

UNAPPROVED 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.

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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:

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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; Shipps , 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 Shipps	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.

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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; Shipps , yes/abstain; Stemple , yes/abstain; Strange , yes; Zappa , yes; Hughes, yes; Six ayes, motion passes.

Councilwoman Shipps 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

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

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Introduction June 9, 2016 (tentative)
Publication (summary)
Adoption June 23, 2016 (Tentative)
Publication (Title)

ORDINANCE #2016-22
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-1, SALARY AND WAGE
RANGE OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the needs of the Borough of High Bridge require adjustments to the salary and wage ranges, and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDAINED that the position of Acting Clerk/Registrar be amended to read:

Acting Clerk/Registrar \$x,xxx to \$x,xxx per annum

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any provision that conflicts with any current ordinance is null and void unless amended.

Introduction April 28, 2016
Publication (summary)
Planning Board May 16, 2016 (*Tentative*)
Adoption June 9, 2016 (*Tentative*)
Publication (Title)

Ordinance 2016-19
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Amending Zoning Map and Land Use Ordinance
To Extend Boundaries of R-4 High Density Residential Zone
To Include Additional Lots

WHEREAS, the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map designate certain properties in the “G” Permanently Dedicated Open Space zone and “DB” Downtown Business zone that neighbor the R-4 High Density Residential zone; and

WHEREAS, the properties are of a character that should be considered for inclusion in the R-4 zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Official Zoning Map of the Borough of High Bridge is hereby amended in order to remove the following property from the “G” zoning district and to include the property in the “R-4” zoning district.

Block 19, Lot 32

The rezoning of this lot is subject to approval from the New Jersey Highlands Council, and all other applicable requirements.

2. The Official Zoning Map of the Borough is hereby amended in order to remove the following properties from the “DB” zoning district and to include the properties in the “R-4” zoning district.

Block 7, Lots 1, 2, 3

Block 10, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Block 19, Lots 62.01, 63, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74

3. Chapter 145 of the Code of the Borough of High Bridge, “Land Use and Development” (2005), Section 202 entitled “Zoning Map,” is hereby amended and supplemented so that it shall now reference that an amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the Borough of High Bridge has been effectuated with the adoption of this Ordinance.

4 All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended only as to such inconsistency.

5. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law, and upon filing a certified copy thereof with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

Introduction **May 26, 2016**
Publication (summary)
Adoption **June 09, 2016** (*Tentative*)
Publication (Title)

Ordinance 2016-21
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR GENERAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. \$50,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for general road improvements, including all work and materials necessary therefore and incidental thereto in and by the Borough of High Bridge, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Borough").

Section 2. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall effect as provided by the law.

RESOLUTION
Borough of High Bridge
County of Hunterdon
State of New Jersey

NUMBER: 148-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

Refund Dog Fees

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance #2015-34 on December 10, 2015 for the change in licensing fees for dogs, and

WHEREAS, the list below is residents who have overpaid for the Dog License in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby refunds the Residents on the attached list, totaling \$7.40.

Tag #	Owner's Name	Date Paid	Amount Paid	Amount Due	Refund Amount
279	Barna, Tony and Lindsay – 90 E Main St.	05-25-16	37.40	\$30.00	\$7.40
				June 2016 Total	\$7.40

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

RESOLUTION
Borough of High Bridge
County of Hunterdon
State of New Jersey

NUMBER: 149-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

APPOINTING GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of High Bridge strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of High Bridge wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on “Green” issues, the Borough Council established a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA) with Resolution #115-2010; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency, community education and outreach, and natural resources will all be considered as the Borough moves to do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of High Bridge that the Green Team Advisory Committee consists of 9 members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of High Bridge that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for the remainder of 2016,

Lynn Hughes	Councilwoman
Adrienne Shipps	Councilwoman
Steve Strange	Councilman
Diane Seals	Environmental Commission
Audry Burnett	Environmental Commission
Linda Lucas	Resident
Joni Islin	Resident
Kirsten Norberg	Resident

RESOLUTION
Borough of High Bridge
County of Hunterdon
State of New Jersey

NUMBER: 150-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

Permanent Status

WHEREAS, Michael Hann has completed his probationary period, and

WHEREAS, Michael has shown that he is a valuable member of the Public Works Staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that Michael Hann is removed from probationary status and is hereby a permanent employee for the Borough of High Bridge.

