

**Meeting Minutes  
Hightstown Borough Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2014  
First Aid Building**

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING TO AVOID SOUNDS/RINGING OR CONVERSATION THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE MEETING OR THE ABILITY OF ATTENDEES TO HEAR THE PROCEEDINGS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Steven Kirson 6:04 PM.

*STATEMENT:* 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 provided 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 Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Hansen</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Kurs</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Misiura</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thibault</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Kirson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator; and Frederick Raffetto, Esq. Borough Attorney. Council-Elects Lee Stults and Connor Montferrat were also present.

**Resolution 2014-241 Authorizing a Meeting Which Excludes the Public**

Councilmember Quattrone moved resolution 2014-241, Council President Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Quattrone, and Thibault voted yes.

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2014-241

*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 December 15, 2014 at 6:00p.m. in the First Aid Building located at 168 Bank Street, Hightstown that will be limited

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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 – Lasky/Pavlak  
Contract Negotiations – Shared Services (Various – Police/Dispatch/Court)

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 15, 2015 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 Flag Salute followed Roll Call.

George Lang, CFO joined the meeting at this time and was now present.

Mayor Kirson reviewed that there have been revisions to resolution 2014-245 since the packet was publicly posted; and requested that resolution 2014-249 be added to the agenda following resolution 2014-242. He then read the title of resolution 2014-249.

Councilmember Quattrone moved the agenda as amended for approval, Councilmember Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Agenda approved as amended 5-0.

Councilmember Hansen moved the November 17, 2014 executive session minutes for approval, Council President Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members, Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Minutes approved 5-0.

Councilmember Quattrone moved the December 1, 2014 executive session minutes, Councilmember Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members, Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Minutes approved 5-0.

Councilmember Quattrone moved the December 1, 2014 open session minutes, Councilmember Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Council members, Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

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Minutes approved 5-0.

Mayor Kirson opened public comment period I and the following individuals spoke:

Walter Sikorski, 326 S. Main Street – thanked Mayor Kirson for staying the course and completing the term, the journey was long and filled with many challenges; and commended him for his knowledge of the budget, various meetings with state and county public officials, his initiatives with advancing the prospect for the rug mill redevelopment; and for carrying out various ceremonial duties of the office of Mayor. He then wished Mayor Kirson, and his wife Joan, good health and a wonderful retirement.

Ron Bakely, FOP – stated that he represents FOP Lodge 140 and opposes outsourcing of the police and gave examples of his reasoning; noted that union elections are taking place and results will be available after January 8<sup>th</sup>. Negotiations cannot take place until the election results are in.

Councilmember Misiura arrived at this time.

Frank Rivera, 110 Broad Street – wished the outgoing Mayor and Council members well; recommended that Council research failures of other police outsourcing; noted that exploring outsourcing does not mean the world is coming to an end; the attacks aimed at Council at the last meeting were totally uncalled for.

Doug Mair, 536 N. Main Street – noted that at the last meeting Seth Kurs was surprised that he asked for a resolution to be tabled. During his campaign he said there was no problem that could not be solved within 12 hours; Seth passed a resolution without solving a problem and regarding the twelve hours, he was referring to himself. Commented that hiding behind executive session is both unjust and calibrated; Denny Hansen and Larry Quattrone both have said they can't talk about the negotiations, but the Mayor had no problem telling the media there were negotiations; Seth Kurs likes to bring up what he says, so he wants to return the favor...when the open public meeting signs were posted you said "Council meetings are where you get informed", then how come we are getting our information from the media and not you? Commented that this is the last open public meeting to be held between now and the expiration of the police contract, and the residents nor the officers have been told whether the Borough will be renewing their contract. He apologized to the police for no contract being in place.

Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – noted that holidays are a time for good cheer; commented that he has been through nine Mayors and Steve Kirson did a marvelous job with various issues. Wished everyone good cheer.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – commented that he is uncomfortable with the flogging atmosphere in the room; this is not a police merger, it is buying services and the public is scared; recommended that Council look at the imbalance in School District policing.

Valerie Euynon, East Windsor – gave examples of research and results regarding police outsourcing, and commented that the issues with the police is not the officers; harassment and retaliation is common place at the police department and the police should not be punished for doing their job; residents deserve the police department and the police deserve a good work environment.

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

#### **Resolution 2014-242 Authorizing the Payment of Bills.**

Councilmember Quattrone moved resolution 2014-242, Councilmember Kurs seconded.

