

**Meeting Minutes  
Hightstown Borough Council  
March 2, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Musing at 7:02 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.

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<i>Councilmember Bluth</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Cicalese</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; George Lange, CFO and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution 2020-65 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Stults.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2020-65

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

**AUTHORIZING A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES THE PUBLIC**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that this body will hold a meeting on March 2, 2020 at the Hightstown Fire House located at 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, that will be limited only to consideration of an item or items with respect to which the public may be excluded pursuant to section 7b of the

Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Contract Negotiations – Robbinsville  
Personnel – Salaries

Stated as precisely as presently possible the following is the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted at said meeting can be disclosed to the public June 2, 2020, 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 7:39 and again read the Open Public Meetings Statement. Mayor Quattrone arrived during executive session and is now present.

The Flag Salute followed roll call. Mayor Quattrone called for a moment of silence remembering Carl Dye who passed away last week.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

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

Agenda approved 6-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **January 21, 2020 – Executive Session**

Moved by Councilmember Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Cicalese, Jackson, Misiura and Musing voted yes. Councilmember Stults abstained.

Minutes approved 5-0 with 1 abstention.

#### **January 21, 2020 – Public Session**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Cicalese, Jackson, Misiura and Musing voted yes. Councilmember Stults abstained.

Minutes approved 5-0 with 1 abstention.

#### **February 3, 2020 – Executive Session**

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Cicalese and Musing voted yes. Councilmembers Jackson, Misiura and Stults abstained.

Minutes Approved 3-0 with 3 abstentions.

**February 3, 2020 – Public Session**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Cicalese and Musing voted yes. Councilmembers Jackson, Misiura and Stults abstained.

Minutes Approved 3-0 with 3 abstentions.

**February 18, 2020 – Executive Session**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese, Seconded by Councilmember Stults.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Cicalese, Misiura, Musing and Stults voted yes. Councilmembers Bluth and Jackson abstained.

Minutes approved 4-0 with 2 abstentions.

**February 18, 2020 – Public Session**

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Cicalese, Jackson, Misiura, Musing and Stults voted yes. Councilmember Bluth abstained.

Minutes approved 5-0 with 1 abstention

**PRESENTATIONS**

**ICare**

Keith Jackson, President of ICare gave Council a background on the organization. ICare is a 501c3 organization with 15 board members. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. JFCS is the licensed provider for mental health services. They provide several free programs to the community which include a parent support network; youth grief peer support and Yoga4Teens at Hightstown High School. They are working to implement more community programs. Their main focus is to create awareness and the want everyone in the community to know that there is help available. Mr. Jackson stated that he appreciates the Boroughs support. Council thanked Mr. Jackson for the presentation and thanked ICare for what they are doing for the community.

**ENGINEERING ITEMS**

**Improvements to Springcrest Drive, Taylor Avenue, Spruce Court and Glen Drive**

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, reviewed her letter dated January 21, 2020. The Borough received a grant from NJDOT for \$600,000. The estimated construction cost \$760,000. Ms. Roberts looked into water and sanitary sewer improvements. The water system is satisfactory and requires no improvements. She has determined the sewage pumping station on Springcrest can be and changed to gravity piping. Removing the pumping station would mean that we would never need to upgrade or maintain again. The estimated cost to upgrade the pump station is \$90,000. Cost to remove it in its entirety and replace it with gravity piping is approximately \$266,000. Ms. Roberts recommends decommissioning the pump station. She feels this is a big benefit for the borough. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the two properties that touch the land would be offered to purchase the property. This would put it back on the tax role. An easement would remain for an underground pipe. Borough Administrator, Debra Sopronyi, will find out from the Tax Assessor what is property worth. CFO, George Lang will work the figures and show the impact on the budget.

### **Zoning Map**

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, reviewed changes to the zoning map. Council reviewed the new map. Changes were approved and the new map will be presented to the Planning Board at their next meeting.

### **Resolution 2020-66 Awarding a Contract for Improvements to Lincoln Avenue, Hagemount Avenue and Rocky Brook Court – S & G Paving Construction, Inc.**

Moved by Councilmember Stults; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2020-66

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF MERCER  
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### **AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LINCOLN AVENUE, HAGEMOUNT AVENUE AND ROCKY BROOK COURT – S & G PAVING CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, eight (8) bids were received on February 7, 2020, for Improvements to Lincoln Avenue, Hagemount Avenue and Rocky Brook Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and it is the Engineer's recommendation that a contract for the Improvements to Lincoln Avenue, Hagemount Avenue and Rocky Brook Court be awarded to the low bidder, S & G Paving Construction, Inc., of Monroe, New Jersey at the price of \$764,028.15; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is partially funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant program, the award of this contract is conditional upon approval by the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the execution of this contract is subject to the review and approval of the Borough Attorney to assure that the bid submitted by S & G Paving Construction, Inc. is in order with respect to legal compliance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract for the Improvements to Lincoln Avenue, Hagemount Avenue and Rocky Brook Court be

awarded to the low bidder, S & G Paving Construction, Inc., of Monroe, New Jersey at the price of \$764,028.15.

