

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Business Meeting
April 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 7:02 p.m. 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 Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Hansen</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Kurs</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Misiura</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Montferrat</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Stults</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Quattrone</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Margaret Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator; George Lang, CFO; Liz Garcia, Labor Council

Councilmember Lee Stults moved that the Conley Electric bill be removed from Resolution 2015-108 and voted on separately.

Councilmember Hansen moved the agenda for approval as amended; Councilmember Stults seconded.

Roll call vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Agenda approved as amended 6-0.

Councilmember Misiura moved March 25, 2015 budget meeting minutes for approval; Councilmember Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes. Councilmember Kurs abstained.

Minutes approved 5-0 with 1 abstention.

Councilmember Stults moved March 30, 2015 budget meeting minutes for approval; Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes. Councilmember Kurs abstained.

Minutes approved 5-0 with 1 abstention.

Mayor Quattrone asked Borough Administrator, Henry Underhill, to address an article that appeared in The Trenton Times regarding housing rentals in the Borough.

Mr. Underhill gave an update on housing rentals and inspections. To date:

- 27 summonses had been issued from the Housing Inspector; half of which have been resolved.
- \$4,200 has been received in fines
- So far this year, 60 rental units have been inspected

Mayor Quattrone opened public comment period 1 and the following individuals spoke:

Walter Sikorski, 324 South Main Street – Stated that he took a walk through town with Dave Bell, Housing Inspector. In his opinion, Mr. Bell needs more hours for rental inspections and property maintenance issues. The residents of

Hightstown need to stop airing their dirty laundry and focus their energy on more positive things. Council needs to start making banks take care of their foreclosed properties.

Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street – Stated that Council needs to do something about the Animal Welfare Committee. The AWC missed their prime fundraising season. They are not going to raise money if the AWC will be “defunked”. If the AWC is not around with the trapping and neutering program the feral cat population will be out of control.

Lynn Woods, 315 Park Avenue – Asked if the Police negotiation with East Windsor is a done deal. Also asked how much research council had done and what sources they used for their research. She Referred to FBI Uniform Crime Report 2013 regarding the number of officers suggested for a municipality. According to the report it is suggested that the municipality have 2.3 officers per 1,000 people. Currently East Windsor employs 34 officers. According to this report a total of 73 officers are recommended. If Hightstown were to be added to East Windsor Police Department, a total of 85 officers would be recommended. She hopes that Council takes these statistics into consideration.

Doug Mair, 536 South Main Street – Stated that if items are on the agenda and the website they are no longer secret. Saying council can’t talk about these items are confusing. If you do not want to respond at public meetings, you should not be up there. Refusing to answer questions shows that you are unprepared to perform your duties.

Rob Thibault, 504 South Main Street – Stated that you cannot solve problems unless you talk about them. There is overcrowding in Westerlea Apartments and it is costing us money. Went on to say that Academy and Stockton Streets look run down.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – We need to identify the problem before a solution can be found. Council needs to acknowledge that there is a lack in code enforcement, a lack of foot patrol by the police, and a lack of parking enforcement. We all need to stop living in denial.

Joanna Jackson, 149 North Academy Street – Stated that she grew up in Hightstown and feels that she has a responsibility to become more involved in her community. She was very upset with the negativity of the last meeting. Everyone needs to bring constructive ideas to the table instead of just arguing with one another.

Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street – Council is running a \$9,000,000 business. Never heard of any of these problems presented by the public.

Jeff Peters, 113 Park Way – Apologized for not attending council meetings but has heard that they have become horrible. We need to find a way to keep the meetings under control; keep disagreements under control; and make the meetings comfortable for everyone.

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

Ordinance 2015-08 First Reading and Introduction - An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Entitled “Traffic,” Subsection 7-37-1, Entitled “Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Municipal Property and Board of Education Property” to the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey”

Council President Hansen moved Ordinance 2015-08 for introduction; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 6-0, Public hearing to be held May 4, 2015.

Ordinance 2015-08

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC,” SUBSECTION 7-37-1, ENTITLED “REGULATION FOR THE MOVEMENT AND THE PARKING OF TRAFFIC ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AND BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPERTY” TO THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”

WHEREAS, the Police Department has determined that amendments are needed to Chapter 7, Sub-Section 7-37-1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.

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:

Section 1. That Chapter 7, entitled "Traffic," Sub-Section 7-37-1, entitled "Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Municipal Property and Board of Education Property" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, is hereby amended to read (deletions are shown as ~~cross-outs~~ and additions are shown with underline):

Subsection 7-37-1 Regulation for the Movement and the Parking of Traffic on Municipal Property and Board of Education Property.

a. **Definitions.**

"Site Plan" shall be defined as the site plan dated March 4, 2002, which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and which depicts the Borough of Hightstown's Main Street and Stockton Street parking lots.

"Main Street lot" is the municipal parking lot located at Block 28, Lot 56 in the Borough of Hightstown.

"Stockton Street lot" is the municipal parking lot located at Block 33, Lots 1, 11, 12, 33 and 35 in the Borough of Hightstown.

"Lot 'A'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Lot 'B'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Lot 'C'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Lot 'D'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Lot 'E'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Road 'A'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Road 'B'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

"Road 'C'" is that portion of the Stockton Street parking lot delineated as such by the New Jersey Department of Transportation on the site plan prepared by Carmela Santaniello, Borough Engineer as of July 28, 2004 and marked up by the NJDOT (Mark A. Hiestand) on July 15, 2005, which plan is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

b. **General Parking.**

All vehicles must park in designated areas and between the lines provided upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below.

Property
1. Main Street lot
2. Stockton Street lot

c. **Time Limit Parking.**

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit upon any of the parking lots or parts of parking lots described below between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays, except holidays:

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Main Street lot	All	4	As indicated on the site plan
Stockton Street lot:			
Lot "A"	North and South	4	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "C"	East and West	4	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "D"	North and South	4	As indicated on the site plan

d. **Permit Parking.**

No person shall park a vehicle at the below-described locations unless said vehicle shall have a valid permit displayed. Said permit shall have been issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-37.1(h) herein.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Stockton Street lot – Lot "E"	South	All	As indicated on the site plan
Stockton Street lot – Lot "B"	South	All	As indicated on the site plan

e. **Handicapped Parking.**

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, handicapped parking spaces are designated on municipal and board of education property as described below. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards, plates or placards issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these spaces. All stalls shall be 12 feet wide and signed with the R7-8 and R7-8P (Reserved Parking Sign and Penalty Plate).

Property	Location
Main Street lot	As indicated on the site plan.
Stockton Street lot	As indicated on the site plan.

f. **Parking of Certain Trucks, Trailers and Vehicles Prohibited.**

No person shall park any vehicle over three (3) tons gross weight (GVW), a school bus, or any other type of bus, recreational vehicle, camper, boat or trailer between the hours specified upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below:

Property	Hours	Location
Main Street lot	All	Entire lot
Stockton Street lot	All	Entire lot

g. **Tow-Away Zones.**

Any vehicle parked or standing upon any of the properties or parts of properties described below so as to obstruct or impede a normal flow of traffic or block entrances or exit ways, loading zones, oil fills, any grassy area or pedestrian walkway, or to present in any way a safety or traffic hazard, may be removed by towing the vehicle at the owner's or operator's expense.

Property
1. Main Street lot
2. Stockton Street lot

h. Stop Intersections.

The following described intersections are hereby designated as Stop Intersections. Stop signs shall be installed as provided herein:

Intersection:	Stop sign on:
Road "A" and Rogers Avenue	Road "A"
Road "C" and Rogers Avenue	Road "C"
Road "B" and Stockton Street	Road "B"

i. Speed Limits.

The speed limit for both directions of traffic on all roadways in the parking lots shall be 15 m.p.h. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limit authorized by the Department of Transportation.

k. Loading Zones.

The locations described below are hereby designated as Loading Zones. No person shall park a vehicle in said location during the time indicated other than for the loading or unloading of goods and materials.

Name of Street	Sides	Hours	Location
Stockton Street lot:			
Lot "A"	North	All	As indicated on the site plan
Lot "B"	East	All	As indicated on the site plan

l. Mid Block Crosswalks.

The following locations shall be established as Mid-Block Crosswalks:

Name of street	Location
Road "A"	As indicated on the site plan
Road "B"	As indicated on the site plan

All signing shall confirm to the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

m. Permits; Qualification; Issuance.

A person seeking issuance of a parking permit for the Stockton Street lot shall file an application with the office of Borough Clerk on forms provided by ~~her~~ the Borough Clerk.

1. *Qualification.* Permits shall be issued only to:

- a. Residents of Block 33 and residents of those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- b. Owners of businesses located in Block 33 and in those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- c. Employees of businesses located in Block 33 and in those lots situated in Block 23 which border Main Street.
- d. Owners of businesses located in Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- e. Employees of businesses located in Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- f. Residents of Block 21.01 which have no onsite parking.
- g. Owners of businesses located in Block 54.
- h. Employees of businesses located in Block 54.

Proof of eligibility shall be provided at the time of application, and shall consist of: for residents, a valid New Jersey driver's license showing address of residence; and for business owners or employees, a notarized statement by the business owner, on forms supplied by the Borough Clerk, attesting to eligibility of applicant. Owners and employees of industrial businesses shall not be eligible to obtain parking permits under this subsection.

Permits issued to owners or employees of businesses located in Block 54 shall be valid only in the permit parking area leased by the Borough, located at 105 South Main Street, and shall not be valid in the Stockton Street municipal parking lot.

2. *Permit Period.* Permits issued shall cover the period from the date of issuance through the following June 30, except that no permits issued shall expire before June 30, 2003.

3. *Contents.* The application shall contain the following information:

- a. The name, address and day and evening telephone numbers of the applicant.
- b. Proof of eligibility as detailed herein.

If, while the application is pending or during the term of any permit granted thereunder, there is any change that would alter the information given in the application, the applicant shall notify the Borough Clerk, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours after such change.

4. *Fee.* The fee for parking permits in the Stockton Street lot shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per permit period and shall be paid at the filing of the application. Such fee shall be prorated on a monthly basis if application is made after the first month of the permit period and the monthly rate shall be charged for each month or partial month remaining in the permit period.

5. *Regulation.* The issued permit shall be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle, at the time of use of the appropriate parking lot. If the parking permit is not conspicuously displayed, the vehicle owner shall be found in violation of this ordinance.

n. **Enforcement.**

Parking regulations detailed herein shall be enforced by the Hightstown Police Department and any parking enforcement officers appointed by the Borough in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.7*.

o. **Penalties.**

Unless another penalty is expressly provided for by New Jersey statute, every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ~~fifty-nine~~ one hundred dollars (\$~~59~~100.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both.

(Ord. No. 2002-03; Ord. No. 2003-20; Ord. No. 2003-24; Ord. No. 2004-24; Ord. No. 2006-04; Ord. No. 2006-12; Ord. No. 2006-26; Ord. No. 2008-03; Ord. No. 2008-20)

Section 3. 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 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 5. Repealer. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Ordinance 2015-09 – First Reading and Introduction – An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Councilmember Montferrat moved Ordinance 2015-09 for introduction. Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 6-0, Public hearing scheduled for May 4, 2015

Ordinance 2015-09

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

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, *N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a* provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown in the County of Mercer finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determine that a 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$107,540.60 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determine that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Hightstown shall, in accordance with this ordinance and

N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$188,196.05, and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Borough of Hightstown be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Ordinance 2015-04 Final Reading and Public Hearing (By Title Only) – An Ordinance Amending the Borough’s Redevelopment Plan Relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street) Within the Borough of Hightstown

Mayor Quattrone opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-04 and the following individuals spoke:

Eugene Sarafin 628 South Main Street – Doesn’t understand why people needed to see a map. The map hasn’t changed in 50 years.

Doug Mair 536 South Main Street – Speaking on behalf of J.P. Gibbons. Thank you to Mayor and Council for providing the map. J.P. Gibbons supports this ordinance.

Robert Thibault, 504 South Main Street – Regarding a developer making a payment in lieu of taxes. Why would a developer make a contribution if you are going to give them a tax break on the backs of homeowners. Homeowners would rather forego some recreational facilities if their taxes didn’t go up because they are subsidizing a multi-million dollar project. Keep the cost of the project down and the developer won’t need to get a tax abatement and it would be built on the backs of tax payers in town.

Lynn Woods, 315 Park Avenue – Was curious about different plans regarding a new developer coming in and taking care of old Borough Hall. Regarding adding in the \$2,000,000 in insurance money, is this a backup in case a developer does not want to take on the old borough hall or do they have to as part of the developers agreement? Are we looking to raise the building with the insurance money and have the developer take on developing that area? What is the thinking behind that?

Steve Misiura responded to Ms. Woods – Language regarding building a municipal facility was removed. It was changed to “take into consideration Borough Hall properties; acquire and incorporate into the overall redevelopment project; or redevelop the properties in partnership with the Borough for municipal or other uses; or coordinate with the Borough the redevelopment of the properties which will be undertaken separately by the Borough”. There are funds available for the Borough to apply and this is just a list of possible scenarios and funding sources.

Eugene Sarafin 628 South Main Street – Feels that the developer should have a tax abatement while completing the renovations. Once the project is 50% occupied start taxing the property. The developer needs some relief.

Joanna Jackson, 149 North Academy – Feels that people are misunderstanding of this ordinance. The ordinance is not a contract, it is guidelines for a redevelopment agreement. She supports this ordinance and feels it is moving the borough in the right direction.

There being no further comments Mayor Quattrone closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Montferrat moved Ordinance 2015-04 for adoption; Council President Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance adopted 6-0.

Ordinance 2015-04

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH'S REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RELATING TO SUB-AREA
(BANK STREET) WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN.**

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2004, the Hightstown Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 2004-20, which approved and adopted a Redevelopment Plan (also referenced as the "Plan") for the Borough of Hightstown, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Plan divided the Redevelopment Area of the Borough into three (3) distinct Sub-Areas; and

WHEREAS, the Sub-Areas include the following: Sub-Area I (Bank Street); Sub-Area II (South Academy Street); and Sub-Area III (Route 33); and

WHEREAS, though the Plan identified these three (3) Sub-Areas as Redevelopment Areas within the Borough, the Plan only created land use and design criteria relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street), with the understanding that the Borough Council would adopt additional measures in the future to establish such criteria relative to Sub-Areas II and III; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2006, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 2006-19, which amended the Plan in certain respects relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street); and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2008, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 2008-16, which further amended the Plan in certain respects relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the aforesaid Ordinances, the Borough has continued to diligently review the criteria relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street), in an effort to ensure that the proposed redevelopment of this area is most beneficial to the Borough as well as feasible for proposed redevelopers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to further amend the Plan in certain limited respects; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions have been reviewed and approved by the Borough's Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed revised Plan, dated January 12, 2015, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

1. That the Borough Council hereby approves and adopts the attached amended Redevelopment Plan, dated January 12, 2015, as the official Redevelopment Plan of the Borough.
2. That the attached Redevelopment Plan shall supersede any and all prior Redevelopment Plans within the Borough of Hightstown relating to Sub-Area I (Bank Street), Sub-Area II (Academy Street) and Sub-Area III (Route 33), as well as the land use development regulations governing the properties located in Sub-Area I (Bank Street). The Borough Council shall take further action in the future in order to create new land use development regulations governing the properties located in Sub-Areas II and III. Until such time, the existing land use development regulations that govern the properties located within Sub-Areas II and III shall control development of those Sub-Areas. To the extent that any inconsistencies exist between the Official Zoning Map and the attached Redevelopment Plan, then the Official Zoning Map shall be amended accordingly.
3. 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.
4. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
5. That this Ordinance shall take effect following final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ordinance 2015-05 Final Reading and Public Hearing – An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, Entitled “Administration,” Section 26, Entitled “Municipal Court,” Sub-Section 6, Entitled “Public Defender; Application Fee” to the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey”

Mayor Quattrone opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-05 and the following individuals spoke:

Eugene Sarafin 628 South Main Street – He supports the ordinance.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Kurs moved Ordinance 2015-05 for adoption; Councilmember Stults seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance adopted 6-0.

Ordinance 2015-05

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION,” SECTION 26, ENTITLED “MUNICIPAL COURT”, SUB-SECTION 6, ENTITLED “PUBLIC DEFENDER; APPLICATION FEE” TO THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Administrator has determined that amendments are needed to Chapter 2, Section 26, Sub-Section 6 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.

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:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, entitled “Administration,” Section 24, entitled “Municipal Court,” Sub-Section 6, entitled “Public Defender; Application fee” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, is hereby amended to read (deletions are shown as ~~cross-outs~~ and additions are shown with underline):

Subsection 2-24.6 Public Defender; Application Fee.

A person applying for representation by the Borough Public Defender shall pay an application fee of ~~one hundred (\$100.00) dollars~~ which is equivalent to the maximum amount allowable under N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1, *et seq.* The Municipal Court may waive the fee, in whole or in part, if the Court determines, in its discretion, that the application fee represents an unreasonable burden on the person seeking representation. The Municipal Court may permit a person to pay the application fee over a specific period of time, not to exceed four (4) months.

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.

Ordinance 2015-06 Final Reading and Public Hearing – Bond Ordinance Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$215,000 for Various Road Improvements in and by the Borough of Hightstown in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, and Authorizing the Issuance of \$215,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mayor Quattrone explained that this Bond Ordinance covers Park Avenue, Greeley Street and Glen Brook Place.

Mayor Quattrone opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-06 and the following individuals spoke:

Doug Mair 536 South Main Street – Stated that he is grateful to the Mayor and Council for being more forthcoming at this meeting. Questioned the \$215,000, where do we get this money from?

Eugene Sarafin 628 South Main Street – Commented that he likes that the Borough is continuing to fix our streets. Please keep this up.

Rob Thibault 504 South Main Street – Stated that the Borough has done a great job in maintaining the roads. If you drive through East Windsor you see that they do not keep up on their roadways.

Lynn Woods 315 Park Avenue – Stated that she is glad to see that Park Avenue is getting done. Asked if something can be done about the trees on Park Avenue. There is a tree in front of her house that makes her extremely nervous during storms.

George Lang, CFO, explained where the money for the bond ordinance comes from. Also explained how the debt is paid down and noted that the Borough's debt is being managed.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Bluth moved Ordinance 2015-06 for adoption; Councilmember Stults seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hanson, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance adopted 6-0.

Ordinance 2015-06

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$215,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$215,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance has heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$215,000, such sum being in addition to the \$682,000 appropriated (which included a \$252,836 Municipal Aid Grant from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "State Grant")) therefor by bond ordinance 2013-23 of the Borough, finally adopted November 18, 2015 (the "Original Bond Ordinance"), which includes a. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the improvement since the project described in Section 3(a) hereof is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$215,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.(a) The improvement heretofore authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various road improvements, including Park Avenue, Greeley Street and Glen Brook Place, as described in the Original Bond Ordinance, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is \$644,164, including the \$429,164 authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$215,000 bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is \$897,000, including the \$682,000 appropriated by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$215,000 appropriated herein.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$215,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$108,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement. Of this amount, \$93,000 was estimated for these items of expense in the Original Bond Ordinance and an additional \$15,000 is estimated therefor herein.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ARule@) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations

of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Ordinance 2015-07 Final Reading and Public Hearing – Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road Improvements in and by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, Appropriating \$619,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$335,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Mayor Quattrone explained that this project includes Park Way, Grant Street and Hutchinson Street. Mayor Quattrone went on to explain that there were 2 separate Grants involved here. We decided to combine the projects into 1 bid to get a lower price on the construction contract.

Mayor Quattrone opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-07 and the following individuals spoke:

Jeff Peters 113 Park Way – Applauded Council’s strategy on combining the 2 Grants into 1 project for financial benefit to the Borough. Stated that he is in favor of this bond ordinance. This debt is justified to improve our infrastructure. Pointed out that we need to use grants whenever possible.

Doug Mair 536 South Main Street – Stated that tonight has been one of the best council meetings that he’s been to. Thanked Council and the CFO for answering questions. He is supportive of this project.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the Public Hearing.

