

# Resolution 2014-233

*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 December 1, 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 – Shared Services (Various)  
Insurance for Borough Hall  
Litigation - Marchione

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: March 1, 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 December 1, 2014.

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Debra L. Sopronyi  
Borough Clerk

# Resolution 2014-234

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## **REJECTING BIDS FOR REMOVAL, TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY AND DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE CAKE**

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bids were received on October 29, 2014 for the removal, transportation, delivery and disposal of sludge cake for the Hightstown Advanced Waste Water Plant; and

**WHEREAS**, the low bid exceeded the Engineer's estimate and is above the funds available for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Engineer's recommendation that the bids received for the removal, transportation, delivery and disposal of sludge cake for the Hightstown Advanced Waste Water Plant be rejected.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the bids received on October 29, 2014 for the removal, transportation, delivery and disposal of sludge cake for the Hightstown Advanced Waste Water Plant are hereby rejected as they exceed the funds available for this project.

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# Resolution 2014-235

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**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ZETA 8849FS, AN EQUIVALENT TO ZETA LYTE  
2685 CH LINEAR CATIONIC EMULSION POLYMER WITH CROSS LINKED  
CATIONIC EMULSION FLOCCULANT – GEORGE S. COYNE CHEMICAL  
COMPANY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, two (2) bids were received on October 29, 2014 for Zeta Lyte 2685 CH Linear Cationic Emulsion Polymer with Cross Linked Cationic Emulsion Flocculant “or Equal” for the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) in Hightstown Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid submitted by George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania was for an “equal” product that has been tested by the Superintendent of the AWWTP and the polymer was found adequate to be considered an equivalent; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer’s recommendation that a one year contract for Zetag 8849FS, an equivalent to Zeta Lyte 2685 CH Linear Cationic Emulsion Polymer with Cross Linked Cationic Emulsion Flocculant, be awarded to George S. Coyne Chemical Company, Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania at a per unit price of \$10.295 per gallon with a total contract price of \$60,946.00; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract shall be effective January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid and determined that the bid submitted by George S. Coyne Chemical Company, Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania is in order with respect to legal compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available in the 2015 budget for said expenditure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that a one year contract for Zetag 8849FS, the equivalent to Zeta Lyte 2685 CH Linear Cationic Emulsion Polymer with Cross Linked Cationic Emulsion Flocculant, be awarded to George S. Coyne Chemical Company, Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania effective January 1, 2015.

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# Resolution 2014-236

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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 \$1,738,827.08 from the following accounts:

Current	\$1,702,912.57
W/S Operating	35,670.51
General Capital	0.00
Water/Sewer Capital	12.00
Grant	152.50
Trust	0.00
Housing Trust	0.00
Animal Control	79.50
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>0.00</u>
 Total	 <u>\$1,738,827.08</u>

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# Resolution 2014-237

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## **SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT TAX-EXEMPT PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 provides for property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, 26.92% of Hightstown Borough's municipal tax base is exempt from paying taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Hightstown Borough recognizes the many benefits provided by non-profit organizations, typically at no cost or at a reduced cost, to Hightstown residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Hightstown Borough also recognizes that many of the service providers located in Hightstown Borough provides services not only to Hightstown residents, but to the larger community, including the residents of other municipalities in Mercer County and those outside of Mercer County; and

**WHEREAS**, tax exempt properties utilize many basic municipal services, including roads, police, fire and EMT services, without contributing any funds towards the cost of such services through property tax payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown has identified 79 municipalities in New Jersey who have more than 20% of their municipal tax base occupied by commercial Class 15 tax exempt land, not inclusive of farmland assessed properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of Hightstown wishes to work with other municipalities with more than 20% of their tax base taken up by Class 15 tax exempt properties, the New Jersey League of Municipalities (the "League"), and elected officials to craft legislation to provide tax-exempt property relief to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council supports A1635, sponsored by Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, which permits municipalities in which 12% or more land is exempt from property taxes to issue up to two additional plenary retail consumption licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough supports any legislation seeking to increase state aid to municipalities which have significant tax exempt land, including an offset or a credit for municipalities that serve as the County seat.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that we do hereby seek the League's assistance in advancing legislation regarding the issue of significant property tax exempt land; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the 79 municipalities identified as having more than 20% of their municipal tax base occupied by tax exempt land, and the Legislators for the Borough of Hightstown.

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# Resolution 2014-238

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## AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2014 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 2014 budget are hereby authorized:

<b>Current:</b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
<b>Assessment of Taxes</b>		
Other Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	
<b>Tax Collector</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 500.00
<b>Employee Group Health Insurance</b>		
Other Expenses	\$ 15,500.00	
Health Benefit Waiver	\$ 10,000.00	
<b>Police Fire Communications</b>		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 18,000.00
<b>Municipal Court</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,000.00	
<b>Legal Services</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 10,000.00
<b>Engineer Services and Costs</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 10,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,500.00</b>

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# Resolution 2014-239

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## **AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, an overpayment of taxes was made for Block 41, Lot 1, 100-102 Second Avenue, in the amount of \$1956.01 due to a double payment; and

**WHEREAS**, the payer, Nieschmidt Law Office, 412 Monmouth Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, 08520 has requested that a refund be issued for the overpayment in the amount of \$1956.01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has requested that said overpayment be refunded in the amount of \$1956.01.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Tax Collector and Treasurer are hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$1956.01 to Nieschmidt Law Office, 412 Monmouth Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, 08520, representing the tax overpayment as set forth herein.

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# Resolution 2014-240

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## **PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 8, 2014 AS “COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY”**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Borough of Hightstown to recognize organizations that have contributed to the overall benefit of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Womanspace, founded in 1977, has demonstrated a unique ability to provide comfort, support services, crisis intervention and safety to women who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Womanspace, in the belief that “peace begins at home,” has asked the Mercer County community to join them in their struggle against violence toward women by participating in their annual Communities of Light project; and

**WHEREAS**, Womanspace has provided emergency shelter in secure locations and comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence since 1977 and sexual assault since 2002, for more than 39,169 women, 5,383 children and 1,016 men. Additionally, Womanspace has assisted more than 204,015 callers over the last 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown applauds the efforts of Womanspace to bring an end to the circle of abuse imposed on women, children and men; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council urge each and every household to demonstrate their support of the concept that “peace begins at home” by placing luminaries along their driveways and sidewalks on Monday, December 8, 2014, as a visible symbol of that support; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from Communities of Light 2014 will be used to fund vital services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that we do hereby proclaim December 8, 2014, as

## ***COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT DAY***

and commend Womanspace on its many accomplishments, and wish them continued success with Communities of Light in the years to come.

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