

AGENDA
Hightstown Borough Council
May 4, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.
Hightstown Engine Company No. 1
140 North Main Street, Hightstown

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING TO AVOID SOUNDS/RINGING OR CONVERSATIONS THAT MAY INTERFERE WITH THE RECORDING OR THE ABILITY OF ATTENDEES TO HEAR THE PROCEEDINGS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Susan Bluth

STATEMENT: 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 advertised in the Trenton Times and the Trentonian as required by law and is posted on the Hightstown Borough website.

Roll Call

Flag Salute

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes April 20, 2026 – Public Session
April 20, 2026 – Executive Session

Presentation Sgt. Francisco Jimenez Proclamation

Public Comment Any person wishing to address Council with his or her comments will have a maximum of three minutes to do so at this time.

Budget 2026 **Resolution 2026-107** Self-Examination of the 2026 Budget
Resolution 2026-108 Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only
Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget
Resolution 2026-109 Adoption of 2026 Budget

Ordinances **2026-08 Final Reading and Public Hearing** Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Road Reconstruction Projects in and By the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, Appropriating \$709,330 Therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$382,042 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof
2026-09 Final Reading and Public Hearing Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements to the Water and Sewer Utility in and by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, Appropriating \$2,034,500 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,034,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof

2026-10 Final Reading and Public Hearing An Ordinance of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, Amending Article 2-48-2 of the Borough Code to Increase Membership of the Cultural Arts Commission and Update Related Provisions

Resolutions

2026-110 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Dawes Park Improvements – Playground Equipment and Installation

2026-111 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

Consent Agenda

2026-112 Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Tax Receipts and Increased Municipal Aid to Provide Real Property Tax Relief

2026-113 Approving Payment No. 3 to Earle Asphalt Company for Improvement to Maxwell Avenue

2026-114 A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Firefighter Certification Program and Designating an Authorized Signatory

2026-115 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement of Sale with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation for Block 30, Lot 13.01 (Parcel 33-3-25)

Discussion

Subcommittee Reports

Mayor/Council/Administrative Updates

Adjournment

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SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Hightstown has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2026 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

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5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk



The Borough of Hightstown

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BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET

It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget complies with the requirements of law and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78(b) and N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.

It is further certified that the municipality has met the eligibility requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.4 and 7.5, and that I, as Chief Financial Officer, have completed the local examination in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6.

Dated: May 1, 2026

By: _____


Donna Condo, CFO

This certification form and resolution of the governing body executing such certification should be annexed to the adopted budget (N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6(e))

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**AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO
BE READ BY TITLE ONLY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 40A:4-10, as amended by Chapter 95, P.L.2015, provides that the budget may be read by title when procedures required by N.J.S.40A:4-8 and N.J.S.40A:4-9 or section 12 of P.L.1995, c.259 (C.40A:4-6.1), as applicable, have been followed; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, as amended by Chapter 259, P.L. 1995 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the budget for 2026 shall be read by title only.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the budget shall be read by title only.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk

ROLL CALL RECORDED VOTE:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CICALESE				
FOWLER				
FRANTZ				
GULATI				
MONTFERRAT				
SPANN				

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2026

Be it Resolved by the COUNCIL MEMBERS RESOLUTION of the BOROUGH
of HIGHTSTOWN, County of MERCER that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby
adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$ 6,958,118.68 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in
Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of
the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.
- (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ - (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE
(Insert last name)

	Ayes	Nays	
			Abstained Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues		
Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$ 1,099,734.37
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	13-099	\$ 1,379,348.52
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$ 200,000.00
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSED (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$ 6,958,118.68
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$ -
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$ -
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$ -
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	07-192	\$ -
Total Revenues	13-299	\$ 9,637,201.57

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Within "CAPS"	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a & b) Operations Including Contingent	34-201	\$ 6,337,727.95
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal	34-209	\$ 957,565.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
Excluded from "CAPS"	xxxxxx	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	34-305	\$ 770,029.03
(c) Capital Improvements	44-999	\$ -
(d) Municipal Debt Service	45-999	\$ 981,785.47
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal	46-999	\$ -
(f) Judgments	37-480	\$ -
(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.A. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)	29-405	\$ 36,140.00
(g) Cash Deficit	46-885	\$ -
(k) For Local District School Purposes	29-410	\$ -
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	50-899	\$ 553,954.12
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-13)	07-195	
Total Appropriations	34-499	\$ 9,637,201.57

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 4th day of May, 2026. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2026 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 4th day of May, 2026, _____, Clerk
Signature
Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk

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County of Mercer

Ordinance 2026-08

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$709,330 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$382,042 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$709,330, including a \$327,288 grant expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the project herein since the project is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$382,042 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is various road reconstruction projects, including Broad Street, Van Renssaler Avenue and Manlove Avenue dead-end, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

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(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is

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hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$382,042, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$115,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

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Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance.

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The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

INTRODUCED: April 20, 2026

ADOPTED: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4, 2026

MARGARET RIGGIO
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN BLUTH
MAYOR

Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer

Ordinance 2026-09

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,034,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,034,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

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 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,034,500. No down payment is required as the improvements or purposes authorized herein are deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance. In addition, for the purpose or improvement in Section 3(a), no down payment is required as the purpose or improvement is expected to be financed through New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "NJIB").

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,034,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

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Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Lead Service Line Replacement Program, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	40 years
b) Various wastewater improvements, including sanitary sewer line repairs and manhole work, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$34,500	\$34,500	20 years
Total:	<u>\$2,034,500</u>	<u>\$2,034,500</u>	

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or

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all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as self-liquidating purposes of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 39.66 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been

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filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,034,500, but that the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$549,400 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for purposes that are deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in

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connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

INTRODUCED: April 20, 2026

ADOPTED: **Scheduled for Public Hearing May 4, 2026**

MARGARET RIGGIO
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN BLUTH
MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE 2-48-2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AND UPDATE RELATED PROVISIONS”

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown previously established the Cultural Arts Commission pursuant to § 2-48-2 of the Borough Code to promote and support cultural and artistic initiatives within the community; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance provides for a membership of nine members, along with alternate members, appointed by the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Arts Commission has recommended that its membership be expanded in order to enhance its ability to carry out its mission, broaden community representation, and support increased programming and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed this recommendation and concurs that increasing the membership of the Cultural Arts Commission from nine to ten members is in the best interest of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance includes references to the Parks and Recreation Commission, which has been dissolved and is no longer an active body within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough Council to amend the ordinance to remove outdated references to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to reflect the current organizational structure of Borough boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that these amendments will improve the clarity, accuracy, and effectiveness of the Borough Code governing the Cultural Arts Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows: (additions are shown with underline and deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

Section 1. Section § 2-48-2, entitled “Composition; Qualifications; Chair; Terms,” of the Code of the Borough of Hightstown is hereby amended as follows:

Article 2-48

Cultural Arts Commission

§ 2-48-2. Composition; Qualifications; Chair; Terms. [Ord. No. 2014-10]

A. Membership qualification. The Cultural Arts Commission shall be composed of ~~nine~~ten

members and up to four alternates, designated as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2," etc., who shall meet the following criteria:

- (1) Each member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Borough Council.
- (2) One member of the Commission ~~shall be a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission; one member~~ shall be a member of the Peddie School Staff; and one member shall be a member of the Hightstown-East Windsor Regional School Staff or Board of Education. These members shall serve one-year appointments.

B. Chair and members; terms of office.

- (1) The Commission shall designate one of its members to serve as Chair and presiding officer of the Commission.
- (2) The Commission shall appoint a secretary and other officers as it deems necessary and appropriate.
- (3) The terms of office of the first Commissioners shall be as follows:
 - (a) ~~Three~~Two members as set forth in Subsection A(2) above for one-year terms.
 - (b) Three members who are artists or affiliated with art organizations, but not necessarily residents of Hightstown, for two-year terms.
 - (c) ~~Three~~Five members who are residents of Hightstown and hold an appreciation for the arts for three-year terms.
- (4) Up to four alternate members for one year terms with half of this number composed of youth members as defined below. The remaining alternate members shall satisfy the criteria of either Subsection B(3)(b) or (c) above.
 - (a) Youth members shall be aged 15 to 18 and shall be students at either Hightstown-East Windsor Regional High School or the Peddie School.
- ~~(5) The Parks and Recreation Commission member appointed to serve on this Commission shall not be appointed beyond the expiration of his/her term of office as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.~~
- ~~(6)~~(5) The successors of the first Commissioners shall be appointed by the Borough Council and shall serve for terms of three years except for those members appointed annually pursuant to Subsection A(2) above and except for the four alternates who shall be appointed for one-year terms.

Section 2. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. Severability

Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer

Ordinance 2026-10

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

INTRODUCED: April 20, 2026

ADOPTED: Public Hearing Scheduled for May 4, 2026

MARGARET RIGGIO, RMC/CMC
BOROUGH CLERK

SUSAN BLUTH
MAYOR

Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer

Resolution 2026-110

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR DAWES PARK IMPROVEMENTS – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown has a need to procure playground equipment, materials, and installation services as part of the Improvements to Dawes Park; and

WHEREAS, River Valley Landscapes, 1178 Nursery Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368, has submitted a proposal dated April 14, 2026, for the furnishing and installation of playground equipment and related improvements in the total amount of \$376,424.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is authorized to award this contract without public bidding pursuant to the New Jersey Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12) through State Contract #24-FOOD-118207; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract in the full amount of \$376,424.00 under appropriation line C-04-55-906-001-444 (2024 General Capital – Dawes Park Improvements); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed the proposal and recommends the award of this contract;

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

1. The contract for Dawes Park playground improvements, including the supply and installation of playground equipment and related materials, is hereby awarded to River Valley Landscapes in the total amount of \$376,424.00.
2. This contract is awarded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 under State Contract #24-FOOD-118207.
3. The Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this agreement.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk



River Valley Landscapes
1178 Nursery Road
Wrightsville, PA 17368
Phone: (717) 252-1894
Fax: (717) 252-0700
License Number: #PA24645

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Estimate# R3369

Hightstown (Township of)
156 Bank St
Hightstown, NJ 08520
(609) 490-5100
John Roman

2026 Hightstown (Township of) Playground Renovations

Playground Equipment

Supply and Delivery of the Following items:

- (1) R5 Custom Play System - R5041E0BA
- (1) R5 Custom Play System - R50B654BA
- (1) R5 Custom Play System - R50B27DEA
- (1) PC 2123-8ft Arch Swing Bay (2 Seat)
- (1) PC 2123-8ft Arch Swing Bay (2 Seat) AB
- (4) Belt Seat
- (1) PC 2123-8ft Arch Swing Bay (1 Seat) AB
- (1) Playshare Seat
- (1) PC 2479 Mini-Go-Round
- (1) PC 2190 T-Swing (2FB)

Materials

Qty	Name
1	RVR Project# RVR2661F76A

Playground Equipment Total: \$311,526.00

NJ State Contract Discount

13% off list price of playground equipment

NJ State Contract Discount Total: (\$39,133.00)

River Valley Recreation Additional Discount

2% off list price of playground equipment

River Valley Recreation Additional Discount Total: (\$6,021.00)

Installation

Installation of the above specified playground equipment.

Installation Total: \$88,799.00

Poured in Place Rubber

Supply, Delivery and Installation of Bonded Rubber accessible area at entrance to 5-12 play structure and 2-5 play structure. (600 square feet total) over 10" clean stone base.

Bond Rubber 2" CFH 5ft Brown: 600 FT²

Materials

Qty	Name
52 bag	Shredded Rubber Mulch - Brown
12 5 ga	Aromatic Binder
20 ton	Crushed Stone - #57 - Clean

Poured in Place Rubber Total: \$6,878.00

Playground Safety Surfacing and Containment Timbers

Supply, Delivery and Installation of 200 CY Engineered Wood Fiber installed at an average depth of 12" over 5721 square feet. Supply, Delivery and Installation of 95 APS Recycled plastic border timbers and (2) ADA Half Ramps.

Woodcarpet Kit (RVR): 200 CY

APS-Borders 12" installation Kit: 95

APS-ADA Half Ramp: 2

Materials

Qty	Name
200 CY	Mulch - Engineered Wood Fiber
95	APS-Border 12"
2	APS-ADA Half Ramp

Playground Safety Surfacing and Containment Timbers Total: \$14,375.00

Grand Total: \$376,424.00

Sales Representative: _____ Date: _____

Richard Fisherman

I/we John Roman Accepted.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____

This proposal is valid until October 1st 2026.

RVR Payment Schedule:

100% of equipment Sale Due upon equipment's arrival onsite: \$266,372.00
Balance Due upon Completion: \$110,052.00
Note: If this project lasts more than 3 weeks there will be progress invoicing.

Payment Methods:

Cash, Check, ACH

NOTES:

- **ALL ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PURCHASE ORDER**
- Unless otherwise noted, sales tax has been excluded from the quote. A tax exempt certificate will be required at the time of order.
- Pricing assumes project is subject to prevailing wage.
- Pricing assumes reasonable digging conditions. Additional charges may be incurred due to unforeseen circumstances such as buried rock, stumps, debris, etc.
- Disposal of trash generated during construction shall be removed by contractor.
- Location and identification of private utilities is the responsibility of the owner.
- Permits, if required, are the responsibility of the owner.
- Please review all details of this quote. River Valley Recreation is not responsible for unreported errors.

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County of Mercer

Resolution 2026-111

**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, the Borough of Hightstown (the “**Borough**”) desires to authorize and direct the Borough’s Planning Board (the “**Planning Board**”) to undertake a preliminary investigation (the “**Study**”) to determine whether the property identified as Block 56, Lots 32.01, 33-39 and 43, on the Borough’s tax maps (collectively, the “**Study Area**”) meets the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law for designation as an area in need of redevelopment; 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.

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. Brian Slaugh, PP, AICP, of Clarke Caton Hintz, the Borough’s professional planner, is authorized and directed to undertake the Study and present findings and recommendations to the Planning Board in accordance with the Redevelopment Law.

Section 4. 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.

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Section 5. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Planning Board for action consistent herewith.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk

Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer

Resolution 2026-112

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ENERGY TAX RECEIPTS
AND INCREASED MUNICIPAL AID TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

WHEREAS, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

WHEREAS, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities, the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, under various administrations through the years, the State budget has diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

WHEREAS, while the State may need to have the right to override the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policymakers should not exercise that right automatically; and

WHEREAS, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

WHEREAS, by keeping flat funding of the appropriation for CMPTRA year-over-year, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2023, the State did provide some much-needed relief in the allocation of \$75 million of new funds identified as the Municipal Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, in SFY 2024, the State allocated \$150 million in Municipal Relief Funds, however, in SFY 2025 and, as proposed in SFY2026, no allocation will exist; and

WHEREAS, in the proposed SFY budget is \$60.7 billion, but Energy Tax Receipt funding is remaining flat at \$1.45 billion, a level that has remained largely unchanged despite inflation and rising operational costs; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of flat funding and underfunding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

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WHEREAS, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use of these resources that were always intended to fund local programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hightstown, in the county of Mercer, calls for the immediate restoration of funding of Energy Taxes consistent with the State's original commitments; increase formula based municipal aid to reflect inflation and rising service costs; and reestablish a fair and reliable fiscal partnership between the State and local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, Assemblywoman Tennille McCoy, Senator Linda Greenstein, the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs Jacquelyn Suárez, the State Treasurer Aaron Binder, the Lieutenant Governor Dale Caldwell, the Governor of the State of New Jersey Mikie Sherrill, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk

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Resolution 2026-113

**APPROVING PAYMENT NO. 3 TO EARLE ASPHALT COMPANY FOR
IMPROVEMENTS TO MAXWELL AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown awarded a contract for Improvements to Maxwell Avenue to Earle Asphalt Company, of Farmingdale, New Jersey, in the original contract amount of \$1,698,413.13, as set forth in Resolution 2025-161 adopted August 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the contractor has submitted Payment No. 3 for work performed through March 31, 2026, for mobilization, site clearing, traffic control, 8” HDPE Water Main and fittings, fire hydrant assembly, 6” wet tap and valve, and insertion valves; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends Payment No. 3 in the total amount of \$508,403.43, with the payment funded \$93,912.52 from the Capital Fund and \$414,490.91 from the Water Fund.

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

1. Payment No. 3 to Earle Asphalt Company for the Improvements to Maxwell Avenue project is hereby approved in the amount of \$508,403.43.
2. Payment No. 2 shall be charged as follows: \$93,912.52 – Capital Fund; \$414,490.91 – Water Fund.
3. The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to process the payment in accordance with applicable law and Borough procedures.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk



1670 Whitehorse-Hamilton Square Rd.
Hamilton, New Jersey 08690
609-586-1141 fax 609-586-1143
www.RobertsEngineeringGroup.com

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
Borough of Hightstown

FROM: Cameron Corini, PE, CME, CPWM
Borough Engineer

DATE: April 13, 2026

RE: Improvements to Maxwell Avenue
Payment No. 3
Our File No.: H1805

CC

Attached please find the following in reference to Payment No. 3, which is a partial payment through March 31, 2026, for mobilization, site clearing, traffic control, 8" HDPE Water Main and fittings, fire hydrant assembly, 6" wet tap and valve, and insertion valves.

1. Payment No. 3
2. Invoice No. 3
3. Certified Payrolls
4. Monthly Project Workforce Reports

I recommend payment be made to Earle Asphalt Company in the amount of \$508,403.43.

The total recommended amount of \$508,403.43 is funded as follows:

Capital Fund:	\$93,912.52
Water Fund:	\$414,490.91
Sewer Fund:	\$0.00

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

cc: John Francis Roman, Borough Administrator
Peggy Riggio, RMC, CMR, Borough Clerk
Mairead Thompson, Assistant Borough Administrator
Donna Condo, Borough CFO
Mike Corsi, Earle Asphalt Company
Amir Khan, Earle Asphalt Company
Edward Manganiello, Earle Asphalt Company
Bill Mead, Earle Asphalt Company
Tyler Becht, Earle Asphalt Company
Justin Streleckis, PE, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC
Giovanni Zangrilli, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC
Stephanie Katz, Roberts Engineering Group, LLC
Carmela Roberts, PE, CME, CPWM



PAYMENT No. 3
IMPROVEMENTS TO MAXWELL AVENUE
Borough of Hightstown, Mercer County, New Jersey
April 9, 2026
File No.: H1805

Item No.	Description	Units	Contract Quantity	Total As-Built Quantity	As-Built This Period	Unit Price	Total Cost
1	Mobilization	LS	1.00	1.00	0.40	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
2	Clearing Site	LS	1.00	1.00	0.40	\$133,000.00	\$133,000.00
3	Project Video	LS	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
4	Traffic Director, Flagger	HOUR	175.00	0.00	0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
5	Uniform Traffic Director	HOUR	350.00	247.47	133.07	\$140.00	\$34,645.80
6	Drums	UNIT	30.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
7	Traffic Cones	UNIT	30.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
8	Breakaway Barricade	UNIT	9.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
9	Construction Sign 'B' (60"x30")	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
10	Construction Sign 'C' (72"x60")	UNIT	5.00	4.00	0.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00
11	Construction Sign 'D' (24"x18")	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
12	Construction Sign 'E' (24"x18")	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
13	Construction Sign 'F' (24"x18")	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
14	Construction Sign 'G' (30"x18")	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
15	Construction Sign 'H' (30"x18")	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
16	Construction Sign 'I' (30"x18")	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
17	Construction Sign 'J' (24"x24")	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
18	Construction Sign 'K' (24"x24")	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
19	Construction Sign 'L' (48"x48")	UNIT	1.00	1.00	0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
20	Inlet Filter, Type 2	UNIT	9.00	0.00	0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
21	Excavation, Test Pit	CY	550.00	165.00	51.00	\$25.00	\$4,125.00
22	Stump Removal	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
23	Tree Removal, Over 6" to 12" Diameter	UNIT	6.00	0.00	0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
24	Tree Removal, Over 18" to 24" Diameter	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00
25	Tree Removal, Over 30" to 36" Diameter	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
26	Tree Planting, 2" Cal.	UNIT	10.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
27	Type 'B' Inlet with Bicycle Safe Frame and Grate	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
28	Type 'E' Inlet with Bicycle Safe Frame and Grate	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$5,900.00	\$0.00
29	Bicycle Safe Frame and Grate, Type 'B'	UNIT	6.00	0.00	0.00	\$425.00	\$0.00
30	10" Type 'N' Eco Curb Piece	UNIT	6.00	0.00	0.00	\$675.00	\$0.00
31	8" Type 'N' Eco Curb Piece	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$675.00	\$0.00
32	4" Type 'N' Eco Curb Piece	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$675.00	\$0.00
33	Manhole Frame and Cover, Storm	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
34	6" HDPE Storm Pipe	LF	725.00	0.00	0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
35	Connect to Existing Inlet	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,150.00	\$0.00
36	8" HDPE Water Main	LF	1,185.00	1,133.00	1,133.00	\$290.50	\$329,136.50
37	1" Type K Copper Water Service	LF	1,500.00	177.00	0.00	\$12.50	\$2,212.50
38	3/4" Type K Copper Water Service	LF	2,800.00	266.00	0.00	\$40.00	\$10,640.00
39	Curb Valve and Box	UNIT	24.00	8.00	0.00	\$3,500.00	\$28,000.00
40	Fire Hydrant Assembly, Complete	UNIT	4.00	4.00	3.00	\$12,500.00	\$50,000.00
41	6" Wet Tap and Valve	UNIT	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
42	8"x8" Cut-In Tee	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00
43	8" Gate Valve	UNIT	4.00	3.00	3.00	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00
44	8" Insertion Valve	UNIT	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
45	6" Insertion Valve	UNIT	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$12,403.41	\$12,403.41
46	8"x6" Reducer	UNIT	1.00	1.00	1.00	\$635.00	\$635.00
47	6" Cap	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
48	8"X8"X6" Tee	UNIT	1.00	2.00	2.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
49	Permanent Trench Restoration	LF	35.00	0.00	0.00	\$85.00	\$0.00
50	Permanent Trench Restoration	LF	25.00	0.00	0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
51	Remove and Fill Existing Manhole	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
52	4' Dimater Precast Manhole with Frame and Cover, Sanitary Sewer	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00
53	Manhole Frame and Cover, Sanitary	UNIT	8.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.00
54	8" PVC Sanitary Sewer Main	LF	25.00	0.00	0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
55	Concrete Encasement	LF	25.00	0.00	0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
56	Connect to Existing Manhole	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
57	6"x8"x18" Concrete Vertical Curb	LF	2,205.00	0.00	0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00
58	8"x9"x18" Concrete Vertical Curb	LF	75.00	0.00	0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
59	8"X10"X36" Concrete Vertical Curb	LF	85.00	0.00	0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00
60	Brick Paver Sidewalk	SY	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00



Item No.	Description	Units	Contract Quantity	Total As-Built Quantity	As-Built This Period	Unit Price	Total Cost
61	Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick	SY	761.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
62	Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk, 6" Thick	SY	300.00	0.00	0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00
63	Hot Mix Asphalt Driveway, 2" Thick	SY	200.00	0.00	0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
64	Stone Driveway	SY	100.00	0.00	0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
65	Brick Paver Driveway	SY	5.00	0.00	0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
66	Detectable Warning Surface	SY	12.00	0.00	0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
67	Excavation, Unclassified, 12" Depth or Less	SY	675.00	0.00	0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
68	Pavement Milling, 3" or Less	SY	6,840.00	0.00	0.00	\$9.88	\$0.00
69	HMA Pavement Repair	SY	680.00	0.00	0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
70	Tack Coat	GAL	733.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01	\$0.00
71	Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course 9.5M64, 2" Thick	TON	890.00	0.00	0.00	\$115.00	\$0.00
72	Hot Mix Asphalt Leveling Course 9.5M64, Variable Thickness	TON	123.00	0.00	0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
73	Hot Mix Asphalt Base Course 19M64, 6" Thick	TON	115.00	0.00	0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
74	Select Fill	CY	70.00	0.00	0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
75	Compacted Dense Graded Aggregate, 6" Thick	SY	130.00	0.00	0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
76	1-1/2" Clean Stone, If & Where Directed	CY	50.00	0.00	0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
77	30"x30" Regulatory Sign, R1-1 'Stop'	UNIT	5.00	0.00	0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
78	18"x6" Regulatory Plaque, R1-3P 'All Way'	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
79	30"x24" Regulatory Sign, R2-1 'Speed Limit 25'	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
80	30"x30" Regulatory Sign, R5-1 'Do Not Enter'	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
81	30"x30" Regulatory Sign, R9-20 'Bicycle Allowed Use of Full Lane'	UNIT	7.00	0.00	0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
82	30"x24" Regulatory Sign, R10-11a 'No Turn on Red'	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
83	30"x24" Regulatory Sign, R12-1 'Weight Limit 3 Tons'	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
84	18"x12" Regulatory Sign, 'No Stopping or Standing'	UNIT	3.00	0.00	0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
85	24"x24" Warning Sign, W11-1 'Bicycle'	UNIT	7.00	0.00	0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
86	30"x30" Warning Sign, W12-1 'Double Arrow'	UNIT	1.00	0.00	0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
87	30"x30" Warning Sign, W15-2 'Watch Children'	UNIT	2.00	0.00	0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
88	Street Signs	UNIT	4.00	0.00	0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00
89	Traffic Marking, 24" Wide White	LF	596.00	0.00	0.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
90	Traffic Marking, 8" Wide White	LF	605.00	0.00	0.00	\$2.00	\$0.00
91	Traffic Marking, Symbol, Shared Lane Marking	SF	198.00	0.00	0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
92	Long Life Epoxy Resin Curb Marking, Yellow	LF	715.00	0.00	0.00	\$5.25	\$0.00
93	Traffic Striping, 4" Wide Yellow	LF	300.00	0.00	0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
94	Topsoiling, 5" Thick	SY	875.00	0.00	0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
95	Fertilizing and Seeding, Type A-3	SY	875.00	0.00	0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
96	Fuel Price Adjustment	DOLLAR	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
97	Asphalt Price Adjustment	DOLLAR	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
98	Allowance	DOLLAR	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
S-1	Hydrant Installation - 351 Franklin St	LS	1.00	1.00	0.00	\$4,355.04	\$4,355.04
TOTAL WORK COMPLETED							\$715,653.25
LESS: RETAINAGE		2%					\$14,313.07
SUBTOTAL							\$701,340.18
LESS: PREVIOUS PAYMENTS						\$192,936.75	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE							\$508,403.43
AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL CONTRACT							\$1,698,413.13

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Resolution 2026-114

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE FIREFIGHTER
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has established a voluntary program through the Division of Fire Safety to certify firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown and Hightstown Engine Co. No. 1 desires to participate in said Firefighter Certification Program and provide certified training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, participation in the program requires the designation of an Authorized Signatory to execute all documents necessary for implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council supports participation in the program under the guidelines established by the Division of Fire Safety;

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

1. Authorization of Program Participation – The Borough of Hightstown hereby authorizes participation in the State of New Jersey Firefighter Certification Program.
2. Designation of Authorized Signatory - Gary Evers, Chief of Hightstown Engine Company No. 1, is hereby designated as the Authorized Signatory to sign any and all documents necessary to implement and administer the Firefighter Certification Program on behalf of the Borough.
3. Approval of Training – All training sessions conducted under this program must receive prior written approval from the Borough Administrator before being scheduled or conducted.
4. Insurance Requirements – Any organization providing training under this program shall submit a valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Hightstown as an Additional Insured. Said certificate must be submitted to the Borough Clerk prior to the commencement of any training.
5. Compliance – All activities conducted pursuant to this resolution shall comply with the requirements and regulations of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk

Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer

Resolution 2026-115

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT OF SALE
WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR BLOCK 30, LOT 13.01 (PARCEL 33-3-25)**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) is undertaking transportation and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements in connection with ADA Central Contract 2, Route 33, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, in connection with said public project, NJDOT has identified a portion of property owned by the Borough of Hightstown, designated as Block 30, Lot 13.01, also known as NJDOT Parcel 33-3-25 (the “Property”), for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT is authorized to acquire property for public purposes, including by the exercise of eminent domain pursuant to applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hightstown desires to cooperate with NJDOT in furtherance of this public purpose and to convey the required property interest through negotiated agreement in lieu of condemnation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, NJDOT has presented the Borough with an Agreement of Sale setting forth the terms of acquisition of the Property for the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), representing compensation for the required property interest; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the Agreement of Sale and determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to authorize the execution thereof and conveyance of the Property in accordance with its terms;

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

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement of Sale with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation and to convey the required property interest in Block 30, Lot 13.01 (NJDOT Parcel 33-3-25), as more particularly described therein.
2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk, and such other Borough officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and the consummation of the transaction contemplated by the Agreement of Sale, including but not limited to deeds, affidavits, certifications, and closing documents.

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3. This Resolution is adopted in connection with a State transportation project serving a public purpose and in recognition of NJDOT's authority to acquire the Property by eminent domain, and is intended to authorize a negotiated conveyance in lieu of condemnation proceedings.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown at a meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Margaret Riggio, Borough Clerk