Council President Hansen moved Ordinance 2015-07 for adoption; Councilmember Kurs seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-07

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

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$619,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$335,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$619,000, including the \$283,500 Grant from the State of Jersey Department of Transportation expected to be received (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the improvement since the project described in Section 3(a) hereof is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$335,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various road improvements, including Park Way, Grant Street and Hutchison Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$335,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$95,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or if other than as referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the ARule@) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Introduction of 2015 Budget

Mayor Quattrone explained how Council had 2 Budget Meetings where they went through anything and everything they could. He explained that the amount to be raised by taxes is the same as last year. We lost some assessed valuation because of the fire at Wycoff Mill. Was informed that County taxes will be down this year. George Lang, CFO further explained the Budget and how the County and School Budget effects the Borough's Budget.

Council President Hansen moved the 2015 Budget for introduction; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

2015 Budget introduced 6-0. Public Hearing scheduled for May 18, 2015

Resolution 2015-108 Payment of Bills

Councilmember Stults requested that item G0175 be pulled from the bill list and voted on separately.

Councilmember Kurs moved Resolution 2015-108 as amended; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Council President Hansen moved item G0175 for payment; Councilmember Kurs seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura and Montferrat voted yes. Councilmember Stults abstained.

Resolution adopted 5-0 with one abstention.

Resolution 2015-108

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 \$86,341.25 from the following accounts:

Current	\$17,147.59
W/S Operating	48,099.24
General Capital	0.00
Water/Sewer Capital	16,473.00
Grant	0.00
Trust	4,129.67
Housing Trust	0.00
Animal Control	0.00

Law Enforcement Trust	0.00
Housing Rehab Loans	0.00
Unemployment Trust	0.00
Escrow	<u>491.75</u>
Total	<u>\$86,341.25</u>

Resolution 2015-109 Authorizing an Agreement with 12 Farms Restaurant for Use of Public Right-of-Way

Councilmember Stults moved Resolution 2015-109; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs and Montferrat voted yes. Councilmembers Misiura and Stults abstained.

Resolution adopted 4-0 with 2 abstentions.

Resolution 2015-109

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

**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH 12 FARMS RESTAURANT FOR USE
OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

WHEREAS, 12 Farms Restaurant, LLC (referenced herein as the “Applicant”), having an address of 120 N. Main Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, is a tenant in the property known and designated as Block 23, lot 5.01 on the Hightstown Borough Tax Map (referenced herein as the “property”), which is adjacent to N. Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant conducts a restaurant at the property known as the “12 Farms Restaurant”, and has requested permission to place tables and chairs outside of its business for the exclusive use of patrons of the 12 Farms Restaurant and to conduct normal business activities associated with the 12 Farms Restaurant within the said area; and

WHEREAS, the area adjacent to the property encompasses a certain right-of-way area owned by the State of New Jersey (referenced herein as the “State”); and

WHEREAS, the State, through the New Jersey Department of Transportation (referenced herein as the “D.O.T.”), has advised the Borough that there are no permits required from, nor is there any other formal process necessary through, the State in order for the Applicant to install the desired outdoor tables and chairs or to conduct normal business activities within the area in question, which encompasses part of the right-of-way area owned by the State; and

WHEREAS, rather, the State, through the D.O.T., has advised the Borough that such approval is a local matter to be handled by the Borough so long as the proposed outdoor tables, chairs and/or other equipment do not block and/or interfere with pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to allow the Applicant to utilize the area in question upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that the Borough hereby permits the Applicant to utilize the area in question for the uses referenced above in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth in the Agreement, and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Resolution 2015-110 Awarding a Contract for Road Improvement Program – Lucas Construction Group, Inc.

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolution 2015-110; Council President Hansen seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution Adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2015-110

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

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –
LUCAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP. INC.**

WHEREAS, eight (8) bids were received on March 10, 2015 for the Road Improvement Program in Hightstown Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is the Engineer's recommendation that a contract for the base bid for the Road Improvement Program be awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Inc., of Morganville, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,598,913.21; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid and determined that the bid submitted by Lucas Construction Group, Inc. is in order with respect to legal compliance; and

WHEREAS, a portion of this project is funded through New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grants in the amount of \$252,836.00 and \$283,500.00; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant program, the award of this contract is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, \$321,570.00 of the project cost is attributed to water and sewer improvements; and

WHEREAS, availability of funds for the Road Improvement Program is subject to the adopted ordinance being effective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract for the Road Improvement Program is hereby awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Inc., of Morganville, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,598,913.21, upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Consent Agenda Resolutions 2015-111, 2015-112, 2015-113, 2015-114, 2015-115, 2015-116, 2015-117, 2015-118, 2015-119

Councilmember Montferrat requested that Resolution 2015-096 be pulled from the consent agenda and voted on separately.

Councilmember Bluth moved the Consent Agenda as amended; Councilmember Stults seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolutions adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2015-111

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

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2015 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2015 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 2015 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	588,127.00	413,500.00	1,001,627.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	236,000.00	500,000.00	736,000.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	824,127.00	913,500.00	1,737,627.00

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 2015 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 2015-112

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

**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BINGO LICENSE #BL-2015-01 TO
HIGHTSTOWN ENGINE CO. NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 wishes to hold Bingo Games at 140 North Main Street on the fourth Friday of every month, April through September 2015; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number BA-2015-01 for this bingo along with the required fees; and

WHEREAS, Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 is currently registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, holding registration identification number 209-9-33988; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk and the Police Department 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 games, and the games themselves, 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 Bingo License No. 2015-01 to the Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 for their bingo to be held on the fourth Friday of every month, April through September 2015.

Resolution 2015-113

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

**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF RAFFLE LICENSE #RL-2015-01
TO HIGHTSTOWN ENGINE CO. NO. 1**

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 wishes to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle at 140 North Main Street on the fourth Friday of every month, April through September 2015; and

WHEREAS, the group has submitted application number RA-2015-01 for this raffle along with the required fees; and

WHEREAS, Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 is currently registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission, holding registration identification number 209-9-33988; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk and the Police Department 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. 2015-01 to the Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 for their raffle to be held on the fourth Friday of every month, April through September 2015.

Resolution 2015-114

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

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AUCTION LICENSE - EMPIRE ANTIQUES

WHEREAS, an application for a license to hold an auction on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 278 Monmouth Street in the Borough of Hightstown has been submitted by Empire Antiques, together with the required fee; and

WHEREAS, the application has been reviewed and approved by the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council that a license be issued to Empire Antiques for this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a license to Empire Antiques for their auction to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at 278 Monmouth Street.

Resolution 2015-115

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

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2014 tonnage grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling, and will indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations;

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

1. The Borough of Hightstown hereby endorses the submission of a 2014 recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Ken Lewis, Recycling Coordinator, 156 Bank Street, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520, is hereby designated and directed to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed;
3. Monies received from the recycling tonnage grant shall be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Resolution 2015-116

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN

*COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

ESTABLISHING SUMMER HOURS FOR BOROUGH HALL EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, resolution 2015-21 adopted on January 2, 2015 established the schedule of Holiday and Borough business hours for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the employees of Borough Hall to revert to a summer schedule as has been done in past years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wishes to accommodate the residents of the Borough with longer office hours during the summer months.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Hightstown Borough that the official summer business hours for Borough offices will be as set forth below:

1. During the period running from May 29, 2014 thru September 3, 2015, offices at Borough Hall will be open according to the following schedule:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	8:00	a.m.	to	5:30	p.m.
Thursday	8:00	a.m.	to	4:30	p.m.
Friday	Closed				

2. The affected Borough office Employees shall be entitled to a half-hour lunch hour during the period that this summer schedule is in effect.
3. This arrangement shall not impact essential personnel including police officers, dispatchers, public works employees, water plant employees and sewer plant employees.

Resolution 2015-117

*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 2014-47 on February 18, 2014, 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, 2014 through February 28, 2015 at a cost of Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$27,195.99) for the 12-month period; 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, 2016; 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, 2015 through February 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's net share of costs for these services, by the terms of this agreement, for the period March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 will be Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Six Dollars and Eighty-three Cents (\$27,606.83) 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 2015 and 2016 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 period March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 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 2015 and 2016 budgets.

Resolution 2015-118

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

**MAKING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE HIGHTSTOWN
BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to the Hightstown Borough Environmental Commission are hereby made and confirmed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown:

Joshua Jackson	Ux. 3 yrs.	December 31, 2015
Joanna Jackson	Alt. #1 - Ux. 2 yrs.	December 31, 2016

Resolution 2015-119

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

**AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL ARTS
PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes and the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders have made funds available for support of the Arts through a State/County Block Grant Partnership for Arts Organization and County Art Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown has established a Cultural Arts Commission for the development of artistic and cultural appreciation and expression as an important consideration in the progress and growth of our society; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts Commission's pursuit through the presentation of cultural/artistic events and programs, and establishment of art installation sites and venues is declared to be a significant goal benefiting all Mercer County residents, as well as those who reside outside of Mercer County; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the Local Arts Program Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to the Arts, and will indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown to the efforts undertaken by the Hightstown Borough Cultural Arts Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough of Hightstown hereby endorses the submission of a Local Arts Program Grant application in support of the Hightstown Borough Cultural Arts Commission.

Resolution 2015-096 Supporting Assembly Bill A-1109 Which seeks to Implement Stricter Rules and Regulations for Organizations that House and Care for Individual's with Developmental Disabilities

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolution 2015-096; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

There was discussion regarding the title of the Resolution. It was decided to change the title to what was provided in the State's Synopsis. *Provides protections for individuals with developmental disabilities through accountability and transparency; designated at "Stephen Komninos' Law".*

Councilmember Montferrat move to amend Resolution 2015-096; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution amended 6-0.

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolution 2015-096 as amended; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution amended 6-0.

Resolution 2015-96

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

**SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL A-1109 WHICH PROVIDES PROTECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
DESIGNATED AS “STEPHEN KOMNINOS’ LAW”**

WHEREAS, the implementation of Assembly Bill A-1109 (also called “Stephen Komninos’ Law”) would improve protections for individuals with developmental disabilities by providing increased transparency of investigations conducted in connection with an allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation of individuals with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-1109 was created to honor the memory of Stephen Komninos, an individual with developmental disabilities who died at the age of 22 while under the care of a private licensed facility for persons with developmental disabilities in Haddonfield, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Assembly Bill A-1109 provides for at least three unannounced site visits to be conducted at any facility that houses individuals with developmental disabilities each year, including but not limited to any public or private agency, organization, or institution providing care to the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of Assembly Bill A-1109, the Commission of Human Services or the commissioner’s designee is required to designate staff members from the Special Response Unit in the Department of Human Services to participate in the unannounced visits. A member of a law enforcement agency would also participate in the visits, which would be conducted to determine if the patients/residents of said organization are at risk of or being subject to abuse, neglect or exploitation by a caregiver; and

WHEREAS, this Bill also requires the Commissioner or his/her designee to designate staff who shall provide written notification to the guardian or an authorized family member of an individual with a developmental disability receiving services from a program, facility, community care residence, or living arrangement licensed or funded by the department, of any physical injury to the individual with a development disability, as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four hours after the occurrence of the injury; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-1109 also amends Public Law 2010, c.5 (C.30:6D-73, et seq.) which established the Central Registry of Offenders Against Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Central Registry) in DHS to prevent those caregivers who are identified as offenders against individuals with developmental disabilities from working with such individuals in the future; and

WHEREAS, this Bill further amends the current law to change from a disorderly persons offense to a fourth degree crime the failure of a case manager or supervisor to report an incident and makes it a third degree, rather than a fourth degree crime, if the unreported incident results in death; and

WHEREAS, the confidentiality provisions of the Central Registry law would further be amended to permit records and reports of any investigation to be provided to a guardian or other person responsible for the welfare of the individual with a developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of Assembly Bill A-1109 is in the best interests of the State of New Jersey, its residents and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough supports the adoption of A-1109, which would implement stricter rules and regulations for organizations that house and care for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge our State Senator and our representatives in the General Assembly to join as co-sponsors of A-1109; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Governor Chris Christie, our District Representatives and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street – Commented that he likes seeing the respect that Council as for one another.

Lynn Wood, 315 Park Avenue– Inquired as to what the Planning Board is doing regarding the sign ordinance in downtown and on the route 33 Corridor. Stated that a decision needs to be made regarding our Police Department. She continued stating that a decision needs to be made regarding the suspension of Officer Marchione; this has been going on far too long. She then addresses Mayor and Council stating that the public has a right to disagree with them and ask questions.

Scott Caster, 12 Clove Lane – Commented that he is happy to see the respect shown at tonight’s meeting. Regarding outsourcing of the Police Department; we need to do what is best for Hightstown Borough. He ended by stating that the public needs to be informed of the purpose of “closed sessions”.

Rob Thibault, 504 South Main Street – Commented that he is extremely disappointed that there was no resolution done for National Volunteer Week. Something should be done to resolve this even if it is belated. Inquired about the length of time it is taking to handle personnel issues.

Dimitri Musing, 137 Stockton Street – Thanked Mayor and Council for their service. Commented that he is not sure there should be a “back and forth” between Council and the Public during meetings. Councilmembers are elected officials that listen to the public and then make their decision. Everyone only wants what is best for Hightstown.

Doug Mair, 536 South Main Street – Commented on what a great meeting it was. Stated that Peddie had bought a new property that will become tax exempt. Feels that the tax assessor needs to look into this. Sited NJSA 54:4-3.6.

There being no further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed public comment period II.

Council/Mayor/Administrative Reports

Councilmember Stults – Thanked everyone for a good meeting. Agrees that part of the process in America is to come and voice your opinions. It is tough when you do not get answers to your questions but sometimes there are reasons for that. He promises to do what he can to continue to answer questions and concerns. Planning Board approved building a new home on Second Avenue. This was a double lot and the existing home has been completely renovated. Along with the new home some storm water improvements and off street parking has been provided for that street for both the existing house and the new house. Regarding Sign ordinance, part of the design standards are in subcommittee. There is a specific separation of the commercial areas in town. Has been in contact with George Chin, Construction Official regarding this. Regarding code enforcement and overcrowding; there has been discussion about make Dave Bell full-time, combining his position with the zoning officer’s position would allow address issues in a timely manner. It is important that the Borough reacts to issues that arise but the public needs to know that they can contact the Borough about issues that they see. The more the Borough hears about specific examples the better job they can do in taking care of things. Planning Board is also addressing the home based business ordinance. We need to work together to make our town a better place.

Susan Bluth – Addressed Mr. Thibault’s comment about the hours for Dave Bell and having Mr. Bell serve as a Zoning Officer also. This matter was thoroughly discussed by Council at February 2, 2015 meeting. Parks and Recreation – The swim team that uses the lake will start practice in May; They are starting to plan concerts in the Park. This year will not be all concerts. They are hoping for a variety of activities. Concerts in the Park will may be called Summer Fun in the Park. She will keep everyone posted. Theater in the Park which was started last year will be done again this year. It is a 5 week program which culminates with a performance. The Triathlon will take place this year. The tentative date is September 13th.

Councilmember Kurs – Met with the Fire Company to discuss plans to renovate the memorial bell. Fire Company has raised over half of the money needed to complete the project. They do not anticipate seeking any funds from the Borough. All of the plans are in place and fundraising plans are in place. This project should take about 1 year to complete. Congratulated the Fire Company regarding the work they have done on working to find a replacement for the ladder truck. They have done a tremendous amount of work to ensure that the new truck meets the needs of the Borough and stays within our budget. The committee will be coming before Council

in May with their recommendation. Also, the Fire Company has received a donation of gear racks for the fire house to store their gear and have it easily available to them in an emergency. This was about a \$5,000 savings to them. This was a donation from the Nottingham Fire company. First Aid Company – They are finalizing their plans to replace the ambulance that was totaled in a motor vehicle accident. Cost of the ambulance will be coming from the payment from the insurance company and should not require additional funds from the Borough. Membership is very low. They are appealing to the public for volunteers. There is no experience necessary, they will train. They provide a tremendous service to the community. Council did overlook National Volunteer Week and he apologized. This is something that should be addressed.

At this point Mayor Quattrone asked if Mr. Kurs would like to move a Resolution for National Volunteer Week.

Resolution 2015-121 Proclaiming Hightstown Volunteer Appreciation Week and Recognizing, Honoring and Thanking Hightstown's Volunteers.

Councilmember Kurs moved Resolution 2015-121; Council President Hansen seconded.

Mayor Quattrone apologized that this was overlooked. He stated that volunteers are the roots of Hightstown. We count on them and most of the time they are not paid.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2015-121

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**PROCLAIMING HIGHTSTOWN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK AND
RECOGNIZING, HONORING AND THANKING HIGHTSTOWN'S VOLUNTEERS**

WHEREAS, the week of April 12 to 18, 2015 has been proclaimed National Volunteer Week to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown and its residents have benefited greatly from hundreds of volunteers who each year give tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves society, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends and associates; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Mayor and Council wishes to acknowledge and thank its volunteers for their dedication and tireless efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby proclaims the week of April 12 to 18, 2015 as Hightstown Volunteer Week and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the dedication and untiring efforts of all those who volunteer to help make our community a better place to live and work.

Councilmember Kurs – Continued with his comments. Mercer County Prosecutors office will be hosting a County Fair to be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Trenton April 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Police Records – Ms. Woods had inquired about police records not being available in the past but now are available. Councilmember Kurs had spoken to Lt. Gendron and was informed that records that were damaged during Hurricane Irene were at Alternative Micrographics being cleaned and restored. They are now being returned to the Borough. He stated that he was happy to see a much more positive atmosphere at the meeting tonight. It is only through constructive criticism that things get done.

Councilmember Montferrat – Encouraged residents to keep the Borough up to date if they see overcrowding or violations. Regarding The Historic Preservation Commission, last meeting was canceled. They are still working with DVRPC on getting the marketing website up. He is working on getting a property in town on the National

Register of Historic Places. Commended the CAC on seeking the grant. Congratulated the 3 newest members of the Environmental Commission.

Councilmember Misiura – Board of Health met on April 8th. They are reviewing the Trap Neuter Release Ordinance. Fire truck committee – He agreed with Kurs, they have done a lot of work and they have done their due diligence. The truck is old and out of compliance with NFPA standards. This is an all volunteer department. What we pay for the fire department is nothing compared to our surrounding communities. We should support the Fire Department whenever we can. Housing Authority – Main discussion was COAH submittal. We should be getting credit for the 77 units that the housing authority has. We went ahead with the proposal without reaching out to the Housing Authority. He apologized for that and he had arranged for Tamara Lee, Borough Planner, to attend the next Housing Authority meeting to answer any questions they may have. Environmental Commission – A tree planting ceremony took place on Arbor Day. A tree was planted in front of the Tavern. There was also a tree identification workshop.

Council President Hansen – Water sewer meeting will be tomorrow so she had nothing new to report. Culture Arts Commission - submitting a grant for about \$6,000. She commented on the strengthening of the administrative staff at the borough offices. Thanked the Administrator, the Clerk and the CFO for the work that they did on the budget. Commented about the last meeting's heavy agenda. Addressed decorum issues at the meetings.

Mayor Quattrone – Stated that he is very proud to have this council. He spoke about East Windsor's new ordinance regarding bank's responsibility for the maintenance of foreclosed, vacant properties. Regarding code enforcement – we are working hard on code enforcement. We need to do this without violating people's rights. He asked that residents please bring complaints forward so we can investigate. Sign ordinance – we are working on this with the Planning Board. He stated that he had the pleasure of being at the Grand Opening and cutting the ribbon at 12 Farms along with East Windsor Mayor, Janice Mirnov. He reminded everyone that he has office hours in the municipal offices on Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30. Police – Council and the Mayor need to look at anything that will save the Borough money. This is part of the responsibility of being a councilmember. Friends of the Monument – Mr. Buriak will no longer have the time to take care of the monument. "Friends of the Monument" is looking for volunteers to work with Public Works to take care of the maintenance of the monument. He would like to see the monument stay in the condition that it is presently in. Mr. Buriak has done a beautiful job with it. He thanked Council for all their work and thanked public for their patience and cooperation during the meeting.

Resolution 2015-120 Authorizing a Meeting Which Excludes the Public

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolution 2015-120; Councilmember Stults seconded.

Roll Call Vote – Councilmembers Bluth, Hansen, Kurs, Misiura, Montferrat and Stults voted yes.

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2015-120

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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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 April 20, 2015 directly following the general meeting 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:

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: July 20, 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.

Council adjourned to executive session at 9:14 p.m.

Council reconvened into public session at 9:55 p.m.

Councilmember Bluth motioned to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.; Councilmember Stults seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk