

SPECIAL MEETING

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 Bond</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Harinxma</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Rosenberg</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>		<i>arrived after roll call</i>
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator, and George Lang, Chief Financial Officer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added to the agenda was Resolution 2008-299, canceling certain 2008 appropriation balances. The agenda was moved by Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Quattrone and unanimously approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

Gail Doren, 201 Hutchinson Street, referred to a Resolution on this agenda which would extend 2008 taxi licenses and establish a moratorium on the issuance of any new licenses until such time as Council has considered and acted upon recommendations currently being formulated by the Borough's taxi committee. She expressed concern that the Resolution did not include any time limit for this, and was instead open-ended. Mayor Patten stated that Council would pull that Resolution from the consent agenda for discussion before voting on it.

Eugene Sarafin, 600-628 South Main Street, presented a financial analysis of consolidation with East Windsor Township, asserting that it would save the Borough \$2.2 million in property taxes.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2008-294 was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Resolutions 2008-295 through 2008-297 and 2008-299 were moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Harinxma was absent.

Resolutions adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2008-295 AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY "9-1-1" / POLICE DISPATCHING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in previous years, the Borough of Hightstown has entered into an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Township of Cranbury for the provision of emergency "9-1-1" / police dispatching services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown desires to continue to provide these services to the Township of Cranbury during 2009, 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq. authorizes the approval of Interlocal Service Agreements by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the proposed Interlocal Service Agreement for Emergency "9-1-1" / Police Dispatching Services, which agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

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

1. The attached Interlocal Service Agreement¹ with the Township of Cranbury for Emergency "9-1-1" / Police Dispatching Services for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011, is hereby approved, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:8A-4.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement for same.

RESOLUTION 2008-296 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 **\$1,967,195.51** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 1,190,428.15
W/S Operating	94,955.11
General Capital	623,464.00
W/S Capital	43,690.04
Grant	2,607.54
Trust	1,976.24
Law Enforcement Trust	1,276.75

¹ Agreement is on permanent file in the Borough Clerk's office with original copy of Resolution 2008-295.

RCA COAH	6,322.00
Housing Trust	1,548.00
Tax Lien	627.68
Public Defender	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,967,195.51</u>

RESOLUTION 2008-297 AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2008 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 2008 budget are hereby authorized:

	<i>From:</i>	<i>To:</i>
CURRENT BUDGET:		
Grant Writing & Administration – Other Expenses	1,110.00	
Litigation – Other Expenses	6,500.00	
Police Department – Other Expenses	500.00	
Uniform Construction – Other Expenses	5,400.00	
Office Supplies & Paper Products – Other Expenses		1,110.00
Planning & Zoning – Other Expenses		400.00
Recycling – Other Expenses		11,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance – Other Expenses		500.00
TOTAL:	\$13,510.00	\$13,510.00

RESOLUTION 2008-299 RESOLUTION CANCELING 2008 APPROPRIATION BALANCES

WHEREAS, the following 2008 Current Fund budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Borough of Roosevelt – Interlocal (Zoning) \$1,000.00

MCIA – Interlocal (Recycling) \$7,000.00

; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to surplus that may be utilized in 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Current Fund 2008 Budget be canceled.

Resolution 2008-294 was moved by Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Bond. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Resolution would be amended prior to its adoption to include a statement that the tax committee would submit its recommendations to Council no later than the first Council meeting in March. That change was made by the Borough Clerk, and the roll was called.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Harinxma was absent.

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2008-294 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF EXISTING 2008 TAXICAB DRIVER'S AND TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSES, AND ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW TAXICAB DRIVER'S AND TAXICAB OWNER'S LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Borough has previously issued a number of taxicab driver's and taxicab owner's licenses for the year 2008, pursuant to Section 4-21 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown* (also referenced as the "Borough Code"); and

WHEREAS, a subcommittee has been appointed by Mayor Robert Patten to examine the Borough's taxicab ordinance, and to make recommendations to Council regarding changes to said ordinance and to the regulations included therein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to authorize a temporary extension of existing 2008 taxicab driver's and taxicab owner's licenses until such time as this subcommittee has completed its work and Council has considered its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough also wishes to place a moratorium on the issuance of any new taxicab driver's or taxicab owner's licenses during this period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough hereby authorizes a temporary extension of existing valid 2008 taxicab driver's and taxicab owner's licenses until such time as the subcommittee referenced herein has completed its work and Council has considered its recommendations .
2. That, during this period, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of any new taxicab driver's or taxicab owner's licenses for 2009.
3. That the taxi subcommittee shall make its recommendations to the Borough Council no later than March 2, 2009.
4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to:
 - a. Each 2008 taxicab licensee
 - b. William Schmeling, Zoning Officer
 - c. James M. Eufemia, Chief of Police

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Borough Clerk read aloud Resolution 2008-298, authorizing a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel. The Resolution was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Quattrone.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Bond, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Harinxma was absent.

Resolution adopted, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2008-298 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 December 30, 2008 at approximately 7:10 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:

Personnel

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: March 30, 2009 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 Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Rosenberg and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC
Borough Clerk