

OPEN SESSION
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Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Harinxma</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Rosenberg</i>	<i>Arrived Immediately following Roll Call</i>	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thompson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator; Larry Blake, Superintendent of Public Works; and Frederick Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Council President Schneider and unanimously approved as submitted.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 10, 2005 and May 17, 2005 joint meetings with East Windsor Township and the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education were moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Council President Schneider and approved by all but Councilmembers Harinxma and Rosenberg, who abstained.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment. No one came forward and the floor was closed.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Clerk read aloud Resolution 2006-120, authorizing a closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The Resolution was moved by Council President Schneider and seconded by Councilman Sikorski.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Harinxma, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider, Sikorski and Thompson voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 2006-120      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 May 9, 2006 at approximately 6:35 p.m. at Borough Hall 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 – Power Purchase Agreement for Solar Energy**

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: August 9, 2006 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.

Upon reconvening into open session, the meeting continued.

**RESOLUTION 2006-121, ESTABLISHING SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOROUGH OFFICES**

Ms. Gallagher provided a brief review of this Resolution, which had been discussed at several prior Council meetings. The Resolution was moved by Councilman Quattrone, seconded by Councilmember Rosenberg.

Following a brief discussion, the roll was called.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Harinxma, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider, and Thompson voted yes. Councilman Sikorski voted no.

Resolution adopted, 5-1.

**RESOLUTION 2006-121      ESTABLISHING SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BOROUGH OFFICES**

**WHEREAS** the Borough Administrator has recommended that the Borough alter its schedule during the months of June, July and August to provide extended office hours on Monday thru Thursday and to close on Fridays; and

**WHEREAS** such an arrangement offers benefits as follows:

- For employees:
  - Three day weekends during the summer and more uninterrupted time to spend with their families.
  - 20% savings in commuting time and costs, significant at present given the high cost of gasoline.
- For the public:
  - Extended hours of service on Monday through Thursday, which will open Borough Hall to those who have until now been unable to get here during their working hours.
- For the Borough:
  - An increase in employee morale and productivity.
  - Reduced absenteeism, due to employees being able to schedule personal business on Fridays.
  - Enhanced ability to attract and retain employees.
  - Possible cost savings by being "dark" for three consecutive days.
- For the environment:
  - A 20% reduction in emissions for those employees whose schedule would change.
  - An estimated total savings of 400 to 500 gallons of gasoline during the three-month period; and

**WHEREAS** this change will represent a proactive step by the Borough to reduce emissions as a part of its recent pledge under the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council are agreeable to instituting such a program on a trial basis during the summer of 2006 in order to determine its effectiveness;

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

1. During the period running from June 5, 2006 through September 1, 2006, offices at Borough Hall will be open according to the following schedule:  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
As at present, employees shall be entitled to a one-hour lunch break each day.
2. This arrangement shall not impact police, dispatchers or sewer plant employees.
3. Public Works employees will be scheduled by the Public Works Superintendent in accordance with the needs of the Department. The Public Works office will continue to operate on its existing schedule, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. During the program period, "one day" of leave time shall be calculated to reflect actual hours taken.
5. This schedule is approved strictly as a trial program for the summer of 2006 only, and will be evaluated at the end of the summer to determine its effectiveness.

No action was taken at this meeting on Resolution 2006-122, which would authorize an agreement for the purchase of solar energy.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Harinxma and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC  
Borough Clerk