

BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 16, 2020 – 7:30 p.m. – Location: Zoom 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, Police Chief Brett Bartman, Municipal Clerk Adam Young and two hundred thirteen members of the public and press.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR 06/25/2020

Motion to dispense with the reading of the June 25, 2020 regular minutes: Strange / Hughes

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Motion to approve the June 25, 2020 regular minutes: Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MAYOR LEE

Read by Mayor Lee

As everyone knows, High Bridge has experienced an unexpected sharp increase in tourism to the area of Lake Solitude since the 4th of July. The shock of the crowds, and resentment we felt with the litter and waste left behind is a valid. We, as High Bridgians, have come to know Solitude Lake as our own, and have protected and nurtured this area for decades. Lake Solitude encompasses about 20 acres of forest and wetlands. It is an area protected under the Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres program, whose stated mission is to "preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic, scenic and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment". Included in this parcel of open space is Solitude Lake, Dam and Falls... Solitude House, the Annex Building, an old kitchen building and garage... and the Taylor Steelworkers Historic Greenway Trail, which provides connections to the Columbia Trail, Nassau and Springside Farm trails, and the TISCO property. In other words, Lake Solitude encompasses all of the natural and historical assets we as High Bridgians brag about the most. Therefore, it is justifiably upsetting when we see people treating this area without the same care and respect that High Bridge residents have shown for a hundred years. On the plus side, while the events of the last two weeks were incredibly frustrating, we have had another unique opportunity to showcase our community. The massive amount of volunteers who dropped whatever they were doing to clean up Lake Solitude 4th of July weekend is admirable and deserves proper recognition. To each and every one of you who showed up with a trash bag and a mission to protect one of our most important natural assets, speaking on behalf of the Borough, we thank you. I look forward to the opportunity to present some awards and celebrate on behalf of the Borough when we can gather once again as a community and in person. Before the meeting begins, I want to identify a number of things that we have done since the 4th to try and alleviate the concerns of so many, and especially to reduce any negative environmental impact to this area, and all areas of High Bridge, while we still navigate through these uncharted waters. First, and most importantly, on for public hearing tonight is amending the Borough Code related to Parks and Playgrounds. While many of the rules related to disorderly conduct have been in place, many areas, including Lake Solitude, lack proper signage of these rules making it very difficult for our police to enforce. I'd like to highlight a few of these rules now: No food or beverages along the riverside, No alcohol, No smoking, Picnicking in designated areas only, Parking in designated areas only, No loud music, No littering, No grills or open fires, No camping or tents, No climbing or jumping from the spillway/steps, No defecating or urination in any of the public areas. These rules will now be posted prominently at Lake Solitude, providing clarification of what we expect of visitors, and reinforcement for our police officers when non-compliance is witnessed. We are also increasing fines to up to 90 days in jail and/or \$2000. This will be an additional, posted deterrent, not just at Solitude but at all parks and open spaces. We are clearly defining the parking spaces at the Solitude lot and have a plan to direct traffic towards parking at Union Forge by the TISCO

building. This will help alleviate the over-crowding in the lot to allow for emergency vehicle access and also direct parking away from the residential areas. In coordination with the Union Forge Heritage Association and Custom Alloy, visitors will be directed to access Lake Solitude via the Taylor Steelworkers Historic Greenway trail. We have installed two porta johns and added extra garbage receptacles in the Solitude lot. Hopefully, this will help decrease the amount of trash that is left behind. We plan to properly indicate where picnicking is allowed, which is at the top of the dam only, not by the river or lake. Ultimately, we believe a carry in/carry out approach is best for this area, though we cannot afford another weekend of trash left behind at the falls. Borough employees and I have been working non-stop on this matter since it first came to our attention, and while we expect these actions will be a big improvement this weekend, much of this will be trial and error and we will make adjustments along the way. By the end of tonight, we will have the tools necessary to ensure that our parks are kept clean, environmentally sound, and accessible to all. I want to reiterate that this is a work in progress, and that we are a team... your elected officials, the police and public works departments, Borough employees and YOU, the residents, are all important members of Team High Bridge. As Mayor, I am here to listen and give consideration to all of your concerns. I have made a commitment to put the health and wellbeing of High Bridge first and foremost. While I know the last two weeks have been incredibly irritating for many people, and understandably so, we will get through this together, because we are High Bridge strong. Finally, I want to apologize. As I have an online presence through my Mayor's Facebook page, and addressed many concerns via an impromptu Facebook live event last Thursday, I realize now that those who did not participate in the call didn't have the benefit of the information I provided, including the steps the Borough was taking to address these issues. When we sent the urgent PSA out to residents on Sunday, those not on Facebook, specifically in Solitude Village who are most affected, were naturally upset when no other information was provided and it appeared insensitive and that your voices were not being heard. This is unacceptable, and I take full responsibility for this breakdown in communication and will do my best to make sure it does not happen again. As we have a large number of people on this call tonight and we want to allow everyone the opportunity to make comment and participate in the public hearing, we are changing a few things in the agenda... The initial public comment section at the front of the meeting will be limited to one minute per person. We believe most questions and concerns will be addressed during the public hearing on the Parks Ordinance where you will also have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The public comment section at the end of the meeting will be a full five minutes. While I understand people are angry and upset, profanity and disparaging remarks will not be tolerated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON

Rich Refallo thanked Mayor and Council for their work.

Krissy Lavajon asked who is paying for the porta johns in the Borough. The Mayor stated that this is budgeted from tax monies. Chelsea Nicole Price asked why aren't we taking more steps to close certain areas? Carolyn Potkovac spoke about speaking to someone on the street and about being asked a question in Spanish. Attorney Goodman spoke about the fact that this is not a racial issue and asked that comments be kept appropriate. Jane Karp suggested limiting parking on Church Street to residential parking. Viriyah Hodges asked about budgetary information about the Police department and where it can be found. The Mayor spoke about finding the information on the Borough website and that the Police Department is currently within budget. Dennis Ferrara asked if looters and protesters come to his home, what restrictions will be placed on the PD for protecting him. The Mayor stated that this is perhaps not a High Bridge issue but that the Police department will be able to handle this issue should it arise. Council discussed having sufficient Police coverage. John Burke asked what is being done to not have volunteers not need to clean Borough spots, and asked about parking, asked about charging non-residents. Carolyn Cregar asked about what people are bringing to the community, asked about "No Swimming" signs, and Police enforcement of rules. Mayor Lee spoke about the safety and enforcement being done in the area. Chris Polacco stated he does not believe that visitors are supporting local businesses, asked for more enforcement in the area, and stated that no masks were worn at the dam. Mayor Lee spoke about putting up more signage, having enforcement be done, and spoke about the future plans for area management. Elizabeth Parris and Mr. Parris spoke stated that signage will not help, they do not believe business will be brought into the Borough, spoke that Executive Orders make bathrooms need cleaning and asked how much that will cost the taxpayers. Mayor Lee stated that closing certain parts of the public land is not possible but it will be considered. Elizabeth Murphy asked if there is there a contingency plan for parking overflow, if the Tisco building will be overflow parking, will the Police have coverage there, and if there will be an environmental impact. Mayor Lee spoke about proposing new rules to help with the expected parking and environmental management. Monica Franke spoke about how Green Acres spaces can be closed and spoke to witnessing non-enforcement at the dam area. Robert Poles spoke about the solitude pool being shut down, not being able to fish, asked that only residents be able to use the public area, and stated that porta johns will need more cleaning. The Mayor spoke about cleaning and

other restrooms being available. Keith Unger spoke about danger of climbing at the falls, the Police doing enforcement in the area in the past, asked that the area be shut down. Council spoke about the dam being rebuilt, rules of the dam, and how the dam is constructed. Karen Gove asked how long it will take to have signage go up and stated that ignorance is not an excuse to get around ticketing. Jennifer Warren thanked the Mayor, spoke about parking issues, and asked if streets will be residential parking only. The Mayor stated that they need a way to enforce this. Jessica Biehl asked about littering signage going up around the Borough. Mayor Lee spoke about focusing on the lake now but that the Borough is aware and watching for these issues. Drew Darman spoke about the issue of wearing masks in public when social distancing cannot be done at the dam. Mayor Lee spoke that they may be family, a care giver, a romantic partner, etc. who do not have to social distance. Lauren Hamlin stated that just stating rules is not sufficient and supports shutting down the dam area for the residents. Mayor Lee stated that masks can't be enforced and that we may need to close all the Borough parks. Leo Rodriguez asked what will be done if someone falls from the falls. Attorney Goodman stated that the Borough is insured and that a case would probably be started. Mayor Lee stated that this is usually an issue in multiple places around the Borough seasonally. Christina Whited spoke about painting a fire hydrant as a gnome and asked Council to revisit painting more hydrants. Mayor Lee said she would like to revisit this. Ed Bielcik asked what part of the gorge is green acres. Mayor spoke about it being wildlife management space and green acres. Pat Bielcik asked if signage needs to be bilingual and if the Borough is controlling the number of people in the area. Mayor Lee stated that capacity is being monitored and that capacity has not yet been reached.

Jacob Cregar stated he was not able to fish for three weeks and what will be done about this? Mayor Lee stated that there is space for more fishing in other areas. Mr. Cregar disagrees. Michael Heon asked what the procedure for closing the lake is, what data was used to know when to let people to come into the area, and how do we know this is not putting residents at risk. Mayor Lee stated that this is a public park and people can come as they like according to the Ordinances. Krissy asked what will be done about visitors damming up the river for swimming and if Green Acres has been informed of this. Mayor Lee stated that she is aware and has let the Police Department know. Bob Imhoff asked about enforcement in the area. The Mayor stated that the Police will enforce the regulations in the area. Mary Anne Borer asked what needs to be done to shut the parks down. Attorney Goodman spoke about the Council having the authority to decide these issues. Katie Moore spoke about the comment for immune compromise being insensitive, asked if taxes will rise with proposals. Mayor Lee spoke about taxes possibly going down. Dan Sova asked what is happening at 100 West Main Street. Mayor Lee stated that the property is under contract to be sold to developers. Andrew Fulda asked is it illegal to drink alcohol in public parks and if something is an Ordinance form is a sign required to let people know the rules. Attorney Goodman spoke about drinking alcohol being against the Borough Ordinances and that Ordinances do not require signage in most cases. Priscilla Rocky thanked Mayor, Council, the Police, spoke about the lake being a place of temporary usage and suggested more enforcement. Attorney Goodman stated that the Ordinance states what can and can not be done on the area and that the Police work with people to abide by the regulations. Council discussed where signage exists in the Borough currently. Brenden O'Shea spoke about the parking being dangerous around the Washington Ave. area and asked how many citations were issued over the weekend. Police Chief Brett Bartman stated twenty-two summonses. Marilyn Acosta Andrade asked about a schedule for closing the falls. Mayor Lee spoke about enforcing new hours. Matt Curtin spoke what will happen if all parks are closed down in the Borough. Bob Smolarek asked when the area become a park. Mayor Lee stated that it has perhaps been a park for 100 years, spoke about parks being an asset, the challenge of Covid-19. Councilman Strange spoke about when it became a public park. Rion Hoffman thanked Mayor and Council, spoke that the issue seems Covid related, and spoke about not being able to be there and be socially distanced. Mayor Lee spoke about using other parks as a possibility.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. Ordinance 2020-020: Replace Firehouse Garage Doors**
Motion to re-open the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-020: Hughes / Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes
Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-020: Strange / Zappa
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-020: Strange / Ferry
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes

B. **Ordinance 2020-023:** Golf Course Improvements and Equipment

Motion to re-open the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-023: Columbus / Zappa

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Councilman Columbus spoke to the intent of the Ordinance. Viriyah Hodges asked why the money is being spent on the golf course. Council spoke about the course being twenty years old, it being a municipal course, and it needing maintenance. Mayor Lee spoke about the added expense for the port o Johns up at the lake.

