BOROUGH OF HIGH BRIDGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: January 22, 2026 - 7:30 p.m. - Location: Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge NJ

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer calls meeting to order and states: "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of 2026 meeting dates was published on the Borough's website www.highbridge.org, in the Hunterdon Review and Star Ledger on January 14, 2026, and posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall. Action may now be taken."

FLAG SALUTE: LEAD BY MAYOR OR PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Conroy _____	Councilwoman Matos _____	Mayor Lee _____
Councilwoman Ferry _____	Councilwoman Murdock _____	
Councilwoman Hamlin _____	Councilman Nowell _____	

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

READING OF PRIOR MINUTES: NONE AS PER RESOLUTION 006-2026

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: 12/18/2025 AND 01/02/2026

Motion to approve the December 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

Motion to approve the January 2, 2026 reorganization meeting minutes:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

VISITORS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to Borough issues. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. Each person may speak once during a public comments section. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. **Ordinance 2026-001:** Salary and Wage Ranges 2026

Motion to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-001:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

Motion to close the public hearing for Ordinance 2026-001:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-001:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Tax Collector's Report
B. Zoning Report

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution - 022-2026 - Police Rules and Regulations

Motion to take Resolution - 022-2026 from the table:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #	TITLE
Resolution - 037- 2026	Adopt Green Purchasing Policy
Resolution - 038 - 2026	Anti-idling
Resolution - 039 - 2026	Apply For Wildlife Habitat Community Re-certification
Resolution - 040 - 2026	Approval of Parking Permit Software Integrated Technical Systems. Inc
Resolution - 041 - 2026	Approve Borough Title VI Plan and LEP Plan
Resolution - 042 - 2026	Authorization To Advertise for Borough Staff
Resolution - 043 - 2026	Award of Bid - 2018 Safe Routes To School - Downtown Connection Phase 1 Project
Resolution - 044 - 2026	Award of Bid - Solid Waste and Recycling Collection
Resolution - 045 - 2026	Boards and Committees Updated
Resolution - 046 - 2026	Borough Event - Criterium Race
Resolution - 047 - 2026	Borough Event - Grounds For Arts
Resolution - 048 - 2026	Borough Event - Owls of Hunterdon
Resolution - 049 - 2026	Borough Newspapers Updated
Resolution - 050 - 2026	Council Committee Assignments
Resolution - 051 - 2026	Creative Team
Resolution - 052 - 2026	Dewey Avenue Natural Recycling Dates
Resolution - 053 - 2026	Duplicate Tax Certificate
Resolution - 054 - 2026	Electronic Tax Sale
Resolution - 055 - 2026	Film Ready - Code of Conduct
Resolution - 056 - 2026	Green Team
Resolution - 057 - 2026	Lien Redemption
Resolution - 058 - 2026	Municipal Court Appointment - Judge Eric Perkins
Resolution - 059 - 2026	NJ Wildlife Resolution
Resolution - 060 - 2026	Person-To-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License
Resolution - 061 - 2026	Recycling Grant
Resolution - 062 - 2026	Resolution Authorizing Sidebar with PBA
Resolution - 063 - 2026	Support Water Conservation
Resolution - 064 - 2026	Temporary Capital Budget Resolution
Resolution - 065 - 2026	Veterans Tax Exemption Policy
Resolution - 066 - 2026	Volunteer Tuition Credit Program

Motion to approve the consent agenda:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

B. Resolution 067-2026 - Utility Rates and Fees
Motion to approve Resolution 067-2026:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES:

A. **Ordinance 2026-002**: Fully Funded Bond Ordinance In The Amount Of $29,400 For Repairs Of Sewer Infrastructure

Motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-002:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

Mayor Lee states that the Ordinance 2026-002 shall be published in the Hunterdon Review and/or the Star Ledger along with the public hearing date of February 12, 2026.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTS: NONE

LEGAL ISSUES:

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List. **Total Amount: $_____**
Motion to approve bill list:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 MINUTE PER PERSON

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE / PERSONNEL - ADMINISTRATOR ROLE

Resolution 068-2026 - Motion to move into executive session:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;
Action may be taken.

Motion to return to open session:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn:
Roll call vote: Conroy, ___ ; Ferry, ___ ; Hamlin, ___ ; Murdock, ___ ; Nowell, ___ ; Matos, ___ ;

Next Council Meeting: February 12, 2026 - 7:30 pm - Fire House, 7 Maryland Ave., High Bridge, NJ