

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Reorganization Meeting
January 1, 2011 12:00 noon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Patten at 12:00 pm and he wished everyone a Happy New Year. 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."

Councilmember McGinty requested that the agenda be revised by moving the proclamations to follow the installation of the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers and to add proclamations for Councilmembers Bond and Theokas.

Council President Quattrone motioned to accept the agenda as amended, Councilmember Sikorski seconded. All approved.

The Flag Salute was followed by Roll call.

ROLL CALL – 2010 COUNCIL

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

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Herbert Massa, Borough Administrator; and Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

Council President Quattrone moved the minutes of the December 20, 2010 open session for approval, Councilmember Sikorski seconded. Councilmember Gilmartin abstained, the remainder of Council approved.

Council President Quattrone moved the minutes of the December 20, 2010 executive session for approval, Councilmember Sikorski seconded. All approved.

Council President Quattrone moved the minutes of the December 22, 2010 emergency session for approval, Councilmember Sikorski seconded. All approved.

Mayor Patten then swore in Councilmember-Elect Lynne Woods, Councilmember-Elect Selena Bibens and Mayor-elect Steven Kirson. The new Councilmembers thanked the public for their vote of confidence and took their seat at the dais. Mayor Kirson followed his installation with an address to the public.

Mayor Kirson then presented proclamations to outgoing Councilmembers Walter L. Sikorski and Jeffrey Bond; resigned Councilmember Michael Theokas, and outgoing Mayor Robert F. Patten. Mr. Walter Sikorski and Mr. Robert Patten addressed Council and the public following the presentation of their proclamation.

Chaplain Joseph Primo, MDIV, gave the invocation.

The Flag Salute was followed by Roll call.

ROLL CALL – 2011 COUNCIL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bibens</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Gilmartin</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember McGinty</i>	✓	

<i>Councilmember Musing</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Woods</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Kirson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Herbert Massa, Borough Administrator; and Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

Councilmember McGinty requested that the statement reflecting a three minute time limit for public comment be eliminated for this meeting and that a second public comment period be added following Council comments.

Councilmember Quattrone motioned to accept the agenda as amended, Councilmember Musing seconded; all approved.

The Mayor then recognized the various dignitaries in the audience which included Ann Cannon, County Freeholder; Robert F. Patten, former Mayor; Walter Sikorski, former Councilmember; Scott Caster, former Mayor; Dave Schneider, former Councilmember; Rick Pratt, former Councilmember; Bill Harrington, former Councilmember; Peter Klapsogorge, former Councilmember; Nancy Walker-Laudenberger, former Councilmember and Eugene Sarafin, former Councilmember.

Public Comment I

Mayor Kirson opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals spoke during the comment period: Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street; Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street; J. P. Gibbons, 602 N. Main Street; and Rob Thibault, 504 S. Main Street.

There being no further comments, the Mayor closed the Public Comment period.

Resolution 2011-01 Electing Council President for 2011

Councilmember McGinty recognized Councilmember Quattrone for his years of service to the Borough and his year of service as Council President.

Resolution 2010-01 was moved by Councilmember Quattrone nominating Councilmember McGinty as Council President for 2011, seconded by Councilmember Gilmartin. There were no other nominations and the Mayor called for a Roll Call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Gilmartin, Musing, Quattrone and Woods voted yes; Councilmember McGinty abstained.

Resolution adopted with Councilmember McGinty becoming the Council President for 2011, 5-0, with one abstention.

Resolution 2010-01

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

ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2011

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill the position of Council President for 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to elect Isabel McGinty to fill that position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Isabel McGinty is hereby elected as Council President for the year 2011.

Council President McGinty commented regarding priorities and responsibilities associated with serving as Council President, and thanked the Council for their confidence in her.

Council Comments

Councilmember Woods – commented that the Public Works Department did a wonderful job clearing the snow.

Councilmember Musing – thanked Mr. Patten, Mr. Bond and Mr. Sikorski for their service to the Borough and welcomed the new Councilmembers and Mayor.

Councilmember Quattrone – welcomed the new Councilmembers and Mayor, and agreed that Public Works did a great job clearing the snow. He also welcomed Isabel McGinty as Council President and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Bibens– thanked Mr. Patten, Mr. Bond and Mr. Sikorski for their service to the Borough and the public for their confidence in her to serve as the newly elected Councilmember.

Council President McGinty – welcomed the new Councilmembers and Mayor and thanked the outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers for their service. She continued by commenting that this will be a history-making Council with a majority of women sitting on Council. She informed the public that the appointments are not on the agenda but will be addressed in the near future.

Councilmember Gilmartin – welcomed the new Councilmembers and Mayor and stated that she is looking forward to working with them; she also thanked the outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor for their service. She thanked Public Works for the great job removing snow, wished everyone a Happy New Year and commented that she hopes the new Council moves forward in a positive and healthy manner.

Mayor Kirson – thanked everyone for attending and assured the public that this Council will work hard on the public's behalf. He advised the public that he and the Councilmembers can be contacted anytime, not just at meetings and encouraged them to contact them. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he looks forward to working with the new Council.

Public Comment II

The Mayor then opened the floor for Public Comment Period II and the following individuals spoke: Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street and Kathy Patten, 135 South Street.

The Mayor commented that he had already given his address and invited everyone to partake of the refreshments.

Chaplain Joseph Primo, MDIV, gave the Benediction.

Councilmember Quattrone moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm and Councilmember Gilmartin seconded; the Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi

Borough Clerk