

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2013
6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirson at 6:03 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 sent to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The flag salute followed Roll Call.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bibens</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Doran</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thibault</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Woods</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Kirson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Susan D. Jackson, Acting Deputy Borough Clerk; Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney and Eric Bernstein, Labor Council.

Resolution 2013-112 Naming Acting Deputy Clerk for Open Session Meeting

Councilmember Bibens moved resolution 2013-112, Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 5-0

Resolution 2013-112

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NAMING AN ACTING DEPUTY CLERK FOR PUBLIC SESSION

WHEREAS, The Borough Clerk is not available for the May 20, 2013 meeting of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Borough Council to deputize Susan Jackson to perform the duties of the Borough Clerk for the public portion of this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Susan Jackson shall perform all the duties of the Borough Clerk for said meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Susan Jackson is hereby named as Acting Deputy Clerk for the public meeting of the Borough Council on May 20, 2013 and shall perform the duties of the Borough Clerk for said meeting.

Resolution 2013-113 Naming Acting Deputy Clerk for Executive Session Meeting

Councilmember Bluth moved resolution 2013-113, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

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Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 5-0

Resolution 2013-113

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

NAMING AN ACTING DEPUTY CLERK FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, The Borough Clerk is not available for the May 20, 2013 meeting of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Borough Council to deputize Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney, to perform the duties of the Borough Clerk for the executive session portion of this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney shall perform all the duties of the Borough Clerk for said meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney, is hereby named as Acting Deputy Clerk for the executive session meeting of the Borough Council on May 20, 2013 and shall perform the duties of the Borough Clerk for said executive session meeting.

Resolution 2013-114 Authorizing a Meeting Which Excludes the Public

Councilmember Quattrone moved resolution 2013-114, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes.

Resolution adopted, 5-0

Resolution 2013-114

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

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 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the First Aid Building located at 168 Bank Street, Hightstown 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:

Litigation – Miller & Minute Maid
Personnel – Borough Administrator
Contract Negotiations – Shared Services

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 20, 2013 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.

The public meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirson at 7:44 pm and he again read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.

The Flag Salute followed Roll Call. Councilmember Thibault; George Lang, CFO; James LeTellier, Police Director; and Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer joined the meeting at this time.

Mayor Kirson requested that the agenda be amended by adding additional discussion items: a budget amendment discussion and discussion for an Administrator, to be held after Approval of Minutes. Resolutions 2013-115, 2013-117 and 2013-123 will be removed from the agenda. Councilmember Woods wanted clarification that there would be a nomination and discussion for Interim Administrator tonight.

Councilmember Bibens moved the agenda as amended for approval, Council President Quattrone seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, and Woods voted yes; Councilmember Thibault voted no.

Agenda approved as amended, 5-1.

Council President Quattrone moved the March 4, 2013 executive session minutes for approval, Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Councilmember Doran asked that all the executive and regular minutes on the agenda be tabled as she has some concerns with them.

Council President Quattrone withdrew the motion for approval of the March 4, 2013 executive session minutes, Councilmember Bluth withdrew her second.

Councilmember Thibault made a motion to table all sets of minutes until the next meeting. Councilmember Woods seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Thibault, and Woods voted yes. Council President Quattrone voted no.

Motion approved, 5-1.

Discussion: Budget Amendment and Interim Borough Administrator

Mayor Kirson nominated the Borough Clerk, Debra Sopronyi to act in the capacity as temporary Interim Administrator until a permanent administrator can be hired. Mayor Kirson stated his reasons for his nomination. A discussion ensued.

Councilmember Doran made a motion to reject the nomination of Ms. Sopronyi as temporary Interim Administrator.

Councilmember Woods seconded. This will be resolution 2013-125.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Doran, Thibault and Woods voted yes; Council members Bluth and Quattrone voted no.

Resolution passed, 4-2

Resolution 2013-125

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

REJECTING THE MAYOR'S NOMINATION OF A CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS ACTING ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2013, through the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-111, the Borough Council determined (pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-138 and Section 2-9.4 of the Borough Code) to remove Michael Theokas from his position as Borough Administrator for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-9.5(b) of the Borough Code prescribes that, upon the removal or resignation of the Borough Administrator, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint an Acting Administrator to serve for ninety (90) days, or until an Administrator is appointed pursuant to Section 2-9.3; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of Resolution No. 2013-111, the Mayor has nominated the current Borough Clerk, Debra L. Sopronyi, to serve in the capacity as Acting Administrator, for a ninety (90) day term, for an additional salary in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per month; and

WHEREAS, following public discussion of the nomination by the Borough Council on May 20, 2013, a majority of the Borough Council does not wish to provide its advice and consent to this nomination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council does hereby reject the Mayor's nomination of Ms. Sopronyi to serve in the capacity as Acting Administrator for the Borough, for a ninety (90) day term, for an additional salary in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per month.

