

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
March 21, 2022
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.

The flag salute followed Roll Call.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<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, Borough Clerk; Dimitri Musing, Borough Administrator; Fred Raffetto, Borough Attorney and George Lang, CFO.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Agenda approved 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 18, 2022 – Public Session

Moved by Councilmember Fowler; Seconded by Councilmember Bluth.

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

Minutes approved 6-0.

January 18, 2022 – Executive Session

Moved by Councilmember Jackson; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

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

Minutes approved 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS

Joe Cicalese – Board of Health

Councilmember Cicalese presented a letter acknowledging and expressing appreciation for the services of public health nurse Geetanjali Jain, submitted by the Board of Health. The letter recognized how Ms. Jain's contributions have enable the Department to handle the COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmember Cicalese read the letter for the record:

“This letter is written to the Borough of Hightstown as a commendation and recognition for service of Geetanjali Jain, the Public Health Nurse for the Borough of Hightstown. Ms. Jain has exceeded expectations in this challenging position during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her contribution as a professional nurse has enabled our department to respond to outbreaks, provide mass vaccinations, outreach to the most vulnerable members of the community and unboundedly saved many lives. Ms. Jain has embraced every challenge thrown her way and has emerged as a leader. Prior to the pandemic, this position required periodic short term supervisory functions. However, the demands of the pandemic have evolved this position's occasional supervisory role to a daily responsibility. Throughout the pandemic, she has been required to organize, train and supervise part time and volunteer medical professionals on a regular basis. She has performed these duties with skill and precision. The expertise which she has developed during this challenging time will continue to enhance the capacity of the Health Department to respond to the current and future crises and help to safeguard the residents who live work and visit our communities.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Michelle Epstein, 421 North Main Street – Stated that other municipalities are receiving low interest or forgivable loans from the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank to support the lead mitigation discussed at the previous meeting. She inquired as to why Hightstown may have been declined this opportunity for support. Ms. Epstein also expressed her appreciation for the truck and speeding mitigations being discussed and urged the Council to support and enact them.

Gene Sarafin, 628 South Main Street – Expressed his support for Wycoff Mills One Way and truck and speeding mitigations, and also expressed his dislike of the Republican Party.

Brian Fort, VP of the HOA for the Enchantment on Wycoff Mills Road – Expressed his support for the Enforcement Zone and the Weight Limit on truck routes, but expressed concern with making Wycoff Mills Road one way. The concerns focused on the fact that residents need to navigate from the neighborhood to medical facilities and hospital services, and that the road being one way could introduce navigation issues.

Peter Klapsogeorge, 418 North Main Street – Stated his concerns related to road safety related to turns onto Wycoff Road and North Main Street as well as drivers passing on the right prior to and after this intersection. Asked if there could be increased police presence at this intersection to enforce the rule of no passing on the right.

Howard Levine, North Main Street – Expressed his support for the Enforcement Zone, Wycoff Mills One Way, and

weight limit restrictions on truck routes.

There being further comments, Mayor Quattrone closed the public comment period.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-66 Authorizing Payment of Bills

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Jackson.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2022-66

*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 \$1,641,595.36 from the following accounts:

Current		\$931,705.35	
W/S Operating		76,933.21	
General Capital		626,137.01	
Water/Sewer Capital		0.00	
Grant		0.00	
Trust		75.00	
Unemployment Trust		0.00	
Animal Control		559.29	
Law Enforcement Trust		0.00	
Tax Lien Trust		0.00	
Public Defender Trust		0.00	
Housing Trust		0.00	
Escrow		<u>6,185.50</u>	
Total		<u>\$1,641,595.36</u>	

Resolution 2022-67 Awarding a Contract for Removal of Underground Storage Tank at the Hightstown AWWTP

Moved by Councilmember Fowler; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0 with 1 abstention.

Resolution 2022-67

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

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AT THE HIGHTSTOWN AWWTP

WHEREAS, there is a need for the removal of an underground storage tank and installation of an above ground storage tank located at the Hightstown Borough Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. and N.J.A.C. 40A:11-12a 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program for any State contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, a proposal for all work associated with the removal of the current unground storage tank and the installation of an above ground storage tank has been received from R.J. Walsh Associates, Inc., of Allentown, New Jersey, State Contract number A42268 in the amount of \$52,098.60; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has reviewed the proposal and confirmed that the State Contract is active and recommends the contract be awarded to R.J. Walsh and Associates; and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified the availability of said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the contract the removal of the removal of the underground storage tank and installation of the above ground storage tank at the Hightstown Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant be awarded to R.W. Walsh Associates of Allentown, New Jersey, in the amount of \$52,098.60.

Resolution 2022-68 Resolution Authorizing a 5th Amendment to the Lease Agreement fo the Borough's Continued Use of the Portion of the Property Known and Designated as Block 61.01, Lots 43, 44 & 45, Commonly Known as 415A Mercer Street, Hightstown, NJ

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2022-68

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 5TH AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE
BOROUGH'S CONTINUED USE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY
KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 61.01, LOTS 43, 44 & 45,
COMMONLY KNOWN AS 415A MERCER STREET,
HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.**

WHEREAS, the Hightstown Borough Governing Body previously adopted Ordinance No. 2014-02 which authorized the Borough of Hightstown (the "Borough") to enter into a Lease Agreement (the "Agreement") with Hights Realty, LLC, regarding the Borough's temporary use of a portion of the premises located at 415 Mercer Street in the Borough, commonly known and designated as Block 61.01, Lots 43, 44 and 45 on the Borough's Tax Map (hereinafter referenced as the "Property"), for the relocation of the Borough's Police Department and associated operations; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was executed by the parties on February 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the parties previously executed a "1st Amendment to Lease Agreement and First Renewal Thereof" (the "1st Amendment"), which modified the renewal terms set forth in the initial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties subsequently executed a "2nd Amendment to Lease Agreement (the "2nd Amendment"), which further modified the renewal terms set forth in the initial Agreement;

WHEREAS, said Lease was extended by way of a 3rd Amendment dated May 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the parties executed a 4th amendment on March 1, 2021 which further modified the renewal terms set

forth in the initial Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to renew the said Agreement for a 5th renewal term, which constitutes a three (3) year period retroactive to February 1, 2022, which shall expire on January 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have negotiated a 5th Amendment to Lease Agreement (the “5th Amendment”), which sets forth the renewal terms and conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to authorize the Borough to enter into this 5th Amendment, and to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute the same on behalf of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest the attached 5th Amendment, on behalf of the Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to each of the following:

1. Hights Realty, LLC
2. Robert Brown, Esq.
2. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney
3. Police Chief Frank Gendron.

Resolution 2022-69 Resolution of the Borough of Hightstown, In the County of Mercer, Authorizing and Directing the Borough Planning Board to Determine Whether Certain Property Constitutes and Area in Need of Redevelopment

Moved by Councilmember Misiura; Seconded by Councilmember Montferrat.

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

Resolution approved 6-0.

Resolution 2022-69

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF
MERCER, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY CONSTITUTES AN AREA IN
NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *et seq.* (the “Redevelopment Law”), municipalities may undertake studies to determine whether certain properties should be designated as an “area in need of redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, at the February 14, 2022 meeting of the Borough’s Planning Board (the “Planning Board”), the Planning Board discussed the proposed Master Plan amendment Visioning for Downtown and Lakeside Improvements and Downtown Redevelopment Area, Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Planning Board noted that there is growing interest in developing other

parts of the Borough's downtown area as progress is made in the redevelopment of the Rug Mill Redevelopment Area on the western side of Main Street; and

WHEREAS, based on that discussion, the Planning Board recommended that the Borough Council consider the expansion of the previously designated Downtown Redevelopment Area, Phase 3 to include additional lots on the eastern side of Main Street and the associated Peddie Lake Shoreline, including the parcels designated as Block 28, Lots 48 through 55 on the Borough's tax maps (collectively, the "Study Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize and direct the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment set forth in the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, if the Study Area is determined to meet the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment and the Borough so designates the Study Area, then the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

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

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Planning Board is authorized and directed to undertake a preliminary investigation and conduct a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area meets criteria necessary for designation as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law and, if the Study Area so qualifies, to recommend whether it should be so designated.

Section 3. In the event the governing body shall designate the Study Area as a redevelopment area, the Borough shall be authorized to use all the powers provided under the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Planning Board for action consistent herewith.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Bluth moved Resolutions 2022-70; 2022-71; 2022-73 and 2022-74 as a Consent Agenda; Councilmember Jackson seconded.

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

Resolutions adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2022-70

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

APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hightstown Borough Code Chapter 2 Subsection 2-25.2, there is a need for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison (MHL); and

WHEREAS, the MHL may be a full-time or part-time employee of the Borough of Hightstown; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wish to appoint, Borough Administrator, Dimitri Musing, as the Municipal Housing Liaison.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown hereby appoints Dimitri Musing as Municipal Housing Liaison as set forth in Borough Code Chapter 2 Subsection 2-25.2.

Resolution 2022-71

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

**DESIGNATING SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 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 23, 2022, as **ARBOR DAY** in the Borough of Hightstown and to observe this occasion a tree planting ceremony will take place on this day.

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 2022-73

BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2022 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2022 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 2022 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	296,720.00	2,500.00	299,220.00
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water/Sewer	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	396,720.00	2,500.00	399,220.00

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 2022 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 2022-74

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 21, 2022, via 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:

Attorney Client Privilege
Contract Negotiations – Animal Control
Contract Negotiations – Stockton Street Sidewalks
Contract Negotiations – Curbside Recycling

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 21, 2022, 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.

DISCUSSION

Police Chief Frank Gendron joined the meeting at this time.

Enforcement Zone

Councilmember Bluth discussed a resolution passed in Allentown implementing a 25 mile per hour speed limit throughout the municipality, and violators would receive a ticket and be required to appear in court. Councilwoman Bluth suggested something similar for Hightstown by ordinance instead of by resolution, a choice supported by Borough Attorney Fred Raffetto. Discussion ensued, with concerns being raised that mandating a court appearance for a speeding ticket is too heavy-handed and that this could lead to increased court appearances, while other councilmembers stated that the increased signage itself could be a deterrent from speeding. Following a consensus from Council, Mr. Raffetto said he will go forward and explore next steps.

Wycoff Mills One Way

Mayor Quattrone said the county supports the decision to make the road one way and would help put up the signs. Discussion ensued. Borough Attorney Fred Raffetto said an ordinance is required to designate the new traffic regulations. Following consensus from the Council, the ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

Weight Limit – Truck Routes

Councilman Misiura suggested an update to Borough Code to specify which roads do not permit trucks, consistent with the verbiage in ordinances in other towns. Following a consensus from the Council, Borough Attorney Fred Raffetto said this can be added as another ordinance and presented for consideration at the next meeting.

COVID-19 Reopening

Administrator Dimitri Musing suggested, following discussion with Health Officer Jill Swanson, that Borough Hall be opened once again to employees (with masks voluntary) but that the building remain closed to the public for the time being. Discussion ensued. Mr. Musing said he would inform employees the next day and it would take effect the next Monday.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Councilmember Fowler

Downtown Hightstown - The flower basket campaign ordered flowers and said the baskets will be up in time for Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Parade - The Memorial Day Parade is happening and she is working with Mike from the VFW.

Harvest Fair - The Harvest Fair committee has been set up and vendor forms are being distributed this week, with a deadline at the end of June.

Councilmember Cicalese

Complete Streets Committee - There will be a Complete Streets meeting this week

Councilmember Montferrat

Residents have been asking if there will be a town-wide sale with the Masonic Lodge. There is no date for this at the time.

Councilmember Jackson

HPC - Looking into replacing the blue banners on the telephone poles in town.

Councilmember Bluth

Cultural Arts Commission – Looking for a date for Empty Bowls. There will be a Porch Fest in Hightstown on September 24. The First Aid Squad approved a mural to be painted on the side of the First Aid building.

Peggy Riggio, Borough Clerk

Animal Licensing – Stragglers are still turning in cat and dog licenses, there is a late fee as of March 1.

Primary Election - Petitions for primary election are due to the Clerk's office at 4 PM on Monday April 4.

Dimitri Musing, Borough Administrator

Lead service line replacements have to be done by June 22, 2031. The Borough is in the process of applying for loans for this process.

George Lang, CFO - Budget requests from Department Heads came in over the last week

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2022-74 Authorizing a Meeting that Excludes the Public

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Fowler.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2022-74

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

AUTHORIZING A MEETING WHICH EXCLUDES THE PUBLIC

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

- Attorney Client Privilege
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- Contract Negotiations – Stockton Street Sidewalks
- Contract Negotiations – Curbside Recycling

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 21, 2022, 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.

Councilmember Bluth moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.; Councilmember Jackson seconded. All ayes.

Council returned to public session at 8:42 p.m.

Resolution 2022-75 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement Between the Township of Manalapan and the Borough of Hightstown for Animal Control Services

Moved by Councilmember Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Resolution adopted 6-0.

Resolution 2022-75

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

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN AND THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act,” N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, *et seq.* (the “Act”),

authorizes local units of this State to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive in its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Manalapan (hereinafter the “Township”) and the Borough of Hightstown (hereinafter the “Borough”) (collectively hereinafter also referenced as the “Parties”) have determined that it would be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough for the Parties to collaborate with respect to animal control services (the “services”); and

WHEREAS, the services will contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of inter-municipal cooperation, and in furtherance of the principles underlying the Act, the Parties have negotiated a Shared Service Agreement (the “Agreement”), which sets forth the terms and conditions associated with this undertaking, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to authorize the Borough to enter into the Agreement, and to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute same on behalf of the Borough.

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

1. That the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute, and the Clerk to attest, the attached Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Manalapan relating to the above service.
2. That all relevant Borough officials are hereby authorized to perform all actions which are necessary to effectuate the intentions of the within Resolution.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution and the attached Agreement shall be provided to each of the following:
 - a. Township of Manalapan;
 - b. Dimitri Musing, Borough Administrator; and
 - c. Frederick C. Raffetto, Esq., Borough Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Misiura moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.; Councilmember Cicalese seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Riggio
Borough Clerk

Approved by Hightstown Borough Council: **August 1, 2022**