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-023: Strange / Columbus

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-020: Zappa / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

C. **Ordinance 2020-033:** Amend Borough Code, Chapters 261 Parks and Playgrounds, Article 1 General Provisions and Chapter 8, Article IV, Parks and Recreation Committee

Motion to address Ordinance 2020-034 before Ordinance 2020-033: Strange / Columbus

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Motion to confirm the opening of the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-033: Hughes / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Monica Franke asked why all parks would need to be closed, spoke about Green Acres having other provisions for closing this area. Mayor Lee spoke about other closures causing this issue, that people will go to other areas in the Borough, and that the Borough should not be selective. Council discussed the practicalities with this. Karen Gove asked about when signage will be in place. Chief Bartman spoke about the need to clarify deficiencies in the Ordinances. Discussion ensued about the enforcement which is being done. Chris Hetzel of Mine Road spoke about cars driving around the Borough when the lot is full at the Falls, spoke about enforcement being needed, and needing a tourism infrastructure to support this spike in visitors. Pat Bielcik spoke about Lake Solitude being a conservation area and perhaps about finding other information on the website. Jessica Biehl asked if Council would consider closing the parks if the signage doesn't work. The Mayor and Council spoke about looking into this option and the need all over NJ for this review. Chelsea Price spoke about other parks being closed down quickly, spoke about the lack of responsibility in mask enforcement by the Mayor, and asked where other Police are coming from to support enforcement. Mayor Lee stated that she wears a mask because it is personally important. Chief Bartman spoke that Borough Officers are doing enforcement and that there are mutual aid agreements in the County to address this. Discussion ensued about where enforcement will take place in other parts of the Borough. Dr. Brenden Coughlin spoke about the problems of allowing volunteers to clean by the lake, stated that the water quality is probably not good, and asked how the right of way will be affected by Lake Solitude. Mayor Lee spoke about a meeting with UFHA and spoke about how to handle the Greenway, spoke about furloughs affecting the Borough as it pertains to communication with the State, the Ordinance causing an expense to the residents and signage not being available just yet. Discussion of the Greenway ensued. Ed Bielcik spoke about the limits of Green Acres and closing other lots. Chief Bartman and Council spoke about working to manage multiple areas in the Borough. Pat Bielcik spoke about addressing the use of social media to let people know about these issues. Mayor Lee spoke about needing a social media policy and utilizing the website for dispersing information. Elizabeth spoke about the concerns of expanding areas that people utilize. Mayor Lee spoke about finding out how people will utilize the area this weekend for moving forward with a plan.

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-033: Columbus / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-033: Strange / Moore

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

- D.** **Ordinance 2020-034:** Hydrants
Motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-034: Strange / Columbus
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes
Karen Gove asked if this will replace the hydrant in front of her home. Councilman Zappa says he believes so but would need to reference the Ordinance.
Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2020-034: Columbus / Strange
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes
Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-034: Strange / Zappa
Roll call vote: Columbus, yes ; Ferry, yes ; Hughes, yes ; Moore, yes ; Strange, yes ; Zappa, yes ;
Motion passes: 6 yes

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A.** Solitude Lake -
Councilwoman Lynn Hughes read a letter from the Environmental Commission speaking about the species in the open spaces, safe-guarding the impact on the environment, and researching finding a balance with passive recreation and the ecosystem. Councilman Zappa spoke about agreeing with many residents on their talking points, the balancing act which the Borough is in with these issues, the hard work the Mayor has done with the Administrator and other Borough staff, and the ability to take emergency action if necessary. Mayor Lee spoke about resolving the best way to move forward with the global health situation. Councilwoman Ferry spoke about having more communication coming up with the Mayor and the community.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- A.** **Ordinance 2020-035:** Amend Ch. 261 - Parks and Playgrounds
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-035: Zappa / 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 2020-035 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.
- B.** **Ordinance 2020-036:** Lease Agreement - EMS Building
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-036: 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 2020-036 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.
- C.** **Ordinance 2020-037:** Shared Service Agreement between Town of Clinton, High Bridge, and South Branch Emergency Services
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-037: Strange / Moore
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 2020-037 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.
- D.** **Ordinance 2020-038:** Agreement with South Branch EMS to provide services for High Bridge
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-038: 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 2020-038 shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.
- E.** **Ordinance 2020-039:** Amend Ch. 244 - Noise
Motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-039: Columbus / Moore
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 2020-039** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.

F. Ordinance 2020-040: Amend Ch. 184 - Vehicles and Traffic

Motion to introduce **Ordinance 2020-040:** Moore / 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 2020-040** shall be published in its entirety in the Express Times and/or the Hunterdon County Democrat along with the public hearing date of August 13, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution - 159 - 2020	Accept resignation of Anthony Duarte
Resolution - 160 - 2020	Acknowledge Name Change - Billy Casper Golf to Antares
Resolution - 161 - 2020	Approval for RFP - Solid Waste Contract
Resolution - 162 - 2020	Approval of Social Affair Permit - Fire Department
Resolution - 163 - 2020	Amend Professional Service Contract - Maser
Resolution - 164 - 2020	Authorizing an Award of Contract - Electric Supply Services
Resolution - 165 - 2020	Rejection of Bid - West Main Street
Resolution - 166 - 2020	Designee for ABC permits
Resolution - 167 - 2020	Electricity charges
Resolution - 168 - 2020	Emergency Squad Policies and Procedures
Resolution - 169 - 2020	Library Policies and Procedures
Resolution - 170 - 2020	Lien Redemption
Resolution - 171 - 2020	Noise
Resolution - 172 - 2020	Parks and Playgrounds - Ch 261-5 Disorderly conduct
Resolution - 173 - 2020	Plenary License Approval - Riverside Liquors
Resolution - 174 - 2020	Resolution - NJ Body Armor Replacement Program Grant Fund 2020
Resolution - 175 - 2020	Solitude House Policies and Procedures
Resolution - 176 - 2020	Utility Refund
Resolution - 177 - 2020	Vehicles and Traffic
Resolution - 178 - 2020	Temporary Signage at Parks

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Strange / Moore

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

Colleen Hann thanked Mayor and Council for sending out the certificates to the students. Nicole Poko thanked Mayor and Council for their efforts and stated that the dog park looks good. Dr. Brenden Coughlin asked why the concert was shut down, how the events and open spaces are not costing more money, spoke about the budget, the cost of maintenance for the areas over time. Mayor Lee spoke about the social distancing being an issue. Discussion ensued with the Mayor about how the spaces are treated differently. Discussion ensued about the keeping of the dam. Jack Torkildsen asked if the dam needs to be ADA compliant. Mayor Lee spoke about needing to check out if the dam needs to be ADA compliant. Attorney Goodman spoke about, years ago, making sure it is ADA compliant and that this was considered. Kimberly Falkenstein spoke about the number of people at the falls being an issue and how to measure the number of people at the falls. Mayor Lee stated that numbers will probably be dictated by parking. Karen Gove spoke about finding the numbers which can be distanced. Michele Schwartz thanked Mayor and Council, DPW, and asked the Mayor if she speaks to the Governor about Covid issues. Mayor Lee and Council spoke about being involved with many communication groups to focus on these issues, and the delicate situation with the unprecedented health crisis. Linda Lucas asked if there is State mandated capacity on parks. Mayor Lee stated that we are not at capacity but this can be looked at and monitored should there need to be further action.

LEGAL ISSUES: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** Antares Golf Letter
- B.** June Zoning Report
- C.** Letter from resident
- D.** Greenway trail bridge letter

BILL LIST

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: \$2,721,029.34**

Motion to approve bill list: Strange / Zappa

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: Moore / Strange

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

Motion passes: 6 yes

Next Council Meeting: August 13, 2020 - 7:30 pm – Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ or Zoom

Chat log below:

19:15:53 From Walter O'Brien to Adam Young(Privately) : Can I request permission to record the meeting? Zoom said I have to ask the host.

19:38:44 From Rich : Thank Michelle and Council.

19:38:48 From Rich : Thank you

19:40:20 From Jeanie Baker : Some people are not muted

19:40:34 From Adam Young to Walter O'Brien(Privately) : Doing my best as they enter.

19:40:39 From Adrienne Shipps : Adam is doing his best

19:41:09 From Jane Karp : Please mute yourself if you haven't yet. Thanks

19:41:25 From Nicole Nittel : Agreed Jeanie!!

If you are not currently speaking, please put your computer on mute! It overtakes the current speaker.

19:43:32 From Lauren Hamlin : Hi Adam! There is a way to mute everyone. Should be under the participants tab I believe

19:47:12 From elizabethlevaca2 : Thanks Chris!

19:47:43 From Ryan Hoffman : hi all

19:49:18 From Ryan Hoffman : 🙄

19:49:34 From christianeriksen : That happens everywhere

19:49:50 From Emma Torkildsen : Yikes

19:50:22 From johnburke : Yes, it is about hispanics if majority of out of state "visitors" are HISPANIC!

19:51:22 From Trish Curtin : Thank you Mayor and Mr. Goodman for keeping this focused on the relevant issues.

19:51:59 From todd l : +1 trish

19:52:31 From Franklin Luna : is there a limit of people that can be at the falls?

19:53:05 From Garry Bradfield : why not charge for parking to non-residents in commons lot and tisco lot

19:54:13 From Garry Bradfield : 5.00 a car will pay for a lot I will volunteer to collect

19:54:20 From Ryan Hoffman : 🙄

19:54:56 From Jane Karp : We should consider closing Lake Solitude parking area if legally possible. Walking in is still possible.

19:55:50 From christianeriksen : It's called mutual aid

19:55:56 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Protests in New Jersey have been fairly peaceful. Only one protest has happened in High Bridge thus far, and was both short and peaceful.

19:56:09 From johnburke : When seconds count help is minutes away

19:56:38 From Emma Torkildsen : I don't think you have to worry about protestors at this point

19:57:08 From Michael Strobel : What can be done to limit the encroachment of vehicles parking in Solitude village? Last weekend found out of state cars lining the community up watergate...

19:57:30 From Jane Karp : Thank you to all residents who volunteered to clean up!! My family and I really appreciate that.

19:57:39 From David Reed : Agree Viriyah thank you

19:59:17 From Franklin Luna : wow

19:59:28 From johnburke : Out of state invaders bring investment?

19:59:32 From Ryan Hoffman : let's have a music night at the commons with a small entrance fee as a fundraiser!

19:59:47 From Jane Karp : We need to consider all the places that people are seeking out parking — end of Church Street

20:00:24 From Franklin Luna : good point

20:00:28 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YES KCREGAR!

