

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
DECEMBER 20, 2017  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

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**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: Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Hoferkamp, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Francis

Absent: Councilman Bunce

**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.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

At this time Tyler Crowley presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Governing Body. Tyler is proposing rejuvenating Thompson Park. He stated that it has been neglected over the years and he wants to put down mulch, repair the fire lane, staircase and retaining wall.

Councilman Schindelar made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project proposed by Tyler Crowley. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

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

Councilwoman Galate wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Councilman Hoferkamp stated that an issue was taken care of at the Senior Center regarding the smell of sewer gases. It turned out that because the water wasn't being used, it created a smell. He also reported that participants in the Mayor's Pride Program would be painting the Senior Center.

Councilman Schindelar wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Young stated that unfortunately we lost three town residents who meant a lot to the community – Gloria Quenault, a former town employee, Priscilla Sutphen, a former Captain of the Ambulance Squad and Butch Bunnican, who was a youth coach for the Warriors, Wrestling and Little League. Councilman Young also reported that the Recreation Commission discussed next year's movie night, the tree lighting and the basketball and bowling programs. He stated that Christmas Spectacular was a huge success even though the last night was cancelled because of snow. Councilman Young wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Padula reported that the DPW is ready for snow and that we have a lot of salt in reserve. He stated that the streetscape project should be beginning in the spring and will be another step in the redevelopment process. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Francis stated that on Friday he and Marty Kane will be going to Trenton to discuss with the DEP options for putting tri-color grass carp in to the lake to control the weeds.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

At this time, Borough Administrator, Ron Tappan, presented his report for the meeting of December 20, 2017. He stated that he will be giving them a year-end report next week that will tell them the progress that we’ve made over the last 90 days since he has been here. He stated that the Borough will be putting in a grant to put sidewalks on Durban Avenue and also that the Nixel program will be in place the beginning of the year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Councilman Young 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 Padula. All were in favor.

Peter Frechtling, 443 River Styx Road, asked about the grant on Durban Avenue and was told that it will be for sidewalks from the post office down to the school.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilman Schindelar 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 December 6, 2017. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce 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 Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

##### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

Adoption Ordinance #18-2017 – Amending Chapter 242, Parking of Vehicles in a Residential District

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 242, SECTION 242-17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG ENTITLED PROHIBITED USUES AND STRUCTURES, TO AMEND SECTION 242-17 A(9) TO CHANGE THE DESCRIPTION OF PROHIBITED PARKING OF VEHICLES IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT”. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

**Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #18-2017.**

**There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #18-2017, Councilman Young made a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business. Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.**

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Adoption Ordinance #19-2017 – Adding a Fire Lane

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 231 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO ADD A FIRE LANE”. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

**Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #19-2017.**

**There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #19-2017, Councilwoman Galate 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: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Adoption Ordinance #20-2017 – Property Maintenance Regarding Abandoned Property

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 179 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, SUSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE REGARDING ABANDONED PROPERTY”. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

**Before final roll call, Mayor Francis opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments regarding Ordinance #20-2017.**

**There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #20-2017, Councilman Young 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: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution #2017-226 – 2018 Borough Holidays

Councilwoman Galate made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2018 Borough Holidays. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-237 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of December 20, 2017, pulling invoice numbers 17-00066, 17-00149, 17-00234, 17-00218, 17-00254 and 17-02104. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Councilman Young made a motion to approve invoice numbers 17-00066, 17-00149, 17-00234, 17-00218, 17-00254 and 17-02104. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Galate

Councilman Young made a motion to approve an invoice for the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, in the amount of \$1500, for Hopatcong's donation towards the fireworks. Seconded by Councilman Hoferkamp.

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Schindelar

Resolution #2017-238 – Approving Submission of a Grant Application – Durban Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey DOT for the Durban Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Resolution #2017-239 – Outside Lien Redemption

Councilman Young made a motion to approve an Outside Lien Redemption for Block 40106, Lot 2. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:  
Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young  
Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Francis read a letter into the record from the Senior Lunch Bunch thanking the Council for hiring Cathy Millian as the Recreation Coordinator.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Young 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 Padula. All were in favor.

David Harris thanked the Council for repairing the skating rink but asked if it could be closed until the spring. He also asked if cameras could be put up.

Mara Modes thanked the administrator for taking care of the issue down at the Senior Center.

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 20, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were in favor.