

Meeting Minutes

Hightstown Borough Council

Special Meeting

October 22, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Robert Patten 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: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk, George Lang, CFO and Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

Council President Sikorski motioned that the agenda be amended to include Council Comments, seconded by Councilmember McGinty. All approved the amended agenda.

Public Comment:

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

Dan Buriak - 194 Stockton St., asked that Councilmembers return calls from residents.

Eugene Serafin – 628 S. Main St. has no comments tonight.

There being no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

Resolution 2009-234 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

Councilmember McGinty motioned that Resolution 2009-234 be adopted as worded but amended to exclude the following bills: Central Jersey Antique, Mark VanBruggen, Bob Gilmartin, Jonathan Sprout, Michael Antwan, Shalini Aneja, Brett Gash, Party Perfect Rentals, LLC, Norberto Castillo Martinez, Estilo Dance Studio, Castle Consulting, Daniel Trent, Who-so-ever, Nick Bizzarro, and Greg Ciano; revising the amount to be paid under the trust to \$10,209.00. Council President Sikorski seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers, McGinty, Quattrone, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes; Councilmember Bond voted no; Councilmember Schneider was absent

Resolution adopted, 4-1

Resolution 2009-234

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 **\$391,820.92** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 228,725.33
W/S Operating	127,197.70
General Capital	13,023.32
W/S Capital	6,960.00
Trust	10,209.00
Public Defender	338.82
Housing Trust	787.00
Escrow – Subdivision & Site Plan	<u>4,579.75</u>
Total	\$ <u>391,820.92</u>

Council Comments:

Council President Sikorski – Inquired as to whether the Council will have the opportunity to discuss the fair with the Chairperson on November 2nd, to which the Mayor asked George Lang, CFO if he was available for the meeting on November 2nd; George responded that he was.

Councilmember McGinty – Would like the Mayor to recuse himself from discussion on this resolution as the bills in question pertain to the fair and he has a conflict of interest in the matter. She has given her questions, in writing, to the fair Chairperson. She also asked the Mayor to confirm that the Fair Chairperson, or a representative, would be in attendance and on the agenda for November 2nd.

Mayor Patten – Yes, provided that the individuals are prepared and available, it will be on the agenda.

Councilmember Schneider arrived at 7:18pm.

Resolution 2009-242 Council President Sikorski motioned for resolution 2009-242 to go into Executive Session, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

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

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2009-242

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 October 22, 2009 at approximately 7:10 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:

Personnel

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: January 22, 2010 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.

After reconvening in public session at approximately 10:10 p.m., a Motion was made by Council President Sikorski, and seconded by Councilman Quattrone, to adjourn the meeting. That Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi

Borough Clerk