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

RESOLUTION
Borough of High Bridge
County of Hunterdon
State of New Jersey

NUMBER: 151-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

Approval of Automatic Amusement Device

WHEREAS, the owners of Mrs. Riley's Publik House have submitted an application to allow Automatic Amusement Devices on the premises according to Borough Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the appropriate fee accompanied the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey do hereby approve the Automatic Amusement Device License for Mrs. Riley's Publik House for the year 2016.

Mark Desire, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Clerk

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

NUMBER: 152-2016

DATE: pending adoption

Authorize Issuance of RFP

WHEREAS, the Borough of High Bridge wishes to contract for Newsletter Production as well as Website Maintenance,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge hereby authorize the CFO to issue RFP for Newsletter Production, separate from Website Maintenance.

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

NO. 153-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

**Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue Appropriation
NJS 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an appropriation for the equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of High Bridge, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2016 in the sum of \$4,500.00, which is now available as a revenue from Miscellaneous Revenues Section F: Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: Click It or Ticket Grant Fund. Pursuant to the provision of the statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$4,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues: Click It or Ticket Grant Fund.

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

NO. 154-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the High Bridge Tax Collector has received duplicate funds for the same tax payment; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes for 2016 were up to date prior to receipt of said payment(s) or a credit balance has existed on the account for prior years, or the amount received exceeded the amount due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue said refund of overpayment as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>	<u>Issued To:</u>	<u>Amount Due:</u>
4.06	1		Nibaldo Creagh	\$1,910.44

Mark Desire, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Young, Deputy Municipal Clerk

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

NUMBER: 155-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

Approval of Addition to Special Events fees for 2016

WHEREAS, the Special Events Committee would like to have a BBQ cook-off during Community day in which a Registration fee would be required, and

WHEREAS, Section E, (2) shall designate the fee to be collected for such event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge set the fees for Special Events Programs as listed with the addition to **E. Community Day**

Fee schedule.

Annual Sponsorship Packages

- Premier Sponsor: \$10,000
- Gold Sponsor: \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor: \$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor: \$1,250

A. Soap Box Derby

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Title sponsor: \$5,000
 - (b) Finish line tower:
 - [1] Each: \$500
 - [2] Pair: \$850
 - (c) Start line:
 - [1] Each: \$500
 - [2] Pair: \$850
 - (d) Hay bale ad: \$50 each
- (2) Race day program ads
 - (a) Back cover:
 - [1] Half page: \$300
 - [2] Full page: \$500
 - (b) Inside front/inside back cover: \$300 full page
 - (c) Full page: \$150
 - (d) 2/3 page: \$100
 - (e) 1/3 page: \$50
- (3) Registration fees
 - (a) Child: \$25
 - (b) Child (families with two or more entrants): \$20

B. Pooch Parade

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Gold Sponsor: \$300
 - (b) Silver Sponsor: \$200

- (c) Bronze Sponsor: \$100
- (2) Registration fees: \$5 per pooch

C. Friday Night Flicks

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Premier Sponsor: \$500
 - (b) Gold Sponsor: \$300
 - (c) Silver Sponsor: \$200
 - (d) Bronze Sponsor: \$100

D. Concerts

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Premier Sponsor: \$1,000
 - (b) Gold Sponsor: \$500
 - (c) Silver Sponsor: \$250
 - (d) Patron: \$100

E. Community Day

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Title Sponsor: \$5,000
 - (b) Game/Attraction Sponsor: \$2,500
 - (c) Gold Sponsor: \$1,000
 - (d) Silver Sponsor: \$500
 - (e) Bronze Sponsor: \$250
- (2) BBQ Registration: \$25 per team

F. Plein Air

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Title Sponsor: \$3,000
 - (b) Gold Sponsor: \$200
 - (c) Silver Sponsor: \$100
 - (e) Bronze Sponsor: \$50
- (2) Registration fees: \$25 per artist
- (3) Prize Sponsorships
 - (a) First Prize Sponsor \$1,000
 - (b) Second Prize Sponsor \$500
 - (c) Third Prize Sponsor \$300

G. Fine Arts Sponsorship: \$3,000

H. Commons Stage Banner

- (1) Sponsorships
 - (a) Full Banner Sponsor: \$500
 - (b) Half Banner Sponsor: \$250

I. General Event Sponsorship

- (a) \$2,500 (b) \$1,000 (c) \$500 (d) \$250 (e) \$125

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

NUMBER: 156-2016

ADOPTED: pending adoption

AUTHORIZATION TO ADJUST DPW EMPLOYEE HOURS

WHEREAS, a CDL is desirable for public works employees to obtain and maintain, and

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees that, knowledge, experience, and certifications are desirable in its Public Works employees and deserve to be compensated, and

WHEREAS, Jeff Smith is currently a part-time employee, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby sets Jeff Smith in the Department of Works at an annual salary of _____ per year, effective immediately.

