



# Mayor and Common Council Borough of Flemington

October 11, 2022

Council Meeting Room and Online

## I. Call to Order

1. Statement regarding OPMA

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of October 11, 2022 was included in a list-of-meetings notice sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier-News on Jan. 5, 2022, posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall on that date, and has remained continuously posted as required. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

## II. Executive Session (6:30 PM) - Attorney advice regarding potential share service agreements and personnel matters.

1. RESOLUTION 2022-208: ATTORNEY ADVICE REGARDING POTENTIAL SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Discussion and attorney advice about exploring a shared service agreement for the Borough Court.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimberly Tilly, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Long, Council President
<b>AYES:</b>	Hand, Johnston, Long, Parker, Rosetti, Tilly, Driver

## III. Work Session (7:00 PM)

Presentation by Lauren Bivona, the Domestic Violence Response Team Coordinator for SAFE in Hunterdon, regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Several questions were asked by the Mayor and Council regarding the response rates and the growing number of cases in recent years.

## IV. Regular Meeting (7:30 PM)

Flag Salute

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jessica Hand	Council Vice President	Present	
Malik Johnston	Council Member	Present	
Jeremy Long	Council President	Present	
Tony Parker	Council Member	Present	
Elizabeth Rosetti	Council Member	Present	

Kimberly Tilly	Council Member	Present	
Betsy Driver	Mayor	Present	

## 1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Driver reported that night work construction on the Elizabethtown gas main replacement project on Main Street continues, she expressed apologies to those residents affected by the noise. She was on site the first night. Unsafe driving in the work zone forced us to make a decision between two bad choices: close Main Street during the business day and cause problems for commuters, workers and businesses, or do the work at nighttime. She noted the upcoming introduction of an ordinance adding two crosswalks to Stangl Road that are much overdue. She noted designating Corcoran Street and North Place as one-way streets, necessitated so that we can rebuild Corcoran, fix the horrible shape of the road and replace infrastructure underneath.

## 2. Council Members' Reports

### Council Vice President Hand

Council Vice President shared good news about the Flemington Community Garden. Habitat for Humanity has funds available that can be used for a fence to be built by November. She discussed meeting for the community energy planning grant, which was awarded \$25,000 to help the Borough work towards a better environment for all residents. We are still in the planning stages and if you're interested in being involved, please send an email to [jhand@historicflemington.com](mailto:jhand@historicflemington.com). The Flemington DIY has a ton of new events, including theater workshops, live music, knitting, crocheting, and more. Please visit their website [Flemingtondiy.org](http://Flemingtondiy.org) to see their full list of events.

### Council Member Johnston

Council Member Johnston reported that the Library basement remediation process is about to begin dealing with asbestos and mold. The summer reading program went well. On October 13th at 7:00 pm the library will host the bedtime stories for Halloween. The library catalog is now available online. Dominos are played every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The Doric House Museum hosted Eva, the instructor for Tuesday yoga classes, who gave over \$300 in donations to the museum last week. On October 8<sup>th</sup> a pumpkin decorating event was held, where decorating supplies were donated by ShopRite. A Tricky Tray will be coming up soon. For the courts, the case load is up 18% from prior year. The court is still virtual except for special circumstances.

### Council President Long

Council President Long shared the police department's request to drive with care and caution due to the construction in the Borough. The Police Department received and awarded from Go Hunterdon for their pedestrian safety campaign during the Summer. They also want to thank Joe Hunter for the continued support over the years. The Police Department be enforcing permit parking on days when school is in session, and on weekdays throughout the town. Residents can come to Borough Hall to get a parking

permit and/or visitor pass. Please pay attention to parking signs on your street. There have been several vehicle burglaries and auto thefts in the community, so please lock your vehicle and do not leave your keys or key fobs in the vehicle. Halloween Trick-or-Treating will take place from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, taking place on Broad Street from William Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, and Bonnell Street from Park Avenue to Shields Avenue. This is done for the safety of trick-or-treaters. As always see something say something call 911 If you feel like there's an emergency and call the non-emergency number at 908-782-3434.

The FCP's Harvest Fest was postponed to the October 29th due to rain. They plan to have over 100 vendors from all over Hunterdon County. SAFE of Hunterdon will be a beneficiary of this event. The FCP is working with the businesses on Main Street to produce the Annual Kids Costume Parade contests on Thursday, October 27th between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM, on Main Street between Mine Street and Fulper Street. On October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, the FCP and the Stangl businesses are putting on a new event called the Stangl Witch Walk. It is a strolling event featuring an annual witch dance and an open cauldron. The night will be filled with music, dancing, shopping and more. FCP is purchasing new large holiday decorations for Main Street and hoping to light more trees. Fifteen businesses received improvement grants of \$1,500 including five on Main Street, and Fifteen homeowners received improvement grants of \$1,000 each. Those improves will be starting very soon. An article about Flemington being chosen one of Jersey's five best destinations is out. This positive press is invaluable to keep customers coming to our businesses.

#### Council Member Parker

Council Member Parker is working on a couple of things in the community to get the community more involved.

#### Council Member Rosetti

No report

#### Council Member Tilly

Council Member Tilly reported on the DPW meeting held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We are down to the punch list on the stand-pipe project. The Hopewell Avenue Sewer Replacement Project is supposed to start on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Loose leaves will be collected on the curb starting the 24<sup>th</sup> as well, so that we can cleanup leaves before Halloween. (Please no garbage, no brush, no pine needles in bags). The Council is adding a resolution to authorize the new emergency operations plan today. October 18<sup>th</sup> is the meeting for the Rescue Squad and OEM. October 19<sup>th</sup> is the HPC meeting. The Fire Department is collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for the trick or treat candy assistance program. If you'd like to participate, please drop off a bag or two of candy to the Borough Hall between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday. If you need

to request candy, please sign up on the borough website. Distribution will take place at Borough Hall on Sunday, October 22nd between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Please contact Ms. Tilly for any questions at 609-608-2179 or email at ktilly@historicflemington.com.

### 3. Public Comments - Session I (up to 3 minutes each, for a maximum of 30 minutes)

No Public Comments

### Amended Agenda ( Start)

This meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### 1. RESOLUTION 2022-209: AUTHORIZING A NEW EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimberly Tilly, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Long, Council President
<b>AYES:</b>	Hand, Johnston, Long, Parker, Rosetti, Tilly, Driver

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

Motion To: **Approve Minutes: September 27, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimberly Tilly, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Long, Council President
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#### 6. Consent Agenda

1. RESOLUTION 2022-205: APPROVING MAIN STREET ROAD CLOSURE FOR CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARADE
2. RESOLUTION 2022-206: APPOINTMENT OF OCTAVIO ANGELOZZI FOR FLEMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP
3. RESOLUTION 2022-207: APPROVING FCP STANGL ROAD PEDESTRIAN LAMP POST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### Regular Agenda ( Start)

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#### 1. Motion To: **Motion to open the meeting to the public**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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#### 2. Motion To: **Motion to close the meeting to the public**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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3. ORDINANCE 2022-18: 2022-18 : 2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS (DB) ZONE

Motion to Open Public Comments: Council Member Tilly; Seconded by Councilman Long. Vote Unanimous

No public comments

Motion to Close Public Comments: Council Member Tilly; Seconded by Councilman Long. Vote Unanimous

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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4. ORDINANCE 2022-23: 2022-23 : 1ST READING: BOND ORDINANCE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 10/24/2022 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimberly Tilly, Council Member	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Long, Council President	
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5. ORDINANCE 2022-24: 2022-24 : 1ST READING: ADDING TWO CROSSWALKS ON STANGL ROAD

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 10/24/2022 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kimberly Tilly, Council Member	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeremy Long, Council President	
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6. ORDINANCE 2022-25: 2022-25 : 1ST READING: IMPLEMENTING ONE-WAY LIMITS ON CORCORAN STREET AND NORTH PLACE

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 10/24/2022 7:30 PM</b>
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8. Public Comments - Session II (up to 3 minutes each, for a maximum of 30 minutes)

No Public Comments

9. Attorney's Report

No Report

10. Payment of the Bills

Motion To: **Pay the Bills in the Amount of \$1,901,398.58**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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Adjournment

Motion To: **Adjourn**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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