

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 14, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ 08829

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:

Presiding Officer calls meeting to order and states: "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of 2017 regular meeting dates were published in the Hunterdon County Democrat and Express Times on December 16, 2016, and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall. Action may now be taken."

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR OR PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL:

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2017

Mayor asks if any corrections are necessary or for a motion to dispense with the reading of the prior meeting(s) minutes.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the August 17, 2017 minutes: _____; Second: _____;
Roll call vote: LoIacono, ___; Shippis, ___; Stemple, ___; Strange, ___; Hughes, ___; Zappa, ___;

Motion to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes: _____; Second: _____;
Roll call vote: LoIacono, ___; Shippis, ___; Stemple, ___; Strange, ___; Hughes, ___; Zappa, ___;

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to Borough issues. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A.** Easement connecting the Commons Park to 71 Main Street
- B.** Fire official
- C.** Sale of old Borough Hall – 71 Main St.
- D.** Vacation of Borough alleys/roads
- E.** Best practices
- F.** Construction permit fees
- G.** Fire hydrants

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- A.** **Ordinance 2017-22**: Appropriating \$60,000 from the capital improvement fund for leaf vacuum.

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2017-22**: _____; Second _____;
Roll call vote: LoIacono, ___; Shippis, ___; Stemple, ___; Strange, ___; Hughes, ___; Zappa, ___;

The presiding officer states that the **Ordinance 2017-22** shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of September 28, 2017.

B. Ordinance 2017-23: Appropriating \$17,000.00 from the capital improvement fund for improvements to irrigation system and cart paths at the High Bridge Hills Golf Course

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2017-23:** _____ ; Second _____ ;

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

The presiding officer states that the **Ordinance 2017-23** shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of September 28, 2017.

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 187 - 2017	20 Main utility proration adjustment/refund
Resolution 188 - 2017	Appropriation for funding litigation
Resolution 189 - 2017	Award of contract – M&W Communications
Resolution 190 - 2017	Award of contract – McGrath Municipal Equipment, LLC
Resolution 191 - 2017	Award of contract – Morbark Chipper
Resolution 192 - 2017	Cancel appropriation balances
Resolution 193 - 2017	Certificate of Continuing Occupancy refund - Buhot
Resolution 194 - 2017	Construction refund - Sohl
Resolution 195 - 2017	PERC test escrow refund – Peck
Resolution 196 - 2017	Mill St. residents parking in the Commons
Resolution 197 - 2017	Purchase of new Police vehicle
Resolution 198 - 2017	Refund tax overpayment - Rosen
Resolution 199 - 2017	Authorize acceptance of historic grant agreement

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (add “as amended” if needed): _____ ; Second, _____ ;

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Best practices

B. Vacation of alleys correspondence

C. Historic preservation grant agreement

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

LEGAL ISSUES:

BILL LIST:

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

Motion to approve bill list: _____ ; Second, _____ ;

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Next Regular Council Meeting: September 28, 2017 - 7:30 pm – 7 Maryland Ave, High Bridge NJ, 08829