Ms. Roberts departed the meeting at this time.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT I**

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

**Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street** – Stated that he does not understand the Pledge of Allegiance. He no longer respects the flag with what’s going on in Washington. Thanked Borough Administrator, Debra Sopronyi for the fabulous job she did with the police negotiations. Stated that he is sad to see Monika Patel, Tax Collector/ Deputy CFO leave. We need to pay good people to stay in the Borough.

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution 2020-67 Payment of Bills**

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Stults.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2020-67

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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#### **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 \$1,613,585.86 from the following accounts:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Bluth moved Resolutions 2020-68; 2020-69; 2020-70; 2020-71; 2020-72; 2020-73; 2020-74; 2020-75; 2020-76; 2020-77 as a Consent Agenda; Councilmember Jackson seconded.

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

Current		\$1,559,741.07
W/S Operating		37,964.85
General Capital		9,913.00
Water/Sewer Capital		0.00
Grant		84.00
Trust		3,590.95
Housing Trust		0.00
Animal Control		0.00
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00
Housing Rehab Loans		0.00
Unemployment Trust		0.00
Escrow		<u>2,291.99</u>
Total		<u>\$1,613,585.86</u>

Resolutions adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2020-68

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**RECOGNIZING MARCH 15, – MARCH 21, 2020 AS NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961 and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially dangerous medicines, household products and chemicals, environmental contaminants, and other substances; and

**WHEREAS**, poison centers across the country will focus the public’s attention on the free, lifesaving services provided by poison centers, as well as, educating the public on ways to prevent poisoning exposures; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Poison Control Center, a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School provides 24/7 expert poisoning treatment advice, drug information, and prevention education at no cost to the public accessing center services through the Poison Help number at 1-800-222-1222, chat ([www.njpies.org](http://www.njpies.org)), or text 973-339-0712; and

**WHEREAS**, specialized medical professionals (doctors, pharmacists, and nurses) provide accessible, free, and confidential healthcare to all; and

**WHEREAS**, poison center services save healthcare dollars by eliminating thousands of unnecessary emergency department/room visits and decreasing lengths of stays for patients hospitalized for poisoning through telemedicine services/capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the poison center is instrumental in the surveillance and management of poisoning exposures across the state, including the use, misuse, and abuse of; medications, legal and illicit drugs, environmental contaminants, bioterrorism agents, and common household products and chemicals; and

**WHEREAS**, the state’s poison control center is involved in New Jersey’s efforts in homeland defense, counterterrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and biosurveillance; and

**WHEREAS**, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey outnumbering deaths by motor vehicles and firearms; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, overdose deaths from prescription opioids, over-the-counter medications, and illegal drugs remain at epidemic proportions for both New Jersey and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, lead exposure and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning remain major public health concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, vaping and e-cigarette devices pose a serious risk of nicotine poisoning, as well as serious potentially deadly vaping associated lung illnesses, also referred to as EVALI; and

**WHEREAS**, poison center experts encourage the public not to guess, wait for symptoms, or waste time looking up medical information online when potential poisoning exposures occur; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents should save the Poison Control Center's number, 1-800-222-1222, in their cell, home, and office phones because a fast response can make all the difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Hightstown do hereby recognize the week of March 15-21, 2020 as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourages all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

Resolution 2020-69

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**DESIGNATING SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020 AS  
ARBOR DAY IN THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN**

**WHEREAS**, it is widely reported as historical fact that, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is a designated Tree City USA by the Arbor Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, raw material for sculpture and painting and limitless works of art, and source materials for countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community and spiritual renewal; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby does proclaim and designate Saturday, April 25, 2020, as **ARBOR DAY** in the Borough of Hightstown and to observe this occasion a tree planting ceremony will take place on this day in Association Park.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, that all residents and members of our community are urged and encouraged to support efforts to protect our trees, walkways, riparian banks and woodlands throughout our Borough and our surrounding environment;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all residents and members of our community are urged and encouraged to plant trees where appropriate, to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Resolution 2020-70

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**SUPPORTING STIGMA FREE MERCER CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, there is a proven connection between good mental health and overall personal health; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illnesses affect almost every family in America; and

**WHEREAS**, people with mental illnesses recover if given the necessary services and supports in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, people with mental illnesses make important contributions to our families and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of adults and children are disabled by mental illnesses every year; and

**WHEREAS**, only one out of two people with a serious form of mental illness seeks treatment for their mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that the most effective way to reduce stigma is through personal contact with someone with a mental illness; and

