

**MINUTES
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL,
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
JULY 19, 2017
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 4:00 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 notes fire exits)

ROLL CALL: The Clerk called the roll and the following members were present: 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

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.

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.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2017-145 - Cancellation of Funded Capital Improvement Authorization

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the cancellation of funded Capital Improvement. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ordinance #12-2017 - Capital Ordinance Providing For Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras Including Improvements in Wiring

Councilman Bunce made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS IN WIRING BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$65,000 THEREFOR FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF". Seconded by Councilman Young.

Councilwoman Galate stated that she is not comfortable with introducing an ordinance at a special meeting when there is no public to comment. She asked why we cannot wait until the next regular meeting.

Mayor Francis stated that this is nothing new and that we have planned the wiring project for a long time. It was not done correctly the first time so this is the correct way to move the project along.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: Galate Absent: None Abstentions: None

FINAL READING: AUGUST 2, 2017

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2017-143 – Hiring of an Entry Level Police Officer, Jonathan E. Feinberg

Councilwoman Galate made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the conditional appointment of Jonathan Feinberg as an Entry Level Police Officer, effective upon starting in the Morris County Police Academy on July 17, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-144 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of July 19, 2017, pulling invoice numbers 17-00061, 00066, 00149, 00219, 00234, 00400 and 0144. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the payment of invoice numbers 17-00061, 00066, 00149, 00219, 00234, 00400 and 0144. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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.

Michael Rosa, 48 Alexandria Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the wall that was damaged on Indian Trail. He asked when it is going to be fixed, as well as the stairs. He also stated that there is a bus stop there that was damaged.

Councilman Francis stated that it is a County roadway and the he has already addressed the issue with them. He stated that they will be responsible for repairing the wall. He also said that he will call them regarding the stairs.

Councilwoman Galate stated that the bus stop was moved after the accident because of the dangerous conditions.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of July 19, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were in favor.