

Highlands Borough Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes
Community Center, 22 Snug Harbor Avenue, Highlands March 2, 2021– Special Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING: 8:00PM - MEETING STATEMENT:
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Time: Mar 2, 2021 08:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 696 324 2200 Passcode: 2021

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The Borough Clerk read the public meetings statement.

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, Two River Times, and The Star Ledger and by posting at The Borough of Highlands Municipal Building and filing with the Borough Clerk all on February 24, 2021. This agenda is complete to the extent known; no formal action will be taken at this Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Martin, Councilmember Mazzola, Councilmember Melnyk, Councilmember Olszewski, and Mayor Brouillon were all Present.

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Administrator Michael Muscillo, Borough Attorney Brian Chabarek, Esq., Borough CFO Patrick DeBlasio, Architect Kevin Settembrino and Acting Municipal Clerk Michelle Hutchinson

DISCUSSION OF NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING:

Architect Kevin Settembrino discussed renderings and plans for new borough hall.

Council President Olszewski questioned parking and public access. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Councilmember Mazzola questioned if bike racks will be available. Mr. Settembrino stated yes.

Councilmember Melnyk questioned if there is a list of functions that would be supported within this building. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Administrator Muscillo discussed the project timeline.

CFO DeBlasio explained the amounts, bonding capacity as well as monies available for project.

Mayor opens public portion.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Rosemary Flannery would like a breakdown of cost per household. CFO DeBlasio explained.

Chris Francy, 36 Fifth St-questioned the bonding capacity of the town with regards to flood control. Opposes building. CFO DeBlasio explained.

Jim Smith, Holly Springs, Mississippi-questioned completeness of construction plans and the time to construct building. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Lizzie, opposes building due to tax rate. CFO DeBlasio explained.

Lizzette R, questioned if flood insurance proceeds were used and questioned actual size of building. Mayor explained.

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Joseph Nardone, 254 Bayside Dr-196 Bay Ave-questioned ratables in relation to project. Mayor explained. Also questioned cost of materials. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Lorna Milbauer, 109 Marian Bay Ct-questioned flooding and what would be done with the current Borough Hall. Mayor explained.

Kim Skorka, Shore Drive- opposes building. Questioned Judges chambers and glass all. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Michael Warren, 245 St Rt 36-questioned PLA cost benefit and project labor agreement. Mr. Settembrino explained.

Tricia Rivera, 31 Waterwitch- feels project should go to a referendum.

Mike Lommenzo , 1 Portland Rd-opposes the building.

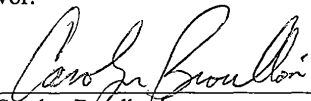
Laura Cowan-questioned if pervious asphalt can be priced out due to flooding. Mr. Settembrino explained.

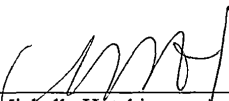
Mayor explained timeline from 2014 to present.

ADJOURN:

Upon motion by Mayor Broullon, seconded by Councilmember Mazzola, motion carries to adjourn at 9:53PM.

All in Favor.

Approve: 
Carolyn Broullon

Attest: 
Michelle Hutchinson, Acting Borough Clerk