

# BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 12, 2019 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ 08829

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## CALL TO ORDER: CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR LEE

## FLAG SALUTE: LED BY MAYOR LEE

## COUNCIL ROLL CALL:

Councilman Columbus	absent	Councilwoman Moore	present	Mayor Lee	present
Councilwoman Ferry	present	Councilman Strange	present		
Councilwoman Hughes	absent	Councilman Zappa	present		

Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman, Administrator Michael Pappas, Director of Public Works Rick Roll, Clerk Adam Young, and five members of the public and press.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the regular August 15, 2019 minutes: Moore / Strange  
Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Motion to approve August 15, 2019 regular minutes: Zappa / Strange  
Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

## PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

Malte Pengergast-Fischer spoke about the Grandfather Clause and the Resolution to have the grandfather clause put into effect.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

### **A.** **Ordinance 2019-027:** Amending Code 184-17, Parking permits for municipal parking lots

Motion to open the the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-027: Zappa / Strange  
Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-027: Zappa / Strange  
Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-027: Zappa / Strange  
Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**A.** Master plan re-examination sub-committee - Administrator Pappas spoke about the appointment of a sub-committee being needed for the re-examination sub-committee. Councilman Zappa, Pablo Delgado, and John Musnuff were are appointed to this sub-committee by the Mayor and discussion of the goals of the sub-committee ensued.

**B.** Sewer pump station - Councilman Zappa updated Council and the public about the operation, needed cleaning, and examination of the sewer pumping station and pumps, finishing the infiltration and infollow study, and the system for the pump alarm. Director of Public Works spoke about the timeline for repairs to the pump.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**A. Ordinance 2019-028: Amending Code 37-5 Duties of the Fire Chief**

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-028:** Zappa / Strange

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2019-028** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of September 26, 2019.

**B. Ordinance 2019-029: Grandfather clause**

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-029:** Strange / Zappa

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2019-029** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of September 26, 2019.

**C. Ordinance 2019-030: Amending Ordinance Ch 261 Parks and Playgrounds Part 2 and Disorderly Conduct 261-5**

Council discussed that this addresses parking on Washington Ave. and other areas of the Borough, that Mayor and Council appreciate people not parking up on the grass or sidewalks.

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-030:** Strange / Zappa

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2019-030** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of September 26, 2019.

**D. Ordinance 2019-031: Ordinance Appropriating \$35,000 from Capital - Pole lighting at Commons**

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2019-031:** Strange / Zappa

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Mayor states that Council is bringing lighting and security to the Commons Park, and is considering the impact to sky lighting.

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2019-031** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of September 26, 2019.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution – 255 – 2019	Amend field usage permit application
Resolution – 256 – 2019	Approval of Social Affair Permit - High Bridge Buisness Association
Resolution – 257 – 2019	Approval of Social Affair permit - Califon Fire
Resolution – 258 – 2019	Resolution to authorize negotiation of McDonald Street Improvement Project
Resolution – 259 – 2019	Amend professional services contract - Maser
Resolution – 260 – 2019	Award of contract - Administrative agent
Resolution – 261 – 2019	Award of contract - Water Meters and Equipment
Resolution – 262 – 2019	Award of contract - Generator pad for well eight
Resolution – 263 – 2019	Award of professional contract - McGowan LLC

Resolution – 264 – 2019	Acceptance of audit 2018
Resolution – 265 – 2019	Chapter 159 - Drunk driving grant
Resolution – 266 – 2019	Emergency appropriation for sewer plant equipment repairs
Resolution – 267 – 2019	Grandfather clause
Resolution – 268 – 2019	Highlands request for funding - sewer pump station
Resolution – 269 – 2019	Updated Boards and Committees - September 12
Resolution – 270 – 2019	Utility adjustment - 1 Watergate Dr.
Resolution – 271 – 2019	Amend Capital budget
Resolution – 272 – 2019	Submission of the HB Chapter of the Hunterdon County Wastewater Management Plan to the NJDEP
Resolution – 273 – 2019	Referral to Planning Board for street improvements
Resolution – 274 – 2019	Authorize officials to sign agreements - StreetScape

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: Zappa / Strange

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Councilman Zappa stated that the Grandfather Clause Resolution is now in effect, approval for StreetScape is in the works, spoke about the positive impact and added, unexpected funds given to the Borough.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON**

Nancy Hunt spoke about her concerns of renting the second floor of Solitude House, spoke about the technical repairs she believes are needed before an individuals utilizes the building, listed her plan and concerns for usage, involvement of the newly established Historical Committee, utilization of the grounds in the future, and the importance of preservation on the grounds.

Nicole Poko asked about any dog park updates at the location and if there is any reason why a fence can not be erected. Administrator Pappas spoke to being informed about approvals being sought and reviwed at this time. Attorney Barry Goodman enters at this time.

### **LEGAL ISSUES: NONE AT THIS TIME**

### **BILL LIST:**

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$433,836.67**

Motion to approve bill list: Strange / Zappa

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A.** StreetScape approval letter

**B.** Report of Audit 2018 - Council spoke about having no recommendations on the Audit which is a good thing. Administrator Pappas recognized Bonnie Fleming for her great work with the audit.

**C.** Tax and Finance Month End Reports - July

### **ADJOURNMENT: PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS**

Motion to adjourn: Strange / Zappa

Roll call vote: Columbus, absent ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, absent ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

**Next Council Meeting:** September 26, 2019 - 7:30 pm – Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ

### **ATTEST:**



Adam Young  
Municipal Clerk



Michele Lee  
Mayor