

OPEN SESSION

Council President Walter L. Sikorski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement, which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was followed by the roll call.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Mayor Patten</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Bond</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember McGinty</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Theokas</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Clerk/Administrator; James Eufemia, Chief of Police; Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney; and Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to indicate that the meeting would be called to order and conducted by Council President Walter L. Sikorski. It was then moved as amended by Councilmember Theokas, seconded by Councilmember Quattrone and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 4, 2009 open session were moved by Councilmember Quattrone, seconded by Councilmember Bond and unanimously approved as submitted.

Minutes of the May 18, 2009 open and closed sessions were moved by Councilmember McGinty, seconded by Councilmember Theokas and approved as submitted by all but Councilmember Schneider, who abstained.

PRESENTATIONS

2008 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR – JANINE KHALIFA

Council President Sikorski read aloud and presented to Ptl. Janine Khalifa a proclamation in her honor, recognizing her as 2008 Police Officer of the Year. Joseph Hepp of the Knights of Columbus presented a plaque to Ptl. Khalifa as well.

Ptl. Khalifa thanked the governing body and the Knights of Columbus for the honor, and thanked those who were in attendance for the event. She said that she was honored to have been chosen as 2008 Police Officer of the Year, and to be working in Hightstown.

2008 Police Officer of the Year - Janine Khalifa

Whereas, Janine Khalifa was appointed as a Hightstown Police Officer on December 18, 2006; and

Whereas, on February 21, 2008, Officer Khalifa responded to an ambulance call at Glackin Saul Funeral Home, where her quick thinking, knowledge of CPR and the use of an AED saved the life of Denise Cromwell, who was unconscious and had suffered a heart attack; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2008, Officer Khalifa responded to an ambulance call for a heart attack victim who did not survive. Subsequently, she visited the grieving family to pay her respects and to offer them comfort as well as personal support. Her professional and compassionate attention to the family is a positive reflection on her as a police officer, and brings credit upon the Hightstown Police Department; and

Whereas, Officer Khalifa shows great enthusiasm in her job and has consistently worked hard each day to achieve the enforcement levels she has attained. She is an excellent role model for other women considering working in law enforcement as well as an example of a good police officer; and

Whereas, Ms. Khalifa has proven herself time and again to be a credit to the Hightstown Police Department and has provided excellent service to our community; and

Whereas, Ms. Khalifa was chosen by her peers as 2008 Police Officer of the Year;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed *by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Janine Khalifa is hereby recognized as 2008 Police Officer of the Year and is commended for her professionalism, compassion, dedication to law enforcement and committed service to the Borough of Hightstown and its residents.*

2008 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR 2008 – STEVEN KADIR

Council President Sikorski stated that Steven Kadir was selected by his peers as 2008 Firefighter of the Year, but was not able to attend this meeting to receive his proclamation from the Mayor and Council. He had previously received a plaque from the Knights of Columbus. The proclamation will be provided to him at a later date.

2008 Firefighter of the Year – Steven Kadir

Whereas, Steven Kadir is performing a valuable service to the residents of Hightstown by serving as a devoted, reliable and hard-working volunteer member of Hightstown Engine Company No. 1; and

Whereas, Mr. Kadir has consistently demonstrated a high level of professionalism, and when called upon, accomplishes every task he is asked to perform; and

Whereas, Mr. Kadir's service as a volunteer firefighter has greatly benefited the Borough of Hightstown, and his knowledge and skill has helped our Fire Department advance confidently into the future; and

Whereas, Mr. Kadir, has been honored by Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 as 2008 Firefighter of the Year;

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Steven Kadir is hereby recognized as 2008 Firefighter of the Year, and is thanked and commended for his bravery, commitment and dedicated service to the Borough of Hightstown and the surrounding community.

2008 EMTs OF THE YEAR – ROB LAROCHELLE AND EUGENE SARAFIN

Council President Sikorski explained that, this year, two volunteers were chosen by the Hightstown First Aid Squad to receive the EMT of the Year honor -- Rob LaRochelle and Eugene Sarafin.

