

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
February 20, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 7:32 p.m. and he read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated, "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Trenton Times and the Windsor-Hights Herald, and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office."

The flag salute followed Roll Call.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Councilmember Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Hansen</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Misiura</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Montferrat</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Musing</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Stults</i>		✓
<i>Mayor Quattrone</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Margaret (Peggy) Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Debra Sopronyi Borough Clerk/Administrator Monika Patel, Collector/Deputy Finance Officer; George Lang, CFO and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Musing moved the agenda for approval; Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

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

Agenda approved 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Montferrat moved the January 16, 2018 Executive Session Minutes for approval; Councilmember Musing seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Montferrat and Musing voted yes; Councilmember Misiura abstained.

Minutes approved 3-0 with one abstention.

Councilmember Montferrat moved the January 16, 2018 Public Session Minutes for approval; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Minutes approved 4-0.

PRESENTATION

Housing Authority Annual Report

Keith LePrevost, Executive Director Hightstown Housing Authority, gave a summary of the 2017 Annual Report of the Hightstown Housing Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

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

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Spoke regarding the Tree Clearing on Block 12.01 Lot 3 in East Windsor. Council should consider selling this property to the developer who is asking for the clearing.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-52 Authorizing Payment of Bills

Councilmember moved Resolution 2018-52; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2018-52

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

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Borough Administrator, the appropriate Department Head and the Treasurer in the amount of \$105,171.68 from the following accounts:

Current		\$45,345.91
W/S Operating		45,337.77
General Capital		11,703.75
Water/Sewer Capital		2,784.25
Grant		0.00
Trust		0.00
Housing Trust		0.00
Animal Control		0.00
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		0.00
Escrow		<u>0.00</u>
Total		<u>\$105,171.68</u>

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Musing requested that Resolution 2018-56 be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Councilmember Montferrat moved Resolutions 2018-53; 2018-54; 2018-55; 2018-57; 2018-58; 2018-59 and 2018-60 as a Consent Agenda; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Resolutions adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2018-53

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

ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP OF KEVIN BRINK IN HIGHTSTOWN ENGINE CO. NO. 1

WHEREAS, Kevin Brink of East Windsor, New Jersey has applied for membership in Hightstown Engine Company No. 1; and

WHEREAS Mr. Brink has undergone and passed the required physical examination, and his membership application has been reviewed and approved by Fire Chief Scott Jenkins;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the membership of Kevin Brink in Hightstown Engine Company No. 1 is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Hightstown Engine Co. #1.

Resolution 2018-54

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

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT
EXCEEDING \$1,520,373 BONDS, SERIES 2018, OF THE BOROUGH OF
HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING
FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (F/K/A THE
NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST) AND THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
VARIOUS AGREEMENTS, ALL PURSUANT TO THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018
NEW JERSEY WATER BANK**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Local Unit"), has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to undertake improvements to the Water-Sewer Utility, including, but not limited to, improvements to the ultraviolet disinfection systems, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto (the "Project") as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "I-Bank Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the I-Bank Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Local Unit and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the State Fiscal Year 2018 New Jersey Water Bank (the "Program");

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the I-Bank Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loans, each of the I-Bank and the State require the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Local Unit's Bonds, Series 2018, to the I-Bank (the "I-Bank Loan Bond") and Bonds, Series 2018, to the State (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the I-Bank Loan Bond, the "Local Unit Bonds"), said Local Unit Bonds to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,520,373, pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the I-Bank and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the I-Bank and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the I-Bank, the State, the Local Unit and the escrow agent named therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

Section 1. The I-Bank Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Local Unit by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms on file with the Clerk, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer"), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit (collectively, the "Local Unit Consultants") and after further consultation with the I-Bank, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively,

the "Program Consultants", and together with the Local Unit Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Local Unit Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Local Unit as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to such Financing Documents.

Section 2. The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

Section 3. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a), the Local Unit hereby sells and awards its I-Bank Loan Bond to the I-Bank and its Fund Loan Bond to the State, in a total aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,520,373, all in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Local Unit Bonds have been referred to and are described in bond ordinance #2016-14, which bond ordinance is entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Water-Sewer Utility in and by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,860,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,860,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof". The aforementioned ordinance was finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meeting duly called and held on June 6, 2016, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

Section 4. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the I-Bank and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions hereof, the following items with respect to the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

- (a) The aggregate principal amounts of the I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to be issued;
- (b) The maturity and annual principal installments of the Local Unit Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed 30 years;
- (c) The date of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (d) The interest rates of the Local Unit Bonds;
- (e) The purchase price for the Local Unit Bonds; and
- (f) The terms and conditions under which the Local Unit Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

Section 5. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Local Unit Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 4(c) hereof.