20:00:50 From Jane Karp : What about the social distancing issue?
20:01:05 From Franklin Luna : limit the people that can access the falls
20:01:27 From Jane Karp : No one at the Falls is wearing masks.
20:01:33 From iPhone : pandemic
20:01:41 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : That's actually a pretty good point.
20:01:55 From iPhone : which one
20:02:39 From HB Resident : buy a parking permit for \$20 or get one free with a coffee/beer/pizza on main st
20:02:51 From Nicole Poko : no free stuff, who are you supporting??
20:02:59 From Nicole Nittel : Please remember everyone ... she just said in the beginning that this is basically an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE so there wasn't a way to enforce anything that wasn't stated was against the rules.

So this way, moving forward, they CAN enforce rules that have been posted

20:03:03 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : @IPhone Social distancing (or lack thereof) and none of the tourists wearing masks. That does seem like a health hazard.
20:03:19 From Franklin Luna : all over the world is being enforced to wear masks
20:03:21 From Amy Biggers : We are also interested in talking about a noise ordinance. Loud music etc. We can hear it all day long from our house on the trail.
20:03:32 From Ryan Hoffman : ohhh that's a good idea @hb resident
20:03:45 From todd l : why does it take so long to get signage?
20:03:46 From Nicole Poko : Who pays for the free stuff? Come on.
20:03:52 From Rich : I will organize the signs and all if anyone wants to chip in!
20:04:05 From felicia : If there is already an ordinance that you can't do this kind of stuff at the falls, then they can enforce it. NO SIGNS ARE REQUIRED!!!
20:04:10 From Stephanie Stabenow : Rich you're a wonderful person
20:04:16 From HB Resident : @nicole it's a free pass with a purchase from a HB business. it's to support our HB business!
20:04:28 From todd l : look at how that worked for Florida.
20:04:40 From iPhone : there are already signs besides that "ignorance of the law and is no excuse for breaking one". also mask are required by executive order and enforceable under state law
20:04:45 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : So...if we don't need to wear masks...then why can't restaurants have people eat inside
20:04:51 From Jack Torkildsen : ignorance/not knowing of laws and ordinances does not mean you can break them and not be cited
20:04:52 From Jane Karp : Didn't the governor state that if social distancing is not possible there IS a mask requirement?
20:04:56 From Garry Bradfield : Costco you have to wear a mask
20:04:59 From Mike : Wouldn't it be helpful to post rules that masks are required, (Murphy just ruled that masks are required outdoors so you can) that you must dispose of your garbage and defecation is not permitted in the park?
20:05:01 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Wait, I thought there was a state mandate on masks?
20:05:02 From todd l : +1 jane
20:05:03 From felicia : Does she think we are stupid?
20:05:46 From Johnson : seems very condesending
20:05:57 From Jack Torkildsen : some ruined it for a few
20:06:04 From Jack Torkildsen : all
20:06:14 From HB Resident : residents cant use the falls now, so close it down
20:06:15 From Marisa : I have videos of them blowing their horns all day and one from last night at 9pm. I can see the lake from my yard. I shouldn't have to deal with that every night. What are you doing to fix that?
20:06:45 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YES ELIZABETH PARRIS
20:06:51 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : yo go girl
20:07:09 From Johnson : yea goodbye
20:07:16 From Michael Strobel : wait....didn't they close the parks for covid? lockwood gorge and columbia were closed....
20:07:18 From Jane Karp : I agreed with the state parks closing. I think we are going to have to do that.
20:07:21 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Let's close them!
20:07:29 From mary anne : close it all
20:07:33 From Ryan Hoffman : create parking spaces at solitude so people can't cram 15 cars in there
20:07:34 From Franklin Luna : close it
20:07:37 From mary anne : that's what we want
20:07:39 From james kakol : close it
20:07:39 From Garry Bradfield : close it
20:07:43 From mary anne : close
20:07:48 From iPhone : let's CLOSW
20:07:49 From Stacy Augustyn : close it all
20:07:51 From Johnson : so lets CLOSE to
20:07:57 From Cassandra Sigler : close them!!!
20:07:57 From Barbara Cavalla Rosenberg : close it

20:08:03 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : can't hear
20:08:06 From mary anne : close it all- do it that's what we want
20:08:13 From Alberto Dominguez : close it
20:08:14 From Garry Bradfield : the river comes from bud lake which is full of red algae
20:08:16 From felicia : She is so full of it. CLOSE IT!
20:08:17 From Michael Strobel : Jones beach, LI told non residents to get lost....because of the impending invasion from NYC....they SAVED their beaches...
20:08:17 From Jonathan's iPhone : close them
20:08:21 From Ryan Hoffman : :(
20:08:23 From Rich : Everyone I was 100% one of the most pissed residents. That being said social media is ruining 100's of places across America. People are up in arms because its happening in front of their eyes.
20:08:33 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Put the ordinances through and Close the parks immediately
20:08:40 From Nicole Poko : wow. you all realize that the Columbia Trail supports Main Street businesses.
20:08:56 From Ryan Hoffman : is Columbia trail under town control or county??
20:09:01 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : county control
20:09:03 From Nicole Poko : the commons is town
20:09:03 From Michael Strobel : ^ county
20:09:11 From Garry Bradfield : would you want your child playing down union forge with these people around
20:09:24 From HB Resident : keep the trail open
20:09:27 From EileenEileen : once it's closed. it's closed to everyone. I still want to use these areas.
20:09:31 From Rich : This is not a HB problem this is across the nation. Obviously we want action here. But it must continue nation wide to protect the land everywhere for future generations.
20:09:39 From felicia : The people who come to hang out in High Bridge with their coolers do not purchase from the local merchants
20:09:41 From Jane Karp : I find it ironic that my kids are limited to our inflatable pool but people from far and wide are enjoying and trashing the falls!
20:09:52 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Absolutely Jane
20:10:03 From HB Resident : @Jane agreed
20:10:14 From james kakol : agreed
20:10:22 From Rick : The Columbia Trail is County property but the Commons is Borough Property.
20:10:26 From Michael's iPad : close all the parks
20:10:42 From Jane Karp : With 50 cars, SOCIAL DISTANCING is impossible. With 25 cars, it's impossible.
20:10:49 From Terri's : close it down. think of a way to reopen safely in the future. It is a public health issue
20:10:53 From Steve : YES Monica
20:10:55 From elizabethlevaca2 : Branchburg took care of this exact problem swiftly.
20:11:00 From mary anne : thank you Monica
20:11:14 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : You did great Monica!
20:11:17 From Terri's : You have to move quickly. please. it's out of control
20:11:18 From Steve : Saw HBPD there today shooting the breeze while at least 5+ of the rules were being broken
20:11:24 From mary anne : haha
20:11:25 From felicia : and if it doesn't?
20:11:30 From HB Resident : well said @monica
20:11:36 From Therese Merlino : Good research Monica! Like Michael said earlier Jones Beach closed to non-residents!
20:11:37 From mary anne : stop this weekend
20:11:56 From felicia : Hi Ashlynn
20:12:18 From Franklin Luna : no one can't get in
20:12:29 From Franklin Luna : yes
20:12:30 From iPhone : hi Ashlynn! you know my son Austin!
20:12:35 From Ryan Hoffman : ya that would smell not good
20:12:36 From todd l to Adam Young(Privately) : good job managing the feed Adam!
20:12:37 From Ed Bielcik : Which button do I push to join the video discussion?
20:12:40 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : GREAT POINT
20:12:47 From Franklin Luna : yes
20:12:50 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Yay Robert Poles
20:12:50 From Franklin Luna : great plint
20:12:52 From mary anne : yup - \$\$\$
20:12:54 From Jane Karp : I can only walk to the falls before 9 AM on a weekday
20:12:57 From Matt Falkenstein : well said!
20:13:00 From mary anne : will talk later
20:13:04 From Franklin Luna : I want that info as well \$100 a month
20:13:10 From Garry Bradfield : yes well said
20:13:13 From HB Resident : well said dude!
20:13:21 From Garry Bradfield : but everything is talk about it later

20:13:32 From mary anne : I don't see port a Johns at the commons
20:13:33 From Steve : its all "trial and error"
20:13:46 From mary anne : I walk there every dau
20:13:54 From Jonathan's iPhone : hey keith!
20:14:00 From Krissy : CLOSE IT
20:14:12 From Ryan Hoffman : hey Keith!!
20:14:13 From Terri's : Shut it down.
20:14:15 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Hi Keith. Kathi and Terry.
20:14:17 From james kakol : close it
20:14:20 From Steve : Close it down
20:14:21 From mary anne : shut it all down
20:14:23 From Franklin Luna : shut it
20:14:30 From Mike : agree , shut it
20:14:37 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Shut It!
20:14:43 From Adrienne Shipps : 2014
20:14:47 From Marilyn Acosta Andrade : yes also jumping off the Arches. so dangerous! Crowds of unmasked kids spill into the street sometimes
20:14:52 From Krissy : 2011
20:14:59 From mary anne : let's put it up for a vote and take the decision off of her hands
20:14:59 From Ron : Let's move on...
20:15:02 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : It was refurbished 9 years ago
20:15:09 From Robert's iPad (2) : shut it down, why does she want it open?
20:15:09 From mary anne : they are on the steps
20:15:13 From Terri's : they aren't allowed. and yet: there they are
20:15:15 From Ryan Hoffman : natural selection lol
20:15:28 From mary anne : we are only getting sued once
20:15:30 From Franklin Luna : people under the influence don't really care
20:15:48 From Steve : It's all "trial and error"
20:16:00 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Bowing to the "visitors".
20:16:14 From mary anne : we are failing as a community. we need to shut this fiwn
20:16:21 From Johnson : saw lots of pictures with people on the dam are these people blind
20:16:27 From felicia : thank you
20:16:28 From Franklin Luna : yes
20:16:36 From Rich : I will take care of any signage lets chip in and get it done
20:16:39 From Garry Bradfield : that going to have to be one big sign
20:16:44 From Rich : expedited
20:16:44 From felicia : no we do not
20:16:53 From Steve : WHAT

20:16:55 From Franklin Luna : yes they are
20:16:56 From Johnson : so if there is no sign I can do whatever I want
20:16:56 From HB Resident : people were smoking weed down there. either let everyone publically smoke weed or not
20:16:57 From Steve : is she serious?!
20:16:59 From felicia : why put this on HIgh Bridge. Yes they are breaking the law
20:16:59 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : REALLY!!!
20:17:01 From Franklin Luna : they are drinking
20:17:01 From Michael Strobel : did i hear that right?
20:17:02 From mary anne : they are breaking the law
20:17:03 From Jane Karp : People under the influence do lots of unsafe things — including no social distancing, and jumping dams. I don't envy the police
20:17:03 From Steve : Blatant lying
20:17:04 From Annie Vazquez : alcohol isn't allowed at the state parks either
20:17:06 From Franklin Luna : smoking swimming
20:17:07 From Jen Darman : grilling?
20:17:07 From Julie J : Signage will likely be vandalized and destroyed and tax dollars wasted.
20:17:14 From mary anne : I picked up many handles
20:17:15 From Steve : Ling
20:17:18 From Steve : *lying
20:17:19 From Franklin Luna : how many tickets have been handed out?????
20:17:20 From Stacy Augustyn : what ? yes they are breaking the law
20:17:22 From Jane Karp : There are people doing illegal things daily down there.
20:17:25 From Terri's : there is overcrowding and no masks. governor Murphy said with large crowds- wear masks
20:17:27 From james kakol : put in fake cameras as a deterrent