Mayor Kirson advised that the budget will need to be amended to find an additional \$35,000.00 for hiring an administrator. The options are to either raise the taxes or look for this additional funding within the budget. A discussion ensued. The Council has asked the CFO to review the budget for additional funds. At the next meeting, Mr. Lang can make his proposal and the Council will be able to move forward with the budget at that time.

Resolution 2013-126 Emergency Temporary Appropriations will be added at the end of the agenda for a motion.

Resolution 2013-116 Read Budget by Title Only

Council President Quattrone moved Resolution 2013-116, Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Mayor Kirson read resolution 2013-116 aloud.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Resolution approved, 6-0

Mayor Kirson opened public hearing for the budget.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – If the budget can be amended to find money then money can also be found for signs for downtown. He has no hope that there will ever be money for signs.

Gene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – Asked what was in the budget amendment. Mr. Lang responded that three line items were changed: increased Engineering O/E by \$12,000.00; increased Buildings and Grounds and other expenses by \$8,000.00; and reduced the reserved funds by \$20,000.00.

Mayor closed the public hearing.

Resolution 2013-116

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

AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved budget has been made available for public inspection in the free public library, if any, located within our municipality and a county library. If there is no county library located within the municipality, then it must be provided to any county library in the county wherein the municipality is located. Further, the public officer delegated the responsibility for delivery of the copies to said libraries has completed a certification forwarded to the governing body that such deliveries were made and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them; and

WHEREAS, these two conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

Resolution 2013-118 Authorizing Change Order #2 – Clyde N. Lattimer & Son Construction Company, Inc. (Primary Clarifier Upgrade)

Councilmember Bibens made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-118. Councilmember Quattrone seconded. A discussion ensued about the delays of the work.

After the discussion, Councilmember Thibault made a motion to table Resolution 2013-118 and refer it for Attorney review. Councilmember Woods seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Motion to table resolution 2013-118 approved, 6-0.

Resolution 2013-118

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 – CLYDE N. LATTIMER & SON CONSTRUCTION CO.
INC. (PRIMARY CLARIFIER UPGRADE)**

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2012, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Clyde N. Lattimer & Son Construction Co., Inc. of Berlin, New Jersey in the amount of \$148,400.00; and,

WHEREAS, the completion of this project has been delayed due to the time required for equipment deliveries and poor weather conditions caused by Hurricane Sandy, and requests by the AWWTP Superintendent to accommodate the normal plant operations schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested change order #2 for additional costs due to the delay in project completion resulting in a change order in the amount of \$28,815.00 resulting in a revised contract amount of \$177,215.00; and

WHEREAS, change order #2 also requests a revised completion date of October 4, 2013; and

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

WHEREAS, this project is funded by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, the approval of this change order is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that change order #2 to the contract with Clyde N. Lattimer & Son Construction Co., Inc. of Berlin, New Jersey in the amount of \$28,815.00 for a total contract in the amount of \$177,215.00, and the project completion date of October 4, 2013 is hereby approved, upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution 2013-119 Authorizing Change Order #2 – Liberty Construction & Development, Inc. (Water Treatment Filter)

Councilmember Thibault made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-119. Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Resolution approved, 6-0.

Resolution 2013-119

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 – LIBERTY CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT,
INC. (WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER)**

WHEREAS, resolution 2012-114 adopted on April 16, 2012 awarded the contract for the Water Treatment Filter to Liberty Construction & Development, Inc. of Belle Mead, New Jersey in the amount of \$497,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has requested change order #2 resulting from issues with the pipe routing and installation in the amount of a \$13,130.00 increase to the current contract resulting in a revised contract amount of \$535,362.00; and

WHEREAS, change order #2 also requests a revised completion date of May 31, 2013 due to unforeseen conditions that caused the proposed route of the filter piping to be redesigned to eliminate any crossings with obstructions, etc. and the redesign caused a delay in the overall project schedule; and

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

WHEREAS, this project is funded by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, the approval of this change order is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has certified that funds are available for this expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that change order #2 to the contract with Liberty Construction & Development, Inc. of Belle Mead, New Jersey for an increase in the amount of \$13,130.00 and the contract price revised to \$535,362.00, and the contract completion date revised to May 31, 2013 is hereby approved upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Resolution 2013-120 Awarding a Contract for Endimal L-413 Odor Control Chemical – George S. Coyne Chemical Company, Inc.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-120. Councilmember Doran seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Resolution approved, 6-0.

Resolution 2013-120

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ENDIMAL L-413 ODOR CONTROL CHEMICAL –
GEORGE S. COYNE CHEMICAL CO., INC.**

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received on December 4, 2012 for VX-456 Odor Control Formulation for the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) in Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, the bid submitted by George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania was for the “equal” product Endimal L-413 Odor Control Chemical, and as chemicals can vary in their efficiency it was necessary and agreed that George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. would provide a sample of the product for a thirty (30) day test period; and

WHEREAS, the sample has been tested as required and the Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent has indicated that the testing of the “equal” product Endimal L-413 Odor Control Chemical is equal to VX-456 Odor Control Formulation; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer’s recommendation that a two year contract for the “equal” product Endimal L-413 Odor Control Chemical be awarded to the low bidder, George S. Coyne

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Chemical Co., Inc. of Croydon, Pennsylvania at a per unit price of \$11.12 per gallon with a total contract price of \$23,377.20; and

WHEREAS, said contract shall be effective February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid and has determined that the bid submitted by George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. is in order with respect to legal compliance; and

WHEREAS, funds will be made available in the 2013 and 2014 budgets for said expenditure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract for “equal” product Endimal L-413 Odor Control Chemical is hereby awarded to George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc. effective February 4, 2013.

Resolution 2013-121 Authorizing Payment #3 to Clyde N. Lattimer & Son Construction Company, Inc. (Primary Clarifier Upgrade)

Councilmember Thibault made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-121. Councilmember Woods seconded.

After a discussion, Councilmember Bibens made a motion to table Resolution 2013-121. Councilmember Woods seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Motion to table resolution 2013-12 passed, 6-0.

Ordinance 2013-11 First Reading and Introduction – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 19-2, Sub-Section 19-2-3, Entitled “Sewer Charges,” of Chapter 19, “Water and Sewer,” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey

Council President Quattrone moved Ordinance 2013-11 for introduction, Councilmember Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members, Bibens, Bluth Doran, Quattrone, Thibault, and Woods voted yes.

Ordinance introduced, 6-0, Final Reading & Public Hearing to be held June 3, 2013.

Discussion: Wind Turbine Ordinance. This ordinance was sent back to Planning Board for review. A few changes were made. There were three items that need to be looked at. On page 3, item 2 under “shadow flicker” – “sound flicker” needs to be changed to “shadow” flicker. There are concerns about the decibel level. On page 4, item H – should read “systems shall not interfere with any electronic reception”. Councilmember Bluth stated that this ordinance mirrors other ordinances within the state. Council wants Mr. Raffetto to review the ordinance again with Mr. Rosensweig, Planning Board Attorney and make sure that it is within the FCC regulations.

Mayor Kirson opened Public Comment Period I and the following individuals spoke:

Denny Hanson, 211 Grant Ave. - spoke about how long it has taken Council to find a solution for the staff and after 20 months there is still no resolution. Where is the \$20,000 in the budget for an administrative office? She stated that Council should still take a good look at Lucas or any other property and make a decision already

Steve Misiura, 352 S. Main St. – He noticed that the 1st public comments period keeps getting later and later into the meeting. He spoke about his concerns with resolutions that keep getting tabled and about not hiring Ms. Sopronyi as Interim Administrator. All these issues are a result of the way this council handles everything.

Scott Castor, 12 Clover Lane – He would like to see the Council’s name plates used. He agrees with Council about the Interim Administrator and the salary an administrator should be making in the Borough. He suggested that the CFO and administrator position be combined. He also believes that just because Borough Hall is in a flood zone that the building should remain in the current location. He spoke about the Rug Mill being in the redevelopment zone and believes that there have never been any developers who wanted the building back out because of the current location of Borough Hall.

Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – noted that Hightstown was a great place to shop many years ago but in today’s world it just isn’t the same; there aren’t wheat mills anymore. He also noted that merging with East Windsor would mean on the downside – losing jobs and on the upside – better efficiency. The current Borough Hall is a converted garage.

Fran Palumbo, 101-103 Main St. – stated that there are many people who do want Borough Hall downtown and that many people are for consolidation, which she thought was a dead issue. Many stores in the downtown are not favorable stores and don’t bring many people to Downtown. Need to sit down with the property owners and see how to get businesses in that will bring people to Downtown.

There being no further comments, Mayor Kirson closed the public comment period I.

Resolution 2013-122 Authorizing the Payment of Bills

Councilmember Woods asked that item H0044 HHSP-After Prom Donation be pulled from the list to be approved by itself. Ms. Woods made the motion to approve the Bill List excluding item H0044. Ms. Bibens seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Ms. Bibens made a motion to approve payment on Item H0044. Mr. Thibault seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes. Councilmember Woods abstained.

Resolution passed, 5-0, with 1 abstention.

