

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
April 24, 2018
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 6:38 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>	ARRIVED 6:45	
<i>Councilmember Montferrat</i>	ARRIVED 7:00	
<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, Deputy CFO and George Lang, CFO.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council President Bluth moved the agenda for approval; Councilmember Bluth seconded.

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

Agenda approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

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

There being no one coming forward, Mayor Quattrone closed the public comment period.

DISCUSSION

Budget 2018

George Lang, CFO, stated that per Council's direction, he appropriated \$50,000 for the Fire Department. First Aid requested \$18,500 for 2018, which is included in the budget now. Mr. Lang stated that he believes this is a good budget and puts the Borough in a good position going forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the First Aid budget. Council stated that they would like to see an increase in membership and the amount of calls answered. They will move forward with \$18,500 appropriated for 2018.

Mr. Lang stated that there is no money appropriated for Better Beginnings in this budget. He explained that debt service is down for 2018 but will be back up in 2019.

Councilmember Misiura stated he would like to use more surplus in 2018 to cut the increase by .02. Councilmember Montferrat stated he would like to see the Police Departments budget numbers cut to reduce the tax increase. Mr. Lang explained that he does not recommend using more surplus for 2018. Mr. Lang recommends that Council introduce the budget as presented with at .066 increase. Discussion ensued.

Budget will be introduced at the May 7, 2018 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bluth moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.; Council President Stults seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk