

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2010 7:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Patten at 7:30 pm and he read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated, "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The Flag Salute was followed by Roll call.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bond</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember McGinty</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Musing</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Theokas</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Patten</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Herbert Massa, Borough Administrator; Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney; and James Eufemia, Chief of Police.

Councilmember McGinty requested that the November 16, 2009 Open Session and February 1, 2010 Executive Session minutes be pulled from the agenda. Councilmember Sikorski motioned to accept the agenda as amended, Councilmember Theokas seconded; all approved.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Sikorski moved the minutes of December 21, 2009 Open Session for approval, Councilmember McGinty seconded. Councilmember Musing abstained, the remainder of Council approved. Minutes approved 4 – 0.

Councilmember Sikorski moved the minutes of January 1, 2010 Reorganization meeting for approval, Councilmember Theokas seconded. All Ayes. Minutes approved 5 – 0.

Councilmember Sikorski moved the minutes of January 6, 2010 Special Session for approval, Councilmember Bond seconded. All Ayes. Minutes approved 5 – 0.

Presentations

Councilmember McGinty reminded Council that Ordinance 2010-04 was one that had previously been returned to the Planning Board for additional review and she gave an overview of the Portable Toilet ordinance being presented to Council from the Planning Board.

Public Comment I

Torry Watkins - 68 Meadow Dr. commented that Ordinance 2010-03 addresses banners for special events and he thinks the banners are very obtrusive and the advertising on them takes away from the event being publicized. He hopes that extra consideration is taken in the future to see that the Borough does not become one big corporate ad.

There being no further comment the Mayor closed the Public Comment period.

Ordinance 2010-03 Public Hearing and Final Reading - An Ordinance Regarding Special Event Signs on Lands Under Jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation Commissioners, and Amending and Supplementing Chapter 29-6, Entitled "Signs Exempt from Permits," of Chapter 29, "Signs" of the "Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey".

Councilmember Bond reminded the public that this ordinance only exempts the fee where appropriate, but does not waive the permit compliance requirements.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010-03. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilmember Sikorski moved Ordinance 2010-03 for adoption, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Ordinance Adopted, 5-0

Ordinance 2010-03

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

COUNTY OF MERCER

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS ON LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS, AND AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 29-6, ENTITLED “SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMITS,” OF CHAPTER 29, “SIGNS,” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Planning Board has recommended that certain provisions be incorporated into the Hightstown Borough Code in order to exempt special event signs on lands under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation Commissioners from the requirement of obtaining a sign permit; and

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Council has agreed with the Planning Board’s recommendation, and wishes to amend and supplement the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey” accordingly.

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

1. That Section 29-6, entitled “Signs Exempt from Permits,” of Chapter 29, “Signs,” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey” is hereby amended and supplemented in order to establish the following new provisions (additions are shown with underline):

29-6. Signs Exempt from Permits.

The following signs are exempt from the need to obtain permits:

1. Special event signs on lands under the jurisdiction of the Board of Recreation Commissioners as defined in Section 2-31.5 of the Borough Code. Such signs shall require the prior written approval of the Board of Recreation Commissioners and must conform to the relevant provisions of this Chapter. Approved signs shall not be erected for more than two (2) weeks and shall not exceed sixteen (16) square feet. All signs shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the event.

2. That the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid and shall not be deemed to affect the operation of any other portion thereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

3. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

4. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ordinance 2010-04 Introduction and First Reading – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, “Zoning” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown Regarding Portable Toilets

Councilmember Theokas moved for the introduction of Ordinance 2010-04, Councilmember Bond seconded.

Councilmember Musing commended the Planning Board for making Hightstown Borough a better place to live.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 5-0; the Final Reading and Public Hearing will be held on March 1, 2010.

Ordinance 2010-04

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

COUNTY OF MERCER

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AMENDING CHAPTER 28 “ZONING” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN REGARDING PORTABLE TOILETS

WHEREAS, the Zoning Officer has made certain recommendations to revisions to Chapter 28 of the Borough Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has reviewed and concurs with these recommendations;

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

Section 1. Chapter 28 “Zoning” is hereby amended by adding the following:

A. Subsection 28-2-2 “Definitions” is amended to add the following definition:

“Portable Toilet” shall mean a toilet facility that is fixed on a movable stand; self-supporting without being firmly embedded in the ground; supported by other objects; mounted on wheels or movable vehicles, or made easily movable in some other manner.

B. Subsection 28-10-15 is added as follows:

Subsection 28-10-15 Portable Toilets.

a. PROHIBITED LOCATIONS:

1. It shall be unlawful and specifically in violation of this article for an owner, agent, contractor in charge of a construction or demolition site, both jointly and severally, to permit a portable toilet facility to be located in an area in violation of the minimum setback requirements for the zone in which the property is located.

2. Subject to the exceptions listed below, portable toilets shall be permitted to be located only on property where construction activity or demolition is taking place.

b. PERMITTED LOCATION:

Where practicable, the portable toilet shall be located on property so as to minimize visibility to a street or adjacent properties.

c. REMOVAL:

It shall be unlawful and specifically in violation of this article for any owner, agent, contractor in charge of a construction or demolition site, both jointly and severally, to permit any portable toilet facility to remain on the property site after completion of any construction or demolition project, or for a period of three (3) months, whichever shall first occur, unless extended, in writing, by the Zoning Officer.

d. EXCEPTIONS:

1. This article is not intended to restrict the use of portable toilet facilities on public property within the Borough if utilized in connection with a Borough-sponsored event.

2. Any portable toilet facilities utilized to accommodate the general public at a Borough event or utilized by a private resident for a private event, or utilized because a resident's toilet facilities are deemed inoperable, shall be removed from the property within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of the event or a resident's facilities are restored to working order.

e. PERMITS:

1. A Zoning Permit shall be obtained from the Zoning Office prior to the placement of portable toilet facilities on any property located in the Borough.

f. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:

1. This Ordinance may be enforced by the Zoning Officer, Housing Inspector or Police Department of the Borough of Hightstown.

2. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalty provided in Chapter 1, Section 5 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*.

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.

Resolution 2010-44 Urging the Legislature to Amend to Open Public Records Act to Address Various Technical and Practical Issues

This resolution was not introduced by Council and is now dead.

Resolution 2010-47 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

There was a concern regarding a \$20,000.00 Interfund transfer and Mr. Massa referred to the bill payment packet to find the details on the transaction. In the meanwhile, Council proceeded with resolution 2010-48.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember McGinty requested that all resolutions except for the raffles be pulled from the consent agenda, she feels that the public would benefit from discussion on the resolutions. All of Council agreed.

The Consent Agenda, consisting of resolutions 2010-52 and 2010-53 was moved by Councilmember Theokas, seconded by Councilmember Sikorski.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution 2010-52

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-215 TO
HIGHTSTOWN ENGINE CO. #1 LADIES AUXILIARY**

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Engine Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary wish to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle at the Hightstown Engine Co. #1, 140 North Main Street, on May 21, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number RA-215 for this raffle, together with the required fees; 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-215 to Hightstown Engine Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary for their off-premise 50/50 raffle to be held on May 21, 2010.

Resolution 2010-53

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-216 TO F & AM HIGHTSTOWN
APOLLO LODGE #41**

WHEREAS, the F & AM Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 wishes to hold a calendar raffle at 535 North Main Street on the third Thursday of every month, May through August 2010; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number RA-216 for this raffle along with the required fees; and

WHEREAS, F & AM Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 is currently registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, holding registration identification number 209-6-37719, which registration expires on June 25, 2012; 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-216 to the F & AM Hightstown Apollo Lodge #41 for their raffle to be held on third Thursday of every month; May through August 2010.

Resolution 2010-48 Urging the Elimination of the 4% Cap on the Local Tax Levy

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-48, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

There was discussion regarding the tax levy cap and the need for municipalities to tighten their belts and control spending.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted no.

Resolution defeated 5-0.

