

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Special Meeting
December 30, 2009 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Patten at 6:00pm and he read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated, "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The Flag Salute was followed by Roll call.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor Patten	✓	
<i>Councilmember Bond</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember McGinty</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	ARRIVED 6:12PM
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Theokas</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Herbert Massa, Business Administrator; George Lang, Chief Financial Officer.

Approval of Agenda

Council President Sikorski motioned to accept the agenda, Councilmember Quattrone seconded. All approved.

Public Comment

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

There being none, the Mayor closed the public comment period.

Resolutions

2009-289 Authorizing a Rate Change for the Municipal Court Assistant – Ashleie Gordy

Resolution 2009-289 was moved by Councilmember Bond and seconded by Councilmember Theokas. Discussion followed.

There was concern as to why a raise would be given this individual when we are attempting to cut expenses and what she is presently making per session; it was doubted that the court sessions go for five hours.

Councilmember McGinty moved to postpone this resolution until further information can be obtained, Council President Sikorski seconded.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote for the postponement of resolution 2009-289.

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

Resolution 2009-289 will be postponed to a later meeting, 6-0

2009-300 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

Resolution 2009-300 was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone. Discussion followed.

Councilmember McGinty asked George Lang, Chief Financial Officer, if he reviews the bill lists to which he responded that he does not, Arlene, the Treasurer reviews them.

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

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2009-300

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

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 Mayor, the appropriate Councilmember and the Treasurer

in the amount of \$ 172,381.86

Current	\$	117,603.28
W/S Operating		44,630.19
General Capital		1,601.26
Public Defender		377.63
Trust Account		480.00
Grant Account		200.00
Escrow		7,478.50
Housing Trust		11.00
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Total	\$	172,381.86
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2009-301 Extending a Contract for Solid Waste Collection – Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc.

Resolution 2009-301 was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone. Discussion followed.

Councilmember McGinty inquired as to why we were extending this contract. The Borough Clerk responded that it is to give time to bid the collection. Councilmember Bond explained that he has discussed this with Larry Blake and finds it acceptable.

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

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2009-301

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

EXTENDING A CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES – CENTRAL JERSEY WASTE & RECYCLING, INC..

WHEREAS, Resolution 2006-243 awarded a three-year contract for Solid Waste Collection to Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc. in Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the vendor has agreed to hold their current price for a period of six (6) months to allow time for the Borough to bid for these services ; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2009-194 authorized for the preparation of specifications and advertisement of bids for the collection of garbage from certain dumpsters in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is in the process of preparing the bid specifications for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds it in the best interest of the residents to extend the current contract for a period of six (6) months to allow for the Borough to bid for Solid Waste Collection Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the current contract for Solid Waste Collection Services with Central Jersey Waste & Recycling, Inc. is hereby extended for a period of six (6) months expiring on June 30, 2010.

2009-302 Authorizing a Transfer of Funds in the 2009 Budget

Resolution 2009-302 was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Theokas. Discussion followed.

George Lang, Chief Financial Officer, explained process for transferring funds.

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

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2009-302

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2009 BUDGET

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that the governing body may authorize a transfer of funds in the budget during the last two months of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the following transfers in the 2009 budget are hereby authorized:

Current:	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Legal Services and Costs		
Other Expense		\$ 600.00
Litigation		
Other Expense		\$ 4,000.00
Community Services Act		
Other Expense	\$ 4,600.00	
TOTALS	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00

2009-303 Canceling 2009 Appropriation Balances

Resolution 2009-303 was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Schneider. Discussion followed.

George Lang, Chief Financial Officer, explained that these funds were originally budgeted to cover appeals and the funds must be canceled in order to use them in 2010, or they will not be available until 2011.

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

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2009-303

***BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

CANCELING 2009 APPROPRIATION BALANCES

WHEREAS, the following 2009 Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Tax Assessment \$21,000.00 ; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus that may be utilized in 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund 2009 Budget be canceled.

Council Comments

Councilmember Quattrone – none

Councilmember Schneider – It has been a pleasure working with the Council

Council President Sikorski – Happy New Year. He looks forward to Mr. Massa coming on board. There will be a reception following the reorganization meeting on January 1st, compliments of Councilmember Schneider.

Councilmember Theokas – none

Councilmember McGinty – It has been a pleasure Mr. Schneider. I would like to address the transition matters in the Municipal Clerk's office; the changing over of files for year end, the paperwork, dog licenses and PEOSHA reports previously done by the Deputy Clerk. Matters come up in the office every day, and they could take an entire day to resolve. The taxi licenses have not been touched in weeks; how are we handling all of this? We should not have canceled the first meeting in January and before we do it in the future, we need to evaluate the need for the meeting thoroughly. Happy New Year.

Councilmember Bond - none

George Lang, Chief Financial Officer – the CMPTRA has been reinstated and will be wired in to the Borough account tomorrow.

Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk – none

Mayor – none

At approximately 6:30 p.m., a Motion was made by Council President Sikorski, and seconded by Councilman Quattrone, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi

Borough Clerk