Mr. LaRochelle was unable to attend this meeting to receive his proclamation and plaque. Both were accepted on his behalf by First Aid Squad President Barb Bickel, following a reading of the proclamation by Council President Sikorski.

2008 E.M.T. of the Year – Rob LaRochelle

Whereas, Rob LaRochelle is performing a valuable service to the residents of Hightstown as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Hightstown First Aid Squad; and

Whereas, Mr. LaRochelle has served the squad for 15 years, first joining in 1994, and has held numerous offices including Vice President, Secretary, Captain, 1st and 2nd Lieutenant, and Sergeant of Arms. He has served on the squad's Hall, Computer, House, Ambulance, and Education committees; and

Whereas, Mr. LaRochelle currently rides on three duty crews a week, and at one time rode on five; and

Whereas, Mr. LaRochelle participates in many First Aid Squad activities, including the Hightstown and Cranbury Memorial Day parades and the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast; and

Whereas, the volunteer services provided to the Borough of Hightstown by Rob LaRochelle have helped to enhance the safety, well being and peace of mind of Borough residents; and

*Whereas, Mr. LaRochelle has been chosen by his peers as a **2008 E.M.T. of the Year**;*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that **Rob LaRochelle** is hereby recognized as a **2008 E.M.T. of the Year**, and that he is commended for his commitment, dedication and devoted service to the Borough of Hightstown and its residents as a volunteer E.M.T. with the Hightstown First Aid Squad.*

Just before the awards were presented, Mr. Sarafin had left the meeting to answer a First Aid call. He received his proclamation and plaque following his return. Council President Sikorski read aloud and presented Mr. Sarafin with a proclamation from the Mayor and Council, and Joseph Hepp presented him with a plaque from the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Sarafin spoke briefly to say that he is proud to be a part of the Hightstown First Aid Squad. He commended the Borough's police officers, who act as first responders in emergencies. "They are all wonderful," he said. "They keep you alive until we get there, and we keep you alive until Advanced Life Support gets there." He added, "You can't ask for finer service than our volunteers provide," and commended the Fire Department as well. He said that he does things for the Squad that other members who "work for a living" don't have time to do, and added that the paid crew from Robbinsville helps out also and is "wonderful." He thanked the Borough, the Knights of Columbus and the First Aid Squad for the honor.

2008 E.M.T. of the Year – Eugene Sarafin

Whereas, *Eugene Sarafin is performing a valuable service to the residents of Hightstown as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician with the Hightstown First Aid Squad; and*

Whereas, *Mr. Sarafin is a relatively new member of the squad, joining only a little over a year ago, but in that short amount of time he has become extremely involved with the squad and has helped in many areas; and*

Whereas, *Mr. Sarafin currently holds the office of Sergeant of Arms, serves on the Hall and Building committees and rides as an EMT on three duty crews each week; and*

Whereas, *in addition, Mr. Sarafin has painted rooms, repaired plumbing, cleaned, gardened, shopped for estimates, and rebuilt furniture at the squad building, pitching in to help whenever something needs to be done; and*

Whereas, *Mr. Sarafin participates in many First Aid Squad activities, including the Hightstown and Cranbury Memorial Day parades and the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast; and*

Whereas, *the volunteer services provided to the Borough of Hightstown by Eugene Sarafin have helped to enhance the safety, well being and peace of mind of Borough residents; and*

Whereas, *Mr. Sarafin has been chosen by his peers as a **2008 E.M.T. of the Year**;*

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed *by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Eugene Sarafin is hereby recognized as a **2008 E.M.T. of the Year**, and that he is commended for his commitment, dedication and devoted service to the Borough of Hightstown and its residents as a volunteer E.M.T. with the Hightstown First Aid Squad.*

PUBLIC COMMENT I

Council President Sikorski opened the floor for public comment.

Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street, referred to her comments at the last Council meeting regarding an offensive letter she had received. She said that she brought it to the Postmaster, who forwarded it to the Postal Service's investigative arm. Their response was that it was not a matter for criminal investigation and that, as the contents were "rather slanderous," it would be a civil matter. Ms. Deal said that she is hoping that this information will get back to the victim of the slander so that she can take action against the individual who sent the letter. Ms. Deal also informed Council that the National Arbor Day Foundation has trees available at reasonable prices if the Borough is interested.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

ENGINEER'S ITEMS

NJEIT FUNDING FOR WATER MAINS

Ms. Roberts reiterated a report presented by her at the last meeting regarding loan funding approved and available through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the replacement of about 8,000 linear feet of undersized and inadequate water mains on Mercer Street, Leshin Lane, South Main Street and Etra Road. Seventy-five percent of the loan would be at zero interest, and the remaining twenty-five percent would be at market rate. The Water and Sewer Committee met last week to discuss this, she said, and their consensus was that the Borough should move forward and accept this loan.

"This is a need that has been with the Borough for decades now," Ms. Roberts said, adding that replacing these mains could alleviate the need to install a water tower in the southern end of town. In addition, she said, the bidding climate is extremely competitive right now, and construction prices are "probably lower than you will ever see them again." Ms. Roberts said that the Committee also considered the fact that NJDOT will be repaving Mercer Street, and once that is done, there will be a five-year moratorium to open that road. By replacing the mains now, the road repair would be done by DOT when they repave the road, rather than the Borough needing to do that. The project would also include the replacement of water services to residences and businesses. Permitting is well underway already. A decision by Council needs to be made at this meeting, because NJEIT is now requiring a formal notification of recommitment to the project which must be received by them by June 15. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Schneider asked Ms. Roberts to explain her comments about the possibility of new mains alleviating the need for a water tower at that end of town. She stated that, about 10 years ago, the Borough's water system was modeled and the need was shown for greater capacity. One new water tower was installed on Cranbury Station Road and the need for another at the southern end of town was cited in the report. Since then, the Borough's water system has been modified. Peddie School recently installed a new 10" main across their campus. We are able to connect to that main with a 10" main of our own, and take it around South Main Street and Leshin Lane to the standpipe, where it meets with a 12" main. We would then replace the 4" main on Mercer (which is part of the Borough's original water system, and nearly 100 years old), and can connect that location from the southern end of Mercer Street into the center of town near the fountain. "There is more than one way to improve a water system," she said. "At the time [of the study], we thought a tower would be best, but at this point we can now deliver a lot more water to this end of town without having to use a water tower – by looping the Borough with large water mains." Mr. Schneider asked if we had considered using a 12" main. "We did," Ms. Roberts replied, "but we believe that 10" is big enough to take care of all of our needs into the future." She noted that the existing mains are 6" and 4" on South Main Street, Leshin Lane and Etra Road, and 4" on Mercer Street. Residents experience water issues whenever hydrants are flushed, and the Borough receives numerous complaints. In addition, the age of those pipes makes the system difficult to maintain.

Councilmember Theokas asked what problems the Borough would face if these mains were not replaced at this time. Ms. Roberts replied that, for many years, the water system at the southern end of town has been able to provide adequate water for living purposes, but has not been able to deliver adequate fire flow. This was confirmed with the study that was done in 1999, and replacing these mains will remedy that.

Councilmember Bond spoke as water and sewer liaison to say, "This project is very worthwhile to do at the present time." He noted that the Borough can get a blended interest rate of about one percent for the entire project, which makes this essentially "a pay as you go project for the next 20 years." If we don't do this before the DOT repaves Mercer Street, he noted, we would not be able to do it for another five years, and the need might be even more critical during that

time. There have been a lot of water main breaks on Mercer Street, he said, and there are always problems with reconnections due to the age of the pipes. This will solve that. He added that, coming on the heels of the water main installation at Peddie School (which was paid for by Peddie and Meadow Lakes), this will complete a link of 10" and 12" mains throughout town. "Everything is coming together," he said. "We're spending some money, but it is very much needed." Mr. Bond had previously estimated that the project cost would come in at between \$1.8 and \$1.9 million.

Councilmember Quattrone asked if his voting on the issue would constitute a conflict of interest, as he owns properties on Mercer Street. Mr. Raffetto stated that there would be no conflict, since Mr. Quattrone would not benefit more than other residents.

Motion: It was moved by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Councilmember Schneider that the Borough proceed with this project and accept grant funding from NJEIT as described by Ms. Roberts.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, McGinty, Quattrone, Schneider, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Motion carried, 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS

Ms. Gallagher reported that the Sewer Department intends to begin visiting homes soon to do inspections regarding sump pump connections. A general notification will be made but individual homeowners will not be notified beforehand. Councilmember McGinty asked if the visits will be random or targeted to areas where issues have been raised. Councilmember Bond stated that inspections will be general, and added that the problem was brought to our attention by Mr. Searing. The plant has been treating sump pump effluent from illicit connections, which represents an expense to the Borough. By the terms of our ordinance, properties are subject to these inspections.

Councilmember Schneider asked if homes with sump pumps are noted as such in our Construction Office. Ms. Gallagher replied that, if the home has been inspected, they would be. Mr. Schneider expressed support for the inspections provided that the homeowner is present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2009-134 through 2009-140 were moved by Councilmember Theokas and seconded by Councilmember Schneider.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, McGinty, Quattrone, Schneider, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolutions adopted, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2009-134

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Borough Administrator and the Treasurer in the amount of **\$1,634,915.43** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 1,534,973.50
W/S Operating	78,535.12
General Capital	8,350.00
W/S Capital	5,845.00
Animal Control	270.00
Trust	5,851.00
Grant	694.81
Housing Trust	<u>396.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,634,915.43</u>

RESOLUTION 2009-135 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CERTAIN TRUST FUND MONIES

WHEREAS, in December 2004, the Borough of Hightstown received a donation of \$409.00 from Pamela A. Moffatt, at that time a Hightstown resident, with the request that they be used to fund a "Bridge of Peace" ceremony in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the monies were placed in a trust fund for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the "Bridge of Peace" did not come to fruition, and the Borough auditor has recommended that the unused monies be returned;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a refund in the amount of \$409.00 to Pamela A. Moffatt, P.O. Box 1058, Carrboro, NC, 27510, representing a refund of her donation as outlined herein.

**RESOLUTION 2009-136 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2009 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2009 temporary budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency appropriations for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to create emergency temporary appropriations as set forth on Schedule "A," attached¹; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriations in resolutions adopted in the year 2009 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951, as amended), including this resolution, total:

	<i>THIS RESOLUTION</i>	<i>PREVIOUS TOTAL</i>	<i>CUMULATIVE TOTAL</i>
Current	9,150.00	1,651,664.00	1,660,814.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	14,831.00	966,102.00	980,933.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	110,908.50	110,908.50
TOTAL	15,381.00	2,738,674.50	2,754,055.50

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown (not less than two-thirds of all the members of thereof affirmatively concurring) that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

¹ Schedule is on file in the Borough Clerk's office with original copy of this Resolution.

1. An emergency temporary appropriation is hereby made for each item listed on the schedules that are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. Each emergency appropriation listed will be provided for in the 2009 budget under the same title as written herein;
3. One certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services, and a copy provided to the Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 2009-137 DESIGNATING BUS STOPS ALONG MERCER COUNTY ROUTE 571
(STOCKTON STREET)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e), the following described locations are designated as bus stops:

ADDED STOPS

1. Along Stockton Street (County Route 571), eastbound on the southerly side thereof at:

- a. Harron Avenue – far side

Beginning at the easterly curblin of Harron Avenue and extending 100 feet easterly therefrom.

2. Along Stockton Street (County Route 571), westbound on the northerly side thereof at:

- a. Oak Lane – near side

Beginning at the easterly curblin of Oak Lane and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop locations and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

RESOLUTION 2009-138 DESIGNATING BUS STOPS ALONG NEW JERSEY ROUTE 33 (FRANKLIN STREET)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, has received a proposal to consider certain prohibitions along **State Highway Route 33 (Franklin Street)** thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that, in accordance with the provisions of s.78, c.23.L.1951 (c. 39: 4-138,1), certain parts of **State Highway Route No. 33** described herein below shall be, and hereby are, designated and established as no parking zones where parking is prohibited at all times, and in accordance hereby New Jersey Transit is requested to erect appropriate signs at the following established bus stops, and the Commissioner of Transportation is requested to adopt a regulation to effect the following:

1. Along State Highway Route 33 (Franklin street), eastbound on the southerly side thereof at:

- a. Broad Street – (Near Side)
Beginning at the prolongation of the westerly curblin of Broad Street and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom. (In front of the Hightstown Library).

2. Along State Highway Route 33 (Franklin street), westbound on the northerly side thereof at:

- a. Broad Street – (Near Side)
Beginning at the westerly curblin of Broad Street and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom.

RESOLUTION 2009-139 DESIGNATING BUS STOPS ALONG ROGERS AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e), the following described locations are designated as bus stops:

ADDED STOPS

1. Along Rogers Avenue, eastbound on the southerly side thereof at:

- a. Between Railroad Avenue and Mercer Street- mid-block

Beginning 126 feet east of the easterly curbline of Railroad Avenue and extending 135 feet easterly therefrom.

2. Along Rogers Avenue, westbound on the northerly side thereof at:

- a. Railroad Avenue – near side

Beginning at the prolongation of the easterly curbline of Railroad Avenue and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop locations and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon approval of the Commissioner of Transportation as provided by law.

**RESOLUTION 2009-140 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
BUS SHELTERS AT DESIGNATED BUS STOPS**

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolutions 2009-137, 2009-138 and 2009-139, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown have designated bus stops at the following locations:

1. Along Stockton Street (County Route 571), eastbound on the southerly side thereof at Harron Avenue – far side: Beginning at the easterly curbline of Harron Avenue and extending 100 feet easterly therefrom.
2. Along Stockton Street (County Route 571), westbound on the northerly side thereof at Oak Lane – near side: Beginning at the easterly curbline of Oak Lane and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom.
3. Along State Highway Route 33 (Franklin street), eastbound on the southerly side thereof at Broad Street – near side: Beginning at the prolongation of the westerly curbline of Broad Street and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom (in front of the Hightstown Library).
4. Along State Highway Route 33 (Franklin street), westbound on the northerly side thereof at Broad Street – near side: Beginning at the westerly curbline of Broad Street and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom.
5. Along Rogers Avenue, eastbound on the southerly side thereof between Railroad Avenue and Mercer Street – mid-block: Beginning 126 feet east of the easterly curbline of Railroad Avenue and extending 135 feet easterly therefrom.
6. Along Rogers Avenue, westbound on the northerly side thereof at Railroad Avenue – near side: Beginning at the prolongation of the easterly curbline of Railroad Avenue and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires bus shelters to be installed at each of the above locations EXCEPT Location #4 in order to provide a safe and convenient waiting area for the commuting public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute agreements between the Borough of Hightstown and the New Jersey Transit Corporation and, as appropriate, the County of Mercer for the installation and maintenance of bus shelters at locations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 above, in substantially the same form as the agreements which are attached hereto and made a part hereof².

PUBLIC COMMENT II

Council President Sikorski opened the floor once again for public comment.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, stated, "I came, I looked and I left."

Elizabeth Balcewicz, 413 Stockton Street, said that, when sump pump inspections were done years ago, a Borough employee "bullied himself" into her house, and her daughter was subsequently grounded for allowing him in when her parents were not home. She recommended that whoever is doing the inspections carry identification and that they do not enter if only a young child is at home.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Theokas stated that, once again, the Economic Development Committee did not have a quorum present at their last scheduled meeting. One member, he said, has had to resign due to other commitments and one new member has not yet come to any meetings. He asked that anyone interested in participating as a member of the EDC contact him or Ms. Gallagher. Mr. Theokas also offered his congratulations to those honored with proclamations earlier in the meeting and to Councilmember Quattrone for his work on the Memorial Day parade.

