

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
Re-Organization Meeting
January 1, 2017
12:00 Noon

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 12:00pm 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."

Mayor Quattrone welcomed everyone to the re-organization meeting and thanked them for coming. He noted that since Council will remain the same, it will only be necessary to take roll call once at this meeting.

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: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk/Administrator; and Frederick Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

The flag salute was lead by Senator Linda Greenstein.

Mayor Quattrone swore Council members-Elect Denise Hansen and Steven Misiura into office.

Councilmember Hansen commented that it has been a busy year for Council with many large issues and she is anxious to accomplish the projects that are pending; she wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Misiura wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the public for attending the meeting and for all their support; he noted that he is optimistic about Hightstown's future and that it has been a pleasure working with the Borough Staff and Council and that he is looking forward to the New Year.

Pastor Sammy Arroyo of the First Methodist Church of Hightstown gave the Invocation.

Mayor Quattrone recognized and welcomed the various dignitaries who were present, including but not limited to: Senator Linda Greenstein; Assemblyman Daniel Benson; Freeholders Andrew Koontz and John Cimino; previous Mayor Scott Caster; previous Council members of Hightstown Borough including but not limited to: Charles Stults, Tory Watkins, Selena Bibens, Eugene Sarafin, and Dimitri Musing.

Mayor Quattrone then presented Sarah Kluxen with his Outstanding Citizen Award noting that people are not recognized for what they do and this is his way of recognizing those who have gone above and beyond by volunteering not only in the Borough, but in the County.

Sarah Kluxen thanked the Mayor for the recognition, noting that she moved to Hightstown 33 years ago and it is a great town that she tries to serve in any way she can.

Councilmember Hansen moved the agenda for approval, Councilmember Misiura seconded.

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

Agenda approved 6-0.

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

Eugene Sarafin, 628 S. Main Street – wished everyone a happy new year noting that there is a lot to be grateful for in Hightstown; spoke regarding Donald Trump’s solutions to United States issues.

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

Resolution 2017-01 Electing Council President for 2017

Mayor Quattrone called for nominations for Council President.

Councilmember Hansen moved Lee Stults as Council President, Councilmember Misiura seconded.

There being no further nominations, Councilmember Hansen moved resolution 2017-01 with the name of Lee Stults being appointed as Council President, Councilmember Misiura seconded.

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

Resolution approved 6-0.

Resolution 2017-01

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

ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2017

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill the position of Council President for 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to elect Lee Stults to fill that position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Lee Stults is hereby elected as Council President for the year 2017.

Mayor Quattrone noted that it has been a pleasure working with Council President Hansen and he looks forward to working with Council President Stults this coming year.

Consent Agenda

Resolutions 2017-02, 2017-03, 2017-04, 2017-05, 2017-06, 2017-07, 2017-08, 2017-09, 2017-10, 2017-11, 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-14, 2017-15, 2017-16, 2017-17, 2017-18, 2017-19, 2017-20, 2017-21, and 2017-22

Councilmember Kurs moved resolutions 2017-02, 2017-03, 2017-04, 2017-05, 2017-06, 2017-07, 2017-08, 2017-09, 2017-10, 2017-11, 2017-12, 2017-13, 2017-14, 2017-15, 2017-16, 2017-17, 2017-18, 2017-19, 2017-20, 2017-21, and 2017-22 as the consent agenda, Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

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

Resolutions approved 6-0.

Resolution 2017-02
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**RESOLUTION MAKING AND CONFIRMING BOROUGH OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS
FOR 2017**

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

Margaret Riggio	<u>Deputy Municipal Clerk</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Debra L. Sopronyi	<u>Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Margaret Riggio	<u>Alternate Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Debra L. Sopronyi	<u>Assessment Search Officer</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Debra L. Sopronyi	<u>Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Ken Lewis	<u>Recycling Coordinator</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Ken Lewis	<u>Clean Communities Coordinator</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Ken Lewis	<u>Safety Coordinator</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Richard Kelly	<u>Public Defender</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Gus Siggelakis	<u>Alternate Public Defender</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017
#1 – Christopher Koutsouris, Esq. #2 – Lyle Hough, Esq. #3 – Betha Scott, Esq. #4 – Al Vuocolo, Esq. #5 – Lenor Hannah, Esq. #6 – Reed Gusciora, Esq. #7 – Jeff Rubin, Esq.	<u>Alternate Prosecutors</u> 1 yr. 1 yr. 1 yr. 1 yr. 1 yr. 1 yr. 1 yr.	December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017 December 31, 2017
George Chin	<u>Zoning Officer</u> 1 yr.	December 31, 2017

