

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 9, 2017 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 97 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

CALL TO ORDER: THE MAYOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

Councilman LoIacono, present; Councilwoman Shipps, present; Councilman Strange, present; Councilwoman Hughes, present; Councilman Stemple, absent; Council President Zappa, present; Mayor Desire, present. Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman, Administrator Michael Pappas, Acting Clerk Adam Young, Chief Bartman and seven members of the public and press. Councilwoman Lynn Hughes entered at 7:38 p.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 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 February 23rd, 2017 minutes: Zappa; Second: Shipps
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, absent; Zappa, yes;
Results: 4 yes, motion passes

Motion to approve the February 23, 2017 minutes: Shipps; Second: Shipps
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, absent; Zappa, yes;
Results: 4 yes, motion passes

VISITORS: NONE

PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS:

A. Earth Day – Mayor Desire read the Earth Day Proclamation

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

Nancy Hunt spoke about plans for the Taylor Wharton 275th celebration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **Ordinance 2017-06:** Amending Section 601.E Establishment of Planning Board - Alternates

Motion to open the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-06:** Zappa; Second, LoIacono
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Council explained the proposed Ordinance to expand from two to four alternates for Planning Board.

Motion to close the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-06:** LoIacono, Second, Strange
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-06:** Shipps, Second, Strange
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

B. Ordinance 2017-07: Bond Ordinance for Improvements to Various Roads

Motion to open the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-07**: Zappa; Second, LoIacono
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to close the public hearing for **Ordinance 2017-07**: LoIacono; Second, Hughes
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to adopt **Ordinance 2017-07**: LoIacono; Second, Strange
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Request of an extension of leave without pay – Scott Hammel - Administrator Pappas spoke on the request by Mr. Hammel. Council discussed the want to extend the leave.

Motion to amend the agenda to add **Resolution 083-2017** - Request of an extension of leave without pay – Scott Hammel. Motion: Strange; Second: Hughes
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to approve **Resolution 083-2017** - Request of an extension of leave without pay – Scott Hammel. Motion: Hughes; Second: Shipps
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

B. Easement connecting the Commons Park to 71 Main Street – Still in the process of examining the documents.

C. Painted fire hydrants – Council discussed the request and would like the owner of the nearest hydrant being considered to be contacted.

D. Planning of 275th celebration – Council discussed the proposed date of October 14th and 15th along with planned activities.

Motion to amend the agenda to add **Resolution 084-2017** – 275th Taylor Wharton Celebration date
Motion: Strange; Second: LoIacono
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to approve **Resolution 084-2017** – 275th Taylor Wharton Celebration date
Motion: Strange; Second: Zappa
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

E. Borough events – An updated will be given at the next meeting.

F. Animal Control & Investigative Services, LLC contract - Attorney Goodman explained the options available for Council as it pertains to the change in the animal control contract.

Motion to amend the agenda to add **Resolution 085-2017** – Animal Control Officer contract
Motion: Zappa; Second: Shipps
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to approve **Resolution 085-2017** – Animal Control Officer contract

Motion: Hughes; Second: Shipps

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to amend the agenda to add **Resolution 086-2017** – Resolution Urging the State Legislature to approve A-1834/S-178 which requires the Department of Health to license additional angioplasty facilities, with at least one in each county. Motion: LoIacono; Second: Shipps

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Motion to approve **Resolution 086-2017** – Resolution Urging the State Legislature to approve A-1834/S-178 which requires the Department of Health to license additional angioplasty facilities, with at least one in each county. Motion: Hughes; Second: LoIacono

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

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

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2017-08:** LoIacono; Second, Strange

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Mayor Desire states that the **Ordinance 2017-08** shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of April 13, 2017.

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

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2017-09:** Shipps; Second, Zappa

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Mayor Desire states that the **Ordinance 2017-09** shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the Public Hearing date of March 23, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 075-2017 – Budget introduction – Public hearing of April 13, 2017.

Council discussed the summary of the budget.

Motion to approve **Resolution 075-2017** : Zappa; Second, LoIacono

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: GOALS

Mayor, member, or official	Department
Councilman LoIacono presented goals	Golf, Recreation
Councilwoman Shipps presented goals	Special Events, Economic Development, Newsletter, Website

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 076-2017	Change order – Cregar Road
Resolution 077-2017	Increase temporary budget
Resolution 078-2017	Length of Service Award Program
Resolution 079-2017	Rigid plastics and shredding event
Resolution 080-2017	Earth Day Proclamation
Resolution 081-2017	Special events fees updated – Salsa Night
Resolution 082-2017	Electronics Recycling Event

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (add “as amended” if needed): Zappa; Second: LoIacono
Roll call vote: LoIacono, yes; Shipps, yes; Stemple, absent; Strange, yes; Hughes, yes; Zappa, yes;
Results: 5 yes, motion passes

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Animal Control & Investigative Services, LLC communication
- B. JTG change order
- C. LOSAP list

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to one minute (1) per person. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

BILL LIST:

Motion to amend the bill list to exclude the Animal Control contract payment of \$1600.00.

Motion: LoIacono; Second: Hughes

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Approval of Bills as amended and signed and listed on the Bill Payment List.

Total Amount: \$222,769.23

Motion to approve bill list: Zappa; Second: Strange

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Councilwoman Shipps abstains from anything Police Department related.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

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

Motion to adjourn: LoIacono, Second: Shipps

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

Results: 5 yes, motion passes

Next Council Meeting: March 23, 2017 - 7:30 pm – 97 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ 08829

Adam Young
Acting Municipal Clerk

Mark Desire
Mayor