

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
JUNE 1, 2016  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Announce Quorum

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Council President Padula 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, Council President Padula, Councilman Schindelar, Councilman Young.

Absent: Mayor Petillo

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

At this time, Patrolman Anthony Cirri brought forward Thomas Corday, Robyn Zotynia, Tyrone Williams, Martin Fernandez, and Shane Boylan. These five juveniles were responsible for the vandalism at the gazebo. Patrolman Cirri brought them to the Council meeting so that they could apologize to the Governing Body for their behavior.

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

Councilwoman Galate reported that the Senior group will be meeting tomorrow at the Senior Center at 9:30. She also commented that the Farmer's Market opens on June 19<sup>th</sup> and that we have approximately 20 vendors participating. Councilwoman Galate also gave congratulations to Donna Luciani for helping to organize the "Seniors" part of the Hudson Farm Charity Hike. It was very successful and helped to raise more money for the 11 groups that participated. It also helped to allow the entire family to enjoy the event. She also reported that the Senior picnic will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00. The Seniors of the Year will be announced at that time.

Councilman Francis stated that he was a guide for the Senior groups at the hike and that it was a very successful event. He also reported that the Farmer's Market vendors are ready to have another successful season.

Councilman Schindelar stated that the Memorial Day Parade was a huge success. He also reported that there will be a program on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center regarding home safety and not being a victim.

Councilman Young reported that the Recreation Commission discussed the vandalism at the hockey rink. He also reported that the Street Hockey program has 114 skaters. The Recreation Commission discussed the Halloween parade which is scheduled for October 16 with a rain date of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also reported that the Environmental Commission is happy with the grant that they received in the amount of \$800 from ANJAC. They will be using it to purchase signs for the trails. Councilman Young stated that National Trails Day is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sussex County Day is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. There was also some discussion at the Environmental Commission meeting of perhaps creating a "Rain Garden" over by the Senior Center.

Councilman Bunce stated that the Hudson Charity Hike raised \$54,000 and he thanked Mr. Kellogg for his generosity. He reported that the salt shed for the DPW is being constructed and it should double our salt storage capacity.

Councilman Padula stated that the Redevelopment Committee will be meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> and that the 14<sup>th</sup> is the High School graduation.

#### **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 Bunce. All were in favor.

Mr. McGoldrick, 31 Roosevelt Trail asked how much of Brooklyn Mount Road is going to be paved and stated that other streets need to be paved as well.

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.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilwoman Galate made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 18, 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 June 1, 2016. Mr. Elia stated that there is a resolution on this evening to hire the contractors for the DOT grant paving project. He also stated that there is an ordinance up for adoption to use \$12,000 from the Recreation Trust Fund.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council President Padula 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, Council President Padula requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

**REPORTS** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Tax Collector's Monthly Report: April 2016

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

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

1. Resolution # 2016-137: Outside Lien Redemption, Blk: 30102 Lt: 16.
2. Resolution # 2016-138: Outside Lien Redemption, Blk: 11211 Lt: 1.
3. Resolution # 2016-139: Outside Lien Redemption, Blk: 30702 Lt: 7.
4. Resolution # 2016-145: Outside Lien Redemption, Blk: 40207 Lt: 25, Blk: 40213 Lt: 21.
5. Resolution # 2016-146: Outside Lien Redemption, Blk: 40319 Lt: 11.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting of June 1, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

#### Adoption Ordinance #17-2016 – Recreational Improvements

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

**Before final roll call, Council President Padula opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments that they may have regarding Ordinance #17-2016.**

David Harris stated that he believed that this project is very expensive considering it is a playground and tables.

Council President Padula responded that it is a big gym set and that meeting safety regulations is very expensive.

**There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding Ordinance #17-2016, 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

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### Resolution #2016-140 – Denville Line Striping – Brooklyn Mt. Road Resurfacing

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding Denville Line Striping, via the 2016 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a contract in the amount of \$7,632.00 for the Brooklyn Mountain Road Resurfacing Project. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2016-141 – General Foundaries – Brooklyn Mt. Road Resurfacing

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding General Foundaries, via the 2016 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a contract in the amount of \$558.00 for the Brooklyn Mountain Road Resurfacing Project. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2016-142 – Tilcon New York Inc. – Brooklyn Mt. Road Resurfacing

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution awarding Tilcon New York, via the 2016 Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a contract in the amount of \$202,640.00 for the Brooklyn Mountain Road Resurfacing Project. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### Resolution #2016-143 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of June 1, 2016, pulling check numbers 37439, 37440, 37465, 37469, and 37487. 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 authorize the payment of check numbers 37439, 37440, 37465, 37469, and 37487. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate

#### Resolution #2016-144 – Renewal of Certain 2016-2017 Liquor Licenses

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the renewal of certain 2016-2017 Liquor Licenses – BBT Management Inc. (Liquor Factory) and the Garden State Yacht Club. Seconded by Councilman Francis.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Padula, Schindelar, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Galate

#### Resolution #2016-147 – 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 #2016-148 – Temporary Seasonal Help

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution hiring Benjamin Ellicott as a Temporary Seasonal Worker for the DPW at an hourly rate of \$10.00 for 40 hours a week for approximately 12 weeks. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Certification for Rescue Squad Contribution

Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve financial assistance for the Hopatcong First Aid Squad in the amount of \$2,800.00 from the County of Sussex for calendar year 2016. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**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.

Elain Vigilante, Maple Place addressed the Council regarding the firing range. She once again raised concerns about the noise, safety and the trails that will be affected.

David Harris addressed the Council regarding the Hudson Farm Hike, the Click it or Ticket program and the firing range.

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 Schindelar. All were in favor.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 1, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

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Sylvia Petillo, Mayor

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Catherine Schultz, RMC