

**Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
March 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 7:04 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 (Peggy) Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Debra Sopronyi Borough Clerk/Administrator and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2017-67 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolution 2017-67; Council President Stults seconded.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2017-67

*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 March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Hightstown Engine Co. #1 Fire House Hall located at 140 North Main 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 – Municipal Court
Municipal Facilities

Litigation – Wronko

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: June 20, 2017, 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.

Mayor Quattrone called the public meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and again read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

George Lang, CFO, during Executive Session and is now present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Quattrone requested that Resolutions 2017-73 and 2017-74 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately for a presentation. Councilmember Montferrat requested that Resolution 2017-79 be added to the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Kurs moved the Agenda as amended; Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

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

Agenda approved as amended 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Stults moved the March 6, 2017 Executive Session Minutes for approval; Councilmember Kurs seconded.

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

Minutes approved 5-0.

Councilmember Bluth moved the March 6, 2017 Open Session Minutes for approval; Councilmember Misiura seconded.

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

Minutes approved 5-0.

PRESENTATION

Resolution 2017-68 Proclaiming March as American Red Cross Month 2017

Council President Stults moved Resolution 2017-68; Councilmember Kurs seconded.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

At this point, Mayor Quattrone and Councilmember Kurs presented Resolution 2017-68 to members of the Red Cross which consisted of students from Hightstown High School. Mayor Quattrone thanked the students for their time and their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

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

Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street – Stated that she is upset that the Borough is considering disbanding the Animal Welfare Committee. She informed Council that the AWC provides education to the public, spay/neutered over 700 cats and implemented the trap and release program. She asked Council to reconsider this and keep the AWC in Hightstown.

Keith LeProvost, 213 Greeley Street – Thanked Council for bringing the Housing Authority into compliance with Ordinance 2017-04 but questioned why the Housing Authority Liaison, Denny Hansen, did not inform them about the ordinance at their last meeting.

Eugene Sarafin, - Began to speak about President Trump. Mayor Quattrone interrupted Mr. Sarafin and asked him to save his comments for the second public comment section because his comments did not pertain to an item on the agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

2017-04 First Reading and Introduction An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, Entitled “Administration”, Section 2-29, Entitled “Housing Authority”, Subsection 2-92.2, Entitled “Appointment of Commissioners: Terms; Vacancies” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown.”

Councilmember Misiura moved Ordinance 2017-04 for introduction; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Ordinance introduced 5-0.

Public Hearing scheduled for April 3, 2017.

Ordinance 2017-04
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-29, ENTITLED “HOUSING
AUTHORITY”, SUBSECTION 2-92.2, ENTITLED “APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS; TERMS;
VACANCIES” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHTSTOWN.”**

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the Borough Council’s attention that the Housing Authority shall contain one

member of the Resident Advisory Committee of the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that this requirement should be contained in the Borough ordinances for the appointment of Commissioners to the Housing Authority.

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 2-29, entitled "Housing Authority", Subsection 2-29.2, entitled "Appointment of Commissioners; Terms; Vacancies", is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

Subsection 2-29.2 Appointment of Commissioners; Terms; Vacancies.

The Authority shall consist of seven (7) members, of whom five (5) shall be appointed by the Borough Council, one (1) by the Mayor, and one (1) by the Commissioner of Community Affairs. The members shall serve for terms of five (5) years and until their respective successors have been appointed and qualified. Members of the Authority appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:14A-4 (repealed) shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they are appointed and qualified. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made, but for the unexpired term only. If a vacancy is not filled by the Borough Council or the Mayor within ninety (90) days of the occurrence of the vacancy, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs shall notify the Mayor or the Council of his intent to fill the vacancy if it is not filled in thirty (30) days. If the vacancy is not filled within that thirty (30) days period, the Commissioner may appoint a member for the unexpired term. No more than one (1) member of the Housing Authority may be an officer or employee of the Borough. One Commissioner of the Housing Authority shall be a member of the Housing Authority Resident Advisory Committee, provided that an application for the vacant Commissioner seat is received as dictated by applicable law. Authority members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of the duties of membership, including travel expenses.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2017-69 Authorizing Payment of Bills

Councilmember Kurs moved Resolution 2017-69; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Resolution adopted 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Resolution 2017-69

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER*

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

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 \$225,422.67 from the following accounts:

Current		\$96,110.40
W/S Operating		102,334.22
General Capital		4,927.39
Water/Sewer Capital		14,918.91
Grant		0.00
Trust		2,220.00
Housing Trust		0.00
Animal Control		525.00
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		0.00
Escrow		<u>4,386.75</u>
Total		\$225,422.67

Resolution adopted 5-0.