Resolution 2010-48

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

RESOLUTION URGING THE ELIMINATION OF 4% CAP ON LOCAL TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2006 Legislature's Special Session on Property Tax, P.L. 2007, c. 62 implemented the Joint Committee's recommendations of establishing homestead credits to reduce property taxes, imposing a 4% cap on local tax levies and permits the Local Finance Board to define capital and non-bondable current expenses; and

WHEREAS, in the preamble of the law it states that the "...Joint Committee found that property tax levy caps have been shown to hold down rising property taxes, and therefore, the Legislature should develop a property tax levy cap that accomplishes this goal but does not lead to unintended, adverse consequences"; and

WHEREAS, in the face of its own budget problems, the state eliminated the availability of the homestead relief to all but seniors and the disabled, yet failed to adjust the levy cap, which continues to cause problems in local budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the 4% cap on local tax levies was touted as crucial to controlling government spending and would force governments to "live within their means and encourage public officials to elevate the public interest" has adversely impacted not only municipal budgets but the ability of local officials to make sound decisions that meet the needs of their town and the demands of the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the 4% tax levy cap has proven to be counterproductive to sound fiscal policies forcing municipalities to draw down fund balances and reserves during good economic times and increase taxes during bad economic times; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy cap has forced municipalities to postpone infrastructure maintenance, eliminate programs and services for the needy and defer statutory expenses; and

WHEREAS, the 4% cap does not take into consideration expenses outside the control of local officials such as tax appeals, utility and other energy costs, state mandates, library appropriations or arbitrator's decisions; and

WHEREAS, prior to the levy cap municipalities could reduce their debt, realize savings and use that savings to implement new programs without increasing taxes; with the levy cap municipalities must reduce their levy by the savings; and

WHEREAS, after several budget cycles municipalities have attempted to make short-term and long-term structural changes to their budget to bring down long term cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Hightstown Borough in the county of Mercer, State of New Jersey hereby urge the Legislature to eliminate the arbitrary 4% tax levy cap.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande and Assemblyman Declan J. O'Scanlon Jr., the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Office of the Governor.

Resolution 2010-47 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

Mr. Massa informed Council that the \$20,000.00 interfund transfer they were referring to in the bill list was to transfer funds into the payroll account.

Councilmember Theokas moved resolution 2010-47, Councilmember Sikorski seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2010-47
BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

*COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

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 the 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 appropriate Councilmember and the Treasurer

in the amount of \$ 945,690.90 from the following accounts

Current	\$ 768,878.55
W/S Operating	162,113.72
General Capital	6,793.75
W/S Capital	1,990.00
Trust Account	425.60
Unemployment Trust	5,489.28
 Total	 \$ 945,690.90

Resolution 2010-49 Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriations

Councilmember McGinty explained that budget related resolutions should be treated separately, not on a consent agenda.

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-49, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2010-49
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2010 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2010 temporary budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency appropriations for the purposes above mentioned; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to create emergency temporary appropriations as set forth on Schedule "A," attached; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary appropriations in resolutions adopted in the year 2010 pursuant to the 2010-02-16 Open

provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951, as amended), including this resolution, total:

	<i>THIS RESOLUTION</i>	<i>PREVIOUS TOTAL</i>	<i>CUMULATIVE TOTAL</i>
Current	81,653.00	164,116.00	245,769.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	252,663.00	0.00	252,663.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	334,316.00	0.00	498,432.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown (not less than two-thirds of all the members of thereof affirmatively concurring) that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation is hereby made for each item listed on the schedules that are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. Each emergency appropriation listed will be provided for in the 2010 budget under the same title as written herein;
3. One certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services, and a copy provided to the Treasurer.

Resolution 2010-50 Authorizing the Installation of a UPS Drop Box

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-49, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

There was discussion regarding who had requested this drop box and why. There was concern over the crowding in the parking lot where the box would be installed. The Borough Clerk was instructed to get more information on who requested the box prior to the Council moving forward with this resolution.

Councilmember Bond moved that this resolution be postponed pending the receipt of further information, Councilmember McGinty seconded.

Resolution 2010-50 Postponed, 5-0

Resolution 2010-51 Authorizing a Credit for Sewer Charges

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-51, Councilmember Bond seconded.

Mr. Massa gave an overview and evaluation of the process that was used to figure the credit amount being authorized.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2010-51

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

AUTHORIZING A CREDIT FOR SEWER CHARGES TO ENCHANTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown has billed \$3,799.95 in sewer charges to the Enchantment Development; and

WHEREAS, the sewer billing is based upon water usage for the same period; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Water/Sewer Committee of Hightstown Borough that a portion of these sewer charges were determined using water usage for irrigation for the model home; and

WHEREAS, the Water/Sewer Committee has determined that Enchantment is due a credit in the amount of \$2,533.95 for 2010-02-16 Open

the portion of the bill that was used for irrigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Water/Sewer Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a credit of \$2,533.95 to Enchantment for the overcharges in sewer fees due to the water usage being for irrigation purposes.

Resolution 2010-54 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for Senior Center Services – East Windsor Township

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-54, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

It was commented that a lot of Seniors utilize these services and find them beneficial; and that the rates are based on usage by the Hightstown Borough residents.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2010-54

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

**AUTHORIZING RENEWED SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EAST WINDSOR
TOWNSHIP FOR SENIOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 2009-77 on March 16, 2009, the Borough Council approved a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of East Windsor for the provision of Senior Services for the period March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a successor agreement to continue the provision of Senior Services to the Borough by the Township of East Windsor through February 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq. authorizes the approval of Shared Services Agreements by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the proposed Shared Services Agreement for Senior Services for the period March 1, 2010 through February 29, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's net share of costs for these services, by the terms of this agreement, will be Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Eleven Cents (\$23,397.11) for this 12-month period; and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Mayor and Council to provide adequate funding for this expenditure in the 2010 and 2011 budgets;

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

1. The Shared Services Agreement with the Township of East Windsor for Senior Services for the period March 1, 2010 through February 29, 2011 is hereby approved, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:65-1 et seq..
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement for same.
3. This agreement is approved subject to the provision of adequate funds in the Borough's 2010 and 2011 budgets.

Resolution 2010-55 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement for Certain Health Services – Hamilton Township

Councilmember Theokas moved resolution 2010-55, Councilmember Sikorski seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bond, McGinty, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2010-55

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FOR
CERTAIN HEALTH SERVICES (STD CLINIC)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown is responsible by law for the protection of public health and wishes to provide certain clinic services relative to sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hamilton is agreeable to providing clinic services relative to STDs to the Borough of Hightstown for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 for a fee of \$25 per patient; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to enter into a shared services agreement with the Township of Hamilton for provision of these services; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq*;

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

1. A shared services agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and the Township of Hamilton for the provision of professional health clinic services for sexually transmitted diseases for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 is hereby authorized and accepted.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute said agreement.

Resolution 2010-56 Authorizing an Extension to the Shared Services Agreement for EMS Services – Robbinsville Township

Councilmember McGinty recused herself from discussion and voting on this resolution and left the dais.

Councilmember Sikorski moved resolution 2010-56, Councilmember Theokas seconded.

John Archer explained that Robbinsville is going to bid for these services and they would like to extend the present contract until June 11, 2010, at which time they should be prepared to move forward with a new agreement.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember McGinty was recused; Council members Bond, Musing, Sikorski and Theokas voted yes.

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2010-56

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE
TOWNSHIP FOR EMS SERVICES**

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2007 Hightstown Borough Council approved Resolution 2007-78, authorizing a shared services agreement with Robbinsville Township, formerly know as Washington Township, for EMS services ; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the original agreement was authorized on June 15, 2009 by resolution 2009-150; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Hightstown Borough and Robbinsville Township to renew the present agreement, with the same terms as are currently in effect pursuant to the amendment, until June 11, 2010 at which time a new agreement will be presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the shared services agreement with Robbinsville Township for EMS services is hereby extended until June 11, 2010 at which time a new agreement will be executed.

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment period II.

Tory Watkins, 68 Meadow Drive – advised Council the Joe Reardon passed away. He was a distinguished resident and rendered many services to Hightstown Borough. He will be missed.

There being no more comments, the Mayor closed the public comment period.

Council Comments

Councilmember Theokas – None

Councilmember McGinty – stated that the Borough needs to apply for grants and research other funding opportunities. The “Borough Ordinance” Working Group will meet on February 24th at 7:30pm and everyone is invited to attend.

Councilmember Bond – None

Councilmember Sikorski – commented that he has seen the new Borough Clerk and Administrator in action and feels that they made great choices in hiring these individuals.

Councilmember Musing – None

Administrator Massa – None

Chief Eufemia – displayed the Cops and Dogs calendar for 2010 in which Hightstown’s finest is the picture for February. He explained that the proceeds from the calendar benefit Kevlar for K-9’s.

Borough Clerk Sopronyi– None

Borough Attorney – None

Mayor Patten – commented that Public Works did a great job during the most recent snow and that the Police are doing an outstanding job as well.

Councilmember Sikorski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm and Councilmember Theokas seconded; the Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi

Borough Clerk