

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

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

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.

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

Councilwoman Galate reported that the Hudson Hike was very successful – 83 seniors participated and there was a total of 1382 participants that helped raise \$50,164. There were also 1070 bonuses given for a grand total of \$75,000 that Hudson Farm will donate to several local organizations. She stated that this year the route was changed to a 6 mile hike, which may have been too strenuous for some participants. Next year they may do a shorter hike as well as the longer 6 mile hike.

Councilwoman Galate also reported that the Memorial Day parade was very successful and that it was a beautiful day. She reported that the Seniors Inc. Installation Ceremony will be held on June 21st and the senior picnic will be held on the 24th. She announced that the Farmers Market will kick off on June 18th and that many special events are already scheduled – June 25th Blessing of the Bikes, July 16th Boat Show and July 30th EMS Day.

Councilman Hoferkamp reported that the Environmental Commission gave away the rest of the trees at the Hudson Farm Hike.

Councilman Schindelar stated that the Memorial Day Parade was a success and that he attended the MSA meeting. He also stated that he and the Mayor met with Senator Bucco to discuss the MOA sent to the 4 towns around the lake.

Councilman Young reported that the Environmental Commission has been discussing the proposed rain garden and Hopatcong Days. He stated that the Hudson Hike participants were an average age of 36 and he also stated that the trail was very aggressive. Councilman Young reported that the Municipal Alliance has scheduled a movie night on June 23 at the Hilltop Field.

Councilman Bunce stated that there are two capital ordinances on for consideration this evening. He also reported that the Ambulance Squad has requested their funding for the 2016 and the 2017 budget years as they haven't received it yet. He thanked the Squad for all of their hard work and dedication to the residents of the Borough. Taxpayer dollars really help the squad and make a huge difference.

Councilman Bunce also reported that the Armed Forces Relief Event and the Crimestoppers Sheriff's Reception were both a huge success.

Councilman Padula stated that the Redevelopment Committee met with the owners of the music studio next to Pavinci and that it was a very successful meeting. Councilman Padula hopes that the Redevelopment Plan will be on for consideration by the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Francis stated that the town has applied for a marketing grant for the Redevelopment area and that he created a PowerPoint of the area and it is on our website.

Councilman Bunce thanked Cathy Millian, the Recreation Coordinator, for creating the Hopatcong Happenings publication. He stated that it has wonderful information for the residents of the events that are going on in the Borough.

Mayor Francis stated that he and Councilman Hoferkamp have been meeting with the judge to initiate a Community Service program.

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

Peter Frechtling, 443 River Styx Road, asked about the Senior Picnic and he was told it is June 24th.

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 May 17, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Francis 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, Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

RESOLUTIONS: (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution # 2017-105 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 31004 Lt: 14.
2. Resolution # 2017-107 Tax Exemption 100% Veteran: Blk: 11001 Lt: 19
3. Resolution # 2017-109 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 10409 Lt: 1.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Adoption Ordinance #06-2017 – Auction of Municipal Property, Block 40401, Lot 9 – 53 Stevens Trail

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 53 STEVENS TRAIL, BLOCK 40401, LOT 9". Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #06-2017.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #06-2017, 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.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Auction: June 21, 2017.

Adoption Ordinance #07-2017 – Auction of Municipal Property, Block 40212, Lot 8 – 15 Bucknell Trail

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 15 BUCKNELL TRAIL, BLOCK 40212. LOT 8". Seconded by Councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #07-2017.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #07-2017, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Auction: June 21, 2017.

Adoption Ordinance #08-2017 – Auction of Municipal Property, Block 40402, lot 7

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH AND NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 3 MICHIGAN TRAIL, LOT 7". Seconded by Councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #08-2017.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #08-2017, Councilman Young 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.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Auction: June 21, 2017.

Adoption of Ordinance #09-2017 – Bond Ordinance

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2017 CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$925,000 THEREFOR AND

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$780,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF". Seconded by Councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #09-2017.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #09-2017, Councilman Young made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Bunce. All were in favor.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption of Ordinance #10-2017 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WATER UTILITY, AND SEWER UTILITY BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$305,000 THEREFOR (\$155,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, \$50,000 FROM THE WATER CAPITAL FUND, AND \$100,000 FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND) TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREFOR". Seconded by councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #10-2017.

David Harris asked if the town has to make payments and Councilman Bunce stated that the Borough has to pay the down payment and then the projects are financed over a ten year period.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #10-2017, 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.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2017-104 – Renewal of Certain 2017-2018 Liquor Licenses

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution renewing certain 2017-2018 Liquor Licenses. (Garden State Yacht Club, Liquor Factory and Patrick's Pub) Seconded by councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-106 – Appointment of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution appointing an Alternate Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-108 – Change Order #1 – DPW Washbay Addition

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution approving Change Order #1 for a net increase of \$13,767 for the Hopatcong Borough DPW Wash Bay Addition awarded to Security Structures, Inc. (as recommend by the Borough Engineer) Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-110 – Promotion to Police Sergeant, Ryan Tracey

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the promotion of Ryan Tracey to Police Sergeant, effective November 11, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-111 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of June 7, 2017, pulling invoice numbers 17-00066, 00149, 00234, 00254, 00400, 00895, and 00948. 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 17-00066, 00149, 00234, 00254, 00400, 00895, and 00948. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate

Resolution #2017-112 – Awarding Contract – Denville Line Striping

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Denville Line Striping in the amount not to exceed \$5,265.00 for the Brooklyn Mountain Road Resurfacing Project – Phase II. Seconded by Councilman Young

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-113 – Awarding Contract – Tilcon New York Inc.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to Tilcon New York Inc. in the amount of \$146,900.00 for the Brooklyn Mountain Road Resurfacing Project – Phase II. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appeal of Decision for Request for LOSAP Renewal

At this time the Council will discuss an appeal request submitted by a volunteer fireman of the decision to deny his request for a Withdrawal from LOSAP Deferred Compensation Plan.

John Ursin, Borough Attorney, stated that there are certain IRS regulations that allow for an emergency withdrawal from the LOSAP plan. If it is a medical issue, it has to be for the participant, their spouse or their dependents. He stated that the Borough, as the administrator of the plan, has to follow IRS guideline.

After discussion regarding IRS regulations with regards to LOSAP programs, Councilman Bunce made a motion to deny the appeal. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

2. Hopatcong Fire Department Road Fund Drive Request

Councilman Young made a motion to approve a request from the Hopatcong Fire Department to conduct a Road Fund Drive on June 11, 2017 and October 14, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the following locations: the corner of Hopatchung Road and River Styx Road, the corner of Hopatchung Road and Sharp Avenue and the corner of Hopatchung and Sussex County Route 607 near Modick Park. (pending County approvals) Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

3. Mayor Francis stated that he is appointing Andrew Diamond to the OEM 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.

Thomas Krozser, 121 Brooklyn Stanhope Road, asked about the repairs to the Skate Park.

Catherine Schultz, Municipal Clerk, responded that the parts have been ordered and are expected to arrive within 2 – 3 weeks. Then the DPW will schedule.

Mr. Krozser stated that he has some suggestions for regulations that would perhaps cut down on the vandalism and Mayor Francis told him to send them to him for consideration.

Councilman Schindelar stated that Mr. Krozser should take the lead and try to convince others not to vandalize the park.

Mr. Rehe, 501 Naritcong asked when the netting at the field will be repaired and he was told the DPW was waiting for the trees to be trimmed. Mr. Rehe also discussed property maintenance issues at 2 Jaeger Ct, the garbage along the Borough roadways, abandoned cars, and when the flags are authorized to be at half-staff.

Mike Obremski, JCP&L representative, informed the council that they are working on getting the guide wire down at 9 Lakeland Drive.

David Harris asked if the Borough notified the County that County Road 607 needs to be repaved and Mayor Francis responded that the will contact them. Mr. Harris stated that he completed the Hudson Hike but that it was a very strenuous hike.

Mara Modes, resident, thanked the EMS services for their help during the Hudson Farm Hike.

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.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 7, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.