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Roll Call Vote: Council members Bluth, Hansen Kurs, Misiura, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Resolution adopted: 6-0

Resolution 2014-242

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**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 \$229,756.90 from the following accounts:

Current	\$138,210.82
W/S Operating	80,278.31
General Capital	8,283.10
Water/Sewer Capital	1,594.00
Grant	0.00
Trust	1,379.27
Housing Trust	0.00
Animal Control	11.40
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>0.00</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$229,756.90</u></u>

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**Resolution 2014-249 Authorizing the Execution of a Release and Settlement Agreement with Gregory Lasky and Nicholas Pavlak**

Councilmember Quattrone moved resolution 2014-249, Council President Bluth seconded.

Councilmember Thibault commented that he will be voting for this because it is necessary to close the case. He noted that these individuals are a team who goes from town to town looking for ADA compliance issues for which they can sue. They are known for lining their pockets under the guise of ADA compliance.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bluth, Hansen Kurs, Misiura, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Resolution adopted: 6-0

**Resolution 2014-249**

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**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT WITH GREGORY LASKY AND NICHOLAS PAVLAK.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown (the “Borough”) was named as a Defendant in two (2) separate matters which are currently pending before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Mercer County, entitled Lasky vs. Borough of Hightstown, bearing Docket No. MER-L-216-09 and Pavlak, et al. vs. Borough of Hightstown, bearing Docket No. MER-L-378-12, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the attorney appointed to represent the Borough’s interests in these cases that the matters be settled in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Settlement Agreement (also referenced as the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough believes that it is in the best interests of the Borough to resolve these matters in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

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

1. That the settlement of these matters in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Settlement Agreement is hereby approved.
2. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the attached Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Borough.
3. That all relevant officials are hereby authorized and directed to undertake any actions necessary to effectuate and implement the said Agreement.
4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
  - a. Eric L. Harrison, Esq.;

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- b. Henry Underhill, Hightstown Borough Administrator;
- c. George Lang, Hightstown Borough Chief Financial Officer;
- d. Carmela Roberts, P.E., Hightstown Borough Engineer; and
- e. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Hightstown Borough Attorney.

**Consent Agenda Resolutions 2014-243, 2014-244, 2014-245, 2014-246, 2014-147 and 2014-248**

Councilmember Kurs moved resolutions 2014-243, 2014-244, 2014-245, 2014-246, 2014-147 and 2014-248 as the consent agenda, Councilmember Misiura seconded.

Mayor Kirson read the titles of the resolutions aloud and gave a brief explanation of each.

Roll Call Vote: Council members Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Quattrone and Thibault voted yes.

Resolutions adopted 6-0.

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**AUTHORIZING CASH FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHANGE FUND FOR THE  
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Municipal Clerk issues licenses, bulk stickers, and other permits as required by law or ordinance of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Clerk has requested that a change fund be established in the Office of the Municipal Clerk to accommodate residents when making payments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has found that a change fund for the Office of the Municipal Clerk is appropriate.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Chief Finance Officer is authorized to establish a change fund for the Office of the Municipal Clerk in the amount of \$50.00.

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**AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL & PAYMENTS # 1 & #2 AND  
FINAL – THE EARLE COMPANIES (REPAIRS AND OVERLAY TO MORRISON  
AVENUE & WARD STREET)**

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**WHEREAS**, on July 7, 2014 the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Morrison Avenue Overlay and Ward Street Repairs to Earle Companies of Farmingdale, New Jersey in the amount of \$109,443.33; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has submitted change order #1 and Final which adjusts the contract for as-built quantities and additional pavement improvements at the intersection of Stockton Street, Harron Avenue, and Dutch Neck Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of change order #1 Final bringing the final contract amount to \$122,398.05; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has submitted payment request #1 related to mobilization, milling, paving, and striping in the amount of \$119,950.09; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has submitted payment request #2 and Final in the amount of \$2,447.96 which releases retainage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of payments #1 and #2 and Final to Earle Companies in the amount of \$122,398.05; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the final close-out documents and found them to be in order; and

**WHEREAS**, certified payrolls have been received; 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 #1 Final, and Payment Requests #1 and #2 and Final to Earle Companies of Farmingdale, New Jersey in the amount of \$122,398.05 is hereby approved as detailed herein, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

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#### **AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2014 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 2014 budget are hereby authorized:

