

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Hightstown Borough Council**  
**August 16, 2021**  
**6:30 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 on the Borough website.” Do to COVID-19 and self-distancing protocols, this meeting was held remotely through [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com).

The flag salute followed Roll Call.

|   | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| <i>Councilmember Susan Bluth</i>          | ✓              |               |
| <i>Councilmember Joseph Cicalese</i>      | ✓              |               |
| <i>Councilmember Cristina Fowler</i>      | ✓              |               |
| <i>Councilmember Joshua Jackson</i>       |                | ✓             |
| <i>Councilmember Steven Misiura</i>       | ✓              |               |
| <i>Councilmember Frederick Montferrat</i> | ✓              |               |
| <i>Mayor Quattrone</i>                    | ✓              |               |

Also in attendance: Margaret (Peggy) Riggio, Deputy Borough Clerk; Debra Sopronyi Borough Clerk/Administrator; Dimitri Musing; Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer and Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

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

Agenda approved 5-0.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**BeTheLi9ght Foundation**

Rachell St. Phard from BeTheLi9ght Foundation spoke regarding the opening of the BeTheLi9ght Center downtown. They will be located next to the thrift store. This center will be open for teens 7th - 12th grade after school. This will be a spot for them to hang out, study, receive support from peers, there will be tutoring available and they will have art and music spaces. They are hoping to have monthly coffee house performances. The center

will be able to provide referrals for counseling and will be staffed by volunteers. She lost her son to suicide in 2016 and she wanted to provide a place for teenagers to get together to talk. They plan to open September 13th. They will be open Mondays and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. She is looking to have a grand opening music event in October. She is requesting that Stockton Street Parking Lot be closed to use for the event. Discussion ensued. Council stated that this sounds like a great project and it will be good to see young people downtown. Mr. Musing will work with Ms. St. Phard and Chief Gendron to work on the details.

## **ENGINEERING ITEMS**

### **Safe Routes to School – Stockton Street Roundabout Application**

Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts stated that Council had previously authorized her to prepare the application for this project. Recently, we were made aware that because this project is federally funded, the Borough will be expected to reimburse the value of what will be redone from the previous federal grant that was just completed (Stockton & Joseph Street). Ms. Roberts estimates that the Borough would be responsible for approximately \$25,000. The concept has been sent to Mercer County Engineering and Planning and the School District. She is waiting for letters and resolutions of support. She needs to make sure that Council understands about the repayment of the \$25,000. She is asking for Council approval to continue moving forward with this grant application. Council President Bluth stated that she cannot see how we can take taxpayer money to pay back money on work that has just been completed. Councilmember Misiura stated that he still supports this project. Although he is bothered by the \$25,000, it is too late to switch gears and change the project to one of the other suggested projects. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Quattrone called for a straw vote on moving forward with this application.

Councilmembers Cicalese, Fowler and Misiura voted yes. Councilmember Bluth voted no. Councilmember Montferrat abstained.

Council directed Ms. Roberts to keep moving forward with the project application. 3-1 with one abstention.

### **Improvements to Railroad Avenue and Dey Street – Driveway Design Subcommittee Recommendation**

Ms. Roberts reviewed the subcommittee recommendation concept plan which was stated in her letter dated August 13, 2021. She is looking for approval of the plan so she can continue with the design. After a straw vote, Council unanimously approved the concept plan presented and directed Ms. Roberts to move forward.

### **Resolution 2021-129 Authorizing Design, Bid, Construction Administration and Inspection Services for Curbs and Sidewalks on Stockton Street**

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Fowler.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Cicalese, Fowler and Misiura voted yes. Councilmember Montferrat abstained.

Resolution adopted 4-0 with 1 abstention.

Resolution 2021-129

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

**AUTHORIZING DESIGN, BID, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND  
INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CURBS AND SIDEWALKS ON STOCKTON STREET**

**WHEREAS**, through NJDOT's Safe Routes to School Program, Hightstown Borough has replaced curbs and sidewalks on Stockton Street between Oak Lane and Summit Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council has expressed interest in expanding the improvements to include new curbs and sidewalks on Stockton Street between Oak Lane and the Borough limits to the west; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the restrictions in the Safe Routes to School Funding, the additional work would have to be funded with another source and contracted separately; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council wish to authorize the Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts of Roberts Engineering Group, to begin design, permitting and applicable bid process for an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council also wish to authorize Construction Administration and Inspection services for said project for an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00;

**WHEREAS**, funds are being made available for these services through Bond Ordinance 2021-10 introduced by Council August 16, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to design and bid for expanding the improvements to sidewalks on Stockton Street and for construction administration and inspection services as detailed within for a total amount not to exceed \$29,000.00.

**Resolution 2021-130 Authorizing Preparation of Bid Specifications for Emergency Repair Contract Services**

Moved by Councilmember Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-130

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

**AUTHORIZING PREPARATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY  
REPAIR CONTRACT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Hightstown Borough is in need of a contract for Emergency Repair Contract Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts, has submitted a fee proposal for preparation and advertisement of bids for said services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal is inclusive of preparation of the specifications, construction details, bidding, recommendation of award and execution of contracts at an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized to prepare bid specifications as detailed within at an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.

**Resolution 2021-131 Authorizing Design, Inspection and Administration of Improvements to Hausser Avenue, Bennett Place and Prospect Drive**

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Misiura.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-131

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AUTHORIZING DESIGN, INSPECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
IMPROVEMENTS TO HAUSSER AVENUE, BENNETT PLACE AND PROSPECT  
DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown has been awarded a grant in the amount of 500,000.00 for improvements to Hausser Avenue, Bennett Place and Prospect Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to authorize the Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts of Roberts Engineering Group, for an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00, for the engineering survey, design, permitting and bidding of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to authorize the Borough Engineer, Carmela Roberts of Roberts Engineering Group, for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for construction inspection and contract administration costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized as the design engineer, construction inspection and contract administration engineer for the Improvements to Hausser Avenue, Bennett Place and Prospect Drive at an amount not to exceed a total of \$138,000.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT I**

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

**Bob O'Brien, 100 Harron Avenue** - Spoke in opposition of the roundabout on Stockton Street and gave suggestions on how to improve the speed on Stockton Street.

**Stacey Judge, 307 Morrison Avenue** - She served on the subcommittee for Railroad Avenue. They only discussed the plan for the driveway. Several things are incorrect on the plan. The traffic direction is incorrect and needs to be corrected. Three properties back driveways on Railroad Avenue will be affected. If the Borough ever sells the building, the driveway should be closed. This is only being done because this will be the Municipal Building. She would like to see a resolution or ordinance put into place stating that the driveway will be closed and not used should the Borough sell the property.

**Pat O'Brien, 100 Harron Avenue** - Spoke in opposition of the Stockton Street roundabout and gave suggestions on how to improve traffic on Stockton Street.

**Eugene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street** - the O'Briens give good insight and Council should listen to their ideas.

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

## **ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance 2021-10 First Reading and Introduction Ordinance Amending Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance 2017-09 of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, Jersey, Finally Adopted August 21, 2017 in Order to Replace the Construction of a Retaining Wall with the Replacement of Curbs and Sidewalks**

Moved for introduction by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmember Bluth, Cicalese, Fowler, Misiura and Montferrat voted yes.

Ordinance introduced 5-0. Public Hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2021

Ordinance 2021-10

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

### **ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(a) OF BOND ORDINANCE #2017-09 OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, FINALLY ADOPTED AUGUST 21, 2017 IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF CURBS AND SIDEWALKS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Section 3(a) of Bond Ordinance #2017-09 of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough"), finally adopted August 21, 2017 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various capital improvements, including the replacement of curbs and sidewalks on Stockton Street (C.R. 571) between Oak Lane and the Borough limits to the west and improvements to First Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto."

Section Two. The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance

Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2021-132 Authorizing Payment of Bills**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Fowler.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-132  
*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 \$311,235.12 from the following accounts:

|  |                       |  |                     |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| <p><b>Resolution 2021-133</b><br/> <b>Appointing a Tax and</b><br/> <b>Water/Sewer Collector –</b><br/> <b>Pamela Lewis</b></p> <p>M o v e d                    b y<br/> Councilmember Bluth;<br/> S e c o n d e d                b y<br/> Councilmember Cicalese.</p> <p>R o l l   C a l l   V o t e :<br/> Councilmembers Bluth,<br/> Cicalese, Fowler, Misiura<br/> and Montferrat voted yes.</p> | Current               |  | \$19,261.37         |
|  | W/S Operating         |  | 230,709.08          |
|  | General Capital       |  | 48,247.30           |
|  | Water/Sewer Capital   |  | 0.00                |
|  | Grant                 |  | 0.00                |
|  | Trust                 |  | 13,017.37           |
|  | Unemployment Trust    |  | 0.00                |
|  | Animal Control        |  | 0.00                |
|  | Law Enforcement Trust |  | 0.00                |
|  | Tax Lien Trust        |  | 0.00                |
|  | Public Defender Trust |  | 0.00                |
|  | Escrow                |  | <u>0.00</u>         |
|  | Total                 |  | <u>\$311,235.12</u> |

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-133

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**APPOINTING A TAX AND WATER/SEWER COLLECTOR – PAMELA LEWIS**

**WHEREAS**, due to the resignation of Angela LoConte from the position of Tax and Water/Sewer Collector there is a need for the appointment of a certified Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for Hightstown Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tax and Water/Sewer Collector shall perform the function and duties specified by New Jersey Law for a Municipal Tax Collector, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 et. seq., Municipal Water Collector and Municipal Sewer Collector and by the relevant sections of Chapter 2 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Hightstown as to the functions of Municipal Tax and Water/Sewer Collector and to perform other legally permissible and proper duties and functions required to perform the duties of Tax and Water/Sewer Collector.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council desires to appoint Pamela Lewis of Woodbury, New Jersey as Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for the Borough of Hightstown at a salary of \$80,000 annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lewis holds Certified Tax Collector certification CTC#T8564 issued by the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lewis meets all statutory requirements and qualifications for the position of Municipal Tax Collector as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.2; N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.3; and, any other relevant statutory provisions; and,

**WHEREAS**, said appointment is being made for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Pamela Lewis is hereby appointed as Tax and Water/Sewer Collector for Hightstown Borough effective October 1, 2021.

**Resolution 2021-134 Authorizing Payment #9 – WSP USA Inc. (NJDOT Safe Routes to Schools – Improvements to Stockton Street & Joseph Street)**

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-134

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT #9 – WSP USA INC. (NJDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – IMPROVEMENTS TO STOCKTON STREET & JOSEPH STREET)**

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2016, the Borough Council awarded a contract for Preliminary Engineering and Final Design and Construction Support activities related to the Improvements to Stockton Street and Joseph Street in the Borough to Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., of Dallas, Texas at the price of \$103,819.36; and

**WHEREAS**, Since the time of award, Parsons Brinckerhoff has changed the company name to WSP USA Inc. and

all future payments should be made accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, the engineer has submitted payment request #9 for work completed on the project from November 3, 2019 – July 8, 2021 in the total amount of \$3,272.44; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified that funds are available for this expenditure; and

**WHEREAS**, this payment shall be contingent upon approval being provided by FHWA and NJDOT through the Safe Routes to School Design Assistance Program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Payment Request #9 to WSP USA, Inc., P.O. Box 732476, Dallas, Texas, 75373-2476, in the total amount of \$3,272.44 is hereby approved as detailed herein, and the CFO is authorized to issue same.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilmember Bluth moved Resolutions 2021-135, 2021-136 and 2021-137 as a Consent Agenda; Councilmember Montferrat seconded.

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

Resolutions adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-135

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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### **RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE S-3810 & A-5862**

**WHEREAS**, legislation which may again be considered by the State Legislature, S-3810 and A-5862, would substantially expand the power and influence of public sector labor unions in collective bargaining negotiations with county and municipal governments across the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would empower organized labor to negotiate previously non-negotiable items such as performance evaluations, transfers, assignments, disciplinary procedures, and more; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governing bodies negotiate with property taxpayer dollars and the public's vested interest in limiting the scope of labor negotiations; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would eliminate long-established precedent in public sector labor negotiations by creating permissive issues of negotiations that would broaden the category to include all collective bargaining units, eliminate the category's temporary nature, and subject previously non-negotiable items to binding arbitration; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would provide broad privileged communication protections in legal matters, with no exceptions, for labor but no such protections for management; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would create a disincentive for labor to negotiate what controls remain in place when an existing contract expires and where the parties have failed to reach an agreement on a successor contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would place the burden of proof on management in grievance proceedings subject to binding arbitration even where labor is the moving party; and,



**WHEREAS**, this legislation would impose a significant administrative burden on human resource departments by requiring management to share detailed information on non-union members with union representatives and by expanding the date certain when employees may opt-out of a collective bargaining unit under the "Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Hightstown strongly believes that S-3810/A-5862 will not only infringe upon the ability of public sector management to manage it will drive up costs borne by local government and, ultimately, our taxpayers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hightstown strongly oppose S-3810/A-5862 and urge the Legislature to vote no on S-3810/A-5862; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Daniel Benson, Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Resolution 2021-136

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT  
RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FENCE ACROSS A BOROUGH-HELD SEWER  
EASEMENT LOCATED ON AND ACROSS THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7 LESHIN LANE (BLOCK  
62.02, LOT 39)**

**WHEREAS**, the owners (Andrew Galbraith Ryer and Sharon Galbraith Ryer) of the property located at 7 Leshin Lane in the Borough of Hightstown (the "property"), more commonly known and designated as Block 62.02, Lot 39 on the official Borough Tax Map, have requested the Borough's permission to construct a privacy fence along portion(s) of the property, per the plans submitted to the Borough's Zoning Officer, which fence shall encroach, in part, upon an existing fifteen foot (15') wide drainage easement (the "easement") that is held by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed fence shall comply in all other respects with all requirements of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owners have agreed to assume all liability associated with the proposed fence, and shall be responsible for all costs and expenses if the fence is ever required to be removed or dismantled (in whole or in part) by the Borough for any purpose, including the responsibility for all costs and expenses related to repair of any damages incurred to the fence or related to its reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owners have agreed to execute an Agreement with the Borough in order to memorialize their assumption of all liability relating to the proposed fence, along with all other terms and conditions related to the within undertaking; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

1. That the Borough hereby provides its consent to the property owners for the construction of a privacy fence along portion(s) of the property, per the plans submitted to the Borough's Zoning Officer, which fence shall encroach, in part, upon an existing fifteen foot (15') wide drainage easement that is held by the Borough, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Agreement.

2. That the Mayor or Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute, and the Municipal Clerk to attest, the attached Agreement on behalf of the Borough, or one which is substantially similar thereto and is in a form that is satisfactory to the Borough Attorney, relating to the above issues. The execution of said Agreement shall be a prerequisite to the issuance of any permits associated with the construction of the said fence.
3. **That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:**
- a. Debra L. Sopronyi, Borough Administrator/Clerk; and
  - b. George Chin, Zoning Officer; and
  - c. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney.

Resolution 2021-137

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2021 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 2021 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                  | 129,284.00             | 1,966,197.00          | 2,095,481.00            |
| Capital Outlay – Current | 0.00                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                    |
| Debt Service – Current   | 0.00                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                    |
| Water/Sewer              | 38,804.00              | 877,966.00            | 916,770.00              |
| Capital Outlay – W/S     | 0.00                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                    |
| Debt Service - W/S       | 0.00                   | 0.00                  | 0.00                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>168,088.00</b>      | <b>2,844,163.00</b>   | <b>3,012,251.00</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 2021 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.

Borough of Hightstown

Emergency Temporary

8/16/2021

**SCHEDULE A**

**Current Fund**

|                           |                    |           |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Municipal Clerk           | Other Expenses     | 1,000.00  |
| Municipal Court           | Salaries and Wages | 2,000.00  |
| Planning Board            | Salaries and Wages | 1,000.00  |
| Planning Board            | Other Expenses     | 2,000.00  |
| Liability Insurance       | Other Expenses     | 4,084.00  |
| Workers Compensation      | Other Expenses     | 21,200.00 |
| Police Department         | Salaries and Wages | 70,000.00 |
| Recreation and Open Space | Salaries and Wages | 2,000.00  |
| Recreation and Open Space | Other Expenses     | 5,000.00  |
| Telephone                 | Other Expenses     | 3,000.00  |
| Social Security           | Other Expenses     | 18,000.00 |

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| Total Current Fund |  | 129,284.00 |
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**Water-Sewer Operating Fund**

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| Salaries and Wages   |  | 25,000.00 |
| Other Expenses       |  | 10,000.00 |
| I Bank Loan Payments |  | 3,804.00  |

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| Total Water Sewer Operating |  | 38,804.00 |
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Total

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168,088.00

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Development Fee Ordinance**

The changes to this ordinance were made by the Planning Board Attorney/Affordable Housing Attorney and the Borough Planner. Council discussed and agreed the changes should be referred to Planning Board for their comments.

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

### **Councilmember Cicalese**

Parks and Rec - Discussed signage for the Latino Festival. They also discussed how Parks & Rec and the Environmental Commission can collaborate for Stormwater Issues. There were also discussions regarding Halloween activities and Fun Fridays.

### **Councilmember Misiura**

Thanked the O'Briens for their comments. Asked that the Borough Engineer look at some of the issues the Mr. O'Brien raised.

Attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor recently and presented proclamations to 5 new Eagle Scouts.

Would like to see the enforcement of towing fees on a future meeting agenda.

### **Council President Bluth**

This is Borough Administrator/Clerk Debra Sopronyi's last meeting. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with her. She has been incredibly supportive and will be missed.

### **Dimitri Musing**

Ms. Sopronyi will be missed. Thanked her for the last 2 months of training for the administrator position and thanked her for her years of work

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

Thanked Ms. Sopronyi for all of her support and guidance over the last 10 years. She will be missed.

### **Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney**

Stated that it has been an honor and privilege to work with Ms. Sopronyi and wished her all the best.

### **Mayor Quattrone**

Wished Ms. Sopronyi the best and thanked her for all she has done for the Borough.

Latino Festival is this weekend.

Thanked the residents for coming out to voice their concerns about the Stockton Street Roundabout.

We will be discussing the towing ordinance at the next meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Resolution 2021-138 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public**

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Misiura.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2021-138

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN  
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#### **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 August 16, 2021, via [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com), 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 – Police/Court Facilities

Attorney Client Privilege

Personnel - Policy

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 November 16, 2021, 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.

Council President Bluth moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.; Councilmember Fowler seconded. All ayes.

Council returned to public session at 9:11 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Montferrat moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.; Councilmember Bluth seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret M. Riggio  
Deputy Borough Clerk