

**Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
May 16, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 6:30 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 Egan</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Jackson</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Misiura</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, Deputy CFO, George Lang, CFO and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2019-104 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Egan.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2019-104
*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AUTHORIZING A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that this body will hold a meeting on May 16, 2019 at the Hightstown Historical Society located at 164 North Main Street, Hightstown, that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed:

Contract Negotiations – Housing Authority PILOT

Stated as precisely as presently possible the following is the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said meeting can be disclosed to the public: August 16, 2019, or when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The public is excluded from said meeting, and further notice is dispensed with, all in accordance with sections 8 and 4a of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Quattrone called the public meeting to order at 7:30 and again read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Borough Attorney, Fred Raffetto, left after Executive Session and is no longer present.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Council President Misiura.

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

Agenda approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT I

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

John Hostetler, Chair Historic Preservation Commission – Stated that the main goal at this moment of HPC is to get the banners hung. They received a quote of \$2,400 to get this done. This will be done with their appropriated budget. They are also preparing to submit two (2) grants. Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi, stated that the Borough has budgeted to have the banners hung. She asked that he submit the quote that he received so they can move forward.

Scott Caster, 12 Clover Lane – Asked everyone to please speak up so the public can hear what is being said. He is interested in the budget but has not seen it yet.

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

DISCUSSION

George Lang, CFO, talked about previous budgets. He ran scenarios in which no surplus was used and where additional surplus was used. He explained that surplus is used during the year during the temporary budget and used to front expenditures in which we received grants. Surplus is need for cash flow. Mr. Lang went on to review changes that were made since the last meeting. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Egan departed the meeting at this time. Council President requested that Mr. Lang prepare a presentation to educate the

public about what the Borough is up against in regard to the budget. This will be presented at the June 17th meeting. After discussion, Council all agreed to have the budget introduced at the May 20th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Musing moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio
Deputy Borough Clerk