

Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus
County of Bergen
Mayor and Council Public Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus was held in the Municipal Building at 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ on October 24, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”. Notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Borough Hall and Council Chambers, a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies of the Annual Notice of Meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor.....	Thomas W. Randall
Council President.....	Douglas Troast
Councilman.....	Steven Shell
Councilman.....	Edward Iannelli
Councilman.....	Kevin Crossley
Councilman.....	Dane Policastro
Councilwoman.....	Kathleen Moran

Also, in attendance: Tim Wiss Borough Attorney; William Jones, Borough Administrator; Joan Herve, Borough Clerk, Police Chief LaCroix, Police Captain Greg McBain and Library Director Morgan Tyler.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Randall led those present in the salute to the American Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Crossley to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023 Combined Meeting of the Mayor & Council. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Ayes, with the exception of Council President Troast & Councilwoman Moran who abstained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Reports are on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office:

Police – September 2023
Court Report– September 2023
Health Report – September 2023
Arborist Report - September 2023
Library Report – October 2023

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, and state your name for the record. Seeing none, Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Planning Board approval letter for a Minor Site Plan Waiver/New Business Application “Ember Physical Therapy”
- b) NJ League of Municipalities notification proposing a 2% increase in membership dues.
- c) Certification of Mailing of Added & Omitted Tax Bills.
- d) Affidavit of Bill Mailing

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Unfinished Business

Water Filtration System Project – Continues to progress, we are ahead of scheduled. Pre-filters are due in November, Vessels are due in December. Dead line to have this project complete is May of 2024.

West Saddle River Road Resurfacing Project – This project has been delayed, pushed back about a week. The contractor is falling behind on other projects prior to ours due to weather.

New Business

Ordinance #2023-89 this is on for adoption tonight - increase for permit parking fees.

Ordinance #2023-90 this is on for introduction - water rate increase approximately 4 ½% a quarter.

Administrator stated we have commitments not only for the water vessels for the purification project at a cost of 4 million dollars and we have almost equal amount over the next decade for our tank upgrades/maintenance.

Resolution # 23-111 - is also on the agenda for the Solid Waste Annual Service Increase, approximately 4% increase.

Stigma Free – Our Stigma Free Committee held our first Cornhole Annual Tournament with members from the HHK School, 8th grade students and Borough Employees. The Committee is looking to award two scholarships at \$500 each with the money raised to students going into the mental health field. Bowling Tournament schedule in February.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #2023-89

ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” (*increase permit parking fees*)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Section 79-18 of the Code **Permits** is hereby amended as follows:

Section I

- A. No change.
- B. The fee to be charged by the Borough Clerk for the resident permits shall be \$500.00 and businessman permits shall be \$100.00. No fee shall be required for permits issued to Borough employees for parking during the regular course of business in Municipal Lot B.
- C.-F. No change.

Section II

Repealer

All other provisions of this Ordinance which are not affected by this amendatory Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect. However, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this amendatory Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

Severability

If any portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effect to the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section IV

Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated this is the time and place for the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-89 and all persons who wishes to be heard, please state your name before making your statement. Seeing none, Mayor Randall closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was offered by Councilman Policastro and seconded by Councilman Shell to adopt Ordinance #2023-89. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance #2023-90

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 81 OF THE CODE ENTITLED “WATER AND WATER RATES”
BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that Chapter 81 of the code is hereby amended as follows:

81-21 Rates and Charges is amended as follows:

(a) Effective January 1, 2024 all water taken or consumed shall be charged to consumers at the following rates:

- (1) Seven dollars (\$7.90) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, with a minimum charge of Sixty Dollars (\$64) per quarter, or any part thereof.
- (2) For Water usage over the minimum the following chart will apply:

	Gallons	Rate per 1,000 Gallons	Amount
Minimum	8,000	\$7.90	\$64.00
Next	12,000	\$8.40	
Next	20,000	\$8.90	
Next	40,000	\$10.05	
Over	80,000	\$12.25	

SECTION III: Repealer.

All other ordinances of the Borough, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION IV: Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

A motion was offered by Councilman Policastro and seconded by Councilman Iannelli to Introduce Ordinance #2023-90. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (23-110 thru 23-114)

All Items listed were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and were approved by one motion.

Resolution #23-110

A Resolution - Payment of bills – October

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$3,534,229.40; and
WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council; and,
WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Mayor and Council, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the claims totaling \$3,534,229.40; be approved and ratified respectively

BILL LIST:

23-00771	05/16/23	03547	IDEMIA	LIVESCAN FINGER PRINT SYST-POL	Open	25,758.00
23-01097	07/11/23	03298	PASCACK DATA SERVICES, INC	CYBERSECURITY RENEWAL-7/1-6/30	Open	27,244.17
23-01211	08/01/23	03362	ONE HOUR HEATING & AIR COND.	A/C REPAIR AT DPW BUILDING	Open	559.00
23-01261	08/10/23	80108	ADAMS, NORA	SPANISH INTERPRETER-8/2 COURT	Open	200.00
23-01285	08/15/23	03515	SHADE TREES NURSERY	4 ZELKOVA SERRATA MUSASH TREES	Open	688.00
23-01322	08/22/23	02686	ONE CALL CONCEPTS	ONE CALL MESSAGES - SEPT 2023	Open	44.33
23-01355	08/29/23	02855	POWERDMS, INC.	ACCREDITATION TRAIN. MANUAL-PD	Open	550.00

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23-01358	08/29/23	01033	NORTHERN SEAMLESS GUTTER SYST.	REMOVE/REPLACE GUTTERS-B. HALL	Open	8,178.00
23-01475	09/21/23	01694	FRA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	RENEW ANIMAL LICENSE SOFTWARE	Open	675.00
23-01479	09/26/23	01840	OPTIMUM	POLICE/CAD CABLE 10/16-11/15	Open	106.37
23-01480	09/26/23	00030	HO-HO-KUS BOARD OF EDUCATION	SCHOOL TAX - MONTH OF OCT	Open	1,580,275.60
23-01482	09/26/23	00034	NORTHWEST B C UTIL AUTHORITY	4TH QTR SERVICE CHARGE 2023	Open	171,340.00
23-01483	09/26/23	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - COURT	Open	370.01
23-01484	09/26/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	PLAN REV/SOIL MOVG-15 CHESTNUT	Open	650.00
23-01485	09/26/23	00095	TRAFFIC SAFETY & EQUIPMENT	STREET SIGN AND POSTS - DPW	Open	188.80
23-01486	09/26/23	02965	CORE & MAIN LP	PIPE FITTINGS - DPW	Open	716.42
23-01487	09/26/23	02380	I.D.M. MEDICAL GAS CO	REFILL 4 OXYGEN D CYL-AMBULANC	Open	101.52
23-01489	09/26/23	02297	THE SHARP SHOP	WHEEL/TUBE /LINE - DPW	Open	109.93
23-01490	09/26/23	01919	ULINE	PAPER TOWELS AND TISSUES- DPW	Open	637.78
23-01491	09/26/23	00008	AIRGAS USA, LLC.	OXYGEN-INDUSTRIAL - DPW	Open	80.63
23-01492	09/26/23	02567	EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING	EMERGENCY LIGHT - POL VEH	Open	326.10
23-01493	09/26/23	03483	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	ROOF SHINGLES - DPW	Open	152.87
23-01494	09/26/23	00329	RG GROUP	HYDRAULIC HOSE FITTINGS - DPW	Open	103.84
23-01495	09/26/23	03118	REDICARE LLC	FIRST AID PREMIUM PACKAGE-DPW	Open	84.00
23-01496	09/26/23	00737	KUIKEN BROS. CO. INC.	PROTECTED PRIMED PINE - DPW	Open	65.76
23-01497	09/26/23	00105	P S E & G	AUG/SEPT GAS/ELECT.-CURRENT	Open	8,077.60
23-01498	09/26/23	00105	P S E & G	AUG/SEP GAS/ELECT.- WATER DEPT	Open	6,789.84
23-01499	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	DCRP - SEPT 2023	Open	411.11
23-01500	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY - SEPT	Open	14,555.78
23-01501	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	WATER DPT SOCIAL SECURITY-SEPT	Open	1,502.73
23-01502	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	SOL WASTE SOCIAL SECURITY-SEPT	Open	838.88
23-01503	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-WATER 1/2 MONTH 9/29	Open	9,850.40
23-01504	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL CURRENT 1/2 MNTH 9/29	Open	183,140.53
23-01505	09/26/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-S WASTE 1/2 MNTH 9/29	Open	5,385.28
23-01506	09/27/23	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POL DPT	Open	98.11
23-01507	09/27/23	03093	CONDOMINIUM ASSN-NORMANDY CT	REIMB. SNOW REMOVAL-NORMANDY C	Open	209.63
23-01508	09/27/23	00258	THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	2023 RULES OF COURT LAW BOOKS	Open	442.00
23-01509	09/27/23	02196	AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS	ELBOW/GAUGE-PRESS - DPW	Open	51.68
23-01510	09/27/23	02384	ZIEBART	SPRAYED ON LINER PICKUP - DPW	Open	1,200.00
23-01511	09/27/23	03147	BERGEN SUPPLY COMPANY	6 CASES PAPER TOWEL ROLLS-DPW	Open	149.70
23-01512	09/27/23	03056	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.	LICENSE/SUPPORT-POL BODY CAMS	Open	4,095.00
23-01513	09/27/23	03250	CLIFFHANGER PRODUCTIONS, INC.	REPLACEMENT-5 FOLDING CHAIRS	Open	92.50
23-01514	09/28/23	03298	PASCACK DATA SERVICES, INC	SONICWAVE SECURE CLOUD-B. HALL	Open	362.44
23-01515	09/28/23	03298	PASCACK DATA SERVICES, INC	SONICWALL FIREWALL -POL DEPT	Open	1,162.55
23-01516	09/28/23	01607	BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	EV CHARGING AMENDMENTS-PLAN BD	Open	1,666.25
23-01517	09/28/23	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - BORO HALL	Open	198.62
23-01518	09/28/23	01607	BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	CORNER LOT AMENDMENT - PLAN BD	Open	465.00
23-01519	09/28/23	01607	BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC.	HAZARD VULNERABILITY STUDY	Open	1,250.00
23-01520	09/28/23	02863	LAW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHIARA	ZONING BD-GENERAL MATTERS-AUG	Open	320.00
23-01521	09/28/23	02863	LAW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHIARA	REV APPLIC/DOCS 62 EDGEWOOD DR	Open	320.00
23-01522	09/29/23	02612	PITNEY BOWES BANK RESERVE ACCT	POSTAGE METER-CURRENT QTR 3	Open	2,154.66
23-01523	09/29/23	02612	PITNEY BOWES BANK RESERVE ACCT	POSTAGE METER-WATER TRST-QTR 3	Open	155.88
23-01524	09/29/23	02612	PITNEY BOWES BANK RESERVE ACCT	POSTAGE METER-SOL. WASTE QTR 3	Open	135.42
23-01525	10/02/23	00610	NJ DEPT OF HEALTH	9/1-9/30 DOG LIC #430-432	Open	5.40
23-01526	10/02/23	00396	R & J TRANSMISSION SERVICE	TRNASSMISSION REPAIR - POL VEH.	Open	356.00
23-01527	10/02/23	02615	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES TO NJ Q3	Open	100.00
23-01528	10/02/23	02590	AMERICANWEAR, INC.	SEPT 2023 UNIFORMS - ROADS 2/3	Open	243.68
23-01529	10/02/23	02590	AMERICANWEAR, INC.	SEPT 2022 UNIFORMS - WATER 1/3	Open	121.84
23-01530	10/02/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	INSPECT/DRAINAGE-58 JACQUELIN	Open	2,150.00
23-01531	10/02/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PL/SOIL MO-6 SADDLE RIDGE	Open	625.00

