to remove Resolutions 153-2016 and 155-2016 from the consent agenda: Zappa; Second: LoIacono

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to approve Resolutions 148-2016 - 152-2016, Resolution 154-2016 and Resolutions 158-2016 and 159-2016: Zappa; Second: Shipps

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Motion to approve Resolution 153-2016: Strange; Second: Shipps.

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Questions and comments: For a grant that was received after the budget was produced.

Motion to approve Resolution 155-2016: Strange; Second: Zappa.

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

Six ayes, motion passes.

Questions and comments: Amending fees to include BBQ cook off. Please sign up for the cook off.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:** End of month item

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A.** West Milford resolutions 2016-184, 2016-183, and 2016-182

**B.** Planning Board minutes

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

**LEGAL ISSUES:** The judge in the lawsuit between CTSA and the Town of Clinton was going to rule on if the Town of Clinton would have to arbitrate claims with CTSA. The judge compelled mediation before he decides on the motion. If unresolvable then the judge will decide the motion.

**BILL LIST:**

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$376,464.85**

Motion to approve bill list: Strange; Second: Stemple

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

Councilwoman Shipp abstained from all police related items.

Councilman Stemple abstained from all fire department related items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to amend executive session to include discussion of part-time administrator position: Hughes;  
Second: LoIacono

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

**Resolution 7E-2016** – Executive session - Discussion of Department of Works employee position and part-time Administrator position

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

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

Motion to move into open session: Zappa; Second: LoIacono

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

Motion to amend Resolution 156-2016 to include update to wage and hours worked per week:

Motion: Zappa; Second: Strange

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

**Resolution 156-2016:** Authorization to adjust DPW employee hours

Motion to adopt Resolution 156-2016 as amended: Strange; Second: Hughes

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

Motion to amend the agenda to include Resolution 160-2016 – Hiring of Michael Pappas as part-time Administrator

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

**Resolution 160-2016:** Hiring of Michael Pappas as part-time Administrator

Motion to adopt Resolution 160-2016 subject to the applicant's approval: Hughes, Second: LoIacono

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Motion to adjourn: LoIacono; Second: Strange

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Adam Young, Deputy Clerk

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Next Council meeting: June 23rd, 2016, 7:30 pm - Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ.

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