Resolution 2013-122

*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 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, the appropriate Department Head and the Treasurer in the amount of \$119,695.92 from the following accounts:

General Capital		9,700.00
Water/Sewer Capital		32.32
Grant		5,785.00
Trust		299.83
Housing Trust		0.00
Animal Control		88.30
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		3,697.53
Escrow		<u>11,697.59</u>
Total		<u><u>\$119,695.92</u></u>

Resolution 2013-124 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Robbinsville Township for Computer Software Reference Guide for the Police Department

Council President Quattrone made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-124. Councilmember Woods seconded. There was a discussion about the savings.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Resolution passed, 6-0

Resolution 2013-124

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

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBBINSVILLE TOWNSHIP FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE REFERENCE GUIDE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Hightstown Borough to renew a Shared Services Agreement for the computer software reference guide for the Police Department to the Township of Robbinsville for the one-year period, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013; 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 Township of Robbinsville agrees to provide use of the Cross Reference Phone and Address Directory Software to the Hightstown Borough Police Department Communications Center at a rate of \$350.00 per year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of May 20, 2013

Mercer and State of New Jersey that Hightstown Borough is hereby authorized to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for use of the Cross Reference Phone and Address Directory Software to the Hightstown Borough Police Department Communications Center, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute said agreement.

Resolution 2013-126 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations Prior to Adoption of the 2013 Budget

Councilmember Bibens made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Doran seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bibens, Bluth, Doran, Quattrone, Thibault and Woods voted yes.

Resolution passed, 6-0

Resolution 2013-126

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

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2013 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 2013 pursuant to the 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	298,300.00	930,105.00	1,228,405.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Debt Service - Current	19,000.00	0.00	19,000.00
Water/Sewer	50,000.00	617,500.00	667,500.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	367,300.00	1,572,605.00	1,939,905.00

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 2013 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.

Mayor Kirson opened Public Comment Period II and the following individuals spoke:

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – suggested hiring a head hunter to do the search for an administrator. He spoke about the signs that would prohibit riding bicycles on the sidewalk through the Borough.

Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – talked about the nastiness that is being presented from Council toward Carmela, Mayor and Debbie.

Fran Palombo, 101-103 Main Street – believes everyone is entitled to their opinion and everyone needs to let Council do their job. She has no problem with the way Hightstown is being ran.

David Bock, East Windsor – things in East Windsor is worse. Consolidation with East Windsor should be for economic reasons and he isn't sure if there is a benefit to the tax payers.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed

Mayor/Council/Administrative Comments and Committee Reports

Councilmember Doran – appreciates those that come out to sit through the meetings. She feels that Scott Castor has some good points about where Hightstown is located and needs to deal with it. Borough Hall doesn't stand in the way with the re-development zone. She wants to know who made the decision to not rebuild Borough Hall in its current location. She was sitting in the public then and doesn't remember ever hearing that decision.

Councilmember Woods – The decision of the Council was to not knock down Borough Hall in 2011. She feels that Council was deceived during that time and were told and reassured that the move to Lucas was to be temporary situation; however later found out that plans were done for a permanent police station. She also addressed the comment that the Council isn't taking care of the employees by finding better facilities. The employees were supposed to be moved to Mercer Street, but it was the public that stopped the ordinance from happening. To put the blame on Council is incorrect. The June sewer meeting discussion will be on two major issues: revenue and changes to the ordinance to amend water shut-off notification.

Councilmember Bibens – Thank you to the public for staying through the horse & pony show. She is looking forward to the parade. It is unfortunate that people don't stay around to hear the comments.

Councilmember Bluth– Nothing to add.

Councilmember Thibault – talked about Borough Hall. Hightstown has the highest taxes in the county outside of Trenton and at the same time the household income is down. Talked about what is needed to make an impact for improving cost of living in Hightstown with a very limited resource in the Borough.

Council President Quattrone – spoke about the Memorial Day Parade – he hasn't had many responses yet. Currently there are 23 participants. Special thanks to Phyllis Deal for taking care of the military participation. The food order and everything is moving along. He has lived in Hightstown all his life and things are different now – this is a new Hightstown. He can remember about life in Hightstown but that isn't the way it is now. As a council member, he is trying to do a job but is very disappointed with the finger pointing and bickering between Council members. There is a broader picture and Hightstown has to work as a whole to make it work – Business and Borough. He knows that Debbie can do the job as administrator. She has been administrator before and has done a great job. It would have saved some money for the Borough if Debbie was put in as the temporary administrator. He also addressed the issue with Scott Castor and the signs repeatedly and the signs are in the budget but the budget still hasn't been approved.

Police Director LeTellier – everything is set for the parade.

Councilmember Bibens moved to adjourn at 9:38 pm, Councilmember Thibault seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan D. Jackson,
Acting Deputy Borough Clerk