Councilmember McGinty also congratulated the honorees, and said "it is wonderful to watch these volunteers and our police officer chosen and honored by their peers. ... If we could have more volunteers come forward they would be most welcome." Ms. McGinty went on to report that:

- The Environmental Commission was showing a movie at the library that night about an arborist from Africa. She is going to request that they offer a repeat showing. The Commission continues to meet, she said, with a "hot agenda." The key issue is the Sustainable Jersey program and our certification. She will raise with them the issue of obtaining trees from the National Arbor Day Foundation as suggested earlier by Ms. Deal.
- The coming Friday marks the beginning of a weekly Farmer's Market at Memorial Park, partly sponsored by Downtown Hightstown. The market will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. each Friday during the summer.
- She will be following up on suggestions made regarding the procedures for sump pump inspections by the Borough.
- She attended, along with COAH representatives, County Freeholders and other elected officials, a bus tour sponsored by the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness, which was very informative. She again recommended that the Borough have a standing COAH

² Agreements are on file in the Borough Clerk's office with original copy of this Resolution.

Committee in place for as long as the State has COAH regulations in order to stay on top of COAH issues and developments.

- She apologized for not being able to attend the parade due to personal matters that took her out of town, and thanked Councilmember Quattrone for his work in "ensuring it is a great success each year."

Councilmember Bond reported that construction on Franklin Street has begun, and, through the efforts of Ms. Roberts and Larry Blake, the Borough will be able to install piping and an electrical conduit for future streetlamps and irrigation there in conjunction with the work being done by the contractor. The cost will be a small fraction, he said, of what it would have cost the Borough to do that work "from scratch."

Councilmember Quattrone thanked all for their praise regarding the Memorial Day Parade, and said that if it wasn't for the Parade Committee he worked with, "we never would have made it." He thanked the Public Works department for their help with the event. Mr. Quattrone also congratulated all who received awards earlier in the meeting. Regarding sump pump inspections, Councilmember Quattrone suggested that a notice be sent with our next water bills to alert residents that this will be taking place, and asked that Mr. Searing be given "plenty of credentials" when making the inspections. Lastly, Mr. Quattrone reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission has finalized changes to the park rules and regulations, including new rules regarding swimming in Peddie Lake.

Council President Sikorski reminded all that the Primary Election would take place the next day, and that St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall at 156 Maxwell Avenue will now serve as the polling place for all four districts. Signage will be in place at the prior polling places to direct voters there who may not be aware of the change. Mr. Sikorski also reported that, on June 10, the League of Women Voters will hold a public information session at the Hickory Corner branch of the Mercer County Library System on the topic of municipal consolidation. The discussion will be led by Marc Pfeiffer of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Lastly, Council President Sikorski stated that he signed a letter regarding restricted housing and objecting to legislation recently passed that would undermine the authority of local boards with respect to planning issues. He said that he hopes that the governor will take appropriate action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher read aloud Resolution 2009-141, authorizing a closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation and contract negotiations. The Resolution was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Theokas.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, McGinty, Quattrone, Schneider, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 6-0.

2009-141 AUTHORIZING A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that this body will hold a meeting on June 1, 2009 at approximately 8:00 p.m. at Borough Hall that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed:

Litigation *(480 Mercer Street, LLP, and Bruckner Southern, LLC v. Borough;
Greystone Capital Partners, LLC v. Borough; Crest Engineering v. Turco v. Borough)*
Contract Negotiations *(Garbage Collection – Dumpsters; Emergency Medical Services)*

Stated as precisely as presently possible the following is the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said meeting can be disclosed to the public: September 1, 2009, or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The public is excluded from said meeting, and further notice is dispensed with, all in accordance with sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Upon reconvening, adjournment was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Theokas and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC
Borough Clerk