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<u>Current:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<b>Municipal Clerk</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Financial Administration</b>		\$ 400.00
Other Expenses		
<b>Tax Collector</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 600.00
<b>Police Fire Communications</b>		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Emergency Management</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,000.00	
<b>Board of Health</b>		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Employee Group Health Insurance</b>		
Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Streets &amp; Roads</b>		
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>Recycling</b>		
Other Expenses	\$ 1,700.00	
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>		
Other Expenses		\$ 6,700.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,700.00</b>

Resolution 2014-246

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**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT ON BEHALF OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE BOROUGH  
OF HIGHTSTOWN LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown instituted a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) with the adoption of Ordinance 1999-20 on August 2, 1999 and its subsequent approval by referendum at the November 1999 general

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election; and

**WHEREAS**, said LOSAP became effective January 1, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191*, the Hightstown First Aid Squad and Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 have submitted certified listings of all volunteer members who qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the year 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, certain volunteers are also eligible to redeem amounts “banked” during prior years of qualified service; and

**WHEREAS**, the listing of all employees who qualified for credit under the LOSAP program during 2013 and/or are eligible to redeem amounts banked during prior years of qualified service is attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.10* requires that these listings be approved by Resolution of the governing body;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the certified listings set forth on the attached Schedule A of volunteer members of the Hightstown First Aid Squad and Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 who qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the year 2013 are hereby approved, and the Borough Administrator is directed to take all steps necessary to provide payment on their behalf to Lincoln Financial Group in accordance with the provisions and requirements of *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191* and *N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.1 et seq*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this Resolution be provided to the Hightstown First Aid Squad and Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-192*, copies of the approved listings shall be posted for a period of not less than 30 days in the Borough Clerk’s office, at the Hightstown Firehouse and at the Hightstown First Aid Squad building.

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The following volunteers qualified by points earned during the year 2013 for credit in the Borough of Hightstown Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), AND/OR are eligible to redeem amounts "banked" during prior years of qualified service. Points were earned in accordance with the point system established in Ordinance 1999-20 and certified by the Fire Chief and First Aid Squad President. Total allowable contribution for each year of qualified service is \$750.00. Total allowable payment into fund on behalf of any one volunteer in any one year, including current year contribution, buyback of prior year service and/or redemption of amounts banked during prior years of qualified service, is \$1,150.00.

**Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1**

Dye, Carl  
Jones, Lawrence  
Baldino, John.  
Havens, Sr., W.  
Paglione, William  
Reed, Jason  
Mastriano, Richard  
Bukowski, Matthew  
Shekiro, Ronald  
Sugg, Charles  
Havens, Jr., W.  
Madonia, M.  
Weisel, A. J.  
Evers, Gary  
Van Kirk, Lawrence  
Jenkins, S.  
Johnson, B.  
Krakowski, Scott  
Reed, Chad  
Sidelinger, James  
Hastings, Daniel  
Derr, Don  
Diamond, Scott  
Pietsch, C

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**Hightstown First Aid Squad**

Boguszewski, Nancy

Boguszewski, Stephen

Guyette, John

Guyette, Margaret

Lecorchick, William

Lidke, Theresa

Stackhouse, Keith

Moore, Christina

Pilla, Jason

Storey, Lisa

Cornejo, Ronald

Fat, Christina

Lebrun, Melissa

Sastre, Marcelo

Soto, Osvaldo

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**RESOLUTION CANCELING 2014 APPROPRIATION BALANCES**

**WHEREAS**, the following 2014 Water-Sewer Utility Operating budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Other Expenses..... \$30,000.00

; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances offset estimated realized revenues;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Water-Sewer Operating 2014 Budget be canceled.

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**RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2014-216 AND RE-AUTHORIZING SALE BY ASSIGNMENT OF TAX  
SALE CERTIFICATE #0-23**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2014-216 erroneously stated that there were funds due on the property known as Block 49, Lot 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxes on said property have been paid and are current.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey hereby rescind resolution 2014-216.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-113, the following Tax Sale Certificate is hereby assigned to Lawrence Blake, 118 Dutch Neck Road, Hightstown, New Jersey, for the nominal sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration.

Certificate No.:	0-23
Property Location:	Block 49, Lot 6
Owner of Record:	David Saltman
Date of Tax Sale:	September 12, 2000

Mayor Kirson opened public comment period II and the following individuals spoke:

Walter Sikorski, 326 N. Main Street – noted that he was a member of the NJEA and members were not privy to union negotiations until they came up for a vote; Council cannot reveal details of the outsourcing negotiations, and the public will know the details when it is appropriate; the police will continue working under their present contract.

