

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Harinxma</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Rosenberg</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Thompson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator; Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer; George Lang, Chief Financial Officer; and Frederick Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added to the agenda under Engineer's Items was Resolution 2007-247. The agenda was moved as amended by Councilmember Quattrone, seconded by Councilmember Schneider and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Patten requested that the October 16, 2007 minutes be amended to include his response to remarks made by Dan Buriak during the second public comment session. The minutes were then moved with that amendment by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Quattrone and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

Torry Watkins, 68 Meadow Drive, expressed concern that the new garbage containers will result in an increase in tipping fees and asked how the Borough plans to prevent residents from disposing of yard waste, construction debris, grass and leaves in those containers. Mr. Watkins also cautioned Council against going out to bid for advertising on the garbage trucks, as he feels it would be difficult to control the content of those ads given the protection of commercial speech.

J. P. Gibbons, 602 North Main Street, urged Council to "go back to basics" with the Redevelopment Plan and remove items which don't need to be included there. He stated that the process to date has split the community and recommended that certain items which are the subject of negotiations with the developer (such as a contribution toward Borough Hall improvements and language regarding the possibility of a PILOT) be taken out of the Redevelopment Plan itself and addressed instead in the Redeveloper's Agreement.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, expressed agreement with Mr. Gibbons, and suggested that Council would divide among themselves the \$350,000 payment being discussed with Greystone as a payment in lieu of undertaking improvements to Borough Hall. He once again called for the Borough to be shut down and said that his taxes go up every year. He noted the absence at this meeting of Council President Sikorski, and said, "He's probably out campaigning." Mr. Sarafin went on to criticize the Bush administration and said that he will not salute the flag. He noted that the next day is Election Day and closed by saying, "I am a terrorist. I can't wait to destroy this government. It's a dictatorship run by Republicans."

Mr. Watkins spoke again in response to Mr. Sarafin's comments to say that he was "deeply offended" that Mr. Sarafin would suggest that the \$350,000 contribution would be going into the pockets of council members. "It is not the first time he's made those accusations wrongly," he said. Mr. Watkins also noted, regarding Council President Sikorski's absence, that Mr. Sikorski's sister had just passed away.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

ENGINEER'S ITEMS

RESOLUTION 2007-237, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 1 TO EAGLE PAVING CORP. (MORRISON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS)

Following a brief review by Ms. Roberts, Resolution 2007-237 was moved by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

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

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-237 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 1 TO EAGLE PAVING CORP. (MORRISON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS)

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2007, the Borough Council awarded a contract for Morrison Avenue improvements to Eagle Paving Corp. of South Toms River, New Jersey in the amount of Three Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-Four (\$377,194.45) Dollars and Forty-Five Cents; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted Payment Request No. 1 for work done in the total amount of \$254,158.44, together with the required certified payrolls; and

WHEREAS, of that amount, \$59,766.04 is for water and sewer related construction and \$194,392.40 is for general roadway construction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of this payment request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Payment Request No. 1 to Eagle Paving Corp. of South Toms River, New Jersey in the amount of \$254,158.44 is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

RESOLUTION 2007-238, AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS (WELL #3)

Following a brief review by Ms. Roberts, Resolution 2007-238 was moved by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Councilmember Harinxma.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-238 AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF BIDS (WELL #3)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough's Consulting Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for construction of a new well house and pump for Well #3, and that the Borough is authorized to receive bids for same following proper advertisement.

RESOLUTION 2007-239, AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND PAYMENT NO. 3 – S. BROTHERS, INC. (DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PHASE 3)

Following a brief review by Ms. Roberts, Resolution 2007-239 was moved by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Harinxma.

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

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-239 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 AND PAYMENT NO. 3 – S. BROTHERS, INC. (DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PHASE 3)

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2007, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 project to S. Brothers, Inc. of South River, New Jersey in the amount of Four Hundred and Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty (\$402,780.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 to this contract in the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$12,878.00), was approved on September 4, 2007, bringing the total contract price to Four Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$415,658.00); and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has submitted Change Order No. 2 to this contract in the total amount of \$25,945.00 as detailed on the attached listing; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has also submitted Payment Request No. 3 for work done in the total amount of \$286,490.26, together with the required certified payrolls; and

WHEREAS, of that amount, \$2,670.00 is for sanitary sewer construction and \$283,820.26 is for general streetscape construction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of this change order and payment request;

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

1. Change Order No. 2 to the contract with S. Brothers, Inc. of South River, New Jersey in the amount of \$25,945.00 is hereby approved, subject to the approval of NJDOT, and the Mayor is authorized to execute same.

