

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
JUNE 21, 2017  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Announce Quorum

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Mayor Francis stated "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, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements." (Mayor noted fire exits)

**ROLL CALL:** The Clerk called the roll and the following members were present: Councilman Bunce, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Hoferkamp, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Francis.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Francis invited all present to salute the flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence.

**AUCTION OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY:**

53 Stevens Trail, Block 40401, Lot 9 (Conforming, Minimum Bid \$12,350)

There being on one from the public who wished to bid on 53 Stevens Trail, Councilman Young made a motion to close the auction. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

15 Bucknell Way, Block 40212, Lot 8 (Non-conforming, Minimum Bid \$3,225)

Councilman Young made a motion to accept the minimum bid of \$3,225 made by Mr. Hal Glasser, 17 Bucknell Way, Hopatcong, NJ 07843. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

3 Michigan Trail, Block 40402, Lot 7 (Conforming, Minimum Bid \$11,700)

Councilman Young made a motion to accept the minimum bid of \$11,700 made by Mr. James Distasio, 52 Stevens Trail, Hopatcong, NJ 07843. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to take a five minute recess to process the bids submitted. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to return to the regular order of business. Seconded by councilman Young. All were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mayor Francis allowed each member of the Council, to present their respective committee reports.

Councilwoman Galate reported that opening day of the Farmer's Market went wonderfully and that it was a beautiful day. She stated that this weekend Father Vidal

from St. Jude will be at the market for “Blessing of the Bikes”. She also reported that this Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> will be the senior picnic and that any senior from Hopatcong can attend. The “Seniors of the Year” will be announced at the picnic.

Councilman Hoferkamp stated that he and the Mayor are working on the Community Service program with Judge Smith and he hopes it will be up and running shortly.

Councilman Schindelar thanked those who purchased the town properties at this evening’s auction and also reminded everyone one that the Veteran’s Cruise is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported that one of the lanes on the River Styx Bridge will be shut down while Miss Lotta passes that area.

Councilman Young reported that the Municipal Alliance met recently and discussed the Hero Boys/Girls on the Run programs. He stated that they are just not running programs but programs that help build self-esteem. Councilman Young stated that the High School graduation ceremony was this evening and that they are working on Project Graduation. He stated that they are also working on a reviving the “Every 15 Minutes” program but that it requires a lot of work and coordination of our Emergency Services to get it going. With regards to the Recreation Commission, Councilman Young reported that they met and reviewed the basketball program and the hockey program and they also discussed the Summer Recreation Program. Right now 130 campers have registered, but he expects more to sign up. They also discussed Hopatcong Days and reported that the larger sports organizations will be hosting events – the Hawks will be sponsoring a petting zoo, the Little League will be sponsoring a magician and the Warriors will be sponsoring the pageants. He thanked them because if they didn’t sponsor these events then the Borough would have to do it.

Councilman Bunce reported that the Borough has received a \$112,000 grant to complete phase II of the Brooklyn Mt. Road paving project. He also reported that he met with the Fire Committee to discuss the bylaws and the budget.

Councilman Padula reported that the DPW is working on their paving list for this year and the DPW Washbay project is running smoothly. He also reported on the updates to the Crescent Cove sewer station and stated that the redevelopment ordinance will be hopefully be on for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor Francis stated that the new Solstice Café, which will be located in the new Brookside Development will be coming to the Farmer’s Market. He also reported that the Borough is pursuing a grant for a community policing officer. We are also on the Federal list for a TAP grant for the River Styx Streetscape project.

Councilman Hoferkamp stated that they are actively working on the Mayor’s Pride Clean Communities Work program.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Councilman Bunce made a motion to open the meeting to the public questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were in favor.

Que Williams, 228 Chincoppee Avenue, asked about the Veteran’s Cruise and Councilman Schindelar stated it is too late for this year as the seating was limited, but she can ask to be included next year.

Nancy Smith, 628 Brooklyn Mt. Road, stated her disappointment that the Hopatcong Days Parade was cancelled for this year because many people enjoy it.

Mayor Francis stated that he made the decision to cancel it. The Borough never ran the parade until last year because the Business League pulled out at the last minute. This year we just don’t have the resources. He opted to concentrate the staff on the Hopatcong Days festivities and not the parade.

Councilwoman Galate stated that she doesn’t agree with the Mayor and thinks that he should not have canceled it at the last minute without notifying anyone. She asked why there was no Hopatcong Days Committee like in previous years.

Mayor Francis stated that if any group would like to take it over he would be more than happy to assist them in getting it off of the ground.

Rich Chiarella, 114 Purdue Trail, stated that the Business League ran the parade for 20 years and that it isn't that hard to organize. He asked if it was advertised that it was cancelled because it still says in the calendar that it is scheduled for that day. He stated that if he had known, he could have gotten a group together.

Sal Fiorentino stated that he has been a resident for 52 years and that he is very disappointed about the cancellation of the parade.

Henry Schmidt also stated that he is very disappointed that the Mayor made that decision.

Que Williams stated that she could get a lot of volunteers to run it and stated that she doesn't think it should have been cancelled arbitrarily.

John Maine stated that the Business League dissolved because originally there were 90 people and it dwindled down to 4. They just couldn't continue to do it.

Mara Modes wanted to know how the public would be notified since this is the first that she has heard of it.

Mayor Francis stated that it can be put on the website and the Borough sign. He stated that if there was a group that would like to run the parade he will help in any way that he can.

Councilwoman Galate thanked everyone for coming out and stated that she only heard about the cancellation recently. She said that the parade is enjoyed by so many residents and participants that she is also very disappointed.

Mayor Francis stated that she was informed a month ago that the parade was going to be cancelled and that she was asked to run the parade if she would like it to continue. At the time she said that she couldn't run it.

Councilwoman Galate stated that she will run it.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** requested that all persons present review the consent agenda. If any member of the Council or public wishes an item on the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately, a motion to this effect shall so be made at this time.

After all persons have had an opportunity to review the consent agenda and offer requests for changes, **Mayor Francis** requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Zoning Monthly Report: May 2017.
2. Tax Collector's Report: May 2017.

**APPLICATIONS** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. NJ State Firemen's Application: Brian E. Kalembo.

**RESOLUTIONS:** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution # 2017-115 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 10308 Lt: 15.
2. Resolution # 2017-116 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 40209 Lt: 4.
3. Resolution # 2017-117 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 30809 Lt: 123.
4. Resolution # 2017-118 Extend Grace Period Third Quarter Tax Payment.
5. Resolution # 2017-123 Refund of payment: Blk: 40206 Lt: 12.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of June 21, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution #2017-114 – Custodian of Petty Cash Fund**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the change of the Custodian of the Petty Cash Fund – Lorraine Rossetti. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2017-119 – Waive Late Fee for Animal Licensing**

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution waiving the late fee for animal licensing for the month of July 2017. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2017-120 – Renewal of Certain 2017-2018 Liquor Licenses**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the renewal of certain 2017-2018 Liquor Licenses. (Hudson Farm, West Shore Spirits, Pavinci, Glassers) Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2017-121 – Hiring of Temporary Seasonal Help - DPW**

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution hiring Benjamin Ellicott and David Speizer as Seasonal Laborers for the DPW at a rate of \$10.00 an hour for 40 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2017-122 – Hiring of Temporary Seasonal Help – Summer Recreation Coordinator**

Councilman Yung made a motion to adopt a resolution hiring Ryan Smircich as a Temporary Seasonal Summer Recreation Coordinator for the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Councilman Young stated that the resolution should be amended to reflect the correct title of the position, Summer Recreation Camp Director.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt the resolution with the amendment to reflect the correct title, Summer Recreation Camp Director. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution #2017-124 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of June 21, 2017, pulling invoice numbers 17-00149, 00234, 00952 and 00962. Seconded by councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to authorize the payment of invoice numbers 17-00149, 00234, 00952 and 00962. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate

#### Resolution #2017-125 – Additional Item of Revenue, NJDOT 2017 Aid Program

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND OFFSETTING APPROPRIATION OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY” (2017 NJDOT Aid Program-Brooklyn Mountain Road Project Phase II, \$112,000). Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Padula asked if the parade was going to be held and Mayor Francis stated that he appoints Councilwoman Galate to chair the committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

Mara Modes asked if the public would be charged for the missing page of the agenda and the Clerk gave her a copy of the third page.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Mayor Francis** requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. He stated that no formal action will be taken after the Governing Body reopens to the public.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ALLOWS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FROM A PORTION OF A MEETING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG THAT THE PUBLIC SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM DISCUSSION OF MATTERS ALLOWED BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WILL BE PLACED ON FILE IN THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AS PROVIDED FOR BY NEW JERSEY LAW.

Be further advised this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 21, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.