

**MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING,  
BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,  
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 111 RIVER STYX ROAD  
HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY  
JULY 16, 2014  
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: Councilman Bunce, Councilman Francis, Councilwoman Galate, Councilwoman Klein, Councilman Padula, Councilman Young and Mayor Petillo.

**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 HEARING:**

**USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant**

At this time Mayor Petillo opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments that they may have regarding the submission of a grant application for the USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant.

There being no one from the public who wished to address the Governing Body regarding the USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant, Councilman Bunce 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.

**Resolution #2014-159 – USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough of Hopatcong to apply for and obtain a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program for approximately \$55,000 to carry out various necessary and emergency improvements to residential properties in the Borough of Hopatcong. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 2, 2014, with corrections. Seconded by Councilman. All were in favor except for Councilwoman Galate and Councilman Padula who abstained.

**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, Councilman Bunce made a motion to approve the consent agenda of July 16, 2014. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

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

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

1. Construction Department Report for the month of June, 2014

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

1. Water Service Application – 134 Bell Avenue, block 30209, Lot 5

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

1. Resolution #2014-183 – Outside Lien Redemption, Tower Fund for Ebury
2. Resolution #2014-184 – Outside Lien Redemption, Isaac Moradi
3. Resolution #2014-185 – US Bank-Pro Capital 3
4. Resolution #2014-186 – Outside Lien Redemption, Tower Fund for Ebury
5. Resolution #2014-166 – Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate for Pro Capital

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Introduction Ordinance #23-2014 – Inclusionary Affordable Housing**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 242 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED ‘ZONING’ TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING” adding the following additional language: “The zone boundary of the R-1A Multifamily Residence Zone shall be modified to include Block 10712, Lots 36 and 37”. Seconded by Councilwoman Klein.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Galate, Klein, Padula

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Young

**FINAL READING: AUGUST 6, 2014**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution #2014-180 – FMLA Request from Meghan Antonello**

Councilwoman Klein made a motion to adopt a resolution approving Meghan Antonello’s application for leave under the FMLA. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2014-182 – Purchase of Police Vehicle**

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle and Interceptor Package for an amount not to exceed \$44,610.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Galate.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**Resolution #2014-181 – Management Personnel Salaries**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution approving the base salaries for Management Personnel. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution #2014-186 – Special Item of Revenue

Councilman Young made a motion to adopt a resolution requesting the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of \$1,042.00 into the 2014 Budget under the caption Borough of Hopatcong Federal Grant Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Program. Seconded by Councilman Bunce.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution #2014-187 – Website Development Project

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing a proposal submitted by GovOffice Web Solutions for a Website Development Project at a cost not to exceed \$11,415.00. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Galate, Klein, Young

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution #2014-164 – Payment of Bills

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the payment of bills for the meeting of July 16, 2014, pulling check number 1215, 34539, 34542, 34545 and 34556. Seconded by Councilman Young.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Bunce, Francis, Galate, Klein, Padula, Klein

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### Resolution #2014-188 – Place to Place Liquor License Transfer (Castaways)

Councilman Francis stated that this application needs to go before the Land Use Board before it is considered by the Governing Body. There was prior Land Use approval for a site plan submitted previously, but this application's site plan has not been approved by the Land Use Board.

Councilman Bunce made a motion to decline adopting a resolution authorizing the Place to Place Liquor License Transfer (Extension of Premises) for License #1912-33-006-014, Anchors Away LLC. (Castaways), sending the application back to the Land Use Board for site plan approval. Seconded by Councilwoman Klein.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Ordinance #24-2014 – Bond Ordinance (Police SUV)

Councilman Bunce made a motion to introduce an Ordinance entitled "A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A NON-PASSENGER EMERGENCY RESPONSE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$45,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$42,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF". Seconded by Councilwoman Klein.

Upon roll call vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

### Domestic Violence Response Team Agreement

Councilwoman Klein made a motion to approve a “Domestic Violence Response Team Affiliation Agreement” between the Hopatcong Police Department and the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services. (conditioned upon the receipt of all necessary insurance certificates) 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).

The owner of Castaways addressed the Governing Body regarding his liquor license transfer application.

Mayor Petillo stated that it was being referred back to the Land Use Board for site plan approvals.

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.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilman Francis reported that the Land Use Board is very excited and has approved a site plan for the River Styx development project. The Land Use members did a wonderful job of working with the applicant and approving a plan that is beneficial to the Borough.

Mayor Petillo stated that Hopatcong Day was a wonderful family event and she thanked all of the sponsors and the residents who attended this year’s activities. It was a fun-filled day.

Councilman Young also stated that Hopatcong Day was a wonderful event and congratulated all of the contestants for the pageants. This year’s Miss Hopatcong is Riley Dickson and she will compete at the State Fair for the title Queen of the Fair. He also stated that the softball game the next day was very successful and lots of fun for all of those who participated. The Farmer’s Market had a booth as did the Environmental Commission. The day ended with a movie in the park at Vet’s Field.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Bunce made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 2, 2014. Seconded by Councilman Young. All were in favor.

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Catherine Gleason, RMC