

**MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
MAY 18, 2016
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Announce Quorum

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT: Mayor Petillo 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, Councilman Francis, Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Petillo.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

At this time, Mayor Petillo presented a proclamation to the Lake Hopatcong Sail & Power Squadron as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

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

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

Mayor Petillo informed the Council that the weed harvesting program was allocated \$155,000 and that it will begin on May 24th with three large machines. In June, they will add another machine and the harvesting will continue until the money runs out. She stated that the focus will be in the areas from the State Park to the River Styx area.

Mayor Petillo also reported that the High School graduation ceremony will be on June 14th at 5:45 and the Middle School ceremony will be on the 15th at the same time.

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

Councilwoman Galate stated that the Seniors have decided for the time being to continue to meet at the Senior Center. She stated that they have added another trip this summer to Radio City Music Hall. Regarding the Farmer's Market she stated that so far we have 17 vendors signed up to participate.

Councilman Francis stated that he spoke to some of the vendors at the Block Party and that they might be interested in attending this year's market as well. He also reported, with regards to energy, that when the town needs to replace bulbs, we replace them with cost effect LED lights.

Councilman Francis stated that the Land Use Board will be holding a public hearing regarding the possibility of creating a Redevelopment Zone on River Styx.

Councilman Schindelar stated that he attended the Lake Hopatcong Block Party and that it was a huge success.

Councilman Young reported that the Environmental Commission received a small grant from ANJAC in the amount of \$800. They are going to use it for some signage on the trails. He also stated that the Recreation Commission held a movie night and that they are purchasing items for the summer program. The Commission is also going to be holding an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with a concert being run by the Municipal

Alliance in August. He stated that he has spoken to the DPW and was told that the panels will be put on the Skate Park once the weather warms up.

Councilman Young reported that the Hudson Farm Hike was a huge success and that 11 organizations benefited from their donation. This year they also held a “seniors” tour that was very well attended by 62 seniors.

Councilman Bunce stated that the Crime Stoppers dinner will be held next Thursday at the Farmstead and that the Armed Forces Relief Fund Dinner will be this Sunday at Pavinci. He also reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on the 27th at 10:00 am here at the Borough Hall.

Councilman Padula reported that the Redevelopment Committee will hold its next meeting on June 8th and that they will be discussing the report submitted by the Engineer and also the progress of the marketing grant.

Mayor Petillo thanked all of the churches that participated in the “Hunger Walk”. They raised a lot of money that will be used to help residents who are in need.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Padula 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 Bunce. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting held on May 4, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: At this time Robert Elia, Borough Administrator, presented his report for the meeting of May 18, 2016.

At this time, Mayor Petillo discussed with the Council two projects that she would like them to consider approving. One would be in conjunction with a Girl Scout who is trying to obtain her Silver Award. She would like to construct a small playground at Jefferson Field for younger children. She thinks that she can raise \$5000.00 and the town would be responsible for the rest.

The other project Mayor Petillo would like the Council to consider is a pavilion next to the parking lot at the Borough Hall. It would accommodate two game tables on each end with room in the middle for bands, events, etc. The pavilion would cost \$10,000. She stated that the money for the playground and the two tables could be paid for from funds in the Recreation Trust. She believes that \$12,000 would be sufficient. She stated that the money for the pavilion could come from the money that PSE&G gave the Borough.

After discussion, the Council agreed to both projects and the funding.

Councilwoman Galate asked the Mayor to please also take a look at the area by Vet’s Field. She stated that it would be a great place for another playground. Mayor Petillo stated that she thinks that is a great idea and that they will take a look at it.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to move forward with both projects as previously discussed. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance #17-2016 – Recreational Improvements

Councilman Bunce made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$12,000 FROM MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE RECREATION TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS”. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to appropriate monies from the PSE&G funds to purchase a pavilion and create a new park area by the Borough Hall. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Petillo 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 Petillo 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 Department Monthly Report: April 2016.
2. Construction Department Monthly Report: April 2016.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

RESOLUTIONS: (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution # 2016-126 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 11003 Lt: 26 Blk: 30609 Lt: 5 Blk: 30601 Lt: 18.
2. Resolution # 2016-127 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 40205 Lt: 2.
3. Resolution # 2016-128 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 10211 Lt: 5, Blk: 11012 Lt: 24.
4. Resolution # 2016-129 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 40104 Lt: 21.
5. Resolution # 2016-130 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 40107 Lt: 51.
6. Resolution # 2016-132 – Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 10703 Lt: 6.

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting of May 18, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Bunce. All were in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Adoption Ordinance #13-2016 – Bond Ordinance – Capital Improvements

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$1,504,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,428,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF”. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public to discuss any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #13-2016.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #13-2013, 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, Francis, Galate, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Adoption Ordinance #14-2016 – Bond Ordinance – Water Utility

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2016 WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$135,000 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$120,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF”. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #14-2016.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #14-2016, Councilman Bunce made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance #15-2016 – Bond Ordinance – Sewer Utility

A motion is in order to introduce an ordinance entitled “A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2016 SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$285,000 THEREFOR FROM THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF”.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #15-2016.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #15-2016,

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance #16-2016 – Capital Ordinance – FEMA Generator Replacement

Councilman Young made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled “A CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$251,000, INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210,000 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND \$41,000 FROM THE RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS – FEMA TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF”. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #16-2016.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #16-2016, 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, Francis, Galate, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2016-124 – Person to Person/Place to Place Liquor License Transfer – Shital Megha Corporation

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution approving of the Person to Person/Place to Place Transfer of Liquor License #1912-33-014-004, Dock N Drink Inc. to Shital Megha Corporation, 30 Hopatchung Road, Hopatcong, NJ 07843. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: Galate Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2016-125 – Payment of Bills

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of May 18, 2016, pulling check numbers 1257, 2674, 37369, 37370, 37399, 37406, 37432, and 37435

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Councilman Bunce made a motion to authorize the payment of check numbers 1257, 2674, 37369, 37370, 37399, 37406, 37432, and 37435. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Padula, Schindelar

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate, Young

Resolution #2016-133 – Click it or Ticket Mobilization

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the “Click it or Ticket Mobilization” of May 23rd to June 5, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2016-134 – Refunding of Certain Bonds

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH") PROVIDING FOR (i) THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING GENERAL REFUNDING BONDS OF 2006 AND SEWER REFUNDING BONDS OF 2006 OF THE BOROUGH DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 TO PROVIDE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS, AND (ii) AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS THEREFOR (THE "REFUNDING BONDS") AUTHORIZED BY A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE HERETOFORE DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COMMON COUNCIL ON MARCH 16, 2016, AND PROVIDING FOR THE FORM AND CERTAIN MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF SAID REFUNDING BONDS AND UNDERWRITING RECOMMENDATION AWARD. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2016-135 – Amending the Adopted Budget

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution to amend the adopted budget for additional items of revenue and offsetting appropriation of the Borough of Hopatcong, Sussex County, New Jersey. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution #2016-136 – Municipal Alliance Funds

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution to accept Municipal Alliance additional grant funding the Borough of Hopatcong, Sussex County, New Jersey. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. (Comments limited to 5 minutes).

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 May 4, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

Sylvia Petillo, Mayor

Catherine Schultz, RMC