Housing Inspectors		
George Chin	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
David Bell	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Building Inspector		
George Chin	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Fire Protection Official		
Chad Reed	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Summer Recreation Director		
Larry Gunnell	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Borough Historian		
Charles Stultz III	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
<u>Class I Officer</u>		
Chad Reed	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
<u>Class II Officer</u>		
Donald Ala	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
<u>School Crossing Guards</u>		
Bryan P. Conlon	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Carl Jantz	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Donna Reed	1 yr.	December 31, 2017

Resolution 2017-03

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

**APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL
SERVICES – FREDERICK C. RAFFETTO, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional legal services for 2017 pertaining to general municipal, water and sewer, redevelopment and litigation/union matters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq. of the firm Ansell Grimm & Aaron, Inc. of Ocean, New Jersey as Borough Attorney effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the proposed services shall not exceed \$75,000.00 without further approval by the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2017 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the awarding of a contract for “professional services” without public advertising for bids and bidding, provided that the Resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500, and therefore the contract is also subject to the provisions of the State’s Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, this contract is intended to be awarded as a “non-fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law;

WHEREAS, the firm of Ansell Grimm & Aaron, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to the Local Unit Pay-to-Play law (specifically, at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8), and has further submitted a certification that the firm is in compliance with the Borough’s own Pay-to-Play ordinance (Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*);

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

1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest an Agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Frederick Raffetto, Esq. regarding the above-referenced professional legal services, as set forth herein.
2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Ansell, Grimm & Aaron, Inc. is a firm whose attorneys are authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. That this contract is being awarded in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law and Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, and the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, and other certifications required pursuant to same shall be placed on file with the contract.

Resolution 2017-04

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

**APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL BOND
COUNSEL SERVICES – EDWARD J. MCMANIMON III, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional bond counsel services for 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint Edward J. McManimon III, Esq. of the firm McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC of Roseland, New Jersey as Bond Counsel effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the proposed services shall not exceed \$7,500.00 without further approval by the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2017 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the awarding of a contract for “professional services” without public advertising for bids and bidding, provided that the Resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500, and therefore the contract is also subject to the provisions of the State’s Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, this contract is intended to be awarded as a “non-fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law;

WHEREAS, the firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to the Local Unit Pay-to-Play law (specifically, at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8), and has further submitted a certification that the firm is in compliance with the Borough’s own Pay-to-Play ordinance (Section 2-59 of the *Revised General*

Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown);

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

1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest an Agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Edward J. McManimon III, Esq. regarding the above-referenced professional bond counsel services, as set forth herein.
2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is a firm whose attorneys are authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. That this contract is being awarded in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law and Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, and the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, and other certifications required pursuant to same shall be placed on file with the contract.

Resolution 2017-05

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

**APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL LABOR
COUNSEL SERVICES – ELIZABETH M. GARCIA, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for specialized municipal labor counsel services during 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint Elizabeth M. Garcia, Esq. of Parker McCay, PA of Mount Laurel, New Jersey as Borough Labor Counsel effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the proposed services shall not exceed \$25,000.00 without further approval by the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2017 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney will review and approve the contract for execution by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the awarding of a contract for “professional services” without public advertising for bids and bidding, provided that the Resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500, and therefore the contract is also subject to the provisions of the State’s Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, this contract is intended to be awarded as a “non-fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law;

WHEREAS, Parker McCay, PA has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to the Local Unit Pay-to-Play law (specifically, at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8), and has further submitted a certification that the firm is in compliance with the Borough’s own Pay-to-Play ordinance (Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the

County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest an Agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Elizabeth M. Garcia, Esq. regarding the above-referenced professional municipal labor counsel services, as set forth herein.
2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Parker McCay, PA is a firm whose municipal auditors are authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. That this contract is being awarded in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law and Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, and the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, and other certifications required pursuant to same shall be placed on file with the contract.

