

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
March 24, 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 and Dimitri Musing, Borough Administrator.

The Flag Salute followed roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Fowler.

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

Agenda approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

DISCUSSION – BUDGET 2022

Mr. Musing stated that he was informed by CFO, George Lang, that the budget was not ready for discussion. Discussion will take place at the next budget workshop meeting scheduled for March 31st.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-76 Authorizing an Application for a LEAP Implementation Grant

Mr. Musing explained that Robbinsville will be applying for this grant to help cover initial costs of the Police and Court facility.

Moved by Councilmember Montferrat; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese.

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

Resolution adopted 5-0.

Resolution 2022-76

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

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Robbinsville and the Borough of Hightstown propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to construct and share a new police/municipal court facility that is designed to increase efficiency, enhance public safety and provide cost savings to both municipalities, which will benefit the residents of both participating local units; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Robbinsville has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hightstown, that the Borough of Hightstown does hereby join with the Township of Robbinsville in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$250,000 to support implementation of this shared service.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Fowler moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.; Seconded by Councilmember Cicalese. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Riggio".

Margaret Riggio
Borough Clerk

Approved by Hightstown Borough Council: **August 15, 2022**