20:17:29 From Johnson : we are Not an open container state so it is the law
20:17:33 From christianeriksen : Yeah, you can enforce it, but it's easier to fight when people can claim they didn't know.
Better to put signs up to be more clear
20:17:36 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : what about the police stating they were told not to issue tickets?
20:17:37 From Ryan Hoffman : aren't there police for hire companies that maybe could help enforce laws down there?
20:17:38 From Mike : so a question is 10 seconds and the mayor rambles for 3min so that's your minute
20:17:40 From David Reed : How many times do they have to say you get 5 minutes later? If you want 5 minutes, wait
20:17:59 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Put in real cameras, if we can put in porta johns we can put in cameras.
20:18:10 From Mike : Isn't it against the law to publicly defecate and litter?
20:18:15 From Terri's : executive order number 163
20:18:25 From james kakol : id rather pay for a camera than a john!
20:18:30 From Steve : "No laws are being broken"
20:18:31 From Steve : Wow
20:18:38 From Rich : 100% for signs and cameras
20:18:41 From christianeriksen : Unfortunately you can't tell people they can't park in front of your house unless there is a
no parking sign
20:18:42 From Jane Karp : Re Jennifer's comment — lots of parking by non-residents.
20:18:43 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : permit parking
20:18:44 From mary anne : there shouldn't be parking at Tisco
20:18:46 From HB Resident : emergency ordinance
20:18:54 From Krissy : Will we get reimbursed for "Private Property" signs that the residents have to new get????
20:19:01 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : we got so many tickets on mainstreet why not these people
20:19:07 From mary anne : "as time goes by" just shut it down
20:19:37 From mlewis : Did the mayor say that no one is breaking the law down at the falls?
20:19:50 From Robert's iPad (2) : shut it down, no justice, no peace!!
20:19:50 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : yes
20:19:52 From Rion Hoffmann : no she didn't.
20:19:54 From Michael Strobel : sure did
20:19:55 From Terri's : yeah. lol
20:19:56 From felicia : Yes Mlewis she did
20:19:59 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : yes she did
20:20:07 From Franklin Luna : she said "no laws are being broken" haha
20:20:10 From Marisa : not public roads! we are in an association. I've gotten notices from the association for parking on the
street. they are not allowed to park in the village.
20:20:11 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : You should be doing it every week now because of these garbage people
20:20:17 From E : shut it down before you up our taxes again for all the cleanup, etc.!
20:20:17 From Rich : this littering issue includes locals and residents 100%
20:20:17 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : close it down
20:20:26 From Steve : Does she even live her or just straight up lying
20:20:29 From Jane Karp : It sounded like she said that, at least that is what I heard
20:20:44 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : I guess my husband can keep his boat in the driveway forever.
20:20:52 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YES JEN DARMAN
20:20:53 From Jack Torkildsen : Mayor Lee, How can you say no one is breaking the law down there?
20:20:58 From Elizabeth Parris : How foolish this all is. You have a great place and they will come.
20:20:58 From E : YES
20:20:59 From Johnson : it's been the law for along time "NO LITTERING" so yes you can ticket them
20:21:02 From christianeriksen : Give Mayor Lee and Council a break. They are working hard to address the issue and do
what's best for the residents
20:21:03 From felicia : she is so full of it!
20:21:06 From Krissy : 50 of them?
20:21:17 From Krissy : Families of 50?!?!
20:21:17 From Terri's : yes. executive order number 163. a family of 50???
20:21:26 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Get out of here!
20:21:32 From E : 100 of them!
20:21:34 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : EXACTLY
20:21:42 From Ryan Hoffman : small groups distancing from each other
20:21:43 From Terri's : Exactly: they are not coming together
20:21:47 From Garry Bradfield : those people have large families
20:21:48 From Terri's : they are not family
20:21:49 From mary anne : they are coming together
20:21:53 From mary anne : she fibs

20:22:01 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Even if it's a family, couldn't that still be a health hazard? Also, how does one differentiate between which ones are families and which one's aren't? Furthermore, couldn't they be a health hazard to one another?

20:22:07 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Looks real good to see a mayor fighting with the citizens of the town who are paying to keep these parks open real nice

20:22:08 From Krissy : CLOSE IT DOWN!!!!!!!!!!!!

20:22:12 From Terri's : wear a mask if you can't social distance

20:22:13 From Elizabeth Parris : We are talking about our town

20:22:14 From Tara McGourty : close it!

20:22:14 From Franklin Luna : close it down

20:22:17 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : close it down

20:22:18 From Rich : I do not believe at any one time there was more than 100 people there

20:22:20 From Robert's iPad (2) : she's gotta go

20:22:22 From E : you are not prepared for this challenge, so shut it down!

20:22:22 From pooppy pants ff : shut it down

20:22:22 From james kakol : close it!

20:22:27 From Marisa : no its not! Kick them out!

20:22:28 From Cassandra Sigler : we're not talking about the shore!!

20:22:28 From Johnson : PLEASE we are not talking about the Jersey shore She doesn't care about HB

20:22:38 From felicia : Time to report this to the governors office

20:22:43 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Already done

20:22:45 From Terri's : yes!!!

20:22:46 From Krissy : A LOT OF MONEY

20:22:51 From Jennifer Walters : YES!

20:22:52 From Franklin Luna : yes

20:22:54 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Love you Lauren!

20:22:56 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : lol

20:22:56 From Ryan Hoffman : true

20:22:58 From Franklin Luna : a lot of money

20:23:01 From mary anne : how do we get her to close it all down

20:23:03 From Krissy : YOU GO LAUREN

20:23:10 From Michael Strobel : THATS just one family right?!

20:23:12 From Elizabeth Parris : Good talking point Lauren

20:23:13 From Terri's : yes! Lauren!

20:23:15 From Marilyn Acosta Andrade : I've seen lack of social distancing without wearing masks on our Main St. It is not just at the falls.

20:23:15 From Jane Karp : If the road access to Ken Locke Gorge is closed due to Co-Vid, why can't we do that as well?

20:23:16 From iPhone : Agreed. NO way there is enough space to social distance. Our numbers are low and we need to keep it that way.

20:23:20 From HB Resident : thank you!

20:23:23 From Terri's : what a minute!!!

20:23:23 From Franklin Luna : on the money

20:23:25 From Marisa : well said

20:23:25 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : Atta Girl Lauren!

20:23:29 From felicia : So she thinks smirking at comments from residents are making is the best way to go?

20:23:31 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : That was beautiful Lauren!

20:23:31 From Johnson : haha she has to be kidding

20:23:33 From felicia : BS!

20:23:42 From HB Resident : residents - stay inside

20:23:44 From Julie J : well said Lauren

20:23:51 From Janet Vroom : well said Lauren

20:23:51 From Krissy : You cancelled the concert but let this happen?!?!

20:23:52 From HB Resident : outsiders - party

20:23:53 From Tori : shut it down

20:23:54 From Franklin Luna : by they social distance at the falls???????

20:23:58 From Cassandra Sigler : and they're not social distancing

20:24:05 From Stacy Augustyn : great job Lauren!! #closeit

20:24:09 From mary anne : you canceled the concert but let out of towners crowd the falls

20:24:13 From Elizabeth Parris : Obviously they dont social distance

20:24:15 From Alberto Dominguez : the mayor sounds like she does not want to solve the problem. We pay way too much in taxes to have this problem. You can cancel a concert but not close all parks. sad.

20:24:17 From Franklin Luna : #closeit

20:24:18 From Terri's : they can't social distance shut it down

20:24:23 From Cassandra Sigler : #closeit
20:24:26 From iPhone : HEALTH AND SAFETY is number one. if we can't contain it , close it.
20:24:28 From Johnson : cancel stuff for HB folks but lets keep the falls open for out of area folks
20:24:33 From Dan Sova : then close it all!
20:24:34 From Garry Bradfield : what if we all show up with sign saying go back to your town
20:24:35 From felicia : She can close the falls and not the other parks. Why is she treating the taxpayers like we were children
20:24:52 From MarSar on Main : Shut all the parks, residents are too scared to use them anyway!
20:24:53 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Absolutely Northwood Drive!
20:25:00 From Janet Vroom : close them
20:25:01 From Cassandra Sigler : close it down
20:25:07 From Krissy : that's NJ transit property!
20:25:10 From Krissy : not ours
20:25:17 From Mike : You CAN force people to wear masks; once you set a standard of rules and ENFORCE them, you will find a safer, cleaner High Bridge that will remain beautiful and clean.
20:25:19 From Elizabeth Parris : They closed parks in Morris conty
20:25:23 From Amy : what about the arches?
20:25:32 From Krissy : so who's paying?!?! That question was asked 2 times and still not answered
20:25:33 From Janet Vroom : that is a lame answer on public safety from the mayor
20:25:41 From Ryan Hoffman : instal those cow catcher things on the train to push them off track
20:25:42 From Garry Bradfield : you are right that why then won't do anything at the arches
20:26:07 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Love that gnome fire hydrant!
20:26:10 From pooppy pants ff : there are ordinances regarding body odor, maybe they can be enforced
20:26:11 From Jane Karp : Yes there was an article today in nj.com about the closing of Hedden County Park in Morris Cty.
20:26:40 From Krissy :aren't the fire hydrants red or white or yellow for a reason????
20:26:45 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : ha ha pooppy pants!
20:26:50 From Garry Bradfield : yes
20:27:08 From Christina McWilliams-Ward : I think painting the fire hydrants is a really nice idea
20:27:24 From iPhone : amazing idea Christina
20:27:43 From pooppy pants ff : another option is to pick up their feces and sell it as fertilizer
20:27:57 From Terri's : the gorge is being protected appropriately.
20:28:04 From Franklin Luna : yes
20:28:16 From Terri's : maybe we should take a lesson
20:28:27 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Absolutely Monica and Ed Bielcik!
20:28:29 From Ron : Lets move on
20:28:31 From Terri's : yes
20:29:07 From Nick1 : human or even pet feces should not be used as fertilizer
20:29:27 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : WHAT
20:29:31 From HB Resident : WHAT?
20:29:39 From Cassandra Sigler : omg
20:29:41 From iPhone : exactly why this is nonsense. one minute to address questions that require more than one minute. this is joke and always has been.
20:29:42 From mary anne : omg we didn't reach capacity
20:29:44 From Marisa : what a joke
20:29:45 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Didn't you just say there wasn't!?
20:29:49 From Franklin Luna :
lol
20:29:54 From Steve : Is she serious?!
20:29:56 From Terri's : what is capacity?????????
20:29:57 From Franklin Luna : what is the capacity Mayor?
20:29:58 From felicia : What is capacity for passive recreation?
20:30:15 From HB Resident : came for the meeting, stayed for the chat session
20:30:15 From mary anne : how do we vote to shut it down these are not tourist
20:30:16 From Cassandra Sigler : am I on a different planet
20:30:17 From Elizabeth Parris : Tourists?? They are invaders.
20:30:17 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : More like 500...
20:30:20 From Michael Strobel : mayor, you see this picture? this is what's going on....
20:30:20 From Robert's iPad (2) : where did she come from?
20:30:22 From Steve : Remember its all "trial and error"
20:30:22 From Leroy : who was the real estate agent who spoke?? i want to sell my house!
20:30:22 From Kathy : How many arrests have been made for smoking pot or drinking in public. How many fines for littering or defecating in public?
20:30:29 From Franklin Luna : haha

