

Resolution 2014-66

*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 March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Aid Building located at 168 Bank 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 – Thibault
Personnel - Police
Contract Negotiations – Union Contracts
Borough Council Investigation – Borough Hall Issues

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: June 17, 2014 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.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting held on March 17, 2014.

Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-67

*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 Borough Administrator, the appropriate Department Head and the Treasurer in the amount of \$689,665.06 from the following accounts:

Water/Sewer Capital	1,156.55
Grant	0.00
Trust	8,791.41
Housing Trust	446.25
Animal Control	525.00
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>8,509.25</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$689,665.06</u></u>

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-68

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

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROOSEVELT BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Hightstown Borough to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for the provision of various Public Works services to the Borough of Roosevelt for the two-year period, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq. authorizes the approval of Shared Services Agreements by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by Hightstown Borough, to the Borough of Roosevelt shall include the repair and maintenance of public water and sewer lines, and public roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, Ken Lewis, Hightstown Public Works Superintendent shall be the contact for said services on behalf of Hightstown Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that Hightstown Borough is hereby authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for Certain Public Works Services, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement.

CERTIFICATION

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-69

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

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SERVICES

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 2008-35 on January 7, 2008, the Borough Council approved an Interlocal Service Agreement with Robbinsville Township for the provision of Automotive Repair Services, which has been renewed with the last renewal ending December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a successor Shared Services Agreement to continue the provision of these services to the Borough by Robbinsville for a three-year period, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq. authorizes the approval of Shared Services Agreements by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, funds for this expenditure will be made available in the 2014 budget; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of this agreement is contingent upon the availability of adequate funding in the Borough's subsequent year's budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest the Shared Services Agreement on behalf of Hightstown.
2. That, in accordance with the aforementioned agreement, Hightstown hereby designates James LeTellier, Police Director, or his appointee, to schedule and be responsible for all repairs to police vehicles and Ken Lewis, Superintendent of Public Works, to schedule and be responsible for all repairs to all other Borough-owned vehicles.
3. That, in accordance with the aforementioned agreement, no repair in excess of \$250 shall be made by Robbinsville unless specifically authorized by the designated Hightstown Borough Representative.
4. That the continuation of this agreement is contingent upon the availability of adequate funding in the Borough's 2014 and each subsequent year's budget.

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-70

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2014 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," attached; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriations in resolutions adopted in the year 2014 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	363,307.00	214,400.00	577,707.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	90,000.00	200,000.00	290,000.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	453,307.00	414,400.00	867,707.00

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. 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 2014 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.

CERTIFICATION

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Borough Clerk

Emergency Temporary Appropriation 3-17-14

Current Fund

Mayor and Council	Salaries and Wages	2,000.00
Municipal Clerk	Salaries and Wages	8,000.00
Municipal Clerk	Other Expenses	2,500.00
Financial Administration	Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Data Processing	Salaries and Wages	1,000.00
Collection of Taxes	Salaries and Wages	8,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	Salaries and Wages	2,000.00
Municipal Court	Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Planning Board	Salaries and Wages	8,000.00
Group Insurance	Other Expenses	90,000.00
Liability Insurance	Other Expenses	5,625.00
Workers Compensation	Other Expenses	42,182.00
Police	Salaries and Wages	100,000.00
Police	Other Expenses	10,000.00
Streets and Roads	Other Expenses	10,000.00
Sanitation Solid Waste Collection	Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	Salaries and Wages	7,000.00
Recycling	Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Board of Health	Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Maintenance of Parks	Salaries and Wages	7,000.00
Construction Code	Salaries and Wages	<u>10,000.00</u>
Subtotal Current Fund		<u>363,307.00</u>

Water Sewer Utility Fund

Salaries and Wages	80,000.00
Social Security	<u>10,000.00</u>
Subtotal Water Sewer Utility Fund	<u>90,000.00</u>
Total	<u><u>453,307.00</u></u>

Resolution 2014-71

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

SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (ANJEC) GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Hightstown strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Hightstown is participating in ANJEC; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of ANJEC Open Space Grants Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on advancing open space stewardship, and to help raise the profile of the environmental commission in the community through publicity and public participation or collaboration with local groups on various projects.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of The Borough of Hightstown has determined that The Borough of Hightstown should apply for the aforementioned grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, State of New Jersey, supports and authorizes the submission of the aforementioned ANJEC grant.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-72

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

WELCOMING THE 2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS U.S.A. GAMES AND ALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND VOLUNTEERS TO NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is an international organization that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports every day around the world; and

WHEREAS, through work in sports, health education and community building, Special Olympics is addressing inactivity, injustice, intolerance and social isolation by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, which leads to a more welcoming and inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Special Olympics movement has grown from a few hundred to nearly 4.2 million athletes in over 170 countries; and

WHEREAS, with the support of more than one million coaches and volunteers, Special Olympics is able to deliver 32 Olympic-type sports and more than 70,000 competitions throughout the year, and in national and international competitions; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has been selected to host the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, which will take place June 14 – 21, 2014, with venues throughout Mercer County including Princeton University, Rider University, The College of New Jersey, the Lawrenceville School, the Hun School of Princeton, the Peddie School, the Sun National Bank Center and Mercer County Park, and Brunswick Zone-Carolier in Middlesex County, following the Opening Ceremony at Prudential Center in Newark; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 USA Games will feature nearly 3,500 athletes competing in 16 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 10,000 volunteers and an estimated 70,000 family, friends and spectators; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 USA Games will showcase 270 Special Olympics athletes from New Jersey competing in this national event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Hightstown Borough whole-heartedly supports the work of Special Olympics to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of their gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the entire community and to promote greater understanding, appreciation and acceptance among all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hightstown Borough welcomes to New Jersey all the athletes, families, coaches, officials and volunteers, who will make these 2014 USA Games a tremendous success, and that we salute the corporate partners and volunteers and that we congratulate all who live by the motto of Special Olympics: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

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Resolution 2014-73

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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PROCLAIMING HIGHTSTOWN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK AND RECOGNIZING, HONORING AND THANKING HIGHTSTOWN'S VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, the week of April 6 to 12, 2014 has been proclaimed National Volunteer Week to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown and its residents have benefited greatly from hundreds of volunteers who each year give tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves society, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends and associates; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Mayor and Council wishes to acknowledge and thank its volunteers for their dedication and tireless efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby proclaims the week of April 6 to 12, 2014 as Hightstown Volunteer Week and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the dedication and untiring efforts of all those who volunteer to help make our community a better place to live and work.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-74

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
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AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2013 BUDGET

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that the governing body may authorize a transfer of funds in the budget during the first three months of the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the following transfers in the 2013 budget are hereby authorized:

<u>Current:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Assessment of Taxes		
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	
Uniform Fire Safety Act		
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00	
Legal Services and Costs		
Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
Engineer Services		
Other Expenses		3,000.00
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TOTALS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00

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Resolution 2014-75

*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 March 17, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. in the First Aid Building located at 168 Bank 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:

Personnel – Harassment Complaint

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: June 17, 2014 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.

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Resolution 2014-77

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

WHEREAS, it is widely reported as historical fact that, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, raw material for sculpture and painting and limitless works of art, and source materials for countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community and spiritual renewal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby does proclaim and designate Saturday, April 5, 2014, as **ARBOR DAY** in the Borough of Hightstown;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that all residents and members of our community are urged and encouraged to support efforts to protect our trees, walkways, riparian banks and woodlands throughout our Borough and our surrounding environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents and members of our community are urged and encouraged to plant trees where appropriate, to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

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