

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
MAY 3, 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: Councilwoman Galate, Councilman Hoferkamp, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Francis.

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 Senior group is meeting tomorrow and that the Police Committee will be having a meeting before the end of the month. She stated that 5 of our officers are participating in the Police Unity Tour and that all of the proceeds raised go to the families of fallen officers. She also reported that 4 of our officers are on the agenda tonight to be promoted. Councilwoman Galate reported that the Farmers Market plans are moving according to schedule and also that the Hudson Farm Charity Hike is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Hoferkamp reported that he attended the police promotion ceremony and that it was a wonderful event. He also reported that the Environmental Commission held there Earth Day Hike and he congratulated John Young and Cliff Lundin for making it such a great event. He also stated that Earth Day is celebrated by one billion people in over 192 countries around the world.

Councilman Schindelar stated that the Real Estate Committee met Monday night and that they have recommended six Borough owned properties to be put up for sale. He also stated that the Environmental Commission will be having a "tree giveaway" this Saturday from 9am to 2pm and that the Lake Hopatcong Block Party will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Young reported that the Street Hockey program and spring sports have started and that sign-ups will be held shortly for the Summer Recreation program. He stated that the Municipal Alliance held a movie night on April 28<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on setting up a program with the schools. Councilman Young reported that the Environmental Commission discussed invasive species and mosquito control and that on May 6 the Lake Hopatcong Foundation will be holding a native plant sale. He too, thanked Cliff Lundin for all of his knowledge that he had on the Earth Day Hike that was held on the old Hopatcong Golf Course.

Councilman Padula stated that there is a Redevelopment and DPW meeting scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Francis reminded everyone that the Borough wide garage sale will be held this weekend.

**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 Councilwoman Galate. All were in favor.

Peter Frechtling, 443 River Styx Road asked Councilman Padula if his letter was included in the information gathered regarding Redevelopment and Councilman Padula stated that it is.

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 Padula made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Schindelar

#### **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, **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):

Tax Collectors Report: March 2017.

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

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

Resolution # 2017- 91 Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 30401 Lt: 13

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting of May 3, 2017. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

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

#### **Introduction of Ordinance #05-2017 – Salary Ordinance**

Councilman Padula made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM RANGE OF SALARY AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN TITLES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG”. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

#### **FINAL READING: MAY 17, 2017**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### Resolution #2017-92 – Support for Sustainable Open Space

Councilman Schindelar made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of Sustainable Open Space, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Stewardship Funding for New Jersey. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-93 – Emergency Dispatchers Salaries

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2017 salaries for Emergency Dispatchers. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-94 – Base Salaries for Management Personnel

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution establishing the base salaries for Management Personnel for the year 2017. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-95 – Promotion to Police Captain – Thomas Kmetz

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution promoting Lt. Thomas Kmetz to Police Captain for the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-96 – Promotion to Police Lieutenant – Meghan McCluskey

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution promoting Sgt. Meghan McCluskey to Police Lieutenant for the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-97 – Promotion to Police Sergeant – James Bianculli

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution promoting Ptl. James Bianculli to Police Sergeant for the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by councilman Schindelar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2017-98 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of May 3, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Hoferkamp, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: Galate

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilman Young asked if the Borough was going to advertise the Recreation Coordinator job in the places that we usually advertise for open positions.

Mayor Francis stated that it will be advertised on the Civil Service website as well as on the bulletin board in the town hall.

Councilwoman Galate asked why we were changing the procedure as to how we advertise when we have an opening.

Mayor Francis stated that we already have a person in that position and that we aren't looking to replace her. There was an administrative error that caused us to be in this position.

Councilwoman Galate stated that she doesn't understand why we are altering our policies and that it seems like we are giving preferential treatment

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Padula 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 Schindelar. All were in favor.

Henry Schmidt reminded everyone that the Block Party as well as the Dylan Stomp Fundraiser will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

David Harris, 125 Dupont, asked about the salary ordinance and why employees don't all work the same hours.

Mayor Francis stated that it is contractual.

Mr. Harris asked about road paving and about the skate park.

Mayor Francis stated that we don't have a list yet of the roads to be paved and that he will ask the DPW about the skate park.

Mara Modes addressed the Governing Body regarding the garbage ordinance and windy conditions.

Helmut Rehe addressed the Governing Body regarding the netting at the ball field and the Council stated that they will look into it. He also stated that the field always used to be locked and that no dogs were allowed on the fields.

Mara Modes addressed the Council regarding the SMILE construction site and that she doesn't think that it is fenced all the way around and that kids are getting in. She thinks it is a dangerous condition.

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.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 3, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.