Adam Young
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

**RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Authorize 19 Round Top Drive to Connect to the Water System

NUMBER: 157-2015

ADOPTED: pending adoption

WHEREAS, a request has been made to hook up water to 19 Round Top Drive, and

WHEREAS, the Borough has sufficient capacity to allow this property to connect to the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of High Bridge, in the County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the owners of 19 Round Top Drive to connect to the Borough's water system provided all permits are filed, fees paid, and application approved.

ATTEST:

Adam Young
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2016 – 182 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S107 WHICH PROVIDES FOR REDUCED SALES TAX IMPOSITION ON CERTAIN SITES IN CERTAIN HIGHLANDS REGION PRESERVATION AREA MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, Senator Joseph Pennacchio, Senator Kevin J. O'Toole and Senator Anthony R. Bucco have introduced legislation in the New Jersey State Senate that would amend P.L. 1966 c.30; and

WHEREAS, S107 would provide a 50% sales and use tax exemption in any municipality 99% or more of the area of which is located within the Highlands Region preservation area; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is located 100% in the Highlands Preservation Zone; and

WHEREAS, because of the State designation of the Highlands Region preservation area, the economic vitality of municipalities that are entirely or almost entirely slated for preservation is seriously undermined; and

WHEREAS, this sales tax exemption should result in helping maintain the local economic base, preserve retail establishments and retain jobs in these municipalities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the New Jersey State Senate to support Bill S107; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all of the Township's Legislative Representatives and the municipalities located in the Highlands Region.

Adopted: May 18, 2016

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2016
and certified as a true copy of an original.



Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2016 - 183 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S688 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A292 WHICH PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION UNDER THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD CONSTRUCTION BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

WHEREAS, Senator Robert M. Gordon and Senator Joseph Pennacchio have introduced legislation in the New Jersey State Senate that would amend P.L. 2004 c.120; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce has introduced legislation in the New Jersey State Assembly that would amend P.L. 2004 c.120; and

WHEREAS, said amendments would provide an exemption from the requirements of the "Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act" (P.L. 2004 c.120) for the construction of artificial turf fields by a local government unit; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is located in the Highlands Preservation Zone; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act provides an exemption to public or private schools for making improvements, such as the construction of artificial turf fields; and

WHEREAS, S688 and A292 would allow such fields to be constructed by local government units as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the New Jersey State Senate to support Bill S688 and the State Assembly to support Bill A292; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all of the Township's Legislative Representatives, the Bills' Sponsors and the municipalities located in the Highlands Region.

Adopted: May 18, 2016

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2016
and certified as a true copy of an original.



Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2016 - 184 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SEEKING AMENDMENTS TO P.L. 2004 c.120 "HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT" TO ALLOW EXEMPTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act was signed into law in 2004 and is known as P.L. 2004 c.120; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act contains a number of exemptions for public or private schools existing at the time of the enactment of the Act for making improvements; and

WHEREAS, such exemptions are not currently provided to municipal governments whose municipalities are in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, West Milford is located 100% in the Highlands Preservation Zone; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Act to provide exemptions to municipal governments has created hardships in providing for public needs as well as increased costs for any proposed development or improvement to municipal properties located in the Highlands region.

WHEREAS, it is clear that the needs of an entire community are not solely satisfied by the schools but are in large part provided by the municipality, including recreational facilities, facilities for emergency responders such as first aid and fire, libraries, police departments, town hall, and the like.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Township Council of the Township of West Milford, in the County of Passaic, hereby urge the New Jersey State Senate to introduce legislation which would amend the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, P.L. 2004 c.120 to provide that all exemptions currently offered to public or private schools be also offered to municipal governments within the Highlands region.

Adopted: May 18, 2016

Adopted this 18th day of May, 2016
and certified as a true copy of an original.



Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk