

Resolution 2014-202

*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 October 6, 2014 at 6:00p.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:

Contract Negotiations – Union Contracts
Shared Services (Various)
Enchantment
Litigation – LeTellier
Pavlav
Personnel – Tax Collector
Attorney-Client Privilege – Executive Minutes of 9/3/13 & 12/16/13

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 6, 2015 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 October 6, 2014.

Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-203

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A LOAN FROM THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown intends to file an application with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for improvements to the Hightstown Borough Water and Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plants consisting of the following:

Water Main Replacements	Rehabilitation of Well #2
Ultraviolet Disinfection	Clean & Paint Water Plant Tanks
New Digester	Replace Stormwater Outfall Pipes

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has authorized the Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts of Roberts Engineering Group, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, to prepare the letter of intent for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to act as the Authorized Representative to represent the Borough of Hightstown in all matters relating to the project undertaken pursuant to the above referenced New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Loan to be executed with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust. The Authorized Representative may be contacted at the Borough of Hightstown, 156 Bank Street, Hightstown, NJ 08520, (609) 490-5100.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-204

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR POLYMER CHEMICALS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for Polymer Chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and that the Borough is authorized to receive same after proper advertisement.

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-205

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AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR SLUDGE TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for sludge transport and disposal for the Borough's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that the Borough is authorized to receive same after proper advertisement.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-206

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AUTHORIZING PAYMENT # 10 AND FINAL – LIBERTY CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. (WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER)

WHEREAS, resolution 2012-114 adopted on April 16, 2012 awarded the contract for the Water Treatment Filter to Liberty Construction & Development, Inc. of Belle Mead, New Jersey in the amount of \$497,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the final contract amount is \$535,362.00 and the contractor has submitted payment request #10 final in the amount of \$16,547.24 which releases retainage; and

WHEREAS, the required final closeout documents have been filed and approved by the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of payment #10 final in the amount of \$16,547.24 to Liberty Construction & Development, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available for this expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Payment Request No. 10 final to Liberty Construction & Development, Inc. of Belle Mead, New Jersey in the amount of \$16,547.24 is hereby approved as detailed herein, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-207

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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 \$162399.10 from the following accounts:

Current	\$77,186.46
W/S Operating	54,562.15
General Capital	27,110.57
Water/Sewer Capital	612.00
Grant	1,450.00
Trust	1,108.92
Housing Trust	0.00
Animal Control	9.00
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>360.00</u>
Total	<u>\$162,399.10</u>

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Resolution 2014-208

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SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE DISEASE FIBRODYSPLASIA OSSIFICANS PROGRESSIVA (F.O.P.)

WHEREAS, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone where bone should not form, such as within muscle, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of F.O.P include excruciating pain and distortion of the existing skeletal frame; and

WHEREAS, a gene has been identified after 15 years of hard research by the University of Pennsylvania, the only known research facility currently investigating a cure for this; and

WHEREAS, discoveries made in the F.O.P lab by scientists and researchers may aid in the treatment or cure for other genetic diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of F.O.P. usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by age 10, depriving children of normal development; and

WHEREAS, one in every several Americans suffers from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain, F.O.P. affects approximately 2,500 people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey resident Gary W. Whyte, his wife and three sons have dedicated more than a decade of time and effort in making others aware of this affliction and in support of F.O.P. research, and their goal is to hopefully one day display a Proclamation/Resolution Book in Washington, D.C. on behalf and support of the children and young adults in the State of New Jersey afflicted by F.O.P. now therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of Hightstown Borough does hereby acknowledge and help enlighten the people of the United States with the book being sent to Washington, D.C. emphasizing the needed awareness of F.O.P.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-209

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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AUCTION LICENSE – EMPIRE ANTIQUES

WHEREAS, an application for a license to hold an auction on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 278 Monmouth Street in the Borough of Hightstown has been submitted by Empire Antiques, together with the required fee; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed and approved by the Police Director; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council that a license be issued to Empire Antiques for this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a license to Empire Antiques for their auction to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at 278 Monmouth Street.

CERTIFICATION

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-210

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY

Whereas, Preserve America is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

Whereas, the goals of this initiative include greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past. Strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and national heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

Whereas, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

Whereas, designation as a Preserve America Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Hightstown Borough Council hereby;

Approves application for the designation of Hightstown Borough as a Preserve America Community; and be it further

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, That Hightstown Borough will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs; and further

1. To designate the Hightstown Historic Preservation Commission as the entity to process all research application requirements and grants, and to coordinate requirements for the Mayor and other commissions towards fulfilling all submission requirements; and
2. Appoints the Mayor as the agent of the Borough to process, and execute all contracts, agreements, amendments, and ancillary documents within the scope of the application for designation as a Preserve America Community.

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Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-211

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RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2014-201

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 2014-201, dated September 15, 2014, the Borough appointed Danielle Peacock as Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Peacock has chosen not to assume this position with Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, Hightstown Borough finds it in the best interest of the Borough to rescind the appointment of Danielle Peacock; and

WHEREAS, resolution 2014-57 appointed Toni Mullen as Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough effective March 10, 2014 and resolution 2014-135 made this appointment permanent; and

WHEREAS, Toni Mullen will remain the Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough until an appointment of a replacement Tax and Water/Sewer Collector can be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that Resolution No. 2014-201 is hereby rescinded; and Toni Mullen will remain the Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough of Hightstown until another appointment is made.

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

Resolution 2014-212

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APPOINTING A PART-TIME TAX AND WATER/SEWER COLLECTOR – ANGELA LOCONTE

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Toni Mullen from the position of Tax and Water/Sewer Collector there is a need for the appointment of a certified Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for Hightstown Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended that the position of Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for Hightstown Borough be appointed as a part-time position with hours to be determined and agreed upon between the Administrator and Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Tax and Water/Sewer Collector shall perform the function and duties specified by New Jersey Law for a Municipal Tax Collector, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 et. seq., Municipal Water Collector and Municipal Sewer Collector and by the relevant sections of Chapter 2 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Hightstown as to the functions of Municipal Tax and Water/Sewer Collector and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions required to perform the duties of Tax and Water/Sewer Collector.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to appoint Angela LoConte of Cream Ridge, New Jersey as Part-Time Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough of Hightstown at a salary of \$12,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Ms. LoConte meets all statutory requirements and qualifications for the position of Municipal Tax Collector as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.2; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.3; and, any other relevant statutory provisions; and,

WHEREAS, said appointment is being made for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Angela LoConte is hereby appointed as Part-Time Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for Hightstown Borough effective October 10, 2014.

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Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk