

**Meeting Minutes
Hightstown Borough Council
July 12, 2022 – Budget Workshop
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Quattrone at 6:04 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>	ARRIVED LATE	
<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 Bluth; Seconded by Councilmember Fowler.

Roll Call Vote: Councilmembers Bluth, Fowler, Jackson, Misiura 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 in attendance, Mayor Quattrone closed the public comment period.

DISCUSSION

Budget 2022

Mr. Lang reviewed the Water/Sewer Budget. With discontinuing the collection of graywater, the budget is should about \$140,000.00.

Councilmember Cicalese joined the meeting at this time.

Current Fund Budget

Mr. Lang explained that we used a large amount of surplus last year. Overall, the current fund is up \$90,000.00 and revenues are down. We are looking at a .07 increase. Expenses are going up all over. There are no major cuts that can be made that will change the outlook of the budget. He believes this is a reasonable budget. We will be using about \$800,000 from surplus this year. Discussion ensued. Council would be comfortable with a .059 cent increase. First Aid and Fire budget cut to last year's budget amount, Environmental Commission cut to \$5,770 and the Peddie Lake Dam Inspection line can be reduced. Mr. Musing suggested using ARP funds to make up for the shortfall in the Water/Sewer budget and a rate increase can be put into effect early next year.

ADJOURNMENT 7:31 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Cicalese; Seconded by Councilmember Misiura. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Riggio
Borough Clerk

Approved by Hightstown Borough Council: October 17, 2022