

**Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Special Meeting
August 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 7:01 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>		✓ ARRIVED LATE
<i>Councilmember Stults</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Quattrone</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Margaret Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator; Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Misiura moved the agenda for approval; Council President Hansen seconded.

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

Agenda approved 5-0.

Public Comment Period 1

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

Keith LeProvost, 214 Greeley Street – Commented that the paving on Park, Hutchinson and Greeley looks beautiful. Continued stating the paving that was done changed the pitch of the street. Water is now going into his yard. He had ankle deep water in the basement and the sub pump, which hadn’t been needed in 2 years, was needed. He has been in contact with Carmela and the contractor is aware of the situation. Carmela has promised that a solution is on the way but he hasn’t heard back from her. Finished by stating that he is willing to have the work done at his expense and have the Borough reimburse him.

Lynn Woods, 315 Park Ave – Requested that when there is a small agenda please have public comment after discussion so public can comment on what was discussed.

Mayor Quattrone addressed Mr. LeProvost's comments. Mayor Quattrone commented that this is not a Council problem at the moment. The engineer and contractor need to come up with a solution. In the meantime, he suggested that Public Works have sand bags brought to Mr. LeProvost's residence until solution is found.

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

Councilmember Montferrat arrived at the meeting during Public Comment I.

Discussion

Road Project

Mr. Underhill, Borough Administrator, summarized two (2) letters received from Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer dated August 5, 2015. Both letters were in reference to the Road Improvement work being done on Park Avenue, Greeley Street, Glenbrook Place, Hutchinson Street, Grant Avenue and Park Way.

Due to unforeseen circumstances in several areas an additional \$98,000 needs to be added to the project total. The areas in question were: The Sanitary Sewer System, Storm Drainage System, Water Systems and Milling and Paving of the road.

Mr. Underhill advised that it is not unusual for problems such as this to arise in these types of projects.

There was discussion.

Councilmember Stults – Stated his concerns regarding the unforeseen problems. Questioned whether a sampling had been done to determine the thickness of the sub base. Regarding Greeley Street a curb with storm drains should been added because of the change in road. He added that he has some serious questions regarding this project.

Council President Hansen – Questioned how much was an engineering problem versus construction changes. She stated that it is too early to judge what happened. This will be fixed. The Borough Engineer will be at the next meeting where she were she will address the problems.

Public Comment Period II

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

Lynn Woods, 315 Park Ave - Commented that she agreed with Councilmember Stults. She inquired if there was a contingency in the budget for this project.

Henry Underhill, Borough Administrator – Informed Ms. Woods that there was a 10% contingency budgeted for the project.

Keith LeProvost 214 Greeley Street – Thanked Mayor and Council for addressing the issue on Greeley Street.

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

Adjourn to Executive Session

Resolution 2015-206 Authorizing a Meeting Which Excludes the Public

Councilmember Stults moved Resolution 2015-206; Councilmember Kurs seconded.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2015-206

*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 August 10, 2015 directly following the special 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: 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: November 10, 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 7:25 p.m.

Council reconvened into public session at 8:00 p.m.

Councilmember Stults motioned to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; Council President Hansen seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk