

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Special Meeting
June 26, 2012
6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirson at 6:04 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 flag salute followed Roll Call.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bibens</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Doran</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thibault</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Woods</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Kirson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Michael Theokas, Borough Administrator; James LeTellier, Police Director; Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney; and Eric Bernstein Labor Counsel.

Council President Quattrone requested that the agenda be amended so the item of Public Safety be discussed first in executive session.

Councilmember Thibault requested that Public Safety be left as the last item to be discussed because the local PBA has alleged a conflict of interest for his participation in the matter and they requested that he be excused from all discussion regarding police matters.

Council President Quattrone explained that his request was made because Labor Counsel has another appointment and should be present for this discussion; therefore it should be heard first.

After discussion it was decided that the executive session discussion would be revised to have the matter of Public Safety heard first, followed by the Sarafin litigation matter, with the other matters in the resolution to follow in the order as already listed in the resolution.

Council President Quattrone moved the agenda for approval with the amendments as noted, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Mayor Kirson called for a roll call vote on the amended agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, and Woods voted yes; Councilmember Thibault, abstained.

Agenda approved as amended, 5-0; with one abstention.

Councilmember Thibault recused himself from the meeting, under protest, until he receives an advisory opinion from the Local Finance Board regarding his participation in police matters.

Resolution 2012-174 Authorizing a Meeting Which Excludes the Public

Council President Quattrone moved resolution 2012-174, Councilmember Woods seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, and Woods voted yes; Councilmember Thibault was absent.

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

Resolution 2012-174

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

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 26, 2012 at approximately 6:00 pm in the Historical Society Building located at 164 N. Main Street, Hightstown 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 – Sarafin vs. Hightstown Borough

Litigation – Worker’s Compensation Case

Personnel – Finance

Personnel – Health Officer

Public Safety – Police Staffing

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 26, 2012 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.

Council re-convened into public session at 7:58pm.

Councilmember Bluth moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm, Councilmember Bibens seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi, RMC
Borough Clerk