Resolution 2017-06

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

**APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL
PROSECUTOR SERVICES – ROBERT H. YOSTEMBSKI, ESQ.**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for specialized Municipal Prosecutor services relative to the municipal court during 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint Robert H. Yostembski, Esq. of Trenton, New Jersey as Municipal Prosecutor effective January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the proposed services shall not exceed \$17,000.00 without further approval by the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2017 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney will review and approve the contract for execution by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law authorizes the awarding of a contract for “professional services” without public advertising for bids and bidding, provided that the Resolution authorizing the contract and the contract itself are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk and that notice of the awarding of the contract be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the value of this contract may exceed \$17,500, and therefore the contract is also subject to the provisions of the State’s Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one (1) year, and it may only be renewed upon further action of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, this contract is intended to be awarded as a “non-fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law;

WHEREAS, Robert H. Yostembski, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification pursuant to the Local Unit Pay-to-Play law (specifically, at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8), and has further submitted a certification that the firm is in compliance with the Borough’s own Pay-to-Play ordinance (Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*);

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

1. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest an Agreement between the Borough of Hightstown and Robert H. Yostembski, Esq. regarding the above-referenced professional Municipal Prosecutor

services, as set forth herein.

2. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Robert H. Yostembski, Esq. is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. That this contract is being awarded in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law and Section 2-59 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, and the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, and other certifications required pursuant to same shall be placed on file with the contract.

Resolution 2017-07

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

**APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERING SERVICES – PROJECT ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional engineering services for 2017 pertaining to various projects in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint a pool of Engineers from which they may chose to perform various engineering services for projects in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to appoint the following as Project Engineers for 2017:

Carmela Roberts, Roberts Engineering Group, Hamilton, New Jersey

Eric C. Betz, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Freehold, New Jersey

Herbert Seeburger, Van Cleef Engineering Assoc., Hamilton, New Jersey

WHEREAS, the cost for the proposed services shall be determined by project and approved by the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purpose will be made available in the 2017 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of these appointments is for one (1) year, and may only be renewed upon further action of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, these contracts are awarded as a “fair and open contract” pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest the agreements as stated herein for professional engineering services for the year 2017.

Resolution 2017-08

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

APPOINTING COUNCIL LIAISONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the following Council liaisons are

hereby confirmed:

DENISE HANSEN	Water and Sewer Departments Finance & Administration Housing Authority
SETH KURS	Police Department Hightstown First Aid Squad Hightstown Engine Co. #1
LEE STULTS	Construction/Inspections Department Downtown Hightstown
STEVE MISIURA	Historic Preservation Commission
CONNOR MONTFERRAT	Public Works Department Board of Health Environmental Commission
SUSAN BLUTH	Parks and Recreation Cultural Arts Commission

Resolution 2017-09

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

**RESOLUTION MAKING AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017 -
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

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

Planning Board

Steve Misiura	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
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Environmental Commission

Vacant	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
David Zaiser	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Jan Trozier	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Vacant – Alt. #2	2 yrs.	December 31, 2017

Board of Health

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

Cultural Arts Commission

Michelle Jordan – Parks & Recreation	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Andrew Harrison – Peddie School	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Heather Lisk – School Staff	1 yr.	December 31, 2017

Adam Welch (Artist)	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Ann Marie Miller (Art Appreciation)	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Jonathan Shahn (Artist/Art Appreciation)	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Michael Fabian – Alt. #1	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Sue Howard – Alt. #2	1 yr.	December 31, 2017

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS
JANUARY 1, 2017**

Police Commissioner

Councilmember Seth Kurs	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
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Planning Board

Bill Searing, Class II member	1 yr.	December 31, 2017
Dodie Colavecchio	4 yrs.	December 31, 2020
Ronald Hansen	4 yrs.	December 31, 2020
Joshua Jackson (Class IV)	3 yrs.	December 31, 2019
Raymond Cabot – Alt. #2	2 yrs.	December 31, 2018

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kim Boknoski	5 yrs.	December 31, 2021
Vacant, Alt. #1	5 yrs.	December 31, 2021
Vacant, Alt. #2	4 yrs.	December 31, 2020

Historic Preservation Commission

Dimitri Musing (Class C)	4 yrs.	December 31, 2020
Vacant	Ux. 4 yrs.	December 31, 2017
Vacant	2 yrs.	December 31, 2020
Vacant	2 yrs.	December 31, 2018

Resolution 2017-10

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

ADOPTING ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that, in any question concerning the organization, proceedings or decorum in connection with meetings of the Borough Council, which question is not otherwise covered by Resolution of Council or general law, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern, and that the Borough Attorney shall serve as *ex officio* parliamentarian, and shall be prepared, at the request of any member of Council, to render his opinion on any question of procedure.

Resolution 2017-11

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

**APPROVING THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council for the remainder of 2017 and for the first meeting in 2018 will be held at **7:30 p.m.**, unless otherwise noted, at the Hightstown Firehouse at 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, on the following dates:

2017 SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING DATES

TUESDAY	January 3
TUESDAY	January 17
MONDAY	February 6
TUESDAY	February 21
MONDAY	March 6
MONDAY	March 20
MONDAY	April 3
MONDAY	April 17
MONDAY	May 1
MONDAY	May 15
MONDAY	June 5
MONDAY	June 19
MONDAY	July 17
MONDAY	August 21
TUESDAY	September 5
MONDAY	September 18
MONDAY	October 2
MONDAY	October 16
MONDAY	November 6
MONDAY	November 20
MONDAY	December 4
MONDAY	December 18

2018 Meetings

MONDAY, January 1 at 12 Noon	Reorganization Meeting
TUESDAY	January 2

Resolution 2017-12

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

DESIGNATING CERTIFYING AGENT FOR PENSION FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of the Hightstown that, in accordance with requirements of the Public Employee's Retirement System and the Policeman's and Fireman's Retirement System, Borough Chief Financial Officer George J. Lang is hereby designated as Certifying Agent for Pension Funds, and shall be responsible for processing and

submitting all documents, as required, pertaining to the aforesaid retirement systems.

Resolution 2017-13

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

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF INTERIM CHECKS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that authorization be given to the Chief Finance Officer to issue checks for the purpose of payroll and/or emergency payments between Council meetings during 2017, and that these payments will appear on the bill list to be approved by the Mayor and Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Resolution 2017-14

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

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald* are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the municipality for the year 2017.

Resolution 2017-15

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

AUTHORIZING PETTY CASH FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk, the Finance Office and the Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant are authorized to be custodians of funds, as follows, for the purpose of petty cash expenditures:

Borough Clerk's Office - \$50.00

Finance Office - \$100.00

Water & Sewer Department - \$50.00

Resolution 2017-16

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

AUTHORIZING 2017 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET – CURRENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that:

“The governing body may and, if any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget, shall by resolution adopted within the first 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

The total of appropriations so made shall not exceed 26.25% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year excluding in both instances, appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance.”

; and

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2016 current budget, exclusive of appropriations for capital improvement fund and debt service, is \$1,614,911.50;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The 2017 Temporary Operating Budget (Current), as detailed on the annexed Schedule, totaling \$1,612,800.00 for Operating and \$753,458.00 for Capital and Debt Service is hereby adopted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.
2. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided forthwith to the Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Auditor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administration Office	
Salaries and Wages	12,000.00
Other Expenses	800.00
Mayor & Borough Council	
Salaries and Wages	7,000.00
Other Expenses	1,200.00
Municipal Clerk	
Salaries and Wages	24,000.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Office Supplies & Paper Products	
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Financial Administration	
Salaries and Wages	23,000.00
Other Expenses	8,000.00
Grant Writing and Administration	
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Data Processing / IT	
Salaries and Wages	1,500.00
Other Expenses	12,000.00
Collection of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	15,000.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00
Other Expenses	5,000.00

Legal Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	70,000.00
Engineering Services & Costs	
Other Expenses	15,000.00
Historic Preservation Commission	
Other Expenses	400.00
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION	
Planning Board	
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Other Expenses	15,000.00
INSURANCE	
Insurance	
Insurance Deductibles	1,500.00
General Liability and Property	40,000.00
Worker's Compensation	80,000.00
Health Benefit Waiver	5,000.00
Employee Group Health	170,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS	
Police	
Salaries and Wages	360,000.00
Other Expenses	40,000.00
Emergency Management Services	
Other Expenses	500.00
Fire Department	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety Act - Fire Official	
Salaries and Wages	4,500.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
First Aid Organization	
Other Expenses	8,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Other Expenses	4,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS	
Streets & Roads Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	55,000.00
Other Expenses	21,000.00
Snow Removal	
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Sanitation Solid Waste Collection	
Salaries and Wages	15,000.00
Other Expenses	16,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	
Salaries and Wages	17,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS(continued)	
Recycling	

Salaries and Wages	28,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	
Other Expenses	12,000.00
Community Services Act	
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	10,000.00
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Board of Health (Health & Human Services)	
Salaries and Wages	18,000.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Environmental Commission	
Other Expenses	300.00
PARKS AND RECREATION FUNCTIONS	
Maintenance of Parks	
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00
Parks & Recreation Commission	
Other Expenses	3,000.00
COMMON OPERATING FUNCTIONS	
Postage, Shipping & Express	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	500.00
UTILITIES AND BULK PURCHASES	
Electricity	
Other Expenses	15,000.00
Street Lighting	
Other Expenses (075 Street Lighting)	13,000.00
Telephone / Telegraph	
Other Expenses	12,000.00
Natural Gas (GAS/HEATING OIL)	
Other Expenses	10,000.00
Gasoline & Diesel Fuel Oil (GASOLINE)	
Other Expenses	23,000.00
LANDFILL/SOLID WASTE	
Landfill Disposal Costs	
Other Expenses	55,000.00
Recycling Tax	2,000.00
CODE ENFORCEMENT	
Construction Official	
Salaries and Wages	32,000.00
Other Expenses	2,500.00
Housing Code Enforcement	
Salaries and Wages	11,000.00

Other Expenses	1,000.00
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STATUTORY EXPENDITURES

Social Security	45,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	2,000.00
Length of Service Awards	35,000.00

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Senior Citizens Program Service Center	
Other Expenses	14,000.00
Landfill Disposal Costs(Roosevelt Borough)	10,000.00
Health Services:	
Salaries and Wages	8,000.00
Other Expenses	25,000.00
Emergency Medical Services	6,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance Services	8,100.00

TOTAL TEMPORARY BUDGET	1,612,800.00
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CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

Capital Improvement Fund	15,000.00
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MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE

Payment of Bond Principal	360,000.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	243,966.00
Dam Restoration Loan	5,000.00
Interest on Notes	58,542.00
Interest on Bonds	70,950.00

TOTAL CAPITAL AND DEBT SERVICE	753,458.00
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Resolution 2017-17

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

AUTHORIZING 2017 TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET – WATER/SEWER

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that:

“The governing body may and, if any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget, shall by resolution adopted within the first 30 days of the beginning of the fiscal year, make appropriations to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

The total of appropriations so made shall not exceed 26.25% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year excluding in both instances, appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance.”

; and

WHEREAS, 26.25 percent of the total appropriations in the 2016 water-sewer utility budget, exclusive of appropriations for capital improvement fund and debt service, is \$592,275.34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The 2017 Temporary Operating Budget (Water/Sewer), as detailed on the annexed Schedule, totaling \$590,000.00 for Operating and \$842,900.00 for Debt Service is hereby adopted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19.
2. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be provided forthwith to the Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Auditor.

Borough of Hightstown
2017 Temporary Budget – Water/Sewer

Appropriations for Water/Sewer Utility

Operating:

Salaries and Wages	203,000.00
Other Expenses	370,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Social Security (O.A.S.I.)	17,000.00
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TOTAL TEMPORARY BUDGET - WATER/SEWER	\$590,000.00
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DEBT SERVICE

Bond Principal	570,000.00
Bond Interest	40,000.00
Wastewater and Water supply Loans	200,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Principal	20,900.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Interest	12,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$842,900.00

Resolution 2017-18

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, has prepared a Cash Management Plan ("the Plan") for the year 2016 which designates the depositories for Borough funds, outlines procedures for the handling thereof, and details other responsibilities with regard to Borough funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to formally adopt the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Cash Management Plan for the year 2016 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof is hereby adopted.

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
County of Mercer, New Jersey

Cash Management Plan
FY 2017

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the "Plan") is prepared pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits and investment of certain public funds of the Borough of Hightstown, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN

- A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Borough of Hightstown. Two authorized signatories are required for disbursements, that shall include the Accounts Payable Clerk, or in her absence the Chief Financial Officer; Business Administrator, or in his absence the Municipal Clerk; and/or the Mayor for the following accounts:
1. Current Fund
 - a. Current
 - b. Grant Fund
 2. Trust Funds
 - a. Builder's Performance Escrow
Planning and Zoning Board Escrow
Engineering Escrow
 - b. Law Enforcement Trust
 - c. Animal Trust Fund
 - d. Payroll
 - e. Public Defender
 - f. Unemployment Trust
 - g. Other Trusts
 3. General Capital
 - a. General Capital & various reserves to include arbitrage funds
 4. Water-Sewer Utility
 - a. Operating
 - b. Capital
- B. It is understood that this Plan is not intended to cover certain funds and accounts of the Borough of Hightstown, Specifically:
1. Municipal Court - Authorized Signatory, Court Clerk and Municipal Judge
 - a. Fines Account
 - b. Bail Accounts
 2. Tax Collector - Authorized Signatory, Chief Financial Officer, Tax Collector or Accounts Payable Clerk
 - a. Tax Collector (Lien) Trust

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN.

The Chief Financial Officer and Accounts Payable Clerk of the Borough of Hightstown are hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made with a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

BANK OF NEW YORK
MORGAN STANLEY CHASE BANK
TD BANK
BCB BANK
WELLS FARGO BANK
FIRST CONSTITUTION BANK
PROVIDENT BANK
BANK OF PRINCETON
FULTON BANK

MBIA-MUNICIPAL INVESTORS
SERVICE CORPORATION
NEW JERSEY ASSET & REBATE
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT
PNC BANK
SANTANDER BANK
BANK OF AMERICA
SUN NATIONAL BANK

All depositories must conform to the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Borough funds on deposit as permitted by law.

V. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15, into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Debt Service and Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with Federal and State statutes, regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow, Professional Fees Escrow, Performance Bond deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the Borough, shall be deposited in interest bearing checking accounts, unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise. Grant funds shall be deposited in accordance with the regulations of the granting government or agency.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of services provided, an agreement between the Borough and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge. Said agreement shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.

The preceding listed brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Borough, referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in this Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section III above.

VII. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURE

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Officials are hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
2. Government money market mutual funds;
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the School district is located;
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
6. Local government investment pools;
7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977,c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); ND
 - e. A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms "government money market mutual fund" and "local government investment pool" shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An Investment Company or investment trusts:

- a. Which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.

- b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- c. Which has:
 - Attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
 - Retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the "Investment Advisors Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. sec. 80b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 Months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- a. Which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a.7;
- b. Which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; that is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C. F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Government securities;
- c. Which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52:14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- d. Which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonably be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- e. Which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank, located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Borough, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Borough to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a "delivery versus payment" method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Borough or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Borough's funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Borough deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

IX. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed in accordance with statutory provisions. The Chief Financial Officer shall, at the beginning of the fiscal year, present to the Borough Council a schedule of debt service principal and interest payments and when available, a schedule of School Tax payments for the upcoming fiscal year. Upon review of the schedules of payments by the Borough Council, the Chief Financial Officer shall then have the authority to make the following disbursements:

School Taxes
County Taxes
Interfunds
Purchase of Investments
Debt Service
Salaries and Wages
Postage
Petty Cash Reimbursements
Payroll Withholdings- *e.g.*, Taxes, Dues, Deferred Compensation, Bonds, Garnishments, Pension

X. PETTY CASH FUND

Reimbursements for expenditures through the Petty Cash Funds shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Funds Shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21. Petty Cash Funds shall be maintained in the following amounts:

Finance	100.00
Borough Clerk	50.00
Advanced Wastewater Treatment	50.00

XI. BONDING

The following officials shall be covered by surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Chief Financial Officer
Tax Collector
Borough Clerk
Municipal Court Administrator

Staff members of the Departments of Finance, Tax Collection and Municipal Court not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond.

XII. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of Hightstown shall be subject to the approval of the Borough Attorney, and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of Borough funds shall deposit them as instructed by this Cash Management Plan, and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If at any time, this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulation of the State of New Jersey, or and department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

XIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

By the tenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Borough a written report of any Deposits or Permitted Investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The Name of any institution holding funds of the Borough as a Deposit or a Permitted Investment.
- B. The amount of securities or Deposits purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of securities purchased or Deposits made.
- D. The book value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- E. The earned income on such Deposits or Permitted Investment. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned

- F. at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such Deposits or Permitted Investments.
- G. The market value of all Deposits or Permitted Investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Borough.

Implementation of this section is dependent upon adequate staffing in the Finance Office.

XIV. TERM OF PLAN

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Borough of Hightstown approving this Plan for such period of time. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Council, the Designated Official(s) is/are directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan. The amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

Resolution 2017-19

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

ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Borough to establish by resolution the rate of interest to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on any installment which is not made within the tenth (10th) calendar day following the date upon which the same became due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 75, P.L. 1991, permits the Mayor and Council to establish a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to continue the policies currently in effect with respect to delinquent taxes;

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

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, the Mayor and Council hereby reaffirm that the following interest shall be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on any installment which is not made before or within the tenth (10th) calendar day following the date upon which same become payable: Eight (8%) percent annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen (18%) percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, to be calculated from the date the tax was payable and until the date of actual payment. The term "delinquent" as used herein shall mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years.
2. In accordance with Chapter 75 of the Laws of 1991, any taxpayers with a delinquency in excess of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of any calendar year, shall be assessed a penalty for that year of six (6%) percent of the amount of the delinquency, in addition to the interest provided for in Paragraph 1.
3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 herein shall remain in effect unless and until superseded by Borough resolution or ordinance.

Resolution 2017-20

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

AUTHORIZING DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATURES

FOR BOROUGH ACCOUNTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the banks designated as depositories of monies of the Borough of Hightstown are hereby established in accordance with the Cash Management Plan adopted by the Borough on January 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for the payment of money from the accounts of the Borough of Hightstown and that **all notes and drafts** of the Borough of Hightstown be signed in like manner by any two of said same officers:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for the **payment of salaries and wages** from the accounts of the Borough of Hightstown:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for the payment of money from the **Animal Control Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for the payment of money from the **Water & Sewer Operating Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Trust Accounts**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Unemployment Trust Fund**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Public Defender Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Current Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for the payment of money from the **Capital Funds** of the Borough of Hightstown:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Grant Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Law Enforcement Trust Account**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of the Borough of Hightstown be hereby authorized to sign checks for payment of money from the **Escrow Accounts (Subdivision Site Plan)**:

Lawrence Quattrone, Mayor
Janice Mohr-Kminek, Accounts Payable
George J. Lang, Chief Financial Officer
Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk, Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and the Municipal Court Administrator shall not be held liable for any loss of public money deposited by them with the aforesaid banks when such loss is occasioned by the failure of such banks faithfully to account for and pay over such money on legal demand.

Resolution 2017-21

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

**ESTABLISHING 2017 SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAYS
AND BOROUGH BUSINESS HOURS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the following will be considered the official holidays for the year 2017 and the first week of 2018:

January 2	New Years' Day (Monday)
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday)
February 20	Presidents Day (Monday)
April 14	Good Friday (Friday)
May 29	Memorial Day (Monday)
July 4	Independence Day (Tuesday)
September 4	Labor Day (Monday)
October 9	Columbus Day (Monday)
November 10	Veterans Day (Friday)
November 23	Thanksgiving Day (Thursday)
November 24	Day after Thanksgiving (Friday)
December 25	Christmas Day (Monday)
January 1	New Years Day (Monday)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official business hours for Borough offices will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except as set forth above.

Resolution 2017-22

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

GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, the governing body may delegate the power to award purchases, contracts and/or agreements through State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which Hightstown Borough is a member; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of streamlining Borough operations and improving efficiency, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to approve purchases, contracts and agreements through State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives, subject to provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to approve purchases, contracts and/or agreements through State Contracts and/or Purchasing Cooperatives to which Hightstown Borough is a member without further action from Council, provided that funds are available to cover the expenditure. Purchase approvals made by the Qualified Purchasing Agent by virtue of the adoption of this

Resolution shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*

Council Comments

Councilmember Stults thanked the Council for their confidence and the appointment as Council President noting that he is looking forward to serving in this capacity. He commented that he loves Hightstown Borough.

