

The March 16, 2011 regular/work meeting was called to order by Mayor Petillo at 7:34 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, NJ.

Mayor Petillo announced this meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, the Daily Record, The Star Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL: Councilmember present: Howard Baker, Richard Bunce, Michael Francis, Marie Galate, Madeline McManus & John Young. Others present: Attorney John Ursin & Clerk Lorraine Stark.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Petillo noted that the agenda would be amended to include a brief executive session following the Council comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Francis informed those present that the second energy audit was performed today, which included Senior Center, and the three firehouses. He noted that two of the firehouses currently has energy efficient lighting. Council President Young reported that the Recreation Commission will be starting the Summer Recreation Program on June 27, 2011; basketball was going well, Sue Parichuk does an excellent job managing the various programs; the annual field walk inspection is scheduled for this Saturday; street hockey begins on March 26, 75 participants have enrolled so far; Saturday 9th April is the Easter Egg Hunt at noon in Modick Park. Councilmember McManus said that Mike Francis attended the Environmental Commission meeting and spoke about energy initiatives; the Commission is working with the Sustainable New Jersey Program, and looking at Green Energy and changes to the Construction Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting open to public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). No comments were received. Councilwoman Galate moved to close comment period, seconded by Young. Those present voted affirmative.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Ruschke explained that two Change Orders are presented this evening; he thought that these were taken care of in November. However, formal action had not been taken; Change Order #1 for Covino's contract is for \$60,000+ due to curb & concrete replacements removed from the contract, Change Order #2 involved \$16,085.50, which is to be a two party check to a sub-contractor.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items with an (*) are considered to be routine by the Members of the Borough Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- #132-11 Approve Payment of Escrows.*
 - #133-11 Approve Outside Lien Redemption Certificate #2010-61 in the amount of \$2,431.89.*
 - #134-11 Approve Outside Lien redemption Certificate #2008-52 in the amount of \$36,361.06 plus premium in the amount of \$4,100.*
 - #135-11 Approve Fireman W. Cleary, Northwood Co. #2*
 - #136-11 Approve Raffle License RA #5-2011 Off Premises 50/50 for Trinitas Health Foundation.*
 - #137-11 Approve Click It or Ticket Mobilization May 23- June 5, 2011.*
- Consent agenda motioned by Young, seconded by Bunce. Vote was unanimous.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

#7-2011 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 242 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG POLITICAL SIGNS. #138-11 Motioned by Francis, seconded by Bunce. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Francis, Bunce, Baker, Galate, McManus, Young.

RESOLUTIONS:

- #139-11 Approve Payment of Bills, following the removal of checks #29311, #29312 & #29339. Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Young. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Bunce, Young, Baker, Francis, Galate, McManus.
 - #140-11 Approve payment of checks: #29311, #29312 & #29339. Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Young. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Bunce, Young, Baker, Francis, McManus. **ABSTAINED:** Galate.
 - #141-11 Approve 2010 Public Safety Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) contribution list. Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Galate. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Bunce, Galate, Baker, Francis, McManus, Young.
 - #142-11 Approve Award of Contract to Certified Drug Company for Drug Testing, authorize contract with Drug Check Consulting not to exceed \$2,000. Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Galate. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Bunce, Galate, Baker, Francis, McManus, Young.
 - #143-11 Approve Change Order for Hopatchung Road Redevelopment & Beautification Project, in an amount not to exceed \$62,345.00. Motioned by Francis, seconded by Galate. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Francis, Galate, Baker, Bunce, McManus, Young.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. #144-11 Approve Connection to Municipal Water, 15 Cove Road. Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Galate. Roll Call Vote: **YES** – Bunce, Galate, Baker, Francis, McManus, Young.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Community Garden – Presentation 10 minutes. This matter to be heard on 4/6/11.
- B. 2011 Bids for Lawn & Field Maintenance (award bid if in order). Held until

4/6/11.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (comments limited to 5 minutes). Mara Modes a resident of Ithanell Road stated that she went to see Governor Christie and that the Police Department did a great job. Mayor Petillo agreed, thanked Chief Swanson and his staff as well as Father George Gothie, and the other volunteers. Councilman Bunce moved to close public comment period, seconded by Baker. The vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Petillo commented about setting dates for the interview of Administrator candidates; suggested Monday 28th of March & 4th of April at 6 p.m. location to be either the Senior Center or Board of Health Building. Ms. Stark revealed that she would check the availability of the two sites, and schedule the interviews accordingly.

Councilperson Galate thanked everyone for coming, and those involved with Governor Christie's visit especially Mayor Petillo; it was a wonderful day and she was proud of our community.

Councilman Francis noted that having Governor Christie in town was the "icing on the cake", in recognition for the work that had been done in Trenton. He wished all a good night and good luck.

Council President Young thanked all for coming and dittoed remarks about the Governor's visit, thanked St. Jude, Father George and Police staff. He also commended those who attended the meeting. Council President Young cautioned residents to drive carefully.

Councilwoman McManus said thank you & wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Councilman Bunce remarked that the Governor's visit was an exciting time for the Borough, and it was nice to put your best foot forward. He wished the residents a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Spring.

Councilmember Baker commented that the Governor Christie's visit was a tremendous success; thanked St. Jude for providing their facility, complemented the DPW employees as well as Police and Chief Swanson. He asked residents to take recycling seriously and to buy new products intelligently; check with the vendor about their recycling policy. Thanked everyone for coming this evening, & Vito Castoro for the nice sign which was displayed during the Governor's visit.

Resolution for Closed Session moved by Bunce at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Young. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Petillo indicated that matter to be discussed pertained to shared court services with Stanhope Borough.

Councilwoman Galate moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Young. Those present voted affirmative.

Respectfully submitted: