

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Hightstown Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 19, 2011**  
**7:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirson at 7:34 pm 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 sent to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The Mayor called for a Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bibens</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Doran</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Gilmartin</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember McGinty</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Woods</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Kirson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Michael Theokas, Borough Administrator; George Lang, CFO; Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer; and Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney; Susan Bluth and Robert Thibault, Council members-Elect.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

Councilmember McGinty moved the agenda with the amendment that public comment period II be moved to after the discussion items, Councilmember Doran seconded. All Ayes.

Agenda approved as amended, 6-0.

Council President Quattrone moved the minutes of the September 6, 2011 open session with the amendment that the date in resolution 2011-212 be corrected to read September 6, 2011; Councilmember Woods seconded. The Mayor called for a roll call vote for the approval of the minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, McGinty, Quattrone, Vanderbeck, and Woods voted yes; Councilmember Doran abstained.

Minutes approved, 5-0, with one abstention.

**Resolution 2011-287 Supporting the New Jersey Department of Transportation Detour Route for Repairs to the Route 33 (Main Street) Bridge**

Council President Quattrone moved resolution 2011-287, Councilmember Gilmartin seconded.

The Borough Engineer reviewed the detour route as being identical to when the revitalization project was completed. She explained that they were only detouring truck traffic. There was discussion and she also explained that vehicular car traffic will be shifted and the Memorial parking lot would remain open during the project.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2011-287  
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN*  
*COUNTY OF MERCER*  
*STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**SUPPORTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DETOUR  
ROUTE FOR REPAIRS TO THE ROUTE 33 (MAIN STREET) BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the New Jersey Department of Transportation to make repairs to the Route 33 bridge (Main Street) over Rocky Brook due to damage caused by Hurricane Irene; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to detour traffic around the Borough during the repairs to the bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, said repairs are planned to begin in the spring of 2012 and continue for a period of six to eight months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the detour route and recommends support of the detour which re-routes traffic onto Routes 33, 130 and 133; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council find that detour route is the most efficient for the project to be completed as timely as possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown support the detour of traffic as proposed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and approved by the Borough Engineer.

**Resolution 2011-288 Awarding a Contract for Installation of a Post Chlorination Tank at the Water Treatment Plant – B & H Contracting, Inc.**

Councilmember Gilmartin moved resolution 2011-288, Council President Quattrone seconded.

The Borough Engineer advised that this project is required by the DEP in order to get well #3 up and running and it is being financed by the NJEIT loan; she noted that she is familiar with this contractor and he does good work. Ms. Roberts advised that the cost is higher than her estimate due to an increase in the price of the tank. There was discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 6-0

Resolution 2011-288

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

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF A POST CHLORINATION TANK AT  
THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT – B & H CONTRACTING, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, eight (8) bids were received on December 14, 2011 for the Installation of a Post-Chlorination Tank at the Hightstown Borough Water Treatment Plant; and,

**WHEREAS**, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer's recommendation that the contract for the Installation of a Post-Chlorination Tank at the Hightstown Borough Water Treatment Plant be awarded to B & H Contracting, Inc. of Folsom, New Jersey at the price of \$201,950.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, this project is funded by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, the award of this contract is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

**WHEREAS**, the execution of this contract is subject to the review and approval of the Borough Attorney to assure that the bid submitted by B & H Contracting, Inc. is in order with respect to legal compliance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds for this expenditure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract for the Installation of a Post-Chlorination Tank at the Hightstown Borough Water Treatment Plant is hereby awarded to B & H Contracting, Inc. of Folsom, New Jersey in the amount of \$201,950.00 upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Mayor Kirson opened public comment period I

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Rob Thibault, 504 South Main Street – noted that there is concern amongst the business owners regarding the detour; inquired as to how a veteran’s exemption is determined and whether there will be a tax increase pending reimbursement from FEMA; commented that the bills from Hurricane Irene are an example of the police department and Borough Hall not being prepared; thanked Council members McGinty and Gilmartin for their service.

Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street –thanked Council members McGinty and Gilmartin for their service and commented regarding Washington politics.

George Serrano, 4 Westerlea Avenue - thanked Council members McGinty and Gilmartin for their service and noted that there was no time for the police to save their equipment and the constant negativity is ruining staff morale.

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

**Ordinance 2011-14 Final Reading and Public Hearing: An Ordinance to Establish a Salary Range for Police Director of the Borough of Hightstown**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2011-14 and the following individuals spoke:

Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – announced he was present.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Council President Quattrone moved ordinance 2011-11 for adoption, Councilmember Gilmartin seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Ordinance adopted, 6-0.

Ordinance 2011-14

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SALARY RANGE FOR POLICE DIRECTOR OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, as follows:

**Section 1.** The following official employment designations are hereby confirmed and the rate of compensation of each officer and employee of the Borough of Hightstown, excluding longevity, whose compensation shall be on an annual basis, is:

	RANGING FROM:	TO:
Police Director	\$50,000.00	\$85,000.00

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law, but the ranges of compensation herein provided shall be effective January 1, 2012.

**Section 4.** The salary ranges established in this ordinance supersede any established for the same positions in previous salary ordinances, and will remain in effect until changed by the adoption of a new or amending Salary Ordinance.

Councilmember Woods requested that resolution 2011-289 be pulled from the consent agenda. Councilmember McGinty stated that she feels resolutions, such as the Veteran’s Tax Cancellation, should not contain personal data.

**Consent Agenda: Resolutions 2011-290, 2011-291, 2011-292, 2011-293, 2011-294, 2011-295, 2011-296, 2011-297 and 2011-298**

Council President Quattrone moved resolutions 2011-290 thru 2011-298 as a consent agenda, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Consent Agenda adopted, 6-0.

Resolution 2011-290

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2011 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 2011 budget are hereby authorized:

<b>Current:</b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
<b>Data Processing</b>		
Other Expense	\$ 2,500.00	
<b>Municipal Court</b>		
Other Expense	\$ 2,250.00	
<b>Tax Assessor</b>		
Other Expense	\$ 3,000.00	
<b>Mayor and Council</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 800.00
<b>Municipal Clerk</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 1,100.00
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 600.00
<b>Environmental Commission</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 5,250.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 7,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,750.00</b>

Resolution 2011-291

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

**RESOLUTION CANCELING 2011 APPROPRIATION BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the following 2011 Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Borough of Roosevelt – Shared Service (Landfill Disposal) \$10,000.00

; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances equal estimated realized revenues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund 2011 Budget be canceled.

Resolution 2011- 292

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #3 AND FINAL – BRAGATON CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
(FIRST AVENUE WATER TOWER PAINTING PROJECT)**

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2011, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Painting of the First Avenue Water Tank to Bragaton Construction, Inc. of Linden, New Jersey in the amount of \$80,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has submitted Payment Request #3 – Final in the amount of \$25,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has confirmed that the project has been completed and found to be acceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Architect has recommended approval of this payment request and close-out; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the maintenance bond and found it to be in order; and

**WHEREAS**, the final certified payrolls have been received and the project may be accepted and closed out; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified that said funds are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown Payment Requests No. 3 from Bragaton Construction, Inc. of Linden, New Jersey in the amount of \$25,000.00, as detailed herein, is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the closeout documents for said project are hereby accepted.

Resolution 2011-293  
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF MERCER  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF A PORTION  
OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2011 ON BLOCK 63 LOT 25  
FOR A 100% DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN**

**WHEREAS**, the 2011 Extended Tax Duplicate lists Block 63 Lot 25 as owned by Richard Bulvid, and he is a veteran, and this is his primary residence, and;

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:4-3.30 et seq. allows property tax exemption for a disabled veteran, and the VA has  
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determined that Mr. Bulvid is 100% permanently disabled, and the Tax Assessor has approved the property tax exemption effective October 12, 2011, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Borough Council to cancel the 2011 property taxes, prorated effective October 12, 2011, and to cancel the preliminary 2012 bill.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the following property taxes are hereby cancelled and the Borough Tax Collector is authorized to adjust her records, and is hereby released from the collection of same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Borough Council authorizes a refund of the 2011 taxes cancelled.

2011	\$2,018.61	Block 63 Lot 25
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Resolution 2011-294  
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN*  
*COUNTY OF MERCER*  
*STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**CANCELLATION OF TAX BALANCES UNDER \$10.00**

**WHEREAS**, balances exist for current year taxes, and;

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 states that the governing body may appoint any official to cancel tax refunds and delinquencies under \$10.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel tax balances under \$10.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the small tax balances on the attached schedule be canceled. Said schedule is hereby made a part of this resolution.

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**AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CELL PHONE USAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough finds it cost effective to permit certain employees to utilize their private cell phone for Borough business throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to authorize reimbursements for private cell phone usage during 2011 to the following individuals at the rate listed:

Municipal Court Administrator \$150.00 Annually

Deputy Municipal Court Administrator \$120.00 Annually

Municipal Judge \$150.00 Annually

Borough Nurse \$150.00 Annually

**WHEREAS**, the funds for these reimbursements are available and the Treasurer has so certified in writing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Treasurer is authorized to issue reimbursements as listed above for private cell phone usage during 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution shall be given to the Treasurer and each employee named above.

Resolution 2011-296  
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF MERCER  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) AND N.J.S.A. 2-26(e)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown (the "Borough") desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for:

(a) the approval of the proposed financings through the 2012 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for the following projects:

1. Improvements to the Hightstown Water Treatment Plant (the "Water Treatment Plant Project");
2. Installation of a rotary fan press at the Hightstown Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (the "Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Project"); and
3. Upgrades to the trickling filter, bar screen, secondary digester and clarifier (the "Upgrade Project" and, together with the Water Treatment Plant Project and the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, the "Projects").

(b) the approval of non-conforming maturity schedules for each of the Projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;

- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY as follows:**

**Section 1.** The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Borough's Bond Counsel, along with other representatives of the Borough, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Borough in matters pertaining thereto.

**Section 2.** The Clerk of the Borough is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of this resolution and an introduced bond ordinance with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

**Section 3.** The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

Recorded Vote

AYE                      NO                      ABSTAIN                      ABSENT

Bibens  
Doran  
Gilmartin  
McGinty  
Quattrone  
Woods

Resolution 2011-297

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

**AUTHORIZING A REFUND FOR FUNDS PAID FOR USE OF BOROUGH HALL**

**WHEREAS**, as a community service, Hightstown Borough permitted the use of Council Chambers in Borough Hall for AA meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, it was required that the organizer pay a \$25.00 cleaning fee per month for such use with said fee being paid in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yury Tarnavskyj paid said fee for the month of September; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage caused by Hurricane Irene on August 27-28, 2011 prevented the use of the hall for the September meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tarnavskyj has requested a refund of the \$25.00 paid for the use of the Borough Council Chambers for the September 2011 AA meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified the availability of funds for this refund.

**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 \$25.00 to Yury Tarnavskyj, 7 Richardson Lane, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520, for a cleaning fee paid in advance for the use of Borough Council Chambers for AA meetings in September, 2011.

Resolution 2011-298

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN*



*COUNTY OF MERCER  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE  
IN THE 2011 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of a special item of revenue and equal appropriation in the budget of the Borough of Hightstown for the year 2011 as follows:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Revenue Title</b>	<b>Appropriation Title</b>
Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions(ANJEC)	\$5,250.00	2011 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant (Environmental Resource Inventory Project)	2011 Sustainable Land Use Planning Grant (Environmental Resource Inventory Project)

**Resolution 2011-289 Payment of Bills**

Councilmember Woods moved resolution 2011-289 without items E0576, E0577 and H690, Council President Quattrone seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Council President Quattrone moved item H690 on the bills list, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes; Council members Gilmartin and McGinty abstained.

Council President Quattrone moved item E0576 on the bills list, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty and Quattrone voted yes; Council member Woods abstained.

Council President Quattrone moved item E0577 on the bills list, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Gilmartin, McGinty and Quattrone voted yes; Council member Woods abstained.

Resolution adopted 3-0, with three abstentions.

**Resolution 2011-289**

*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       \$           1,042,877.11       from the following accounts

Current	\$	931,182.47
W/S Operating		55,796.39
General Capital		6,937.50
Water/Sewer Capital		41,683.25
Grant		1,485.25
Trust		2,280.00
Housing Trust		-
Animal Control		-
Law Enforcement Trust		-
Housing Rehab Loans		-
Unemployment Trust		-
Escrow		<u>3,512.25</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>1,042,877.11</u></u>

#### **Borough Attorney Update on Litigation**

Mr. Raffetto, Borough Attorney advised that the Greystone case was dismissed with prejudice on December 9, 2011 and it was filed on December 13<sup>th</sup>; therefore, the litigation is over and the Borough can move forward with development of the site without the case being a factor.

He then continued by reviewing the Minute Maid case and advised that the Borough is in discussion with the litigants, however a settlement is unlikely. The Borough is awaiting a court decision which should be made on January 20, 2012.

Mayor Kirson opened Public Comment Period II and the following individuals spoke:

Eugene Sarafin – 628 S. Main Street – noted that it is his opinion that the old mill should be torn down and a garden, farm, museum or parking garage be put on the property.

Kathy Gravely, 40 Westerlea Avenue – reviewed the timeline regarding Councilmember McGinty's comments on police issues and noted that she insulted other Council members with mean comments and repeatedly brought up the subject, which appeared to be personal; she requested that the 2012 Council members not beat a dead horse.

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

#### **Mayor/Council/Administrative Comments**

Councilmember Doran – disagreed with Ms. Gravely's comments regarding Councilmember McGinty and thanked Council members Gilmartin and McGinty for their service.

Councilmember Woods – noted that the Water/Sewer meeting was held and the income from septic intake has increased  
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over last year, the First Avenue water tower project is complete and they are prepared to go to bid for the various improvement projects.

Councilmember Bibens – commented that she is glad the Greystone litigation has come to an end and the ice rink that has been put up at the Bank Street Park is great. She then thanked Council members McGinty and Gilmartin for their service and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Gilmartin – stated that she has been ill and unable to attend any committee meetings. She went on to comment that it has been an honor to serve the residents of Hightstown and an educational experience. She thanked Council.

Council President Quattrone – thanked Council members McGinty and Gilmartin for their service to the Borough. He commented that he works daily with the police department and his schedule conflict with the First Aid meetings will be resolved next year; Public Work's new truck is almost complete; the Memorial Day Parade committee will be meeting soon and they need volunteers. He then thanked everyone for their hard work this year with restoring downtown after the flood and he commented that the working relationship between the Mayor, Council President and Borough Administrator is great.

Councilmember McGinty – thanked Mr. Raffetto and Mr. Hussam for bringing the Greystone litigation to a close. She then reflected on the timeline and comments made by Ms. Gravely stating that there were important issues that she raised to Council for consideration so that a record was made and noted that it was an honor to serve, but the job is not an easy one.

Mayor Kirson – noted that he has learned a lot this year and has a great deal of respect for his fellow Council members and the Staff. He commented that this is good news about the Greystone litigation, but Hightstown has a long way to go; Irene left her mark and we are still working with FEMA and the insurance. He stated that he believes that hiring a civilian Police Director will lead us in the decision making process. He then wished Council members McGinty and Gilmartin good luck in their future endeavors and issued a special thank you to Council President Quattrone for his guidance.

Councilmember Gilmartin motioned to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Councilmember Bibens seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi  
Borough Clerk