Tammy Gordy, Ewing Township – commented that she lived in Hightstown in 1993 when there was a murder in Hightstown at the Housing Authority; police cleaned up the Housing Authority and if the police are outsourced the drugs and other problems will return.

Doug Mair, 536 S. Main St. – commented that everyone knows Sikorski released information during the previous police negotiations; if police are outsourced the Council can forget about their political future; spoke regarding the Council and Planning Board meeting regarding the rug mill redevelopment and now the Mayor states that the developer backed out due to an issue that was already known.

Sean Lovett, FOP President – noted that the police are unified and came to this meeting on their own time and are supporting Hightstown Borough; the issues at the police department are in the hands of the Prosecutor and

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questions should be answered by the Prosecutor, Hightstown has no control.

Frank Marchione, Hightstown Police Department – commented that he is being treated differently than the other officers because he is not getting his sick and vacation time paid and has K-9 time left but it has been zeroed out.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – commented that something is wrong, Hightstown deserves to be treated like a Borough, not a Township; the police cleaned up the town in the past; he never wanted the negotiating numbers at the last meeting, he wanted the actual cost for the police department. He wished the Mayor the best in the future.

Gary Snook, 357 Morrison Avenue – inquired how the Borough can negotiate outsourcing when the police do not have a contract; inquired as to what the police commissioner does; inquired whether the present Commissioner will retain the position when he becomes Mayor; commented that the East Windsor Mayor is not interested in anything unless East Windsor benefits.

George Zhelesnik, 7 Ely Court – noted that he is a retired police officer and suggested that the police give the statistics on crime in Hightstown; he commented that the Hightstown police are outstanding.

Frank Rivera, 110 Broad Street – noted that he was impressed by David Coates' comments at the last meeting and it is Council's responsibility to research outsourcing and shared services; evaluating and researching is needed.

Ron Bakely, FOP – commented that the police are willing to negotiate a fair contract to help with financial issues; Hightstown must work under the process and keep the police intact.

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

#### **Mayor/Council/Administrative Comments and Committee Reports**

**Councilmember Thibault** – noted that this is his final meeting and it has been an interesting three years with the good outweighing the bad; appreciates the descending voices from the public, it makes him think. The Council needs to be a watchdog and question everything; they have a financial responsibility to the public. Four years ago he was a proponent to outsourcing the police, and now that that he has more information he is concerned. He is still concerned with the Marchione issue, but this is an issue that Council cannot solve. Council needs to look at the culture of the Borough, there are several unresolved issues; Council needs to be vigilant. He has always been interested in what the public has to say.

**Councilmember Misiura** – thanked Mayor Kirson for all his hard work; and thanked Council members Thibault and Bluth for their service.

**Councilmember Kurs** – commented that he has heard from the Voters that they want consolidation and shared services, and he ran for office on that platform; he is answering to the public's wishes. He noted that it is a hardship for anyone who gets laid off and he gave examples of how nobody's job is secure; he referenced the comments from the last meeting and noted that the police are not entitled to lifetime job security any more than anyone else. The police do a good job. He thanked the FOP union leaders for confirming that Council cannot do anything about certain matters once it is in the hands of the County Prosecutor. The Housing Authority has a meeting on their

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budget next week and they have formed a Residents Council; they are at 99% occupancy. He thanked the Mayor, and Council members Bluth and Thibault for their service to the residents. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**Councilmember Quattrone** – noted that he has enjoyed working with the Mayor, and he thanked Council members Bluth and Thibault for their service; commented that the FOP should look at why towns are outsourcing and merging police services; it is because the residents want it. He noted that he will speak to the Administrator about the vacation time issue with Marchione. The Police Commissioner is a Liaison between the police and Council, and is essential. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**Councilmember Hansen** – noted that she is hearing the same comments each meeting, and they think Council does not care and the staff is inept, but that is not true. This has been an excellent year; there is a lot going on and huge decisions are being made. She hopes the public changes their tune when they see the results, and they need to realize that things take time. She will miss working with the Mayor, and Council members Bluth and Thibault. She wished everyone Merry Christmas.

**Council President Bluth** – commented that she will give her farewell speech on the first of January; the Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for members. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**Mayor Kirson** – referenced a visit with another Mayor at the League and a book in which unresolved issues in New Jersey are listed; Legislators need to work harder to address important issues. He wished the new Mayor and Council good luck and thanked the Borough Attorney for his service and guidance; it has been an interesting four years.

**Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney** – expressed best wishes to the departing Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Thibault motioned to adjourn at 9:02pm, Councilmember Hansen seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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