2. By virtue of the approval of Change Order No. 2, the revised contract price is \$441,603.00.
3. Payment Request No. 2 by S. Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$286,490.26 as detailed herein is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

RESOLUTION 2007-247, AUTHORIZING REFUND OF APPLICATION FEE OVERPAYMENT

Following a brief review by Ms. Roberts, Resolution 2007-247 was moved by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Councilmember Rosenberg.

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

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-247 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF APPLICATION FEE OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2005, D. M. Properties, Inc. submitted payment in the amount of \$4,450.00 for an application fee relative to their Planning Board application regarding their South Academy Street property; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently determined that the correct amount for the application fee was \$1,700.00; and

WHEREAS, D. M. Properties, Inc. has requested a refund of \$2,750.00, the amount of the overpayment;

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 a refund in the amount of \$2,750.00 to D. M. Properties, Inc., representing the amount of their overpayment for a Planning Board application fee as detailed herein.

PEDESTRIAN WARNING BEACONS ON RT. 33

Ms. Roberts stated that, two years ago, the Borough requested that NJDOT install pedestrian warning beacons on Route 33 at Broad Street and at South Main Street. The DOT has recently approved that request, and will install the beacons provided that the Borough agree to be responsible for the electricity charges associated therewith. Councilmember Quattrone asked if they could be solar-powered. Ms. Roberts stated that this would probably not be feasible at these locations. After a brief discussion, the general consensus of Council was to proceed and to inform NJDOT that the Borough will be responsible for the operating costs.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2007-24,

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCES NUMBERED 2001-11, 2003-15 AND 2006-06, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY 2006-25, TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECTS TO INCLUDE VARIOUS OTHER WATER AND SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Gallagher reviewed the provisions of Ordinance 2007-24, which would make available funds in existing water and sewer bond ordinances for use, if needed, in the Borough's Well #3 and Mercer Street projects. Councilmember Schneider asked if this would impact our water and sewer debt. Mr. Lang stated that it would not, as this debt was previously authorized, and while the Borough could cancel those balances and then authorize new debt, it is better and less costly to do it this way.

Ordinance 2007-24 was moved for introduction by Councilmember Schneider and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

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

Ordinance introduced, 5-0.

The public hearing and final reading for Ordinance 2007-24 was set for November 19, 2007.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2007-25,

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$135,000 FOR PHASE ONE OF THE GREENWAYS PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY

Ms. Gallagher reviewed the provisions of this bond ordinance, which will add \$135,000 to the \$287,000 previously appropriated for Phase One of our Greenways project, bringing the total project cost to \$422,000. She noted that this ordinance will not increase the Borough's bonded debt, as the \$250,000 grant funding received will offset the added appropriation. Ms. Roberts provided a brief description of the project and the areas it will cover.

Ordinance 2007-25 was moved for introduction by Councilmember Rosenberg and seconded by Councilmember Harinxma.

Councilmember Rosenberg stated that he would like to see more homogenous signage throughout the Greenways trails, as currently, people are not sure where they are supposed to go. Ms. Roberts agreed and said that this phase of the project will incorporate trail marker type signs.

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

Ordinance introduced, 5-0.

The public hearing and final reading for Ordinance 2007-25 was set for November 19, 2007.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2007-26,

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$62,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$58,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ms. Gallagher reviewed the provisions of Ordinance 2007-26, noting that it will fund the purchase of six Mobile Data Terminal units ("MDTs") for the Borough's police cars, one in-car video system, and a traffic counter. In the past, she said, the Borough has leased MDTs from South Brunswick at an annual cost of \$3,000 each.

Ordinance 2007-26 was moved for introduction by Councilmember Schneider and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone.

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

Ordinance introduced, 5-0.

The public hearing and final reading for Ordinance 2007-26 was set for November 19, 2007.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

GARBAGE COLLECTION 2008

Ms. Gallagher reported that the Borough is on schedule to begin its own garbage collection services as of January 1, 2008. The automated truck will be here in late November, she said, and containers will be delivered to each residence by the manufacturer on or around December 10. Each container is bar-coded and will be registered to the address it is delivered to. Containers will be the property of the Borough, and will be stamped as such. One container will be delivered to each household.

Pickup will continue to be done once per week per household, but pickup days will vary depending on location. More information about the schedule will be available soon, she said. If a scheduled pickup falls on a holiday, garbage will be picked up on the next business day. Bulk items will be picked up by appointment only, and must be scheduled in advance with Public Works.

Ms. Gallagher noted that Mr. Blake is currently seeking a means of recycling old garbage cans for those residents who wish to do so.

Ms. Gallagher stated that she met recently with Mr. Blake, Ms. Syx, Mr. Lewis and Councilmember Quattrone to review the upcoming changes in collection, and one item discussed was the possibility of providing additional containers to those who may request them. One suggestion made at that meeting, she said, was to offer the containers for a one-time, flat fee, but she cautioned that this would not take into account the added tipping fees which would result over the course of time. She suggested that, if Council does wish to provide additional containers, an annual fee of no less than \$300 be charged. She said that any change in this regard would need to be accomplished by ordinance, and asked Council how they would like to proceed.

Discussion ensued, and Ms. Gallagher was asked to find out how this is handled in other towns. Councilmember Schneider stated that he feels that one container per household should be the limit, and that residents would need to make other arrangements to dispose of any excess garbage. Councilmember Quattrone stated that Old Bridge uses an automated system and allows only one container per household.

ADVERTISING ON GARBAGE TRUCKS

Mr. Raffetto stated that, when this was last discussed, there was an initial concern that NJDOT would have to review and approve any advertising that would be placed on our vehicles; however, it appears now that they won't need to. The Borough can simply move forward to solicit advertising. This must be done through a lease made to the highest bidder at open auction, and the highest bid may be accepted or all bids rejected. The Borough could place restrictions on the tenancy. Certain questions need to be answered, he said, such as the length of the term desired, the minimum bid, the manner of placement of the ads (painted on or magnetic), the size of the space to be leased, and whether the lease would include one or both sides of the truck. Bidders would be requested to include a copy of the proposed ad with their bid. Regarding concerns expressed by the public regarding commercial speech, Mr. Raffetto noted that it *is* entitled to protection under the law, but less than other constitutionally guaranteed expressions. The Borough could place content-

based restrictions, he said. The Borough could go out to bid and see who comes forward and what response we get. Councilmember Quattrone stated that he would like to do this, and there were no objections from Council.

Councilmember Schneider asked what this process will cost. Mr. Raffetto stated that the cost would consist of the cost of the legal advertising and of his time, which he estimated at about three hours.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions 2007-240 through 2007-245 were moved by Councilmember Schneider and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone.

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

Resolutions adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-240 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-182 TO LADIES AUXILIARY, HIGHTSTOWN ENGINE CO. NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary of Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 wishes to hold an off-premises merchandise raffle at the Hightstown Firehouse on January 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number RA-182 for this raffle, together with the required fees; and

WHEREAS the group is currently registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, holding registration identification number 209-9-27140, which registration expires on December 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk and the Chief of Police 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. RL-182 to the Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary for their raffle to be held on January 26, 2008 as outlined herein.

RESOLUTION 2007-241 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF DUPLICATE PERMIT FEE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, duplicate payments, each in the amount of \$107.00, were received by the Borough's construction office for permit number 20070224 from both the property owner at 110 Park Way and Indoor Air Technologies, the contractor who would be performing the work; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official has recommended that a refund be issued to Indoor Air Technologies in the amount of \$107.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$107.00 to Indoor Air Technologies, 439 Gordon Road, Robbinsville, NJ, 08691, representing the amount of their duplicate payment for permit number 20070224.

RESOLUTON 2007-242**AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL CITIES CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for consultant services to assist in the planning, administration and implementation of the Borough's 2005 Small Cities CDBG Public Facilities program (DCA Grant Agreement #05-2627-00); received for streetscape improvements on North Main Street and Bank Street; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to engage Community Grants Planning & Housing LLC of East Windsor, NJ, to perform these services for a total fee not to exceed \$10,000.00, as outlined in the agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funding for this expenditure;

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

1. The agreement with Community Grants Planning & Housing LLC, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute same.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).
3. A copy of this Resolution as well as the agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper as required by law.

