BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 97 West Main St., High Bridge, NJ 08829

CALL TO ORDER: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK DESIRE

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR DESIRE

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Councilman Columbus	present	Councilman LoIacono	present	Mayor Desire	present
Councilwoman Ferry	present	Councilman Strange	present		
Councilwoman Hughes	present	Councilman Zappa	present		

Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman, Administrator Michael Pappas, Clerk Adam Young and seven members of the public and press.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the regular September 27, 2018 minutes: Motion / Second: Strange/Zappa
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent

Motion to approve the September 27, 2018 regular minutes: Motion / Second: LoIacono/Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent

Motion to approve the September 27, 2018 executive minutes: Motion / Second: Strange/LoIacono
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent

PROCLAMATION

A. Proclamation – 006-2018 – Lead poisoning awareness – read by Mayor Desire

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Utilities – Councilman Zappa spoke about reports from the last year including the asset management plan, the fire hydrant testing by the Fire Department saving money for the town, two water main breaks being repaired which significantly reduced non-revenue water being lost, and the Department of Works beginning to locate a water main on the north side of town. Mayor Desire and Attorney Goodman spoke about there being progress in mediation for the sewer utility.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: NONE AT THIS TIME

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution – 232 - 2018	Solicitor Permit 1 – Vendor for HBAR – Bike King
Resolution – 233 - 2018	Award of contract amendment – hydrants on Silverthorne Rd. and Cokesbury Rd.
Resolution – 234 - 2018	Award of contract – JTG Construction for catch basins

Resolution – 235 - 2018	Change order – Hillcrest Ln.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: Motion / Second: Columbus / Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: NONE AT THIS TIME

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

Christina Whited spoke about an available service of dowsing to find a water main that may be used by the Borough for a small fee. Council discussed the use of equipment and the water system infrastructure.

LEGAL ISSUES:

A. Discussion of mediation – Attorney Goodman stated that the update was covered in Discussion items.

BILL LIST:

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: $80,858.59**
Motion to approve bill list: Motion / Second: Columbus/Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION: DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS POSITION AND LEGAL ADVICE FOR TOWN OF CLINTON MEDIATION

Resolution 236-2018 - Motion to move into executive session: Motion / Second: LoIacono/Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent
Action may now be taken.

Motion to move into open session: Motion/Second: LoIacono/Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes

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

Motion to adjourn: Motion / Second: LoIacono/Columbus
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes

Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; LoIacono, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes

Next regular meeting: October 25, 2018 – 7:30 pm – 97 West Main Street, High Bridge, NJ