

**REGULAR AGENDA
FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING,
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
NOVEMBER 5, 2014
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 notes fire exits)

ROLL CALL: The Clerk will call the roll.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Petillo will request 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).

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, Mayor Petillo will request a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion is in order to approve the meeting minutes of October 15, 2014.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: At this time Robert Elia, Borough Administrator, will present his report of November 5, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Petillo will request 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 will request a motion to approve the consent agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Resolution #2014-279 – Cancellation of General Capital Appropriations

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the cancellation of unexpended and dedicated balances of certain General Capital appropriations. (must be adopted prior to adoption of Ordinance #35-2014)

1. Adoption Ordinance #35-2014 – General Capital Improvement Authorization

A motion is in order to adopt an ordinance entitled “CAPITAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$25,000.00 THEREFOR FROM CAPITAL FUND SURPLUS TO PAY FOR THE COST THEREOF”.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments that they may have regarding Ordinance #35-2014.

2. Adoption Ordinance #36-2014 – Property Maintenance

A motion is in order to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 179 ENTITLED ‘PROPERTY MAINTENANCE’ TO REQUIRE CREDITORS TO CARE FOR AND MAINTAIN THE EXTERIOR OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES UNDER FORECLOSURE”.

Before final roll call, Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments that they may have regarding Ordinance #36-2014.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution #2014-276 – Special Item of Revenue, Body Armor Replacement Fund

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of \$2,524.43 into the 2014 budget of the Borough of Hopatcong under the title “Body Armor Replacement Fund Program”.

2. Resolution #2014-278 – Senior Center Nutrition Program Support Staff

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution increasing the salaries and hours for two Senior Center Nutrition Program support staff.

3. Resolution #2014-282 – Lincoln Financial Group Deferred Compensation Program

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough of Hopatcong to adopt a revised Deferred Compensation Program for employees of the Borough of Hopatcong. (no cost or contribution by the Borough to the program)

4. Resolution #2014-285 – Contract for Salt and Grits

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary documents for contracting with vendors for purchasing salt and grits pursuant to the Sussex County bids.

5. Resolution #2014-289 – Transportation Trust Fund Reauthorization

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution urging Transportation Trust fund Reauthorization and increased funding for local transportation.

6. Resolution #2014-291 – Emergency Snow Plow Drivers

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the Administrator to hire and use emergency drivers for snow plowing at an hourly rate of \$25.00.

7. Resolution #2014-293 – Current Fund Budget Transfers

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing certain Current Fund Budget Transfers.

8. Resolution #2014-294 – Payment of Bills

A motion is in order to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of November 5, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wall in Right of Way – 19 Bonaparte Point Drive

A motion is in order to approve the request from the owner of 19 Bonaparte Point Drive, Block 31301, Lot 54 to build a retaining wall in the right of way.

2. Landlord Consent for Refinancing – Cell Tower Lease

A motion is in order to approve the Landlord Consent paperwork submitted by Ocean First Bank with regards to the cell tower lease.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Petillo will request 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).

After giving all persons present an opportunity to address the Governing Body, **Mayor Petillo** will request a motion to close the meeting to the public and return to the regular order of business.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor Petillo** will request a motion to adjourn the meeting.