

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13, 2020 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: WebEx online Council meeting

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LEE

FLAG SALUTE: LEAD BY MAYOR LEE

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Attorney Barry Goodman, Administrator Bonnie Fleming, Municipal Clerk Adam Young and fifteen members of the public and press.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MAYOR LEE

Mayor Lee announced the lifting of an Executive Order which allows for more construction and non-essential retail to be done, including curb-side pickup, gatherings of vehicles, a possible graduation ceremony in July, working on a Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Park which will be live streamed on Facebook, and that Hunterdon County's numbers for the pandemic are looking better.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR 4/23/2020 AND SPECIAL 4/30/2020

Motion to dispense with the reading of the April 23, 2020 regular minutes: Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent. Councilman Strange's internet connection momentarily ceased during vote.

Motion to approve the April 23, 2020 regular minutes: Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 5 yes, 1 absent. Councilman Strange's internet connection momentarily ceased during vote.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the April 30, 2020 special minutes: Hughes / Zappa

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Motion to approve the April 30, 2020 special minutes: Hughes / Zappa

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON

Gordon Marks asked about the progress of the Committee Ordinances. Mayor Lee stated that they are in progress and progressing well and the Mayor is hoping to have them introduced at the next meeting.

OATHS

A. Priscilla Racke – Swearing in - Historical Committee – Mayor Lee administered the Oath and welcome Ms. Racke to the Committee. Ms. Racke briefly spoke about the history of suffragettes in High Bridge.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. **Ordinance 2020-025:** Construction Records Clearance – Councilman Zappa spoke about the intent of this Ordinance.

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-025:** Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-025** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of May 28, 2020.

B. Ordinance 2020-026: Washington Ave - Phase III - Road Improvements - Councilman Zappa spoke about the intent of this Ordinance.

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-026**: Strange / Ferry

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-026** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of June 11, 2020.

C. Ordinance 2020-027: River Road - Improvements

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-027**: Strange / Zappa

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-027** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of June 11, 2020.

D. Ordinance 2020-028: Water - River Road Water Mains

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-028**: Moore / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-028** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of June 11, 2020.

E. Ordinance 2020-029: Chapter 145

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-029**: Moore / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Mayor Lee states that the **Ordinance 2020-029** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of June 11, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution - 125 - 2020	Event dates
Resolution - 126 - 2020	Estimated tax bills
Resolution - 127 - 2020	Extension of grace period for utility billings
Resolution - 128 - 2020	Field usage fees
Resolution - 129 - 2020	Hiring of Department of Public Works employee - 1
Resolution - 130 - 2020	Contract for cleaning services
Resolution - 131 - 2020	Approval of historic site management grant application
Resolution - 132 - 2020	Golf fees

Mayor and Council discussed the intent of some Resolutions.

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Landlord letter

B. April – Monthly Zoning report

BILL LIST

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$2,631,101.49**

Motion to approve bill list: Moore / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

ADJOURNMENT: PRESIDING OFFICER ASKS IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER BUSINESS

Motion to adjourn: Strange / Moore

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Next Council Meeting: May 28, 2020 - 7:30 pm – Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ or WebEx

ATTEST:



Adam Young
Municipal Clerk



Michele Lee
Mayor