

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: March 23, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 97 West Main Street, 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:

Mayor calls meeting to order and states: "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of 2017 Meeting Dates was 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 _____
Councilwoman Shipp _____	Councilwoman Hughes _____
Councilman Stemple _____	Council Pres. Zappa _____
	Mayor Desire _____

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MINUTES – MARCH 9, 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 March 9, 2017 minutes: _____, Second: _____

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

Motion to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes: _____ Second: _____

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

VISITORS: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS:

A. Arbor Day

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:

A. Ordinance 2017-08: To exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank

Motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2017-08: _____, Second _____,

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

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2017-08: _____, Second _____,

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-08: _____, Second _____,

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

B. Ordinance 2017-09: Special emergency appropriation for codification of Ordinances

Motion to open the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-09:** _____, Second _____,

Roll call vote: LoIacono _____, Shipps _____, Stemple _____, Strange _____, Hughes _____, Zappa _____,

Motion to close the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-09:** _____, Second _____,

Roll call vote: LoIacono _____, Shipps _____, Stemple _____, Strange _____, Hughes _____, Zappa _____,

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-08:** _____, Second _____,

Roll call vote: LoIacono _____, Shipps _____, Stemple _____, Strange _____, Hughes _____, Zappa _____,

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Request of an extension of leave without pay – Scott Hammel – Specifics of extension date and benefits

Amend **Resolution 083-2017** to specify the last date of the extension and the handling of benefits

Roll call vote: LoIacono _____, Shipps _____, Stemple _____, Strange _____, Hughes _____, Zappa _____,

Motion to approve **Resolution 083-2017** as amended: _____, Second _____,

Roll call vote: LoIacono _____, Shipps _____, Stemple _____, Strange _____, Hughes _____, Zappa _____,

B. Easement connecting the Commons Park to 71 Main Street

C. Painted fire hydrants

D. Borough events

E. Approval of Solitude House caretaker bid specifications and advertising

F. Planning Board Alternates – 3 and 4

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: END OF MONTH

Mayor, member, or official	Department
Councilman Zappa	Planning , Engineering, Department of Public Works
Councilwoman Hughes	Public Health, Environmental, Solid Waste / Recycling, & Open Space
Councilman LoIacono	Golf, Recreation
Councilman Strange	Emergency Services, Municipal Court, Cultural and Heritage
Councilwoman Shipps	Special Events, Economic Development, Newsletter, Website
Councilman Stemple	Finance, Utilities, & Education
Michael Pappas	Administrator
Mayor Mark Desire	Executive Services

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 086-2017	Amend professional contract - BKC
Resolution 087-2017	Approve Raffle - NHYBB
Resolution 088-2017	Arbor Day Proclamation
Resolution 089-2017	Escrow refund

Resolution 090-2017	Open space approval
Resolution 091-2017	Lien redemption
Resolution 092-2017	Outside duty refund
Resolution 093-2017	Approval to submit grant application – Solitude House roof repairs
Resolution 094-2017	Approval of Solitude House bid specifications and advertising
Resolution 095-2017	Appoint honorary Assistant Administrators for the day

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.** Finance end of month report
- B.** Board of Public Utilities letter
- C.** Request to waive vacant property registration

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON

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LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

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

ADJOURNMENT: PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.

Motion to adjourn: _____ Second: _____
 Roll call vote: LoIacono ____, Shipps ____, Stemple ____, Strange, ____, Hughes ____, Zappa ____,

Next Council Meeting: April 13, 2017 - 7:30 pm – 7 Maryland Ave, High Bridge, NJ 08829