

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
APRIL 20, 2016  
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 Francis, Councilman Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young and Mayor Petillo.

Absent: Councilman Bunce.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Petillo opened 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).

Mr. Harris addressed the Governing Body regarding the taxi license ordinance, the management salary resolution, the Hudson Farm TWA application and the resolution regarding Redevelopment.

Mayor Petillo stated that the taxi license ordinance is a housekeeping item regarding fees.

Mr. Elia responded that management staff will be getting the same increase as the White and Blue Collar unions. They all received a 1.75% increase. He also stated that the Governing Body needs to give consent to the Hudson Farm TWA application being submitted to the DEP. They are putting in a new septic system. He also stated that the Redevelopment resolution will allow the engineer to study the options and to prepare a report for the Council's consideration.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilwoman Galate 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 April 6, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Padula. All were in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

At this time Robert Elia, Borough Administrator, presented his report for the meeting of April 20, 2016. Mr. Elia stated that there is a resolution on this evening to increase the Recreation fees for the summer program and the basketball program. The fees for the referees went up which is responsible for the increase in the program fee.

**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: March 2016.

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

1. NJ State Firemen's Assoc. Member Application: Collin T. Rae.
2. Water Service Application: Blk: 30608 Lt: 5.

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

1. Resolution # 2016-105 - Outside Lien Redemption: Blk: 40204 Lt: 13.  
Councilman Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda for the meeting of April 20, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Schindelar. All were in favor.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Adoption Ordinance #11-2016 – Taxicab License Applications**

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPLACING SECTION 219-3 REGARDING TAXICAB LICENSE APPLICATIONS". Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

**Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments that they may have regarding.**

**There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #11-2016, Councilwoman Galate 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: Galate, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution #2016-106 – Liquor License Transfer**

Councilwoman Galate made a motion to approve a Person-to-Person/Place-to-Place Liquor License transfer of License #1912-33-002-009, Tonic Inc., to Mullis Projects 2 LLC (dba Glasser's) 300 Lakeside Avenue, Hopatcong, NJ. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2016-107 – Payment of Bills**

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of April 20, 2016, pulling check numbers 1255, 37273, 37277, and 37283. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Galate, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: Bunce Abstentions: None

Councilman Young made a motion to approve the payment of check number 1255, 37273, 37277 and 37283. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

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

Resolution #2016-108 – Base Salaries for Management Personnel

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2016 base salaries for Management Personnel. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

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

Resolution #2016-109 – Hudson Farm TWA Application

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution consenting to the submission of IAT Reinsurance LTD, Hudson Farm TWA Application. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate

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

Resolution #2016-110 – Redevelopment Plan for the River Styx Area

Councilman Padula made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough Planner to draft a Redevelopment Plan for the River Styx Area. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Councilman Padula stated that this will allow the engineer to do a survey of the area, to see what zoning is available and then to do an assessment regarding redevelopment options.

Councilman Francis stated that a lot of the work has already been done and that Mr. Ruschke should work with the Land Use Board to see what information they already have.

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

Resolution #2016-111 – 2016 “Camp for Kids” and Basketball Program Fees

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the fees for the 2016 “Camp for Kids” and the 2016 Basketball Program as recommended by the Recreation Commission. Seconded by Councilman Padula.

Councilman Young stated that the camp fees have increased because it has been extended for an additional week. He also stated that the fees for the referees have increased because all of the referees are now “carded” and they receive \$50.00 per game. We are now in a joint league with Kittatinny.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion – Elected Official Training Session

After discussion it was decided that the training would be held on April 27, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

### Eagle Scout Project – Justin McCarthy

Justin McCarthy presented his Eagle Scout project proposal to the Governing Body. Justin stated that he would like to build an observatory and was asking the Council to help him find a location that would be suitable.

Councilman Francis made a motion to approve the project for the observatory as Justin McCarthy's Eagle Scout project. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

### **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).

Dan McCarthy addressed the Council regarding the types of fish in the lake as well as the state of the Lake Hopatcong Commission. He addressed the problems with the weed harvesting program, the funding, the lack of State appointed Commissioners and his fears regarding the equipment.

Mara Modes addressed her displeasure with the signage that is in front of the Freedom Tree.

David Harris addressed the Governing Body regarding the Hopatchung Road Beautification Project.

Beth Grove, 4 Maple Place, addressed the Governing Body regarding the lack of Committee Reports at this evening's meeting, the firing range and the possibility of a County range.

Alice Stolarz, Maple Place, addressed the Governing Body regarding the Firing Range with regards to the Highlands, town ordinances and Hudson Farm.

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Councilwoman Galate 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 April 20, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Francis. All were in favor.

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Sylvia Petillo, Mayor

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Catherine Schultz, RMC