

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: November 29, 2018 – 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 2018 Meeting Dates were published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on December 28, 2017, and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall. Action may now be taken.”

FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR OR PRESIDING OFFICER

COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the regular October 25, 2018 minutes: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

Motion to approve the October 25, 2018 regular minutes: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

Motion to approve the October 25, 2018 executive minutes: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; 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 AT THIS TIME

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A.** Best practices worksheet
- B.** Personnel policies
- C.** Open space and preservation plan proposal

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- A.** **Ordinance 2018-038:** Appropriating \$25,000 from the sewer capital improvement fund for improvements to the sewer pump station

Motion to introduce: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

The presiding officer states that Ordinance 2018-038 shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon Democrat with the public hearing date of December 13, 2018.

- B.** **Ordinance 2018-039:** Appropriating \$245,000 from the Capital Improvement fund for McDonald Street Road improvements

Motion to introduce: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

The presiding officer states that Ordinance 2018-039 shall be published in whole or summary in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon Democrat with the public hearing date of December 13, 2018.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Official	Department
Councilman Zappa	Engineering, Department of Public Works
Councilwoman Hughes	Environmental, Solid Waste / Recycling, Public Health & Open Space
Councilman LoIacono	Education, Finance, Emergency Services
Councilman Strange	Economic Development Committee, Recreation
Councilwoman Ferry	Cultural and Heritage, Events
Councilman Columbus	Golf
Michael Pappas	Administrator
Mayor Mark Desire	Executive Services

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution – 253 - 2018	Amendment to the Capital budget
Resolution – 254 - 2018	Amend personnel policy – sick time
Resolution – 255 - 2018	Amend professional services contract - Maser
Resolution – 256 - 2018	Authorization of solicitor’s permit with additional date of sales
Resolution – 257 - 2018	Authorization to advertise for full-time DPW laborer/equipment operator with CDL
Resolution – 258 - 2018	Cancellation of taxes 2018-lease agreement – Union Forge Spirits
Resolution – 259 - 2018	End of year transfers
Resolution – 260 - 2018	Escrow refund - Labbadia
Resolution – 261 - 2018	Lien redemption
Resolution – 262 - 2018	Refund of overpaid taxes - Legates
Resolution – 263 - 2018	Request for proposals – Borough professionals
Resolution – 264 - 2018	Request for proposals – Newsletter production and website maintenance
Resolution – 265 - 2018	Cancellation of taxes 2018-Veterans exemption - Legates
Resolution – 266 - 2018	Roots for Rivers reforestation grant and technical assistance program

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- A.** Best practices worksheet
- B.** Grant award letter – \$255,000 for McDonald St.
- C.** Highlands Municipal Exemption letter
- D.** End of month Tax and Finance reports

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: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL ADVICE FOR TOWN OF CLINTON MEDIATION

Resolution 267-2018 - Motion to move into executive session: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

Action may now be taken.

Motion to move into open session: Motion/Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

ADJOURNMENT: PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn: Motion / Second:

Roll call vote: Columbus, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hughes, ___ ; LoIacono, ___ ; Strange, ___ ; Zappa, ___ ;

Next regular meeting: December 15, 2018 – 7:30 pm – 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ 08829