

Resolution 2015-258

*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 19, 2015 beginning at 6:15pm 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 Service (Police/Dispatch/Court)
R. Black Global (Rug Mill Re-Development)
Litigation - COAH

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 19, 2016 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 19, 2015.

Debra L. Sopronyi
Borough Clerk

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RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF WOMANSPACE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown finds it appropriate 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, children and men 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, children and men; 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.

WHEREAS, Womanspace has assisted more than 204,015 callers over the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Womanspace provides vital services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; 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”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey commends Womanspace on its many accomplishments, and wish them continued success in their endeavors to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #1 – PIONEER GENERAL CONTRACTING CO., INC.
(ENCHANTMENT AT HIGHTSTOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)**

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2015 the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Enchantment at Hightstown Road Improvement Program to Pioneer General Contracting Co., Inc. of South River, New Jersey in the amount of \$334,083.00; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted payment #1 in the amount of \$58,443.03 for work related to mobilization, storm drain installation, and curb and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of payment #1 in the amount of \$58,443.03 pending receipt of certified payrolls; 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 #1 in the amount of \$58,443.03 to Pioneer General Contracting Co., Inc. of South River, New Jersey is hereby approved as detailed herein.

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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 \$121,285.48 from the following accounts:

Current		\$41,918.18
W/S Operating		55,731.23
General Capital		10,131.75
Water/Sewer Capital		0.00
Grant		0.00
Trust		11,529.57
Housing Trust		1,968.75
Animal Control		6.00
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		0.00
Escrow		<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>\$121,285.48</u>

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ENDORING AN ORDINANCE BY MERCER COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON ETRA ROAD (COUNTY ROUTE 571)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown has undertaken curb and sidewalk improvements on Etra Road (County Route 571) from South Main Street (County Route 539) to the municipal boundary to provide safe access to residents in the area; and

WHEREAS, a mid block crosswalk has been installed at a location 525 feet east of Orchard Avenue to provide safe access to both sides of Etra Road; and

WHEREAS, the public crosswalk has been installed in accordance with the requirements of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, including an activated flashing beacon system, under the supervision of the Office of the Mercer County Engineer; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance is required to be adopted by Mercer County to formally establish the crosswalk as a mid-block crosswalk in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 39:408, and to permit the enforcement of traffic regulations regarding same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown support and endorse the Ordinance by Mercer County to establish a mid-block crosswalk, on Etra Road (County Route 571) at a location approximately 525 feet south of Orchard Avenue, to resident access, across Etra Road (County Route 539).

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*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**ENDORING THE DOWNTOWN HIGHTSTOWN LAKEFRONT VISION PLAN AND
ENCOURAGING THE PLANNING BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE
MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS TO INCOPORATE THE PLAN THEREIN**

WHEREAS, the outside community civic organization known as “Downtown Hightstown” hired a professional Planner to prepare a concept plan (the “plan”) to revitalize the downtown lakefront area of Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the plan is the culmination of a long process undertaken by Downtown Hightstown, at its sole cost and expense, which included the participation of the public and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2015 a joint meeting of the Hightstown Borough Council and Planning Board was held in order to allow representatives of Downtown Hightstown and its Planner to present the plan to Hightstown Borough officials and the public, and to answer questions relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming response to the plan was positive; and

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Council wishes to formally endorse the plan and to encourage the Hightstown Borough Planning Board to amend the Master Plan in order to incorporate the plan therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Downtown Hightstown Lakefront Vision Plan is hereby accepted and endorsed by the Governing Body, and the Planning Board is hereby encouraged to amend the Hightstown Master Plan to include the plan therein.

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BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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DETERMINING AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law,” N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the “Act”), provides that a delineated area of a municipality may be found and determined to be in need of rehabilitation if the governing body of the municipality determines, by Resolution, that a program of rehabilitation, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3, may be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community [N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14]; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, in addition to the above finding, the governing body must determine that there exists within the delineated area any one (1) of the following conditions:

- (1) a significant portion of structures therein are in a deteriorated or substandard condition;
- (2) more than half of the housing stock in the delineated area is at least fifty (50) years old;
- (3) there is a pattern of vacancy, abandonment or underutilization of properties in the area;
- (4) there is a persistent arrearage of property tax payments on properties in the area;
- (5) environmental contamination is discouraging improvement and investment in properties in the area; or
- (6) a majority of the water and sewer infrastructure in the delineated area is at least fifty (50) years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that the finding of need for rehabilitation may extend to the entire area of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that, prior to adoption of the within Resolution, the governing body shall submit the same to the municipal planning board for its review and that the planning board shall, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the proposed Resolution, submit its recommendations, including any modifications which it may recommend, to the governing body for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown (the “Borough”) have determined that a program of rehabilitation within the Borough may reasonably be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the Borough, specifically with regard to the existing residential housing stock within the Borough and to commercial structures that are used for retail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have further found that at least one of the six (6) criteria referenced above exists within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council therefore wish to declare the entire area of the Borough to be an “area in need of rehabilitation” pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act, the Mayor and Borough Council have referred this matter to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has approved this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council now wish to formally declare that the entire area within the municipal boundaries of the Borough of Hightstown shall be considered an “area in need of rehabilitation” pursuant to the Act.

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:

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1. That the entire area within the municipal boundaries of the Borough of Hightstown is hereby found and declared to be an “area in need of rehabilitation” pursuant to the terms of the Act.
2. That a certified a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
 - a. Hightstown Borough Planning Board
 - b. Gary S. Rosensweig, Esq., Planning Board Attorney
 - c. Tamara Lee, P.P., Borough Planner
 - d. Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator
 - e. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney

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AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-2015-016 TO BETTER BEGINNINGS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, the Better Beginnings Child Development Center wishes to hold an off-premise merchandise raffle at 318 North Main Street on December 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number RA2015-016 for the raffle along with the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the Better Beginnings Child Development Center is currently registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, holding registration identification number 209-5-28551; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk and the Police Department have reviewed the application and have determined that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 5:8-53, regarding the applicant, the members in charge of the game, and the game itself, have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is authorized to issue Raffle License No. RL2015-016 to the Better Beginnings Child Development Center for their off-premise merchandise raffle to be held on December 16, 2015.

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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, December 5, 2015 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 Department; 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, December 5, 2015, at 278 Monmouth Street.

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AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AUCTION LICENSE – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HIGHTSTOWN

WHEREAS, an application for a license to hold an auction on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 320 North Main Street in the Borough of Hightstown has been submitted by the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, together with the required fee; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council that a license be issued to First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown 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 First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown for their auction to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 320 North Main Street.

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AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CLASSIC TOWNS PROJECT

WHEREAS, donations were made for the Classic Towns Project being sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the HPC has found that they will not be proceeding with the Classic Towns Project and has requested that the following donors receive a refund in the following amounts:

Hightstown-East Windsor Historical Society	164 N. Main Street	\$200.00
Mannino's Pizza	124 S. Main Street	\$150.00
Dr. John Laudenberg	632 S. Main Street	\$400.00
Dom's Getty	308 Mercer Street	\$200.00
Allen & Stults	P. O. Box 110	\$250.00
Peddie School	201 S. Main Street	\$400.00
Shop for Less	112 Main Street	\$200.00
Tacorito	110 S. Main Street	\$200.00
Hightstown Liquors	107 Stockton Street	\$200.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue refunds to the above donors in the amounts indicated, representing refunds for the HPC Classic Towns Project as set forth herein.

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AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, an overpayment of taxes was made for Block 9, Lot 85, 156 Oak Lane, in the amount of \$1,850.60 due to a double payment; and

WHEREAS, the owners, Damien & Melissa R. Smith, 156 Oak Lane Hightstown, New Jersey, 08520 have requested that a refund be issued for the overpayment in the amount of \$1,850.60; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has requested that said overpayment be refunded in the amount of \$1,850.60.

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 \$1,850.60 to Damien & Melissa R. Smith, 156 Oak Lane Hightstown, New Jersey, 08520, representing the tax overpayment as set forth herein.

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AUTHORIZING TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO PREPARE AND PROCESS AN APPLICATION FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

WHEREAS, Triad Associates, pursuant to an existing agreement for grant writing, has brought forward the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application to acquire Exhaust Extraction Equipment and/or Turnout Gear and Communication Equipment for which they think it would be advantageous for the Borough to apply; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the proposed grant, the Borough Council finds that it would be beneficial for the Borough to submit the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application to acquire Exhaust Extraction Equipment and/or Turnout Gear and Communication Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the fee for the grant Application is not to exceed \$2,750.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Triad Associates is authorized to prepare and process the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application to acquire Exhaust Extraction Equipment and/or Turnout Gear and Communication Equipment and that the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest the appropriate paperwork necessary to implement such application.

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