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23-01532	10/02/23	00056	TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	ANIMAL CONTROL SVC SEPT 2024	Open	680.00
23-01533	10/02/23	00001	HOME HARDWARE	SEPTEMBER HARDWARE PURCHASES	Open	348.84
23-01534	10/02/23	03208	MONMOUTH TELECOM	TELECOM SERVICE - SEPT/OCT	Open	799.91
23-01535	10/03/23	01307	MCANJ	2023-24 MEMBERSHIP-CLERK ASSN	Open	100.00
23-01536	10/03/23	02711	OPTIMUM *	OPTIMUM SVC BORO HL 10/1-10/31	Open	29.95
23-01537	10/03/23	03150	ELECTRO BATTERY SYSTEMS	2 VEHICLE BATTERIES - DPW	Open	231.70
23-01539	10/03/23	00157	TREASURER - STATE OF NJ	UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS PROG	Open	50.00
23-01540	10/03/23	00436	TREASURER STATE OF NJ	3RD QTR REMIT DCA PERMIT FEES	Open	3,333.00
23-01541	10/04/23	03326	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FIN SVCS.	POSTAGE METER RENTAL 9/1-11/30	Open	534.69
23-01542	10/04/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PLAN REV/SOIL-45 ELMWOOD	Open	650.00
23-01543	10/04/23	01565	MINUTEMAN PRESS	BANNERS/FLYERS/GRAPHIC-HHK DAY	Open	981.97
23-01544	10/04/23	80068	MALES, CHRIS	FOLD/STUFF/SEAL Q3 WATER BILLS	Open	300.00
23-01545	10/04/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PLAN REV-215 HOLLYWOOD AV	Open	400.00
23-01546	10/04/23	00229	BORO OF H-H-K WATER DEPARTMENT	3RD QTR WATER BILLING TO DEPTS	Open	2,610.17
23-01547	10/05/23	00044	B C MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC	ELECTIONS UPDATE PROGRAM-CLERK	Open	50.00
23-01549	10/05/23	02846	GTBM	E-TICKET BILLING JUL-SEPT POL	Open	121.25
23-01550	10/05/23	03004	WYCKOFF WASH	SEPT CAR WASHES-POL DEPT	Open	16.50
23-01551	10/05/23	03550	URBAN AUTO SPA II, LLC	CAR WASH SERVICE SEPT-POL DEPT	Open	36.00
23-01552	10/05/23	03267	ELIZABETH STEWART, LLC	ARBORIST SVCS SEPT- SHADE TREE	Open	1,305.00
23-01553	10/05/23	03502	R.M. TUIT PAVING & TRUCKING	DEERHILL DR STORM PIPING	Open	21,395.00
23-01554	10/05/23	00208	W E TIMMERMAN	DEFLECTOR RUBBER - DPW	Open	190.45
23-01555	10/05/23	00012	PROSTOCK MIDLAND	PROMAX BATTERY-LANDSCAPE EQUIP	Open	62.49
23-01556	10/05/23	00294	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-PWT	3RD QTR PENNY TAX -WATER USAGE	Open	581.39
23-01557	10/05/23	03472	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	2 INTERCOOLER PIPE KITS-DPW	Open	287.58
23-01558	10/05/23	02965	CORE & MAIN LP	WATER FITTING -DPW	Open	1,200.00
23-01563	10/06/23	02157	TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	UNIFORM FIRE CODE SUBSCRIPTION	Open	30.00
23-01564	10/06/23	02671	SUBURBAN DISPOSAL INC.	SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING SEP 2023	Open	73,709.97
23-01565	10/06/23	02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	BORO ATTORNEY LEGAL SVCS-SEPT	Open	4,200.00
23-01566	10/06/23	02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	LEGAL SVCS RE:TAX APPEALS-SEPT	Open	687.50
23-01567	10/06/23	02331	WISS & BOUREGY P.C.	LEGAL SVCS RE:FIRE DPT MATTER	Open	750.00
23-01568	10/06/23	03192	PIAZZA&ASSOCIATES, INC.	COAH CONSULTING - OCT ADMIN	Open	100.00
23-01569	10/06/23	03527	BOTTA ANGELI, L.L.C.	PROF SVCS PROSECUTOR - OCT	Open	916.66
23-01570	10/06/23	03119	KONICA MINOLTA ****	COPIER PLN/ZON/CONS 7/4-10/3	Open	65.80
23-01571	10/06/23	03261	KONICA MINOLTA BUS. SOLUTIONS	POLICE COPIER-COPIES 9/4-10/3	Open	50.85
23-01572	10/06/23	02004	HOFFMAN EQUIPMENT	EDGE KIT - DPW VEHICLE	Open	2,309.80
23-01573	10/06/23	00179	SNAP-ON TOOLS - JASON SZAPKA	APOLLO DATA PLAN 12 MOS. - DPW	Open	971.01
23-01574	10/06/23	03472	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MILWAUKEE SHOE ASSEMBLY-ROADS	Open	14.55
23-01575	10/06/23	02009	SEIBEL, JASON	REIMB FOR BOOTS - DPW 2023	Open	300.00
23-01576	10/06/23	02009	SEIBEL, JASON	REIMB- WATER LICENSES	Open	154.95
23-01578	10/10/23	00012	PROSTOCK MIDLAND	BACK-UP ALARM-DPW VEHICLE	Open	81.58
23-01579	10/10/23	03048	QUALITY AUTOMALL	REPLACE EGR VALVE-DPW VEHICLE	Open	921.89
23-01580	10/10/23	02965	CORE & MAIN LP	WATER FITTINGS/COPPER TUBE-DPW	Open	4,492.00
23-01581	10/10/23	00232	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	ALUM. EDGING & STAKES-BEAUTIF.	Open	728.03
23-01582	10/10/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	MEDICAL/PRESCRIPT/DENTAL - OCT	Open	80,554.86
23-01583	10/10/23	80327	VALLEY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION	MEMORIAL DONATION-CHAS. WISLOH	Open	100.00
23-01584	10/11/23	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - POL DEPT	Open	109.98
23-01585	10/11/23	03555	JEV CONSTRUCTION	WATER TREATMENT SYST. IMPROVMN	Open	5,488.00
23-01586	10/11/23	02982	ROBERT C. METZDORF, ESQ.	PUBLIC DEFENDER SVCS 10/4/2023	Open	200.00
23-01587	10/12/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL CURRENT 1/2 MNTH 10/13	Open	178,312.17
23-01588	10/12/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-WATER 1/2 MONTH 10/13	Open	8,137.30
23-01589	10/12/23	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-S WASTE 1/2 MNTH 10/13	Open	6,713.47
23-01590	10/12/23	02339	ZUIDEMA PORTABLE TOILETS	1 MO PORT TOILET N. FIELD 9/27	Open	145.00
23-01591	10/12/23	00493	ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL LLC	TOPSOIL - BEAUTIFICATION	Open	156.00

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23-01592	10/12/23	01609	JESCO, INC.	FUEL FILTERS & ELEMENTS - DPW	Open	232.86
23-01593	10/12/23	02285	HAWTHORNE HITCH & TRAILER	TRAILER HITCH - DPW	Open	137.29
23-01594	10/12/23	03483	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	ROOF BRACKETS/DOOR KICKPLATE-DP	Open	58.10
23-01595	10/12/23	03472	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DOCUMENT SCANNER - DPW	Open	149.98
23-01596	10/12/23	02965	CORE & MAIN LP	CHLORINE REAGENT SET-WATER DPT	Open	1,800.00
23-01597	10/12/23	03468	MARRONE PEST MANAGEMENT SVCS.	PEST CONTROL BORO HALL-10/4	Open	180.00
23-01598	10/12/23	00232	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	GRASS SEED/FERTILIZER-BEAUTIFI	Open	585.00
23-01599	10/12/23	02887	VALLEY PHYSICIAN SERVICES PC	3RD QTR DOT TESTING - DPW	Open	119.00
23-01601	10/12/23	03159	BOSWELL ENGINEERING. INC.	WATER TREATMENT DESIGN SVCS.	Open	868.00
23-01602	10/12/23	03159	BOSWELL ENGINEERING. INC.	WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENTS	Open	46,237.53
23-01603	10/13/23	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP	2 CHAIRS - POLICE DEPT.	Open	415.80
23-01604	10/13/23	80328	TYLER, JULIE	REIMB. - RECORDS/INFO TRAINING	Open	279.00
23-01605	10/13/23	00255	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	BORO LEGAL ADS - SEPT	Open	116.22
23-01606	10/13/23	00255	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP	LEGAL AD - ZONING BOARD - SEPT	Open	12.40
23-01607	10/16/23	02264	ALL POINTS TOWING	AMBULANCE TOW -10-9	Open	336.00
23-01608	10/16/23	03452	GETTY IMAGES (US), INC.	LIC AGREEMENT-WEBSITE PICTURES	Open	348.00
23-01609	10/16/23	02863	LAW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHIARA	LEGAL SVCS-PLANNING BOARD-SEPT	Open	1,420.00
23-01610	10/16/23	02863	LAW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHIARA	LEGAL SVCS-ZONING BOARD-SEPT	Open	360.00
23-01611	10/16/23	03342	SPECTROTEL	INTERNET ACCESS OVER FIBER-OCT	Open	390.02
23-01612	10/16/23	00038	VERIZON	WATER DEPT PHONES SEPT/OCT	Open	89.04
23-01613	10/16/23	00038	VERIZON	BORO DEPTS. PHONES - SEPT/OCT	Open	377.48
23-01614	10/16/23	03319	AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL & LAB SVCS	COLIFORM/PFAS/SODIUM TESTING	Open	3,258.00
23-01615	10/16/23	00232	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES-BEAUTIFICAT	Open	1,289.96
23-01616	10/16/23	03277	ETD DISCOUNT TIRE CENTERS	9 TIRES - POL & DPW DEPTS	Open	2,542.00
23-01617	10/16/23	02288	CEDAR HILL NURSERY INC	BARK CHIPS - MULCH BEAUTIFICAT	Open	210.00
23-01618	10/16/23	01779	OUTSTANDING SERVICE	CHECK TANKS/BIOCIDES TREATMENT	Open	249.90
23-01619	10/16/23	00139	PRESTIGE LOCK & HOME	KEYS AND KEY TAGS - DPW	Open	21.43
23-01620	10/16/23	00329	RG GROUP	PIPE FITTINGS - DPW	Open	269.81
23-01621	10/16/23	01619	TYLER, GARY	REIMB.-DIESEL HEAD STUD/GASKET	Open	990.26
23-01622	10/16/23	03223	PIERCE-EAGLE EQUIPMENT	CONDUIT - DPW	Open	153.96
23-01623	10/17/23	02481	VICTORIA'S NURSERY	SOD/PLANTS - BEAUTIFICATION	Open	7,616.25
23-01624	10/17/23	03530	ONE SOURCE OF NEW JERSEY LLC	WASHERS/NUTS/SCREWS - DPW	Open	378.41
23-01625	10/17/23	03280	CLEANING WORLD, INC.	CLEANING SVC - OCTOBER	Open	1,775.00
23-01626	10/17/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	608 GALS GAS DELIVERED 9/28	Open	1,675.35
23-01627	10/17/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	1585 GALS DIESEL DEL 10/4	Open	5,273.16
23-01628	10/17/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	275 GALS GAS DELIVERED 10/6	Open	666.75
23-01629	10/17/23	00821	AT&T	SEPT 2023 FAX/LONG DISTANCE	Open	95.29
23-01630	10/17/23	02617	POSTMASTER - USPS	\$1.00 STAMPS CERT. MAIL-COURT	Open	50.00
23-01631	10/17/23	00029	BERGEN COUNTY DEPT OF ADM/FIN	4TH QTR 2023 COUNTY TAXES	Open	885,026.62
23-01632	10/17/23	01485	COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND	4TH QTR 2023 COUNTY OPEN SPACE	Open	40,663.33
23-01633	10/18/23	03128	P S E & G **	ELECT/GAS ORVIL CT 9/15-10/13	Open	174.92
23-01634	10/18/23	03537	P S E & G ****	ELECT/GAS CLIFF ST 9/14-10/12	Open	62.27
23-01635	10/18/23	00638	AQUARIUS SUPPLY INC	LAWN SPRINKLER SUPPLIES-BEAUT	Open	160.21
23-01636	10/18/23	02965	CORE & MAIN LP	CHLORINE ANALYZER KIT - DPW	Open	1,585.00
23-01637	10/18/23	01609	JESCO, INC.	FILTER ELEMENTS/HOOKS - DPW	Open	200.66
23-01638	10/18/23	03150	ELECTRO BATTERY SYSTEMS	VEHICLE BATTERY - DPW	Open	223.78
23-01639	10/18/23	02297	THE SHARP SHOP	LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT PARTS-DPW	Open	102.82
23-01640	10/18/23	00493	ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL LLC	TOP SOIL - BEAUTIFICATION	Open	182.00
23-01641	10/18/23	03166	SJS LAWN CARE SERVICES, LLC	INSTALL PLANTS AND EDGING-BEAU	Open	6,090.00
23-01642	10/18/23	03529	SCHWANWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PLAN REVISION -45 ELMWOOD	Open	125.00
23-01643	10/18/23	03529	SCHWANWEDE/HALS & VINCE	SITE PLAN REVIEW - 755 WSRR	Open	400.00
23-01644	10/19/23	00555	P S E & G*	ELECT. SVC-EASTGATE 9/9-10/9	Open	56.80
23-01645	10/19/23	03166	SJS LAWN CARE SERVICES, LLC	AERATION/MULCH -BEAUTIFICATION	Open	1,825.00

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23-01646	10/19/23	00022	STONE INDUSTRIES, INC.	FABC TOP ASPHALT - ROADS DEPT	Open	84.06
23-01647	10/19/23	03239	AT&T MOBILITY	IPAD/CELL PHONE SV 9/12-10/11	Open	1,351.20
23-01648	10/19/23	03556	J.A. ALEXANDER, INC.	RD RESURFACING - WSRR	Open	32,638.80
23-01649	10/19/23	02356	GENERATION III INC.	A/C SERVICE - POL DEPT	Open	1,660.00
23-01650	10/20/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	2404 GALS GAS DELIVERED 10/10	Open	5,934.54
23-01651	10/20/23	01915	BALESTRIERI, ANTHONY	REIMB. - APPLE AIRTAG - POL DPT	Open	68.24

Resolution #23-111

A Resolution - Solid Waste Annual Service Increase

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 64-9E – The solid waste service charge shall be fixed annually, by resolution of the Mayor and Council as may be required to meet budgetary requirements. Said charge may, from time to time, be revised by resolution of the Mayor and Council to provide for the financial requirements of the SWU.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the following new per annum fees are established: District 1- \$920, and District 2 - \$1040 and will take effect January 2024.

Resolution #23-112

A Resolution - Forgiveness of Water Bill (3Qtr.) – 609 W. Saddle River Rd

WHEREAS, resident and volunteer fireman Michael Medico located at 609 W Saddle River Rd, Block 1205 Lot 3 for the 3rd Quarter 2023 Water Bill in the amount of \$235.84 for consideration of VIP

WHEREAS, the above residential property will be credited accordingly

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus hereby authorizes that the bill in question be cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Water & Solid Waste Registrar.

Resolution #23-113

A Resolution – YAC & HAS Halloween Window Painting

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho Ho-Kus has received a request from Youth Activities Council requesting permission to hold the annual Halloween Window Painting event sponsored by the Ho-Ho-Kus HSA and the Youth Activities Council on Friday, October 13, 2023 from 3:15pm to 5:00pm with a rain date of Friday, October 20, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, that permission is hereby granted to hold the annual Halloween Window Painting event pending final approval from Dr. Mardy, Superintendent of HHK School and/or Board.

Resolution #23-114

A Resolution - Approval to Execute a Share Service Agreement between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus for removal of dead or dying trees at 371 Wearimus Rd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus formally approves the Shared Service Agreement for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Shared service agreement on behalf of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Service Agreement and approves the execution of the Service Agreement.

A motion was offered by Council President Troast and seconded by Councilman Policastro to approve Resolutions #23-110 thru #23-114. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

LIAISON REPORTS

Recreation – Councilman Iannelli reported fall sports are coming to a conclusion, winter sports registration is now opened.

Library – Councilman Policastro reported in 2024, the Library’s One Third Mill is increasing to \$536,158.00.

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This is an increase of \$41,115.26 over 2023. Circulation in September was 11% lower than August but 3% higher than last year.