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

Todd Frantz 3 yrs. December 31, 2019

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths including prescription pain medicine and heroin remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the majority of drug overdose deaths (more than six out of ten) involve an opioid; and

WHEREAS, a poison is defined as anything that is taken in the wrong amount, in the wrong way or by the wrong person; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk; and

WHEREAS, although the majority of reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides expert advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, the public can contact a poison expert by calling (1-800-222-1222), chatting (www.njpies.org), or texting (8002221222@njpies.org); and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas, and flavors – increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will focus their attention on them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

WHEREAS, poison experts urge residents to use our services as a resource for poison and drug information instead of consulting the internet for information that may not be accurate; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison centers services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is also involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Hightstown do hereby recognize the week of March 19 – 25, 2017 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourages all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

Resolution 2017-71

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

**EXTENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
(DEBRA L. SOPRONYI)**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council appointed Debra L. Sopronyi as Interim Borough Administrator pursuant to resolution 2016-240; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend this appointment for an additional ninety (90) days or until a permanent appointment is made, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, this extension of appointment shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as stated in the initial appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby extends the appointment of Debra L. Sopronyi as the Interim Administrator for the Borough, for an additional ninety (90) days, pursuant to the terms and conditions specified above, with such appointment to be effective April 1, 2017.

Resolution 2017-72

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

AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-09

WHEREAS, resolution 2017-09 made and confirmed Boards, Commissions and Committee appointments for 2017; and

WHEREAS, there was an error in the Board of Health appointments requiring the following corrections be made to resolution:

Walt Hewitt	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Skye Gilmartin	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Edyth Duffy, Alt. #1	2 yrs.	December 31, 2018

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Hightstown Borough that above appointments in resolution 2017-09 are hereby amended to read as noted herein.

Resolution 2017-75

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
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**AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND FUNDS – TECKNO
PROPERTIES (314 SECOND AVENUE, BLOCK 47, LOTS 5 & 6)**

WHEREAS, Teckno Properties, Inc. deposited performance bond funds in the amount of \$7,716.00 for a project at Block 47, Lots 5 & 6; and

WHEREAS, Teckno Properties, Inc. has requested that the performance bond funds on deposit with the Borough for Block 47, Lots 5 & 6 be released; and

WHEREAS, The Borough has inspected all improvements related to the above site and found all improvements to

be completed satisfactorily and;

WHEREAS, The Borough has determined that a maintenance bond is not required for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the CFO is authorized and directed to release the performance bond funds on deposit with the Borough to Teckno Properties, Inc. for the project at Block 47, Lots 5 & 6.

A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the following:

- a. Teckno Properties, Inc..
- b. George Lang, Hightstown Borough CFO
- c. George Chin, Hightstown Borough Construction Official
- d. Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer

Resolution 2017-76

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
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AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #1 – PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF (NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – IMPROVEMENTS TO STOCKTON STREET & JOSEPH STREET)

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2016, the Borough Council awarded a contract for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design and Construction Support activities related to the Improvements to Stockton Street and Joseph Street in the Borough to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., of Dallas, Texas at the price of \$103,819.36; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has submitted payment request #1 for work completed on the project from inception through December 30, 2016 in the total amount of \$8,411.78; and

WHEREAS, this payment shall be contingent upon approval being provided by FHWA and NJDOT through the Safe Routes to School Design Assistance Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Payment Request No. 1 to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., P.O. Box 732476, Dallas, Texas, 75373-2476, in the amount of \$8,411.78 is hereby approved as detailed herein, and the CFO is authorized to issue same.

Resolution 2017-77

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
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AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 & PAYMENT #5 FINAL - THE G. MEYER GROUP (REHABILITATION OF DETENTION TANKS)

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2016, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Rehabilitation of the Detention Tanks for the Water Treatment Plant in Hightstown Borough to The G. Meyer Group, Inc. of Bradley Beach, New Jersey at the price of \$133,804.50; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted change order #2 which extended the contract completion date. The extension was warranted due to weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted payment #5 Final in the amount of \$3,060.95 for work related to tank cleaning, vent installation, and cleaning/painting of the aerator for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of Change order #2 extending the contract completion date; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of payment #5 Final in the amount of \$3,060.95 pending receipt of certified payrolls; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that change order #2 which extended the contract completion date and payment #5 Final in the amount of \$3,060. To The G. Meyer Group, Inc. of Bradley Beach, New Jersey is hereby approved as detailed herein.

Resolution 2017-78

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

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2017 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 2017 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	23,100.00	76,000.00	99,100.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	100,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	123,100.00	176,000.00	299,100.00

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 2017 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 Chief Finance Officer.

Resolution 2017-79
BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN ORDER
TO RESOLVE CERTAIN OPRA LITIGATION KNOWN AS “WRONKO VS.
BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, ET ALS”**

WHEREAS, on or about December 21, 2016, Steven Wronko instituted certain litigation against the Borough of Hightstown (the “Borough”) and the Municipal Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (“OPRA”), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 to -18, challenging the Defendants’ denial of his request for certain government records; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an amicable resolution with respect to the government records requested and the award of attorney’s fees, which will result in the Plaintiff dismissing his litigation with prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions associated with this undertaking are set forth in the attached Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the “Settlement Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement has been recommended by the Borough Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to sign, and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to attest, the attached Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Borough and the Municipal Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Finance Officer and all other Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all actions that are necessary in order for the Borough to comply with the terms of the attached Settlement Agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

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

Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street – Spoke about how President Trump is destroying our Country and that local government needs to speak up before it’s too late.