Section 6. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Local Unit Bonds shall be as follows:

- (a) The I-Bank Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-1. The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered R-2;

(b) The Local Unit Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and

(c) The Local Unit Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk.

Section 7. The I-Bank Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the form set forth in the I-Bank Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

Section 8. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Local Unit Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank and the State for the Program, to arrange for same. The Local Unit auditor is hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Local Unit Bonds. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer and the Local Unit Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information.

Section 9. The terms of the Local Unit Bonds authorized to be set forth by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Section 2 hereof shall be ratified by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the full membership of the governing body of the Local Unit.

Section 10. The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby severally authorized to execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Local Unit Bonds, and are further authorized to deliver same to the I-Bank and the State upon delivery of the Local Unit Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

Section 11. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 12. Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

Resolution 2018-55

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

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF SALE FOR
UNPAID MUNICIPAL LIENS (BLOCK 21/LOT 20)**

WHEREAS, Hightstown Borough holds a Municipal Lien on Block 21/Lot 20 in the Borough of Hightstown from a Tax Sale that took place on December 18, 1970; and

WHEREAS, it has been established that said lien was not recorded by the County of Mercer Deed Recording office; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Tax Collector to file a Duplicate Certificate of Sale for Unpaid Municipal Liens on this property to assure the lien is properly recorded; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body concurs with the submission of a Duplicate Certificate of Sale for Unpaid Municipal Liens on Block 21/Lot 20 in the Borough of Hightstown from a Tax Sale that took place on December 18, 1970.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County

of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector, Monika Patel, is hereby authorized and directed to file a Duplicate Certificate of Sale for Unpaid Municipal Liens on Block 21/Lot 20 in the Borough of Hightstown from a Tax Sale that took place on December 18, 1970 to assure the recording of said lien.

Resolution 2018-57

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

**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER PREPARE THE STORM WATER
POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SPPP) AND GIS OUTFALL MAP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown maintains a Tier A MS4 New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Storm Water Permit which must remain in compliance each year; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2018, the NJDEP updated and issued new requirements that the Borough must adhere to in order to comply with the annual permit recertification; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the annual SPPP, the Borough must create a GIS based Outfall Map and procedures for privately owned storm water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has estimated the costs for this to be as follows: preparation of the SPPP not to exceed \$4,500.00, preparation of the GIS Outfall map not exceed \$4,100.00 and preparation of the procedures for privately owned storm water facilities not to exceed \$1,600.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized prepare the SPPP, the GIS Outfall Map and procedures for privately owned storm water facilities as set forth herein.

Resolution 2018-58

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

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT FOR POLICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Communications Construction Group, LLC of West Chester, Pennsylvania paid a fee of \$760.00 on January 25, 2018 for Police Services associated with a Fiber Cable Construction project performed at 140 Mercer Street on January 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for Police Services for this project was \$570.00; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested a refund of in the amount of \$190.00 be issued to Communication Construction Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the CFO is hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$190.00 to Communications Construction Group, LLC of 1060 Andrew Drive, Suite 130, West Chester Pennsylvania, representing the refund as set forth herein.

Resolution 2018-59

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

AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE 2017 BUDGET

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that the governing body may authorize a transfer of funds in the budget during the first three months of the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the following transfers in the 2017 budget are hereby authorized:

<u>Current:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Street Lighting		
Other Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Prosecutor		
Other Expenses		100.00
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TOTALS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Resolution 2018-60

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

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2018 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2018 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 2018 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	2,000.00	190,000.00	192,000.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2,000.00	190,000.00	192,000.00

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 2018 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 2018-56 Resolution Endorsing the Adoption of Green Building Practices for Civic, Commercial and Residential Buildings

Councilmember Musing moved Resolution 2018-56; Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Musing stated that he does not like government getting involved and telling individuals what to do with their homes. Keith LePrevost, Chair – Environmental Commission, informed Council that this Resolution is only advisory to help educate the public.

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

Resolution adopted 4-0.

Resolution 2018-56

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

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING
PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council).

WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Borough of Hightstown's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices...etc. (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling).

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green building checklist as a discussion item within the Site Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g., amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc to residents of the municipality).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Hightstown hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II

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

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Spoke about snow removal downtown. The Borough needs to enforce the snow removal ordinance. The Borough is removing snow on private property when owners should be removing it themselves or hiring contactors to do so. The Borough needs to remove snow at the crosswalks because State plows create snow mounds to high and residents are unable to cross.

