

**MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG**  
**HELD VIA ZOOM**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
**PUBLIC SESSION-7:30PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT:** Mayor Francis stated "this meeting is being held in compliance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et Seq., annual notice has been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald and the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal building.

**ROLL CALL:**

|            | present                             | absent                   |          | present                             | absent                   |
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| Hoferkamp  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | R. Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roberts    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Young    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Schindelar | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Francis  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. Smith   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |          |                                     |                          |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Francis invited all present to salute the flag.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Roberts thanked the community for the donations to the giving tree. She mentioned the holiday meals being given out. She wished a safe and happy holiday. She thanked Mike, Rich and John for their service.

Mr. Hoferkamp wished everyone a safe and merry holiday season. He wished the outgoing council the best of luck.

Mr. Schindelar thanked the beautification committee for the holiday decorations. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mr. Young wished everyone a happy holiday season. He reported on the Environmental Commission. He commented on the beautification committee. He reported on the Recreation Commission. He stated that it has been an honor and a privilege

Mr. Smith thanked everyone for coming out to the tree lighting and menorah lighting. He thanked Mayor Francis, Rich Schindelar and John Young. He congratulated Marie Galate, Rachel Rodriguez and Jennifer Johnson.

Ms. Smith thanked the outgoing council and the five year tax freeze, the grants received. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Fanslau reported on the solid waste bid. He reported on DPW activities. He commented on the agenda and the items that were removed as compared to the last agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion: Young for one hour only

Second: Schindelar

Vote: all ayes

Heather Fiore asked about an insurance claim for a borough vehicle. She mentioned the resolution for the carry over for vacation for the administrator. She mentioned a reimbursement.

Marie Galate stated that she was glad the controversial items were removed from the agenda. She mentioned the agenda items that were on the last agenda. She mentioned a change of the type of

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government without a vote. She stated that Hopatcong has become the joke of Sussex County. She mentioned the people that attended the last meeting. She commented on the transfer of power. She stated that she would like to work cohesively with the governing body. She asked for the emails to be activated and access to the budget.

Henry Sardina commented about the venues in town that a face to face meeting to be held. He asked how one hour would be enough for people to speak

Daniel Rodriguez stated that it was ridiculous that there will be only one hour for public session. He commented on what council tried to do at the last couple of meetings.

Jennifer Johnson commented on the awards on the agenda tonight. She stated that anything passed on the agenda tonight will be reported to the Sussex County Prosecutor's office with an injunction to reverse. She mentioned allowing the Administrator to carry over sick and vacation time.

Steve Selvaggio stated that he has never been more embarrassed to be a Hopatcong resident. He mentioned the write-in campaign.

Nadine Patzer thanked Lauren for an ordinance regarding her property. She asked if Catherine Schultz worked as the borough administrator. She mentioned legal fees to sell her home. She mentioned the merging of her lots.

Rachel Rodriguez commented on protecting tax dollars from irresponsible and reckless vendors. She commented on the Council doing things to raise taxes.

Martin Straka commented on the agenda changes. He commented on the hour open session. He gave best wishes to the incoming Council and outgoing Council.

Suzanne Barrett stated that if Ms. Smith and Mr. Hoferkamp vote in favor of the contracts on the agenda tonight, a recall will be started in January

Alexander Alfredo asked about the Landscaping bid that was on the agenda that has now been taken off

Mara Modes made a comment on the Council's treatment towards her.

Dawn Tallaksen commented on people that are not tech savvy. These people cannot voice their concerns.

Spencer Lopez commented on town politics. He wondered why the meeting is not being held in person.

Ryan Zeija commented on getting involved in politics. He commented on explaining how to use Zoom.

Jayna Gulan stated that she is disappointed in the council. She hoped they were willing to work with the new members.

Joseph Henry commented on Ms. Patzer with her property issue. He commented on his neighbors not maintaining their properties. He commented on look of the entrance of the high school.

Barbara Loring commented on the trashing of the Council. She stated that the town has come a long way. She stated that she wanted to thank this council and this Mayor for all that they have done. She mentioned the projects that have been accomplished. She stated that people should be thanked for a job well done. She stated that the people should be embarrassed for their actions. She thanked Mayor Francis.

Michael Downey wanted to know when the minutes of the Executive meeting would be available.

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M. Piereth commented on the write in campaign.

Jason Cunas asked about personnel matters in regards to discussion in executive session. He asked about the salary ordinance and if that is discussed behind closed doors.

Cordilia Tierno looked forward to the new administration

Jim O'Brien asked about the borough vehicle that was in the accident and who was driving. He asked if Mayor Francis was getting benefits.

Amy Meyer thanked Mayor Francis for the grants that he had received for Hudson Avenue. She thanked him for the grant for the bubblers that were put in the lake.

Dana Borcik commented about the town park maintenance. She commented on Mayor Francis receiving benefits.

Mona asked about the resolution allowing the Administrator to live outside of New Jersey.

Patty Hogan commented on no senior living in Hopatcong.

Jennifer Johnson asked who wrote the letter for Mr. Fanslau's residency exemption

Heather Fiore commented on the payroll contract on the agenda.

John stated that the incoming council members will be accountable to the people. He urged people to stay vocal.

Steve Selvaggio asked if the current council members will renounce the write in campaign and the Zoom meeting.

Nadine Patzer asked about the 3m lawsuit.

James O'Brien commented on the process of hiring an administrator and the need to live in NJ.

Jayna Gulan asked if the administrator would still be able to use the borough vehicle.

Donald Rodriguiz asked if the new administration will have access to everything.

Anne Ayers asked about Mayor Francis's insurance.

Sam Morris stated that he and other Mayors support the new council.

Ryan Zeija asked if anyone had a relationship to the Administrator before he was hired.

Motion to close the meeting to the public: Young

Second: Schindelar

Vote: All ayes

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of 11/20/2023, (Roberts not eligible)

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Executive and regular Minutes of 1/20/2023, (all eligible)

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**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS LIST**

Mr. Hoferkamp asked to have PO # 23-02108 and 23-02146 removed from the bills list and voted on separately.

Vote to approve the bills list with 23-02108 and 23-02146 removed

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**Approval of PO# 23-02108 and 23-02146**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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**RESOLUTIONS**

**R2023-176, Authorization for a zoning permit and site plan application refund**

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**R2023-177, Authorizing a refund for a construction permit to Skyline Solar for Block 31260 Lot 30**

|            | M                                   | S                                   | Yes                                 | No                       | Absent                   | Abstain                  |
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**R2023-178, Authorizing a refund for a construction permit to Skyline Solar for Block 10211 Lot 3**

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**R2023-179 Authorization of the shared services agreement for Animal Control Services**

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**R2023-181, Authorization for a construction permit refund**

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**R2023-182, Award to Bob Viersma & Sons for GAC equipment foundations**

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**R2023-184, Authorizing a change order for Northwestern Way, Alfred Way and Lookout Trl.**

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**R2023-185, Award of an air filling station for the Fire Dept. to Air and Gas Technologies**

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**R2023-186, Award of Lead Housing inspection services**

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**R2023-188, Authorization of an application to the NJDCA for turn out gear for the Fire Dept.**

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**R2023-189, Award of payroll services to Action Data Services**

There was a discussion resulting in a motion to table this resolution until 2024

Vote to table Resolution 2023-189

|            | M                                   | S                                   | Yes                                 | No                       | Absent                   | Abstain                  |
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**R2023-191, Borough Administrator's residency exemption and 2023 sick/vacation time**

|  | M | S | Yes | No | Absent | Abstain |
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**MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG**  
**HELD VIA ZOOM**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2023**  
**PUBLIC SESSION-7:30PM**

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**ORDINANCES**

**INTRODUCTION**

None

**FINAL HEARING**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Fanslau commented that the Mayor Elect requested that the 2024 reorganization meeting be held Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Smith, Ms. Roberts and Mr. Smith stated that they were not available on that date. There was a discussion regarding not being able to make payroll on Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> without the approval of a temporary budget.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Francis thanked Mr. Young and Mr. Schindelar for their dedication. He stated that the personal attacks need to stop. He stated that he was proud and privileged to be a council member and Mayor for the town. He thanked the Administration and all the office employees. He commended the DPW, the Police and Emergency services. He commented on the good works at the Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Francis asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion Young by Councilmember Schindelar Second by Council member Young. Vote was all ayes.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:26

Respectfully submitted,

*Valerie A. Egan*

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