**WHEREAS**, good mental health is critical to the well-being of our families, communities, schools, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, greater public awareness about mental illnesses can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illnesses; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown do hereby call upon all Hightstown citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Resolution 2020-71

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

**REQUESTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT)**



**TO REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE INSTALLATION OF FLASHING PEDESTRIAN  
BEACON ON STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 33 (FRANKLIN STREET) AND BROAD  
STREET IN HIGHTSTOWN BROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief of the Borough of Hightstown has raised concerns over pedestrian safety on State Highway, Route 33 (Franklin Street) and Broad Street; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Hightstown and the Hightstown Borough Complete Streets Committee has reviewed the impact that New Jersey State Highway 33 has on the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown places great emphasis on improving the quality of life for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has experienced pedestrian safety issues at the crosswalk at the intersection of State Highway Route 33 (Franklin Street) and Broad Street which is the location of a New Jersey Transit Bus Stop, The Hightstown Memorial Branch of the Mercer County Library and a strip mall housing several retail establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the heavy volume of traffic, the speed at which vehicles are traveling, and previous pedestrian incidents, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to cross; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough believes the installation of a flashing pedestrian beacon will improve pedestrian safety.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that it is respectfully requests that the New Jersey Department of Transportation review and authorize the installation of a flashing pedestrian beacon be installed at the crosswalk at the intersection of State Highway Route 33 (Franklin Street) and Broad Street in Hightstown Borough.

Resolution 2020-72

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

**EXTENDING A CONTRACT FOR ZETA LYTE 1A POLYELECTROLYTE AND ZETA  
LYTE 2800 CH CATIONIC POLYELECTROLYTE – CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTAL  
TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2018-218 awarded a one (1) year contract for Zeta Lyte 1A Polyelectrolyte to Custom Environmental Technology of Collegeville, PA; and,

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2018-218 awarded a one (1) year contract for Zeta Lyte 2800 CH Cationic Polyelectrolyte to Custom Environmental of Collegeville; and

**WHEREAS**, both contracts expired on December 31, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of the Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant has reached out to the vendor who has agreed to continue their service under the present contract through March 31, 2020 in order to allow proper time for the bid and award process; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for this expenditure will be made available in the 2020 budget; and

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

that the present contracts for Zeta Lyte 1A Polyelectrolyte and for Zeta Lyte 2800 CH is hereby extended with Custom Environmental Technology of Collegeville, PA until March 30, 2020.

Resolution 2020-73

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF MERCER  
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**RATIFYING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHTSTOWN  
SUPERIOR OFFICERS FOP LODGE 140 – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/NEW  
JERSEY LABOR COUNCIL, FOR THE YEARS 2019, 2020 AND 2021, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown and the Hightstown Superior Officers FOP 140-Fraternal Order of Police/New Jersey Labor Council (the “FOP”) have negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by all parties and ratified by the FOP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Borough’s legal counsel, and it is the desire of the Mayor and Council that it be approved, ratified and executed by the appropriate representatives of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to execute a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, so long as the CBA includes all of the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement and the CBA is satisfactory to the Borough’s Labor Counsel.

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

1. That the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, which agreement is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office, is hereby approved and ratified.
2. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, a new CBA with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2020, so long as the CBA includes all of the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement and the CBA is satisfactory to the Borough’s Labor Counsel.
4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
  - a. Hightstown Superior Officers FOP 140-Fraternal Order of Police/New Jersey Labor Council;
  - b. Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Administrator/Clerk; and
  - c. Eric Bernstein, Esq., Labor Counsel.

Resolution 2020-74

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN*

*COUNTY OF MERCER  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**RATIFYING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHTSTOWN  
POLICE OFFICERS FOP LODGE 140 – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/NEW  
JERSEY LABOR COUNCIL, FOR THE YEARS 2019, 2020 AND 2021, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown and the Hightstown Police Officers FOP 140-Fraternal Order of Police/  
New Jersey Labor Council (the “FOP”) have negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement for the years 2019, 2020 and  
2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by all parties and ratified by the FOP; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council that it be approved, ratified and executed by the appropriate  
representatives of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also the desire of the Mayor and Council to authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to  
execute a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, so long  
as the CBA includes all of the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement and the  
CBA is satisfactory to the Borough’s Labor Counsel.

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

5. That the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, which  
agreement is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office, is hereby approved and ratified.
6. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, the  
attached Memorandum of Agreement with the FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.
7. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, a new CBA with the  
FOP for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, so long as the CBA includes all of the terms and conditions set  
forth in the attached Memorandum of Agreement and the CBA is satisfactory to the Borough’s Labor  
Counsel.
8. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:
  - d. Hightstown Police Officers FOP 140-Fraternal Order of Police/New Jersey Labor Council;
  - e. Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Administrator/Clerk
  - f. Eric Bernstein, Esq., Labor Counsel

Resolution 2020-75

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF WATER/SEWER OVERPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, a water/sewer overpayment was made for 61; Lot 12, in the amount of \$31.24; and

**WHEREAS**, the owners, Kathleen and Daniel Yurwit, 59 Coneflower Lane, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550, has requested that a refund be issued for the overpayment in the amount of \$31.24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector has requested that said overpayment be refunded in the amount of \$31.24.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Collector and CFO are hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$31.24 to Kathleen and Daniel Yurwit of 59 Coneflower Lane, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550, representing the water/sewer overpayment as set forth herein.

Resolution 2020-76

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, an overpayment of 2020 taxes were made for Block 47.01/Lot 7, 319 Second Avenue in the amount of \$2,043.12, by the mortgage company; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner a 100% disabled vet and tax-exempt effective October 3, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the mortgage company, CoreLogic Tax Services, Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760 has requested that a refund be issued for the overpayment in the amount of \$2,043.12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has requested that said overpayment be refunded in the amount of \$2,043.12.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Tax Collector and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of \$2,043.12 to CoreLogic Tax Services, Centralized Refunds, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019-9760, representing the tax overpayment as set forth herein.

Resolution 2020-77

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2020 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 2020 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951, as amended), including this resolution, total:

	<i><b>THIS RESOLUTION</b></i>	<i><b>PREVIOUS TOTAL</b></i>	<i><b>CUMULATIVE TOTAL</b></i>
Current	19,500.00	5,830.00	<b>25,330.00</b>
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Water/Sewer	175,000.00	0.00	<b>175,000.00</b>
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194,500</b>	<b>5,830.00</b>	<b>200,330.00</b>

**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 2020 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD II**

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

**Jordan Adler, 2 Fryer Court** – Spoke regarding Resolution 2020-71. He appreciates the request for the flashing pedestrian light on Franklin Street.

**Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street** – Council did a lot work this week. He thinks the light that is going in at Airport Road is a good idea. Regarding the 300 Anniversary of the founding of the Borough; Do we need to celebrate it to just acknowledge it?

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

**DISCUSSION**

**New Business**

**Budget Meeting Dates**

There was discussion regarding the scheduling of budget meetings. Council agreed on March 30, 2020 and April 7, 2020, both at 6:30 p.m. for budget meetings. Deputy Clerk, Peggy Riggio, will secure a location and share that

information when it is available.

### **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Founding of Hightstown**

2021 marks the 300 Anniversary of the founding of Hightstown. Mayor Quattrone asked for volunteers to head a committee to plan activities to celebrate. Councilmembers Bluth and Cicalese volunteered.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Councilmember Cicalese**

Complete Streets Committee – The TCDI Grant application has been completed. Data collection is underway for a Municipal Aid Grant due April 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 2 issues on Wycoff's Mills Road that the Complete Streets Committee is working with residents on.

#### **Councilmember Misiura**

Complete Streets Committee – The data being collected for the Municipal Aid Grant is a good chance community involvement.

#### **Councilmember Jackson**

Parks and Rec will meet next week.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, he attended a very informative Budget Workshop sponsored by Rutgers for elected officials.

#### **Councilmember Bluth**

Cultural Arts Commission – Empty Bowls is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Peddie School.

#### **Councilmember Stults**

Downtown Hightstown – The business group will be meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Morgan's Grill.

Weather permitting, the Police Department will be conducting pedestrian enforcement. Reviewed February's Police Report.

#### **Council President Musing**

HPC – The banners have been hung. Thanked the Police Department for their assistance. Now we need more banners.

Spoke about the Coronavirus. This could have a serious impact on the economy. Questioned if the Borough is preparing for potential quarantine. We should be reviewing public safety and health protocols.

#### **Deputy Clerk, Peggy Riggio**

Reminded everyone that Cat and Dog Licenses are late and as of March 1<sup>st</sup> there is a \$10 late fee.

Stated that this year is the Census. April 1<sup>st</sup> is Census day. By this date everyone will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. It is important that every household completes the census to get everyone counted. Our funding relies on accurate counts of our residents.

**Borough Administrator/Clerk, Debra Sopronyi**

Peddie Lake Waking Bridge – Most of the railings are complete now. They will be completed in the coming days.

**Borough Attorney, Fred Raffetto**

All easements for Stockton Street and Joseph Street have been secured.

**Mayor Quattrone**

Stockton Street will be repaved and completed in the spring. Spoke about the passing of Carl Dye. Carl represented the Borough well. He will be missed greatly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Stults moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.; Councilmember Cicalese seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio  
Deputy Borough Clerk