Councilmember Kurs thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and noted that he appreciates their support. He commented that he is up for the challenges 2017 brings.

Councilmember Bluth thanked everyone for coming and she is looking forward to a shovel hitting the ground for the Rug Mill Redevelopment project and seeing the lakefront project move forward. She then encouraged everyone to attend the many events held in the Borough and congratulated Council members Hansen and Misiura on their re-election, and Councilmember Stults on his appointment as Council President for the coming year. She noted that she is looking forward to continuing to work with Council.

Councilmember Montferrat thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and noted that it has been a fast and productive year for Council and he looks forward to continuing their hard work.

Councilmember Misiura wished everyone a happy new year and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He is looking forward to the Rug Mill Redevelopment and the Walking Bridge project finally being completed.

Councilmember Hansen noted that it has been a pleasure serving as Council President and that the communication at the Council level is good. She is looking forward to finalizing projects and she encouraged the public to attend Council meetings so they know what Council is doing for the Borough.

Mayor's Address

"Thank you all for coming out for Hightstown's 2017 reorganization meeting and thank you to Pastor Arroyo for the invocation.

2016 was a different kind of year; DOT was shut down for half the year and some of our projects were put on hold but we still managed to get things done and I am so proud of Hightstown's achievements:

- The work around Park Avenue, Grant Street, and Greeley Street were completed \$30,000.00 under budget
- The bonded improvement to the Enchantment Development was completed in the summer of 2016 within budget
- The grant for the Peddie Lake Bridge was secured at \$331,000.00
- The improvements to Stockton and Joseph Streets are currently being designed
- The design for the rehabilitation of East Ward Street is being prepared with an anticipated start date in 2017
- A grant application was made to the DOT for funding for Ward Street West at \$939,810.00
- New fire and garbage trucks were purchased
- I began meeting with town business owners in 2016 in order to understand and address their concerns, and our most recent meeting has representatives from over 15 businesses and I look forward to continuing this effort in 2017
- With an increase in manpower in 2016, the Construction Office addressed many quality of life and housing concerns including overcrowding, fire, safety and zoning issues
- The Environmental Commission continues to maintain our Sustainable Jersey classification
- The Garden and Community Club continues to impress me with their efforts and are continuing to do a great job of making our town what it is today

Mayor's Proclamations were presented to six Eagle Scouts, seven Hightstown High School Hall of Fame recipients, the First Presbyterian Church for their new wing; the Friday Club for their 120th Anniversary; and the Hightstown Women's Club for their 75th Anniversary. The true backbone of Hightstown is the long list of volunteers and I want to personally thank each and every one of you for the time, effort, and contribution you have made in making our town great!

Now, looking forward to 2017...

On the top of my priority list is to research shared services as a way to provide quality support to our town, while reducing taxpayer burden. I am working with the Mill Developer and will not allow things to get in the way of this forward progress; permits are already being issued for the project. We have one permit to finish the Peddie Lake Bridge project, and our Engineer is diligently working with DOT to get this project completed as soon as possible. We have planted 20 trees in town and will be planting more; Habitat for Humanity is building on Academy Street; the Parks and Recreation Commission has increased their membership with the intention of providing more community events in 2017; our Police Department is working hard to stay on top of continuing education for law enforcement and I am recommending that Council consider the purchase of police body cameras. As Mr. Underhill has moved to a new job, I am recommending to Council that Mrs. Debra Sopronyi assume the duties as the "appropriate authority".

It seems to me that the Housing Authority is drifting away from Council and I do not want this to happen; we must work together. On January 3rd, I plan to request Council to consider the appointment of a Councilmember to the Housing Authority Commission, which has never been done before. The need for collaboration is critical for the continued success of Hightstown.

Finally, I am requesting that Council leave their partisan affiliation at the door...all discussions should always be with the best intentions for Hightstown, without a Republican or Democrat bias.

As Mayor, I must say thank you to a great team of Council members and I am excited to continue to work with all of you. You truly have worked hard and fairly to make this town even better over these last twelve months and I can't wait to see what these next twelve months will bring.

Thank you to all of you for coming out today. I wish a happy, healthy, and safe new year to you and your families."

Councilmember Hansen moved to adjourn at 12:45 pm, Councilmember Stults seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi, RMC
Borough Clerk