20:30:37 From iPhone : this is such a joke!
20:30:40 From Terri's : the mayor does not want to solve this problem
20:30:44 From Jane Karp : We have definitely reached capacity! Why do we need to have picnic areas at all? With Co-vid it is too much of an infection risk
20:31:00 From paigegreenfield : What about a painted donation box for visitors that come through and give \$ for signs/cleanup
20:31:05 From mary anne : she's nuts
20:31:13 From iPhone : mayor doesn't want to solve anyone's problem just to make it seem like she wants to. like every other politician
20:31:19 From Julie J : appears that visitors are more important than the residents and tax payers
20:31:21 From Ryan Hoffman : hey jake!
20:31:23 From Jack Torkildsen : High Bridge is way over capacity Mayor
20:31:32 From mary anne : thanks, jake
20:31:33 From iPhone : jake for mayor!
20:31:42 From mary anne : haha plenty of room
20:31:42 From Cassandra Sigler : the falls is going to be a definite hot spot for covid
20:31:45 From Steve : Wooo she's grasping at straws
20:31:48 From Ryan Hoffman : no room down bottom
20:31:49 From Matt Falkenstein : sure, risk getting Covid to go fish,' good idea!
20:31:51 From HB Resident : not with an entire family is bathing in the stream
20:31:56 From Jen Darman : he cant be serious
20:31:57 From Cassandra Sigler : are you kidding me
20:31:59 From Terri's : she is deaf to the concerns of her constituents
20:32:03 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YEAH JAKE!
20:32:05 From E : OMG
20:32:05 From iPhone : jake for mayor! 😊
20:32:08 From Ryan Hoffman : fisherman are friends !
20:32:11 From Terri's : She needs to go
20:32:13 From Jen Darman : *she cant be serious
20:32:15 From Janet Vroom : she's ridiculous
20:32:15 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Jake for mayor!
20:32:16 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : YAY JAKE!
20:32:19 From Jane Karp : Unfortunately I don't think that the crowds coming would put a quarter into a haybox.
20:32:21 From mary anne : she does not want to hear what people are saying
20:32:24 From Cassandra Sigler : unreal seriously
20:32:29 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : I've seen many government/corporate meetings of these types. Good to see that officials dodging questions, making things up, and ignoring the concerns of the public is something that never changes.
20:32:33 From Steve : She has excuse for everything
20:32:34 From Jake : So it's okay for the Mayor to take up our 1 minute?!?!
20:32:49 From Stacy Augustyn : people that would come to picnic would not be spending a dollar in townz
20:32:50 From Tori : this is Tori, I had no question
20:32:50 From Cassandra Sigler : apparently
20:32:52 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Good Job Jake!
20:32:52 From HB Resident : sorry Jake. we heard you.
20:33:11 From Franklin Luna : #closeit
20:33:12 From Cassandra Sigler : #closeit
20:33:16 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YES MICHAEL
20:33:19 From Terri's : close it down
20:33:26 From Jane : Good point
20:33:31 From Terri's : we have to appeal to higher authorities
20:33:42 From Steve : She's not going to do anything
20:33:44 From Franklin Luna : what's the limit of people?
20:33:48 From Steve : just keep feeding you BS
20:33:57 From Pat Bielcik : when did Lake Solitude become a park? Thought it was a conservation area for protectd wildlife.
20:34:02 From christianeriksen : I think we need to define passive recreation
20:34:06 From Jake : before I got cut off my second half of the question was why are they okay to dam the river
20:34:07 From poopypants ff : appeal to BLM, they'll help
20:34:15 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : So how does we close the parks
20:34:16 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Yes they are required.
20:34:24 From Terri's : They are required
20:34:26 From Ryan Hoffman : omg

20:34:27 From Ryan Hoffman : hot mic
20:34:28 From Robert's iPad (2) : exactly when did it become a park
20:34:29 From Ryan Hoffman : rip
20:34:32 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Places across the state ARE enforcing them.
20:34:34 From Mike : they are laws, executive orders have the force of laws mayor!
20:34:34 From iPhone : awesome!!!! 🤔 🤔
20:34:34 From Terri's : that is the point of an ordinance
20:34:36 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Yo Barry Goodman how are you going to let her say this!?
20:34:48 From Steve : Good so don't go there is the solution
20:34:52 From Steve : "Don't go there"
20:34:56 From Steve : Great solution
20:34:57 From Cassandra Sigler : nobody cares
20:34:58 From Jen Darman : why don't you to hsgn out??go there this weekend?
20:34:59 From Terri's : she is saying: citizens- don't go there. she will not protect her citizens
20:35:00 From Jack Torkildsen : Time to contact Murphy's office and let him know that the mayor of HB does not agree with his executive order.
20:35:19 From Ryan Hoffman : repeat user!!!
20:35:33 From iPhoneteress : don't vote for her again! this will change everything
20:35:44 From Jane Karp : This is why we have 60-70,000 news cases every day in the USA, because of inconsequence and vagueness in enforcements
20:36:00 From E : have you been there and inspected it?
20:36:02 From Cassandra Sigler : there's pictures
20:36:03 From Terri's : I sent them pictures
20:36:04 From Leroy : why is everyone upset except the mayor??
20:36:25 From iPhone : hey jack an executive order isn't law.... Murphy is a God damn joke he says wear the masks but he doesn't wear one himself unless he's on camera.
20:36:26 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : she doesn't care clearly y
20:36:26 From Krissy : Can I just say that I love whoever has that hot mic
20:36:29 From poopypants ff : why is it so hard to enforce no pooping laws?
20:36:36 From Mike : So the rights of the residents are subordinate to outsiders who put residents' health in danger or we forego going to the park? That's the choice?
20:36:39 From mlewis : useless meeting here. She is blind to the fact that everyone is up in arms. Unfortunately she has 2 more years.
20:36:53 From Marisa : We should all call DEP and report them
20:36:57 From Ryan Hoffman : I'm glad someone else heard it krissy lol
20:37:04 From HB Resident : they're publically smoking pot in public
20:37:06 From iPhone : krissy yes!!! that was awesome!!!!
20:37:06 From mlewis : No laws are broken?
20:37:08 From Jen Darman : es
20:37:08 From E : yes
20:37:11 From Franklin Luna : hahaha
20:37:19 From mlewis : shitting is legal
20:37:20 From Franklin Luna : she is funny
20:37:22 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : OR DEFECATING IN MY FRONT YARD
20:37:23 From Terri's : wow. she's awful
20:37:23 From Jen Darman : you cannot drink in public!
20:37:26 From Michael Strobel : I'm in awe...
20:37:26 From felicia : Public drinking is not breaking a law?
20:37:27 From Stacy Augustyn : public drinking in NJ is illegal
20:37:28 From E : so can i drink in public!
20:37:29 From Jen Darman : you CAN be arrested
20:37:33 From Michael Strobel : wow.
20:37:44 From E : oh boy
20:37:47 From Jack Torkildsen : Deflection, Deflection, Deflection
20:37:51 From christianeriksen : Ordinance isn't law, but you can be issued a summons for it
20:37:52 From Ryan Hoffman : did they use toilet paper at least?
20:37:56 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Someone raise their hand and ask how we can vote to close the park
20:37:59 From iPhone : what a shame.
20:38:03 From Elizabeth Parris : Not even allowed to drink in state parks. We are calling the Governor tomorrow.
20:38:04 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Who is paying for the reinforcements
20:38:14 From Leah Epstein to Adam Young(Privately) : Adam- can you disable the comments? People are just going wildly mean and rude in the comments. Just saying you should maybe disable the comments section here

20:38:17 From Steve : Take your 40 down the street! Its legal!

20:38:20 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : we never had porta johns before. Why should our taxes pay for this???

20:38:27 From mlewis : lets all drink in front of her house. Who is in?

20:38:31 From E : just up my property taxes another \$500 a quarter already

20:38:35 From Ed Bielcik : So *many* of the things that she has said are wrong. Saying that people drinkling is aagainst the rules but not against the law is incorrect.

20:38:43 From Kim and James : We came in to this tonight sympathetic to our fellow residents but also understanding of the fact that this is probably a short term problem and not being heavy handed in our response. Tonight tho, the people of this town are speaking up and making it clear what should be done. The mayor may be making a bad situation worse here tonight. Listen to your constituents. Don't tell them that its too hard.

20:38:46 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : YES MARY

20:38:50 From Jen Darman : yes

20:38:53 From Stefanie M : There is more on the agenda... I'd like to hear what the council wants to propose.

20:38:53 From Jennifer Walters : do it

20:38:53 From Franklin Luna : shut it

20:38:58 From felicia : Thank you Mary Anne

20:39:01 From Stacy Augustyn : yes ! how can we do it

20:39:05 From Franklin Luna : we can't even use it

20:39:06 From Michael Strobel : close it up

20:39:07 From james kakol : shut it

20:39:09 From Terri's : Listen to your constituents!!!

20:39:13 From Leroy : THANK YOU SHUT IT

20:39:20 From Jane : This might ease up a big after July 27, when Round Valley opens up again.

20:39:27 From Terri's : shut it down!!!

20:39:28 From Stacy Augustyn : no one wants to keep it open

20:39:29 From Jack Torkildsen : petition I will get one going

20:39:32 From Nick1 : keep it open!

20:39:34 From Elizabeth Parris : Keep them open to be disrespected.

20:39:35 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : okay then shut it down

20:39:39 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : listen to your people

20:39:44 From Rich : round valley and spruce don't pertain to this.

20:39:45 From HB Resident : we dont want permanent!

20:39:50 From Alberto Dominguez : shut it down

20:39:54 From HB Resident : they're tone deaf

20:39:57 From Garry Bradfield : shut it down for two weeks

20:39:59 From Rich : people want free.....and no supervision to do as they please

20:40:16 From linda lucas : shut it down

20:40:18 From HB Resident : yes, 2 week shut down

20:40:25 From Terri's : They want free. and they will not contribute to the high bridge economy

20:40:27 From Nick1 : you all would really rather have no park than have tourist for two weeks

20:40:33 From Ryan Hoffman : lololo

20:40:36 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : LMAO

20:40:43 From David Reed : idiot

20:40:43 From Marisa : HAHAHA

20:40:47 From Ed Bielcik : I agree. Vote her out!!!

20:40:58 From Michael Strobel : well damn,

20:41:12 From Christina McWilliams-Ward : Shouldn't we put our taxes towards restoring solitude house.. why is no one talking about this

20:41:12 From Garry Bradfield : shut it down until you can get control of it

20:41:18 From jeoliver : we should not be seeking to close all parks in High Bridge, but rather manage over crowding in one area that currently has clear issues.

20:41:21 From Krissy : Shit is getting real!!!!

20:41:30 From Ryan Hoffman : nice pun michael

20:41:41 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Thank you Katie!

20:41:46 From Krissy : You go Katie!

20:41:47 From mary anne : she didn't answer me- how do we shut these parks diwnt

20:41:50 From iPhone : one minute coming in soon before she finishes 🤔🤔

20:41:53 From mary anne : down

20:42:00 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : I'm trying to wrap my head around why the Council is so adamant about keeping the parks open.

It's not helpful to the town, but even if they're completely selfish people I don't see what they have to gain from this.

20:42:07 From felicia : Just the falls can be shut down. That area is being abused. They will not hang out at Union Forge with coolers, tents, and alcohol.

20:42:29 From Ryan Hoffman : record that someone!

20:42:29 From Steve : Maybe they get state funding for keeping the parks open?

20:42:32 From Ryan Hoffman : YES

20:42:33 From linda lucas : we don't need to close all our parks, they are only going where there is water.

20:42:33 From Mike B : Yes they will.

20:42:36 From mary anne : she is unbelievable

20:42:37 From Cassandra Sigler : I don't think they'll go anywhere with no water

20:42:37 From Franklin Luna : woohooooo

20:42:39 From james kakol : wow cool

20:42:40 From james kakol : not

20:42:41 From Ed Bielicik : That's what you think Felicia.

20:42:43 From Marilyn Acosta Andrade to Adam Young(Privately) : Hi, how do I raise my hand? I don't see how to anywhere?

20:42:44 From Ryan Hoffman : 3 cents let's goooooooo

20:42:44 From Franklin Luna : 3cents

20:42:58 From Terri's : Shut down solitude in order to save it

20:42:59 From mary anne : yay 3 cents now I can stay

20:42:59 From Steve : Down \$0.03?! That will cover my water bill!

20:43:00 From Krissy : woohoo \$0.03

20:43:03 From joan : keep me 3 cents and get rid of the polluters

20:43:09 From Annie Vazquez : shutting them all down is just to be punitive...to the residents.. but if that's what it takes.. do it.

20:43:12 From Marisa : yeah ok. I'll believe it when I see it

20:43:15 From mary anne : it's a surprise 3 cents

20:43:25 From Krissy : So the money that we are saving is now going to the porta potties??

20:43:35 From Mike : What is the reason for the adamant refusal to shut down despite overwhelming resident desire?

20:43:52 From mary anne : I still don't know how we shut the parks down

20:44:10 From HB Resident : high density development?

20:44:14 From Terri's : Shut down Solitude in order to save it ... The ecosystem, the crowds, the litter, the pandemic.

20:44:20 From Krissy : Cause we really need new developments....

20:44:26 From Leroy : i hope its low income housing

20:44:39 From Trish Curtin : Agree jeoliver. There seem to be a lot of people in this meeting who want to close all the parks but I think there are a lot of other people in HB who would not want. to see that happen.

20:44:41 From Mike : @maryanne = it is their total discretion . Citizens can't do it

20:44:57 From Jane Karp : I think most of us High Bridgers would rather not see such drastic measures, but feel that is the only option if we don't want this to get any worse.

20:45:09 From Cassandra Sigler : hopefully they buy your house too @dan and we can get the hell out of hb

20:45:35 From Jonathan's iPhone : sorry tried twice , not sure what's wrong with my mic. my primary concern is that this virus transmits through aerosol means . anyone that has spent any time at the base of the falls knows that there is a constant mist from the water falling over the rocks .

20:45:39 From Jen Darman : so it is against the law

20:45:44 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Yeah the only issue is that the police need to actually WRITE the tickets

20:45:51 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : this needs to be reported that she doesn

20:45:57 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : t believe that people need to wear masks

20:46:02 From iPhone : what would happen if everyone in town didn't pay taxes for 2 quarters? what would these clowns do? ☹️

20:46:18 From Jonathan's iPhone : I'm no scientist but my concern is this being a possible viral vector given the way this virus spreads

20:46:20 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : @Leroy Considering the attitudes of our officials towards public health, I don't see them supporting low-income housing or other similar items for public good.

20:46:22 From Rich : I will get them made tomorrow locally

20:46:24 From Steve : So if I drink in public but theres no sign, im good to go?

20:46:39 From Garry Bradfield : sorry that's bs

20:46:39 From james kakol : since when does it matter if they are aware

20:46:46 From Jen Darman : what public park can you drink at??

20:46:48 From Matt Falkenstein : Who doesn't know we cant drink in public?

20:46:50 From poopy pants ff : we should close the park and build low income housing

20:47:05 From Mike B : How long do you think those signs will last.

20:47:13 From HB Resident : apparently residents cant drink in public but the public can?

20:47:14 From elizabethlevaca2 : I disagree. Perhaps it's a generational thing. I know that it is against the law to drink alcohol in public spaces.

20:47:15 From Leroy : I'm going to the falls tomorrow and I am going to sell my house to someone there for 1 dollar,,,, i'm outta here,,

20:47:16 From Steve : so public drinking is ok?

20:47:21 From Rich : no

20:47:47 From iPhone : can we all drink at parks to

20:47:55 From Ryan Hoffman : only white claws

20:47:55 From Krissy : YES MOTO G

20:47:59 From Mike B : Here Here !

20:48:29 From pooppy pants ff : it's over, they're invading and no one will stop them

20:48:58 From Mike : If you can't enforce the laws Mayor, perhaps you're in the wrong job/

20:48:59 From Jane Karp : You can enforce closure. The trail was pretty empty with few exceptions during the state mandated closure.

20:49:09 From pooppy pants ff : I'm going to start WLM with Leroy

20:49:23 From Krissy : So we do not need signs to enforce laws but they won't enforce the laws without signs....am I hearing this right????

20:49:25 From Mike B : No FOOD, NO COOLERS.. stop them before they get there.

20:49:25 From Stacy Augustyn : so we can start drinking in the streets and won't get in trouble because there are no sign

20:49:30 From christianeriksen : The sign should provide a time limit for activities other than fishing, kayaking, etc....

20:49:40 From HB Resident : so, t

20:49:43 From Garry Bradfield : why don't you setup picnic table for them

20:49:50 From moms : make a parking restriction - ticket after an hour

20:50:13 From Franklin Luna : can I move in there? I'll go set my tent for the season.

20:50:17 From pooppy pants ff : try and become their friends, then nicely ask them to leave

20:50:17 From Ryan Hoffman : good question!!

20:50:19 From felicia : Another sign...2 hour parking. Enforce it

20:50:26 From Krissy : Only 22 on Sunday....just saying

20:50:42 From felicia : Thank you Chief Bartman

20:50:42 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Should be triple that.

20:50:45 From Marisa : thats it?

20:50:49 From Garry Bradfield : that all

20:50:51 From Jen Darman : Chief, what is your stance on drinking in public?

20:50:55 From Krissy : 22 tickets when there were over 500 people at least over the weekend

20:50:56 From Steve : Can that money go to fix the roads?

20:51:00 From Terri's : 22 seems ... lacking

20:51:02 From Rich : Thank you chief

20:51:06 From Ryan Hoffman : steve yes!

20:51:21 From Connection issues... : All the residents should get down to the park first before everyone else and stay all day just crowd them out.

20:51:22 From iPhone : this EXACT thing happened at Penn Pump Park in Palmer, PA. Has the council reached out to other towns for guidance on how to deal? .

20:51:33 From Steve : Lets be real, they'll never fix the roads...

20:51:47 From linda lucas : aren't parks supposed to be running at 50% capacity?

20:51:47 From Terri's : that's a good suggestion

20:51:49 From Ryan Hoffman : and then the fisherman can fish in morning and evening

20:51:51 From pooppy pants ff : can we offer them money to go to another park?

20:51:59 From Terri's : a closing time or public hour revision

20:52:02 From Krissy : So now night fishing is not allowed?

20:52:07 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Thats almost 9:00 in the summer time?!

20:52:09 From Franklin Luna : we still don't know what the capacity is?

20:52:13 From Amy : ????

20:52:17 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : WHAT...sunrise to sunset!?!?

20:52:30 From Terri's : should be more like 9-5

20:52:31 From David Reed : Nice shirt

20:52:47 From David Reed : ☹️

20:52:58 From Steve : Yup. we get it. close it all

20:53:00 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : 11am-6pm

20:53:02 From felicia : She can close just the falls....the other parks do not have to be closed It is not a package deal

20:53:08 From Steve : thanks matt. close it all

20:53:11 From iPhone : awesome point, Matt!!!!

20:53:14 From Garry Bradfield : close them all

20:53:14 From Krissy : Who is saying all of the parks need to be shut down? I am saying just close the Falls....
20:53:16 From Ryan Hoffman : that's matt
20:53:22 From Ryan Hoffman : thanks
20:53:46 From linda lucas : and the arches, because they are now swimming down there.
20:53:51 From felicia : Why bend over backwards for people breaking the law. Excuse me...ordinances.
20:53:52 From Franklin Luna : what is the capacity?
20:53:52 From Marilyn Acosta Andrade : Closing at 9AM can get messy. When people come out to the parks, they tend to come in early morning to make sure they have access.
20:53:55 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : support the residents first!
20:54:06 From Garry Bradfield : yes who said you have to close all
20:54:22 From mary anne : is it the law that all parks need to shut down
20:54:22 From Marilyn Acosta Andrade : I strongly suggest midnight to 5PM just one day or one Weekend to distract and perhaps send a message
20:54:30 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Agreed Marilyn!
20:54:36 From Amy : I am ticked off.
20:54:52 From felicia : Yes Marilyn. That is a very good idea
20:54:58 From Jonathan's iPhone : maybe 100 years ago,
20:55:00 From HB Resident : YMCA denotes it was organized
20:55:05 From mary anne : no way were there twice as many people
20:55:06 From Krissy : Used to be private property until 2001

20:55:16 From Jonathan's iPhone : but they weren't littering and not contributing to the local economy
20:55:19 From Stacy Augustyn : they don't have to close them all. Shes being difficult. people are going for the water and falls... they wouldn't move to the baseball fields if the falls were closed
20:55:28 From Elizabeth Parris : Wheres the revenue???
20:55:30 From felicia : Why are they assests if they are costing the boro money?
20:55:31 From Terri's : This is going to get a lot worse. she's not going to do anything.
20:55:42 From Amy : enjoy vs. abuse and trashing is another
20:55:45 From pooppy pants ff : put work boots at every entrance, that should scare them away
20:55:47 From mary anne : someone is eating coo coo nuts
20:55:47 From Terri's : we don't need tourism in the middle of a pandemic
20:55:49 From Garry Bradfield : Oh funny
20:55:50 From Dan Sova : we don't need more people "enjoying" them
20:55:50 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : They're not contributing!!
20:55:59 From HB Resident : a dozen residents is one thing; 1,000 outsiders defecting in the river is unacceptable
20:56:00 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : HALF NAKED MODELS
20:56:05 From Mike B : You attract people with money.. not coolers
20:56:10 From Terri's : she's so wrong
20:56:14 From Elizabeth : Constructive, positive tourism, not destructive "tourism"
20:56:15 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : ON THE STAIRS.
20:56:19 From Stacy Augustyn : they are bringing their own food and drinks . They aren't supporting local businesses
20:56:23 From mary anne : stunning and dangerous pictures - fantastic for the boro
20:56:30 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Absolutely Mary anne
20:56:40 From Elizabeth Parris : Id like to see the photos
20:56:42 From Steve : Nicole Poko are you on? Have you seen an increase in business?
20:56:52 From Ryan Hoffman : wait my name is Ryan Hoffman
20:57:00 From Amy : what is that
20:57:00 From Franklin Luna : lol
20:57:01 From Krissy : It's fantastic for the borough to have people urinating and defecating anywhere they want? Including people's private property?
20:57:02 From Ryan Hoffman : 🤔
20:57:56 From Garry Bradfield : we pay the taxes to use it
20:57:56 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : You go Rion Hoffman!
20:58:21 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Branch burg and Somerville Did not hesitate!
20:58:24 From Ed Bielicik : You don't have to close them all!!!
20:58:27 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : do the same Mayor Lee!
20:58:28 From Mike B : You don't have to close ALL the parks.
20:58:29 From Amy : close them down
20:58:33 From HB Resident : only one person saying close them all
20:58:39 From Terri's : shut it down
20:58:41 From Garry Bradfield : she just saying that
20:58:53 From mary anne : she "gets it"

20:58:55 From pooppy pants ff : put signs up for free watermelons with a Pennsylvania address
20:58:57 From Garry Bradfield : some dog park with glass all over
20:58:59 From Margaret S : promote those areas!!!
20:59:03 From kgove : to Rich
20:59:11 From kgove : that's notvtrue
20:59:15 From Krissy : You have to do what is in the best interest of your residents....the people who pay taxes out their butts. What does it matter if it upsets these tourists?
20:59:16 From Margaret S : the new trails at the commons are great
21:00:05 From Connection issues... : oops
21:00:55 From Kim and James : Can someone block the racists please. Tx.
21:01:14 From David Reed : Actually spending real money and now crickets from the angry mob
21:01:26 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : I get the impression that the chat isn't being moderated.
21:01:53 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Also, I don't think anyone has any objections to replacing a firehouse garage door.
21:01:55 From Kim and James : That's painfully obvious.
21:02:11 From Elizabeth Parris : unfortunatley I agree
21:02:12 From Andrew Fulda : The meeting is being recorded so chat will be available
21:02:28 From Andrew Fulda : will they look is another question
21:02:31 From Jeanie Baker : Kim and James: YES PLEASE!!!
21:02:54 From Ed Bielcik : Wasn't he on before???
21:02:55 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Yes Viriyah!
21:02:58 From Krissy : YUS
21:03:36 From HB Resident : separate budgets and the golf course brings in \$
21:03:42 From Robert's iPad (2) : low income housing in Annandale
21:03:51 From james kakol : all minimal amounts ADD UP
21:03:51 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : OR IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE
21:03:51 From David Reed : Different topic floor is open again for all
21:04:16 From Stacy Augustyn : if the golf course is owned by the town. They should give a bigger discount to residents
21:04:19 From christianeriksen : The golf course doesn't bring in money yet. We're almost done paying it off from what I understand. At that point, it will make money
21:05:22 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : More money down the drain for golf courses, instead of fixing actual issues.
21:06:50 From David Reed : Democratically elected, tough break guy!
21:08:07 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : we'll have the visitors carry buckets of water to your house.
21:08:12 From Mike B : Golf course will be paid off next year.
21:08:26 From Robert's iPad (2) : there's low income housing all over the fucking place
21:08:42 From Garry Bradfield : you said a bad work
21:08:48 From Garry Bradfield : word
21:09:09 From Robert's iPad (2) : whitehouse station too
21:09:47 From Garry Bradfield : you got to ticket people to fine them
21:10:16 From Robert's iPad (2) : you know they will never pay those tickets
21:11:08 From Steve : id love to see this enforced
21:11:12 From Steve : doubtful
21:11:28 From Robert's iPad (2) : I saw a pair of underwear at the falls
21:11:34 From Mike B : NO FOOD .. period.
21:11:50 From Garry Bradfield : why would I want to go there with those people there
21:12:17 From Robert's iPad (2) : it's third world down there
21:12:49 From johnburke : Agreed. This is why public property doesn't work.
21:13:01 From Steve : so next weekend we will be making thousands
21:13:05 From Steve : to fix our roads
21:13:27 From Robert's iPad (2) : it's gonna be upper 90s this weekend
21:14:07 From Ed Bielcik : Intelligent question from Monica!
21:14:07 From Krissy : like damming the river
21:14:27 From HB Resident : thx Monica, well said
21:14:28 From Margaret S : good question Monica!
21:14:33 From johnburke : The concept of property without ownership is completely flawed. If everyone owns it, no one owns it. Private property is the only path to freedom and the use of the area to the town ONLY.
21:14:49 From Steve : Called out!!!
21:14:57 From Steve : Deflected!!
21:14:58 From felicia : Good question and point Monica
21:15:03 From mary anne : beautiful question Monica
21:15:11 From Chelsea Nicoline Price : Monica she just called you stupid. That was an awesome question!
21:15:15 From E : no they wont
21:15:19 From Garry Bradfield : no there not its the water
21:15:21 From E : they want water

21:15:25 From johnburke : You are awesome Monica.
21:15:26 From Steve : Yes ! Mention Tiktok
21:15:26 From HB Resident : Yes!!
21:15:28 From Ed Bielcik : Right Monica
21:15:30 From Margaret S : say it Monica!
21:15:33 From Bill : I'm sure that all the feces, urine, garbage, under ware, diapers, etc that are flowing down stream, is greatly appreciated by all the fishermen/women, Gronsky patrons, and residents at Clinton falls.
21:15:36 From Cassandra Sigler : they're not going anywhere without water
21:15:52 From Cassandra Sigler : she's ridiculous
21:15:55 From Stacy Augustyn : how does the mayor not understand this concept
21:15:56 From Mike B : Go to Facebook look up "Solitude Lake"
21:15:59 From Garry Bradfield : she full of it
21:16:04 From iPhone : of course we can!!
21:16:05 From Nick1 : a video on tik tok was liked 15k times showcasing the falls
21:16:08 From Krissy : yes you can
21:16:11 From HB Resident : be selective. try it.
21:16:20 From Cassandra Sigler : I can't believe this
21:16:28 From Krissy : the video nw has over 120,000 views
21:16:46 From Cassandra Sigler : they're coming for the falls
21:16:46 From felicia : oh brother...just close it.
21:16:51 From Krissy : you've had three weeks
21:17:02 From Janet Vroom : so is this essentially from the mayor's perspective an opportunity to increase revenue...regardless of the impact on the residents?
21:17:10 From Steve : Trial and error
21:17:18 From johnburke : Its not going to increase revenue though.
21:17:42 From Leroy : I'm more confused now about this situation than before the meeting
21:17:48 From johnburke : Its not like they are on Main Street spending money.
21:18:07 From Janet Vroom : I know..wondering if any merchants have reported an increase in business in the past two weeks.
21:18:24 From johnburke : Good question. I doubt it.
21:18:34 From Garry Bradfield : Maybe if they go to the common they would have to walk through town and spend some peso
21:18:35 From Robert's iPad (2) : I doubt it
21:18:50 From Robert's iPad (2) : good one Garry!
21:19:21 From mary anne : why don't they answer the questions
21:19:34 From Margaret S : police officer: you can't do that
21:19:45 From Robert's iPad (2) : they should have knocked down that dam
21:20:06 From johnburke : They bring their own grills and food. The only way to solve this is to privatize that area or at least get it away from EPA regulations.
21:20:16 From Garry Bradfield : all these council members should have to go spend the day down at the falls with these people
21:20:17 From Adam Young to Brett Bartman(Privately) : Try to unmute.
21:20:41 From Robert's iPad (2) : good idea
21:20:42 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : YES!
21:20:48 From Margaret S : police officer: you can't do that, nobody every: but there isn't a sign SMH
21:20:58 From Mike B : Thank you for that question.
21:21:21 From Rick : If you want to sell green acres property you have to replace with equal amount of land else where in the Borough.
21:21:48 From Rick : Its not the EPA.... It sthe DEP
21:22:24 From Steve : I watched a cop watch someone pull in while the sign was up that said parking closed and did nothing
21:22:33 From christianeriksen : You've gotta remember how many officers are on duty at once. 2? They have to deal with the plethora of visitors and still respond to calls for service.
21:22:52 From Mike B : They are hiring extra police.
21:23:04 From Rick : maybe they were there to get their belongings
21:23:11 From HB Resident : "treacherous" roadways? in HB? Noooo
21:23:14 From Robert's iPad (2) : more taxes
21:23:47 From Steve : Thank you HBPD! You are faced with a lot recently
21:23:49 From felicia : There is the "lot" at the end of Wilson Ave that is Custom Alloys property. I wonder if Custom Alloy will put up no parking private property signs
21:23:50 From mary anne : they are catering to these out of towners
21:23:50 From Leroy : Ii didn't know all the litter was our towns fault, we didn't supply them with enough garbage cans
21:23:51 From Marisa : why do we association fees if it's public property?

21:23:51 From Emily : why not ask state police to help 🙏
21:23:58 From johnburke : This is the problem with public land. Our chief of police is describing how he is accommodating people who don't live here over the tax payers.
21:24:32 From johnburke : Good point Marisa
21:24:43 From Ed Bielcik : LOL!!!
21:24:55 From Steve : How is the gorge always closed but we can't close the falls?
21:25:01 From Garry Bradfield : they are animals
21:25:24 From Chelsea Price : excellent!
21:25:28 From felicia : Because the mayor isn't in charge of the gorge
21:25:45 From Steve : thank you @felicia
21:26:01 From Dan Todd : need to put camers up at the parks
21:26:18 From David Reed : That won't be cheap
21:26:23 From Rick : The Gorge is WMA
21:26:28 From Amy : tow the cars....
21:26:40 From Krissy : neither are our taxes
21:26:41 From Mike B : Exact words....
21:26:53 From Katherine Moretti & Terry Digan : The gorge falls under Wildlife Management
21:27:01 From Cassandra Sigler : omg with the video
21:27:09 From Steve : gotcha. thank you @katherine moretti
21:27:14 From Mike B : Why is Clinton not being crushed ?
21:27:36 From Ed Bielcik : No place to swim
21:27:40 From Amy : they tow in Clinton.
21:27:41 From felicia : Because Clinton may not be green acres and they want to keep their town clean and not look like a circus
21:27:49 From Krissy : gotta make a tik toc about the falls in clinton
21:27:50 From christianeriksen : We need to make a Clinton Tik Tok video
21:28:18 From Mike B : Just Facebook it... or Instagram
21:28:25 From johnburke : Yes let's vote her out!
21:28:38 From Ed Bielcik : There *was* someone!
21:28:41 From Krissy : close it
21:28:52 From David Reed : Yeah Ed and he lost
21:28:52 From Cassandra Sigler : no you're not
21:29:01 From Amy : no way!
21:29:22 From Rick : Step up and show your name iPhone user
21:29:43 From Krissy : yesssss
21:30:02 From Krissy : thank you Pat!!!!
21:30:27 From Trish Curtin : Is it really necessary to keep unmuting yourself and yelling vote her out? It's incredibly immature and nasty.
21:30:42 From Rion Hoffmann : mayor lee is awesome. but it does seem like we need to close the park right now. yelling nonsense anonymously is cowardly and not productive. the adults are talking.
21:31:20 From kgove : Thank you Trish-I was trying to figure out how to respond to that
21:31:22 From christianeriksen : Yeah, nobody is impressed by your anonymous outbursts....though we probably know who you ar
21:31:32 From christianeriksen : are
21:31:51 From johnburke : Who is anonymous?
21:31:51 From Jim Fasano : park needs to be closed temporarily for "renovations "
21:31:53 From Rick : people like to hide behind iphone
21:31:55 From Michael's iPad : we need to find a way to close solitude, temporarily and still be able to leave other parks open. They are going there for the falls not to play baseball
21:32:25 From johnburke : None of this will get solved as long as the land is public
21:32:25 From Mike B : You do not have to close all...
21:32:39 From Rick : people are going to the falls for the water. Water is all over the Borough
21:32:45 From Jane Karp : Please be critical but respectful; IMHO these are matters that are too serious to lower the tone here
21:32:49 From Krissy : you can!!
21:33:13 From johnburke : We don't care about everywhere
21:33:17 From johnburke : we care about here
21:33:23 From Garry Bradfield : yes and they are closing them
21:33:47 From Jake : then close like everwhere else
21:33:56 From johnburke : close the parks....but we can't because...they are public. Sell it to a buyer who can manage it.
21:34:08 From Steve : YES CHELSEA
21:34:12 From Steve : Go girl!!!!

21:34:17 From james kakol : yes chelsea
21:34:21 From Jane Karp : I agree
21:34:29 From Steve : YES GIRL!!!
21:34:32 From johnburke : Hilarious that we all want parks closed and none of our “representatives” are listening to us
21:34:32 From Jake : YOU GO CHELSEA!!!!!!!!!!
21:34:43 From johnburke : Chelsea Price for Mayor!
21:34:46 From Steve : GO FOR IT ALL!!!!!!
21:35:06 From Steve : #Price2022
21:35:09 From Garry Bradfield : what about our kids keeping them safe
21:35:35 From Jake : NO YOU'RE NOT! YOU CAN CLOSE IT
21:35:44 From Garry Bradfield : because of your tats
21:36:01 From mary anne : and if you don't ask them they won't
21:36:05 From E : why do you have to ask! if that is the case will you babysit all weekend?
21:36:17 From mary anne : she's a fibber
21:36:30 From Steve : #Price2022
21:36:43 From Steve : #ChelseaPrice2022
21:36:45 From Jake : #PRICE2020
21:36:51 From Steve : #ChelseaPrice2022
21:37:16 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : The failures of other governments, is no excuse for the failure of our government!
21:37:37 From mary anne : so that means overtime
21:37:48 From Ron : vote move on..
21:37:55 From Leroy : Can Chief Bartman deputize residents?
21:38:12 From Jake : and whos paying for their OT?
21:38:29 From johnburke : This is hilarious. There is a problem. A clear solution and these “representatives” are powerless/unwilling to do anything.
21:38:30 From Ron : you
21:38:48 From Pat Bielcik : how many people are allowed up there; what is the control mechanism
21:38:49 From Jane Karp : The governor's website says clearly at the top of the page: “Face Coverings Are Now Required in Outdoor Public Spaces When Social Distancing is Not Practicable” Executive Order 163
21:39:01 From mary anne : why is this a struggle to get them to help us?
21:39:09 From Marisa : More police and more overtime which means we pay for it. What happened to our taxes are going to go down?
21:39:18 From johnburke : Mary, because they are of appearing being seen as racist
21:39:54 From Leah Epstein : Executive orders are not laws. It is a law you have to wear your seatbelt. Hence: ticket. Executive orders are strong requests- it is not an enforceable law- it relies on people respecting the social contract.
21:39:58 From johnburke : LOLLOLOL! More public land problems.
21:40:22 From christianeriksen : The executive order for masks is not enforceable
21:40:28 From kgove : but executive orders closed the schools and the parks and stores?
21:42:18 From Jane Karp : Test the water?
21:42:46 From Mike : Executive orders have the force of law and do not need legislative action to be enforceable
21:43:46 From Garry Bradfield : what do you think these people will do with the solitude house
21:44:00 From Jake : more tax payer funds
21:44:09 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : It should be noted that the mask mandate is being enforced in other areas such as Newark.
21:44:30 From felicia : so now the boro is taking over the insurance policy? More money spent?
21:44:32 From mary anne : if we are taking over the insurance policy then that's more money for High Bridge
21:45:19 From Ron : Move on
21:46:06 From johnburke : This is pointless. Would anyone be opposed to parking our cars down there, and US going down there and filling up that space. Forming a line. In shifts even?
21:46:25 From Chelsea Price : I love this guy
21:46:28 From E : thank you Dr.
21:46:39 From johnburke : If WE take up the space it won't be available to out of towners
21:46:45 From Jake : CLOSE IT
21:47:08 From Steve : I spoke with Brenden today, he is very passionate and LOVES this borough and hates what is happening to it
21:47:19 From Jane Karp : It seems that Eos are just strong suggestions then.
21:47:37 From Garry Bradfield : let all get up early on Saturday and go there
21:48:12 From HB Resident : like anyone coming for the falls is coming for historical enlightenment
21:49:09 From iPhone : what's wrong with temporary signs? there are temporary signs about masks there now. other towns have used temporary signs for the same purposes.
21:49:10 From christianeriksen : This guy should run for mayor sometime
21:49:19 From Chelsea Price : agreed!
21:49:36 From Michael's iPhone : Anyone care about the gang symbols posted on signs in town?

21:49:39 From Jane Karp : Temporary measures for dire situations
21:50:06 From christianeriksen : Not gang tags. Just street tags done by non-associated dumb kids
21:50:33 From Elizabeth : Adam - you are doing a great job! Not an easy task!!!
21:50:43 From Steve : Thank you Adam!!!
21:50:48 From Steve : Great job
21:50:57 From johnburke : Some people have stated that they would be willing to go down there this weekend
21:51:08 From Jane Karp : This zoom stuff always has glitches, we can be patient.
21:51:59 From Michael's iPhone : parking at Union Forge park? I guess our residents should lock their kids inside now
21:52:59 From johnburke : Close it! We'll live for the summer
21:53:14 From Michael's iPhone : Agreed
21:53:26 From mary anne : parking behind the football fields is not an appropriate solution.
21:54:02 From Garry Bradfield : I think we would sacrifice not being able to go fishing and walk our dogs for a few weeks
21:55:38 From Michael's iPhone : agreed to both
21:58:20 From Michael's iPhone : social media regulation???
21:58:25 From Mike B : You going to control Facebook, Instragram and TIC-Tok
22:00:17 From Nicole Poko : like an ordinance that says what people can post on social media about high bridge?
22:00:28 From Chelsea Price : they're talking about trying to control high bridge 2.0's Facebook page get out of here lol
22:00:28 From Pat Bielcik : not control of social medial; correct information
22:00:49 From Nicole Poko : can you give an example?
22:00:54 From james kakol to Adam Young(Privately) : will this be uploaded to watch at a later date?
22:00:57 From Steve : so 800 people instead of 400?
22:00:59 From Pat Bielcik : guess you don't understand public relations
22:01:13 From Garry Bradfield : why keep saying parks
22:01:25 From Mike B : Noooo... they want an "official" media outlook. Like a 22 year old will check the Official page.
22:01:56 From Nicole Poko : I mean Pat's question. Can you give an example of what that code would look like.
22:02:27 From Steve : Nicole! have you seen an increase in business?
22:02:32 From Garry Bradfield : funny ha has
22:02:38 From Nicole Poko : I've sent you a direct message, Steve
22:02:40 From Jake : and ruining a trout stocked river
22:02:56 From Jane Karp : People will seek out any access point that
22:03:09 From Jane Karp : They can find
22:04:25 From Rick : Jake, we all know they stock from Washington Ave Bridge and the Arch S bridge
22:05:24 From Rick : How do you fly fish on Opening Day? I have waded thru the waters for years and know beter spots then the falls.
22:06:09 From linda lucas : just wait until the tour buses show up like Pump Park in Pa.
22:06:09 From Robert's iPad (2) : they better not regulate our 2.0 page
22:06:32 From Mike B : Why do you think that...
22:06:42 From Jake : that's why I don't go opening g day duh!!!
22:07:14 From Robert's iPad (2) : this lady is a bore
22:07:19 From Jane Karp : I am sure the birds hate the loud music
22:07:22 From David Reed : The mayor opted out of being in 2.0 relax
22:07:49 From Mike B : NO NONE
22:07:52 From Jeanie Baker : Thank you Lynn
22:07:57 From Jake : we cang anyway!!!

22:08:02 From Jake : cant
22:08:12 From Rick : fish from the white bridge down to Greyrock. Better holes down there anyway
22:08:13 From Robert's iPad (2) : close close close
22:09:10 From Jake : 120,000 view its just stared
22:09:21 From Garry Bradfield : seems like more want it closed asap
22:09:42 From Adrienne Shipps : Well said CHris!
22:10:33 From Jake : you're accommodating the visitors n
22:10:41 From HB Resident : I dont want to see people fined \$2k for trying to find relief. just stop pooping in public and wrecking our land
22:10:45 From Jake : not the residents
22:11:01 From Nicole Poko : great idea Natalie
22:11:53 From Garry Bradfield : you are putting everyone in danger
22:13:27 From Rick : I have seen more "out of towners" wearing masks at the falls then I have seen residents.
22:14:54 From Viriyah Hodges (he/him) : Tbf, most residents I've seen usually do proper social distancing, but still place on their masks if approaching each other.
22:15:11 From Stefanie M : Great point Natalie- communication is key. My thanks to the council. I am glad to see us try and balance being a welcoming community AND being responsible stewards of our local resources. I hear very clearly the council and Mayor are ready to close the area under the falls if all else fails. G'nite

22:19:28 From Jack Torkildsen : There are many studies done on the impact to the sensitive areas already. Look into HLD Passive recreation activity. Something as simple as compacting dirt can destroy an eco system.

22:20:06 From iPhone : what about the horn?

22:20:32 From iPhone : can't honk for a kids birthday but someone can have a train horn and blow that?

22:22:35 From Rick : No laws against honking car horns. That was a resident complaining about the noise.

22:23:10 From iPhone : couldn't we have moved it to lake solitude since that's the lawless land

22:23:23 From Jake : yes there is tick

22:23:30 From Jake : rick*

22:24:30 From iPhone : the police asked the sign for that kids birthday to be taken down when it said honk for the birthday boy and yes the police can't ask people at the falls not to do xyz

22:24:54 From iPhone : and yet the police **

22:25:42 From Jake : yes please

22:26:28 From Rick : and people still blew their horns weeks after. Myself included. I cant speak for everyone but a resident close to the house in question complained.

22:26:33 From Jake : highest taxes for 2 square miles

22:27:24 From Jake : he was talking about the grass area

22:27:53 From Jake : that's not part of the dam or spillway

22:27:55 From iPhone : the grass area is the dam

22:28:04 From Adrienne Shipps : grass area is the earthen dam

22:32:01 From HB Resident : there's less room down there the more it rains

22:32:26 From Steve : and is that including the 6ft social distancing?

22:33:06 From Abby : how does spruce run figure their capacity ? they limit the number of people and it's a much larger park

22:33:58 From HB Resident : do we need to hire a social distancing engineer? can our social media director do both?

22:36:06 From Jack Torkildsen : I'm sure Murphy would not like Mayor Lee advising against social distancing.

22:38:47 From Shannon and Mark : There aren't a lot of answers, and I wonder if combing through the budget to first see income and then trace it ba

22:39:00 From Shannon and Mark : typo

22:39:09 From Shannon and Mark : trace it to the funders

22:39:32 From Shannon and Mark : Grant money comes with making and keeping promises.

22:41:21 From Shannon and Mark : I wonder if the evasiveness in answering questions is because specific grant application language cannot be addressed here.

22:44:04 From Chrissy Ahlbrandt : Thank you mayor and counsel for taking the time!

22:44:30 From kgove : Thank you

22:44:42 From HB Resident : thanks everyone! great time tonight... let's do this again!

ATTEST:



Adam Young
Municipal Clerk



Michele Lee
Mayor