

Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
March 31, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 6:32 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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Sneah Sukhadia, Captain First Aid Squad - Spoke about the capital requests for the First Aid Squad. They are requesting a new ambulance. Last year they spent over \$55,000 In repairs on the 2006 ambulance.

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

DISCUSSION – BUDGET 2022

Discussion ensued prioritizing water sewer projects. Council agreed the order of projects will be Water Tower Refurbishment, AWWTP Drywall Pumphouse and the two activated sludge tanks at the AWWTP. George Lang, CFO explained that Water/Sewer projects do not affect our current account bonding capacity provided that the water/sewer departments remain self-liquidating. Mr. Lang stated that if we continue to collect sludge, we can make the budget work and remain self-liquidating. There was discussion regarding water meter replacement/upgrades scheduling 250 per year. This will also be part of the lead service line replacement which is a 10-year project. Mr. Lang will have bond counsel put together a bond ordinance for all 5 projects and we will apply for Ibank funding.

Road project - A \$500,000 grant was received from NJDOT for Orchard, Meadow and Clover. The total cost of this project is \$1,867,000, this includes water/sewer upgrades. Discussion ensued. Council agreed that sidewalks around the circle will be eliminated to reduce the overall cost of the project.

First Aid Ambulance request \$280,000 - Council discussed the request. They advised the squad to get estimates to repair the 2006 ambulance. There is not enough in the budget this year to fund a new ambulance.

Parks and Recreation Capital Requests - Jordan Adler reviewed Parks and Rec request. Councilmember Misiura stated that their may be funds in the redevelopers agreement for refurbishments to Rocky Brook Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Montferrat moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.; Councilmember Misiura seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Riggio
Borough Clerk

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