

# Resolution 2014-213

*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 20, 2014 at 6:30p.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 – Shared Services (Various)  
Enchantment  
Litigation – Rug Mill Tax Appeal  
LeTellier  
Personnel – Police

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 20, 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 20, 2014.

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Debra L. Sopronyi  
Borough Clerk

# Resolution 2014-214

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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 \$883,455.77 from the following accounts:

Current	\$382,781.60
W/S Operating	469,283.87
General Capital	27,235.75
Water/Sewer Capital	12.00
Grant	800.00
Trust	1,433.30
Housing Trust	0.00
Animal Control	0.00
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>1,909.25</u>
Total	<u>\$883,455.77</u>

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# Resolution 2014-215

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## **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2014 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 2014 as follows:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Revenue Title</b>	<b>Appropriation Title</b>
U.S. Department of Justice	\$1,047.28	Body Armor Replacement Fund Program	Body Armor Replacement Fund Program

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# Resolution 2014-216

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## **AUTHORIZING SALE BY ASSIGNMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #0-23**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-113, the following Tax Sale Certificate is hereby sold by assignment to Lawrence Blake, 118 Dutch Neck Road, Hightstown, New Jersey, for a total of **\$456.98**, which sum includes the following amounts which are calculated with interest through November 1, 2014: (1) fourth quarter taxes in the amount of \$63.16; (2) balance due on the existing tax lien in the amount of \$393.82 (including principal in the amount of \$113.26 and interest in the amount of \$280.56):

Certificate No.:	0-23
Property Location:	Block 49, Lot 6
Owner of Record:	David Saltman
Date of Tax Sale:	September 12, 2000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a per diem amount of \$0.14 per day will accrue on both the taxes due and the lien commencing as of November 11, 2014, if the above sum is not paid to the Borough by that date.

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Borough Clerk

# Resolution 2014-217

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## **WAIVING FEES FOR LANDLORD REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HIGHTSTOWN-EAST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS** the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society is an agency serving Borough residents and the surrounding community in the name of historical preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, given the nature of the Society they have requested that Landlord Registration fees for the property located at 164 North Main Street be waived; and

**WHEREAS**, all appropriate applications shall be filed and all appropriate inspections shall take place for the units within this property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council finds that waiving Landlord Registration fees for this property is appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby waives the Landlord Registration fees for the property owned by the Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society and located at 164 North Main Street in Hightstown.

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# Resolution 2014-218

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## **AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN TAX APPEAL CASES FILED IN THE MATTER OF TD BANK, N.A. vs. HIGHTSTOWN BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown has been named as a Defendant in certain tax appeal cases which are currently pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey under the following name: TD Bank, N.A. vs. Hightstown Borough, bearing Docket Nos. 011923-2012, 012722-2013 and 013044-2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the cases concern the assessed value of the following properties for the tax years 2012 through 2014:

Bank Street (Block 21, Lot 1); and  
Bank Street (Block 30, Lot 1); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached an amicable resolution of these matters, which is set forth in more detail in the attached proposed Stipulation of Settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement has been recommended by the Borough's Tax Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council now wishes to provide its authorization for the proposed settlement, along with authorization for the issuance of a refund in the appropriate amount to the Plaintiff.

**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 settlement of the above-referenced tax appeal cases for the years 2012 through 2014, as set forth in the attached Stipulation of Settlement, is hereby approved and authorized.
2. That the Borough's Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the Borough, and to file same with the Tax Court of New Jersey.
3. That a refund in the appropriate amount (pursuant to the attached Stipulation of Settlement) is hereby authorized, and the Borough's Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to undertake all necessary actions in order to effectuate said refund to the Plaintiff.
4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
  - a. Kenneth Pacera, Tax Assessor;
  - b. George Lang, Hightstown Borough Chief Financial Officer; and,
  - c. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Hightstown Borough Attorney.

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