Board of Education – Councilman Policastro reported on October 18th the Ho-Ho-Kus and the Borough joined together for a Cornhole Tournament to raise awareness for the Stigma-Free Initiative. The HHK Fire Department visited the School to speak with the 5th graders about fire safety during October's Fire Prevention week. The Duffield Hall construction is underway. Photos of the progress are available on the School website. The School will be closed November 9th & 10th for the NJEA Conference.

10 Orvil Court Improvements – Councilman Policastro reported, As I reported last month, the Mayor & Council is still in the process of evaluating the study findings and recommendations and is in active dialogue and negotiations with the Library Board of Trustees. We hope to have a resolution by the end of the year at which point the public will be duly informed.

Ambulance Corps – Councilman Crossley reported one of their rigs have been in for repairs for a blown gasket for two weeks now and could be another two weeks. With the help of our President Carol Tyler, she found two buyers for two stretchers that they did not need anymore. Sold for \$3,500.

Shade Tree/Beautification – Councilman Crossley reported they planted the (4) trees on Sheridan, Sheridan is now complete. At Borough Hall all the shrubs, sod, new lighting & Rusty Thompson tree is done and all the plaques are in place for the dedicated trees. Just waiting for a couple of more benches, and the sign, once they come in Phase 2 will be completed. He will be meeting with the committee before the end of the year to discuss Phase 3.

Fire Department – Councilman Shell read a statement into the record regarding the Fire Department matter “As the public may be aware the Governing Body has been dealing with a serious incident which occur at the firehouse and the aftermath of such incident. The Governing Body promised our residents with a full accounting once this matter had concluded. On October 17, 2023, Judge Suarez, sitting on appeal to the Superior Court of New Jersey, heard the matter and found Chief Scott McDermott guilty of the charges brought by the Governing Body. These included: Incompetency or Inefficiency or Incapacity of Performance, Infringement of Policies defined in the Personnel Manual or Failure to Comply with Department Rules and Regulations, Conduct Unbecoming, and Insurbordination. These were the same sustained charges and findings by Judge Toskos, who sat as a hearing officer below. Ironically, the Court reasoned that McDermott could not be terminated, not because of McDermott's actions, but because the Borough did not seek to discipline other members of the Fire Department. As a result, the Court imposed the original 30 month suspension of McDermott and took no position on his return as Chief. The Governing Body took no pleasure in addressing this matter, but was always concerned with the safety of our residents. Judge Suarez's decision reaffirms the Borough's commitment in this regard”. Councilman Shell continued with his report, the fire Department had a very successful fire safety month, they visited all the schools informing them of fire safety. He continues to thank them for their service to the community.

Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Shell reported the Chamber came to him regarding an event they would like to do in conjunction with our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and the luminary event. They would like all the Chambers businesses to stay opened later to encourage people to stay in town that night. A more detail plan to follow.

Police - Police chief LaCroix reported the department assisted with the Halloween painting and Richards Run. In the past month they had issues with bicycles being stolen at the train station. Chief asked at the December Mayor & Council meeting he would like to recognize a couple of officers for some cases they worked on this year.

DPW – Jeff Pattman, DPW Supervisor reported they are gearing up for leave season. Councilman Shell stated he as some residents asking how to discard Styrofoam. Administrator stated he is in talks with the 13 northwest towns to set up a shared service agreement to purchase a device themselves. However, Oakland has a Styrofoam event coming up shortly and he will post on our social media sites.

MAYOR COMMENT

Mayor stated to the Council we are going to be losing the Judge come January, right now we have (3) candidates and asked who wanted to be on the interview committee to get back to him.

Administrator Jones stated we have a festival coming up on November 4, 2023, rain date of the 5th with local artists & craft people on the Town Green.

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CLOSED SESSION - On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Shell, the Mayor and Council approved entering into Executive Session closed to the public. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A Resolution - providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. NJSA 10:4-12

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6; and

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12 (b) as follows:

5- Matter involving the Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property

7-Pending or anticipated litigation

8 – matters involving personnel

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus assembled in public session on October 24, 2023 that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above.

Closed Session began at 7:38 p.m. and ended at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Iannelli, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Herve RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk