

SPECIAL MEETING – OPEN SESSION

Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was followed by the roll call.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Mayor Patten</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sackowitz</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Laudenberger</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thompson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved as submitted by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilman Quattrone and approved by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the **February 18, 2005** and **March 2, 2005** budget meetings were moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilman Quattrone and unanimously approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

Gina Charsky, 158 Broad Street, stated that the outside telephone is now ringing again at Custom Bandag. Councilman Quattrone asked her if it rings "all night long," and she replied that it rings during daytime hours, and it is her understanding that it should not. Ms. Charskey also complained that the Municipal Court has scheduled a mediation session between herself and the business owner, but it was scheduled for a month from now. She feels she should not have to wait that long. She asked why the police could not handle this issue.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, criticized the police study report recently provided to the Borough by the DCA because, he said, it failed to address whether it would be more efficient to contract with East Windsor Township or to maintain our own police department. Mr. Sarafin also commented regarding the Mill redevelopment, and objected to

“private discussions” with the developer about the number of units, which he said could create the appearance of a conflict of interest. Lastly, Mr. Sarafin insisted that revenue generated by water and sewer connection fees be used to reduce the utility’s bonded indebtedness.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING: ORDINANCE 2005-26,

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, “WATER AND SEWER,” OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN* REGARDING RATES FOR PROCESSING OF SEPTIC TANK WASTE

Ms. Gallagher reviewed the provisions of this Ordinance, which would increase the rate for acceptance from commercial haulers of septic tank waste by \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons (an increase of approximately 2.4%). This has been recommended by AWWTP Superintendent Bill Searing as a way to offset increasing chemical costs. The increase has been reviewed and approved by the Water-Sewer committee and is based on Mr. Searing’s research into market rates and his discussions with current haulers. The adjustment should result in an increase in revenue of about \$11,000 per year.

Mayor Patten opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2005-26.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, asked Ms. Gallagher about the projected revenue from grey water and septage. She estimated that figure at \$420,000.

No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2005-26 was moved for adoption by Councilman Quattrone and seconded by Councilman Sikorski.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Laudenberger, Quattrone, Sackowitz, Sikorski and Thompson voted yes. Council President Schneider was absent.

Ordinance adopted, 5-1.

ORDINANCE 2005-26 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, “WATER AND SEWER,” OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN* REGARDING RATES FOR PROCESSING OF SEPTIC TANK WASTE**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant has recommended that rates for acceptance and processing of septic tank waste be increased by \$1.00 per gallon, and the Borough’s Water and Sewer Committee concurs with his recommendation; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to raise said rates accordingly;

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

Section 1. Items (1) and (2) of Subsection 19-2.3(d) of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown* are hereby amended as follows (additions underlined; deletions in ~~strikeout text~~)

d. For processing of septic tank waste delivered via tank truck by commercial entities:

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| (1) | For the first 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a commercial entity within a calendar year | \$ 42.00 <u>\$43.00</u> per 1,000 gallons |
| (2) | For volume in excess of 1,500,000 gallons delivered by a commercial entity within a calendar year | \$ 40.00 <u>\$41.00</u> per 1,000 gallons |

Section 2. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING: ORDINANCE 2005-30,

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FROM THE WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

Ms. Gallagher reviewed Ordinance 2005-30, stating that it would appropriate available funds in the water and sewer capital fund for the purchase of a pickup truck with snow plow attachment. The truck will replace a 1984 vehicle. A Resolution to approve the purchase itself is also included on this agenda. Any excess in the ordinance will be canceled by Resolution. This will not increase the Borough's level of debt or impact its budget.

Mayor Patten opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2005-30.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, recommended adoption of this Ordinance.

No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2005-30 was moved for adoption by Councilman Sikorski and seconded by Councilman Quattrone.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Laudenberg, Quattrone, Sackowitz, Sikorski and Thompson voted yes. Council President Schneider was absent.

Ordinance adopted, 5-1.

ORDINANCE 2005-30 **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FROM THE WATER-SEWER CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. The sum of \$30,000.00 is hereby appropriated from Water-Sewer Capital Fund Balance for the purchase of a pickup truck with snow plow attachment for use by the Borough of Hightstown Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Section 2. The capital budget of the Borough of Hightstown is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2005-179, 180 and 181 were moved by Councilman Sikorski and seconded by Councilman Sackowitz.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Laudenberger, Quattrone, Sackowitz, Sikorski and Thompson voted yes. Council President Schneider was absent.

Resolutions adopted, 5-1.

**RESOLUTION 2005-179 REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE
IN THE 2005 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 2005 as follows:

Source	Amount	Revenue Title	Appropriation Title
Mid-Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund	\$780.75	JIF Safety Incentive Award	JIF Safety Fund

**RESOLUTION 2005-180 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR USE AT THE
ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

WHEREAS there exists the need to replace a 1984 truck at the Borough's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS the Plant Superintendent has recommended the purchase of a 2005 Ford F250 Pickup with snow plow attachment from Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford for the total price of \$27,741.00, as detailed on the attached quotation; and

WHEREAS this vehicle is available under State Contract No. A51903 / T2053; and

WHEREAS the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funding for this purchase has been made available through the adoption of capital ordinance #2005-30 on August 15, 2005, which will become effective upon its publication date, August 18, 2005;

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

1. The purchase of a 2005 Ford F250 Pickup with snow plow attachment from Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford for the total price of \$27,741.00, as detailed on the attached quotation, is hereby approved.
2. This Resolution shall take effect upon the effective date of Ordinance 2005-30, August 18, 2005.

RESOLUTION 2005-181 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 and the Treasurer in the amount of **\$234,680.51** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 142,718.40
W/S Operating	70,630.03
General Capital	55.45
W/S Capital	11,372.00
Animal Control	675.60
Trust Account	1,390.00
RCA-COAH Escrow	7,500.00
Grant	255.65
Unemployment Trust	83.38
Total	\$ <u>234,680.51</u>

Upon motion by Councilwoman Laudenberger, seconded by Councilman Sikorski and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC
Borough Clerk