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

DISCUSSION

Tree Clearing on Block 12.01 Lot 3 in East Windsor

Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi, informed Council that a letter was received 2/9/18 from a developer in East Windsor requesting permission to clear the lot. He is in need of line of site for his project. Mayor Quattrone would like to sit down with the owner to discuss his plans and needs. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Misiura suggested we give permission to have the trees removed and have the developer purchase trees for planting in the Borough. Ms. Sopronyi informed Council that DPW is looking to build a pole barn to store equipment and that was one of the locations they were looking to build on. Borough Attorney, Fred Raffetto, stated that an easement would be needed for the developer to continue clearing trees for line of site. He also informed Council that this project has not yet been approved by East Windsor. After discussion, it was agreed that Ms. Sopronyi would reach out to the developer to set up an appointment to discuss the project.

Ronald Kohn, 1 Barton Drive – President of Enchantment Homeowners Association, informed Council that Enchantment's Homeowners Association nor any of its residents have received any notice that this warehouse is being built. They have a problem with a new warehouse being built in this location. They are concerned with

decreased property values, truck traffic and buck up alarms on the trucks at all hours. He hopes that Mayor and Council reject this request.

Richard Wierbiel, 17 Norton Avenue – Asked what kind of traffic study was done to approve this project in East Windsor.

Mayor Quattrone commented that this has not been approved yet by the East Windsor Planning Board. Hightstown can go before the East Windsor Planning Board to voice their concerns over the project. Councilmember Misiura stated that if the project is zoned properly, then the Planning Board will approve it.

Budget Meeting Dates

Ms. Sopronyi suggested March 20th and March 27th at 6:30 p.m. for Budget Meetings. After discussion, it was decided to schedule the meetings for those two dates. Ms. Sopronyi will secure a location.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets & Sidewalks

Councilmember Misiura informed Council that the subcommittee for Streets and Sidewalks will be meeting in March. This committee consists of Councilmember Misiura, Council President Stults, David Zaiser (Environmental Commission), Dodie Colavecchio (Planning Board) and Beverly Asselstine (Planning Board).

Affordable Housing

Councilmember Misiura stated that the talks with Deerfield Westerlea is at an impasse. The developer wants the Borough Planner to design the rezoning but did not like the amount of escrow that is needed to move forward. The developer wants an assurance that this project will move forward before putting money into it.

Municipal Aid Grant

Mayor Quattrone announced that he received a call from the Governor's office informing him that we received the grant for Lincoln, Hagemount and Rocky Brook. This grant is approximately \$750,000.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councilmember Bluth

Cultural Arts Commission is sponsoring the Empty Bowl Event on March 24th at the Peddie School Cafeteria. Parks and Rec had their annual planning meeting and welcomed two new commissioners. They have a cleanup at Rocky Book Park planned for Earth Day, April 22nd, from 1 pm – 4 pm. Fun Friday's will be held at Memorial Park from 5 pm – 8 pm on June 15th, July 20th, August 17th and September 14th. There are several walks planned with the first one being June 16th, 8:30 am at Memorial Park. There are two (2) children's programs planned for July 29th and August 26th at 4 pm at Association Park. The Triathlon is scheduled for September 9th.

Councilmember Montferrat

The Board of Health meeting for February was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th. The

Environmental Commission will be meeting next week. Stated that it's great news about receiving the grant.

Councilmember Misiura

Planning Board met last week. Resident Carmen Ortiz, came forward with concerns about the driveway at the YMCA building. RBG is planning on submitting their application to the Planning Board and is hoping to be on the agenda for the April meeting. Changes are being made to the sign ordinance. There was a question regarding requirements for tree houses. There is nothing in the code regarding tree houses. Judge Jacobson will be issuing official numbers regarding Affordable Housing. First Aid is meeting tomorrow. They are considered about their budget and the number of calls answered as reported to the Borough.

Councilmember Musing

The banners for HPC have been delivered. HPC is in favor of the YMCA property purchase. Attended the Fire Department meeting. They are looking for the lease for the firehouse.

Debra Sopronyi, Borough Administrator/Clerk

Asked Councilmember Misiura if Planning Board discussed the DVRPC Grant. Councilmember Misiura responded that Planning Board did discuss the grant for Downtown Parking review. They have decided that since we are moving forward with the Route 33 Corridor this should be discussed with the subcommittee and apply for it with East Windsor.

Peggy Riggio, Deputy Clerk

Reminded everyone that the Clerk's office is still accepting dog license renewals. There is now a \$5 late fee per dog. After February 28th there will be \$10 late fee accessed.

George Lang, CFO

He is working with the State's new budget system for this year's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Montferrat moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.; Councilmember Misiura seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk