

# BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2020 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ 08829

## CALL TO ORDER: LEAD BY MAYOR

## FLAG SALUTE: LEAD BY MAYOR

## ROLL CALL

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

## READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to dispense with the reading of the January 23, 2020 regular minutes: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent  
Motion to approve the January 23, 2020 regular minutes: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, abstain ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 3 yes, 2 absent, 1 abstain  
Motion to approve the January 23, 2020 executive session minutes: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, abstain ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 3 yes, 2 absent, 1 abstain

## PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON: NONE

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance 2020-006:** Authorizing participation in the Hunterdon County Cooperative - Electric  
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-006: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent  
Mayor Lee states that the Ordinance 2020-006 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of February 27, 2020.
- B. Ordinance 2020-007:** Purchase of sewer camera  
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-007: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent  
Mayor Lee states that the Ordinance 2020-007 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of February 27, 2020.
- C. Ordinance 2020-008:** Sewer plant alarm system  
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-008: Hughes / Moore  
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent  
Mayor Lee states that the Ordinance 2020-008 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of February 27, 2020.
- D. Ordinance 2020-009:** Ordinance to amend the McDonald St. grant  
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-009: Hughes / Ferry  
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent  
Mayor Lee states that the Ordinance 2020-009 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of February 27, 2020.

**E. Ordinance 2020-010:** Purchase of a bucket truck

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-010:** Hughes / Moore

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

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-010** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of February 27, 2020.

### CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution - 075 - 2020	Updated Boards and Committees
Resolution - 076 - 2020	Approval of Raffle License - North Hunterdon Youth Baseball
Resolution - 077 - 2020	Authorization to approve a social affair license - For High Bridge
Resolution - 078 - 2020	Award of contract - Police Department copier
Resolution - 079 - 2020	Borough events - updated
Resolution - 080 - 2020	Re-adoption of Shared service agreement - Zoning Officer
Resolution - 081 - 2020	Refund of dog license amount
Resolution - 082 - 2020	Support of Hunterdon County Vocational School District's grant application
Resolution - 083 - 2020	Selection of Safe Routes to School engineer
Resolution - 084 - 2020	Tax refund

Mayor Lee spoke about Resolution 082-2020 and the intent of the Resolution to give kids an educational alternative in the area.

Motion to approve the consent agenda items: Hughes / Moore

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

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE GOALS

Councilwoman Hughes - Public Health / Environmental / Solid Waste / Recycling

Councilwoman Hughes spoke about the Committee goals for 2020, including StreetScape, creation of a walking/biking lane along Route 513, making the Commons parking lot more accessible to Main St., improving the McDonald Street parking lot, review of Borough parking lots, promote and monitor the health and safety of residents, updating Environmental information and public awareness of Environmental issues, monitor open space in the Borough, maintain the Borough garden and open space areas, monitoring Borough trees, Tree City certification, storm water management awareness, cleanup of the Borough, Green Team applications for grants, and solid waste and recycling events being planned.

Councilwoman Ferry - Website / Newsletter / Historical / Special Events

Councilwoman Ferry spoke about how the local organizations and businesses completely fund Special Events in the Borough with donations, spoke about the goals of the Special Events sponsorship drive, the need to get funds in early to book events, working with other local groups, the need to fill two vacancies on the Committee, showed current event balances, and highlighted the sponsorship packages. Councilwoman Ferry spoke about looking to have a new design for the website, the spring newsletter deadline of April 24th, and reporting about the Historical Committee at the next meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

Pablo Delgado announced the Economic Development Committee Small Business Meeting being hosted April 29th , 6 pm to 9 pm, at Highrail Brewing, spoke about it as a good resource for all businesses in High Bridge, about inviting other entities at the County level for presentations, networking and workshop time being available before and after the meeting.

### LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

### BILL LIST

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$504,035.12**

Motion to approve bill list: Hughes / Moore

Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, absent ; Zappa, absent ;  
Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A.** Letter of support - StreetScape Phase 2
- B.** Monthly zoning report
- C.** Letter of support - Fredon Township

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

Motion to adjourn: Columbus / Hughes

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

Motion passes: 4 yes, 2 absent

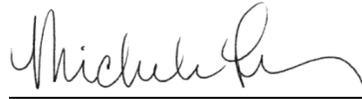
**Next Council Meeting:** February 27, 2020 - 7:30 pm – Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ

**ATTEST:**



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Adam Young  
Municipal Clerk



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Michele Lee  
Mayor