RESOLUTION 2007-243**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 **\$3,245,692.50** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 2,426,342.06
W/S Operating	81,306.21
General Capital	494,575.70
W/S Capital	99,256.16
Grant	11,079.86
Trust	4,439.96
Unemployment Trust	4,248.01
Public Defender	300.00
RCA-COAH	10,300.00
General Capital Trust	107,000.00
Escrow – Subdivision & Site Plan (First Constitution)	<u>6,844.54</u>
Total	<u>\$3,245,692.50</u>

RESOLUTION 2007-244**AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS the Treasurer has requested permission to cancel the following outstanding checks:

CHECK #	AMOUNT:		DATE ISSUED:	PAYABLE TO:
Check #9867	\$131.00		May 18, 2004	Agway Energy Products
Check #12202	\$12.52		March 7, 2006	ULine, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to cancel outstanding checks as set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a refund be issued to any party that claims a check subsequent to its cancellation.

RESOLUTION 2007-245 AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2007 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 2007 budget are hereby authorized:

CURRENT BUDGET:	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
Recycling – Salaries & Wages	11,000.00	
Parks & Recreation – Salaries & Wages	3,950.00	
Uniform Construction Code – Salaries & Wages	3,000.00	
Administrative & Executive – Salaries & Wages		500.00
Collection of Taxes – Salaries & Wages		3,000.00
Assessment of Taxes – Salaries & Wages		450.00
Sanitation – Salaries & Wages		500.00
Public Buildings & Grounds – Salaries & Wages		10,500.00
Housing Code Enforcement – Salaries & Wages		3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$17,950.00	\$17,950.00

PUBLIC COMMENT II

Mayor Patten opened the floor once again for public comment.

Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street, asked if the Greenway project would include repairs to the steps at the bridge that goes over Peddie Dam. Ms. Roberts said that this is not part of that project.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, said that he was not serious when making his prior comments regarding Council's sharing the \$350,000 to be contributed by the redeveloper¹. He then asked about the security camera in the Borough parking lot. Mayor Patten stated that this camera has been there for about two years, and came from the Hightstown Housing Authority. It allows surveillance by our dispatch desk of the police door and parking lot area. Lastly, Mr. Sarafin recommended against allowing residents to obtain additional garbage containers, which, he said, is "against the whole purpose of reducing the amount of garbage put out." He urged Council to allow residents only one container per household.

J. P. Gibbons, 602 North Main Street, said that he would like to see how much bonding Council approves for each project and said that the Borough "plays a lot of shell games." Regarding the possible \$350,000 contribution by the

¹ See page 2.

redeveloper in lieu of making improvements to Borough Hall, he said that, if that money is directed toward such improvements, it has "positive attributes," but its use should be restricted to that purpose. Lastly, Mr. Gibbons urged Council not to place advertising on the garbage trucks, and offered to contribute \$1,000 to the Borough if they will opt not to do that. "I'll give a grand, you'll save a grand," he said. "Put 'Hightstown' on the truck," he said, "and keep it clean." Mr. Sarafin said that he would match this.

Mike Theokas, 142 Mill Run East, stated that, because the Borough's budget is a public document and the public sees where every dollar goes, he is not worried about how we would spend the \$350,000 contribution. He urged all to get out and vote in the next day's election.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Rosenberg thanked all those who participated in the recent "Clean and Green" cleanup event. Over 30 bags of garbage were collected by 30 volunteers over the course of two hours, he said, and two residents were power washing our streets in the business district. The next clean up, he said, will take place in April around Earth Day.

Councilmember Quattrone reported that the new ambulance is in service and running well, and the old rig has been charged and is ready to sell on eBay. He provided a report on the Fire Department's activity during September. Nearly 107 hours were put in by our dedicated volunteers, he said. There were eight calls answered in Hightstown, five in East Windsor, one in Freehold and one in Hamilton.

No other reports or comments were offered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher read aloud Resolution 2007-246, authorizing a closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and the acquisition of real property. The Resolution was moved by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Councilmember Schneider.

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

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2007-246 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 November 5, 2007 at approximately 8:05 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 – Old York Road sewer connections Acquisition of Real Property

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: February 5, 2008 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, adjournment was moved by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Harinxma and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC
Borough Clerk