Phyllis Deal, 305 Stockton Street – Apologized for speaking during the wrong public comment section.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Commented about the snow not being shoveled on sidewalks downtown. Also commented about taxi’s downtown. Stated that he does not feel that they are serving Hightstown residents. The number of taxi’s on the streets reflect a negative image of Hightstown.

Keith LeProvost, 213 Greeley Street – Asked if someone could explain the resolution regarding the OPRA settlement.

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

Mayor Quattrone commented that he felt that Public Works did a good job clearing the streets during the last snow storm. He also stated that the Borough extended the time to remove snow from the sidewalks because of how frozen the snow had become.

Borough Attorney, Fred Raffetto, explained the OPRA settlement resolution. He explained that an OPRA request had been denied; because of this the requestor sued stating that the request should not have been

denied. The requestor won the suit. Mr. Raffetto explained that because this is a fee shifting statute, the Borough is required to pay the requestor's attorney's fees.

Mayor Quattrone spoke about the amount of OPRA requests the Clerk's office receives on a weekly basis and the time it takes to fill the requests. He urged the public to write to their representatives to re-evaluate the OPRA statute.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Route 33 Corridor Zoning Review

Councilmember Montferrat explained that the Route 33 Corridor Study had been complete 5 plus years ago. He went on to summarize the changes and additions that had been made to the report and talked about prohibited uses. Discussion ensued regarding the prohibited uses of: tattoo parlors, check cashing stores and drug/alcohol rehabilitation facilities. After discussion, it was decided to remove tattoo parlors and drug/alcohol rehabilitation from prohibited uses. Councilmember Montferrat would make the revisions and forward to the Clerk.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councilmember Kurs

Noted that he had no reports for the Police Department or First Aid Squad. Informed Council that the phones at the Firehouse had been down but that problem appears to have been resolved.

Councilmember Misiura

Reported that the Planning Board is getting the new Planner up to speed; welcomed the new commissioner to the HPC and advised that the HPC will be requesting funding for banners in the historic district.

Councilmember Montferrat

Thanked Council for the great discussion on the Route 33 Corridor; the Harvest Fair Committee will hold its first meeting of the year tomorrow evening; welcomed the new commissioner to the Environmental Commission; the Environmental Commission will be moving forward with Sustainable Jersey. He stated that he agreed with Phyllis Deal and the AWC should not be disbanded.

Councilmember Bluth

Stated that there is nothing to report for Parks and Rec. The Cultural Arts Commission will host the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser on Saturday from 6-8 and bowls are still available. She would like Council to have a discussion before a disbanding the Animal Welfare Committee.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Sopronyi

Reported that the evaluation of the AWWTP will begin this week. A reverse 9-1-1 was sent to residents regarding the removal of snow from the sidewalks. Reminded Council that business owners are responsible for clearing the snow from in front of their businesses. New computer equipment for the municipal offices has been ordered and will be installed on April 14th. She will speak with the Police Chief regarding the taxi stands.

Council President Stults

Reported that Downtown Hightstown welcomed a new board member. The downtown business owners will operate under a “wing” of Downtown Hightstown. The business owners are very enthusiastic about the 4 Fun Friday’s which will be sponsored by the Parks and Rec Commission. The Construction office is continuing to move forward with landlord registration and registrations for vacant properties. Would like Council to look at the AWC before making a decision. Thanked Phyllis Deal for attending the meeting. Taxi parking needs to be addressed.

Deputy Borough Clerk, Riggio

Reported that Radon Kits are still available in the Clerk’s office. Reminded residents that the Clerk’s office is still licensing dogs and there is now a \$10 late fee for the registration.

CFO, Lang

Reported that the next budget workshop will be held March 27th at the Firehouse.

Mayor Quattrone

Reminded the public that the best thing they can do for their pets is to make sure they are registered. Apologized to Mr. LeProvost for not notifying him about the Housing Authority Ordinance; this was added to the agenda after the agenda meeting and Councilmember Hansen was not aware that it was going to be on tonight’s agenda. Stated that he will work with Council President Stults on taxi issues and parking. A high school student was struck by a car at the corner of Grape Run Road and Rt. 33; thankfully the young lady suffered only minor injuries. He will be in contact with DOT about precautions to make this corner safer in the future. Thanked Councilmember Montferrat for his work on the Route 33 Corridor Zoning Review. April 1st starts Autism Awareness month; ribbons will be on poles downtown, just to show we care.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Kurs moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.; Councilmember Misiura seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk