

ORDINANCE 2016-06

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", SECTION 14, ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, BUDGET AND FINANCE", SUBSECTION 14.2, ENTITLED "DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE", OF THE "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY."

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has recommended amending the structure of the Division of Finance and Budget for the purpose of efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council concur with the recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", Section 14, entitled "Department of Administration, Budget and Finance", Subsection 14.2, entitled "Division of Budget and Finance" of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey" is hereby amended as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

Subsection 2-14.2 Division of Budget and Finance.

This Division shall be headed by the Chief Finance Officer, under the direction of the Borough Administrator, and shall be organized as follows:

a. Powers and Duties of the Chief Finance Officer (CFO). The CFO shall have, perform and exercise all the functions, powers and duties provided by general law and Borough ordinances. The CFO shall keep and maintain books and records of all financial transactions of the Borough in accordance with the standards and requirements of the Division of Local Finance in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The CFO shall have custody of all public moneys of the Borough and shall make monthly reports to the Administrator of all receipts, expenditures, commitments and unexpended appropriations. All moneys received from any source by or on behalf of the Borough or any Department, Board, Office or agency thereof, except as otherwise provided by Borough ordinance, shall be paid to the CFO, who shall, within forty-eight (48) hours after their receipt, deposit them in the authorized public depository of the Borough to the credit of the proper account. A Deputy CFO may be appointed by the Administrator, and shall perform duties as assigned by the CFO.

b. Disbursements. Disbursements in payment of bills and demands shall be made by the CFO upon approval of the Borough Administrator, approved by the Council, except that payments from the payroll account shall be made pursuant to paragraph c. Every payment shall be in the form of a check payable to the order of the person entitled to receive it, and shall specify the purpose for which it is drawn and the account or appropriation to which it is chargeable. Each check shall bear the signatures of the officers of the Borough so designated by resolution each year. The Mayor and Council may, by resolution, establish purchasing policies which will permit certain categories of purchases and payments to be made without approval of the Council.

c. Payroll Account. There shall be an account to be designated the "Borough of Hightstown Payroll Account," and, from time to time, the Borough CFO, upon receipt of amounts due such payroll account, shall deposit the same to the credit of the payroll account, charging the appropriate budgetary accounts therewith. Disbursements from the payroll account may be made by payroll checks signed by the Borough Officials so designated by resolution each year. In case of error or adjustment in the payroll, the CFO shall make proper correction and appropriate record of

such correction.

d. Travel Expenses. Itemized claims supported by receipts, where available, shall be presented in order to obtain reimbursement for expenses incurred by local officials where authorized to travel by the Borough. Travel expenses shall be reimbursed only in accordance with the travel regulations of the Borough as established by the Borough Administrator.

e. Qualified Purchasing Agent. There shall be a Qualified Purchasing Agent who shall be appointed by the Mayor and who shall have the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the contracting unit, to prepare public advertising for bids and to receive bids for the provision or performance of goods or services on behalf of the Borough, and to award contracts permitted pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11* in the name of the Borough, and to conduct any activities as may be necessary or appropriate to the purchasing function of the contracting unit. The position of Qualified Purchasing Agent may be held by any Borough official qualified by education, certification and experience to perform in that capacity. (Ord. No. 19-1994; Ord. No. 2000-32)

Section 2. Severability. If any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair or void the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. Repealer. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduced:

Adopted:

ATTEST:

Debra L. Sopronyi
Municipal Clerk

Lawrence D. Quattrone
Mayor