

Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus  
County of Bergen  
Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2021 7:30 p.m.

The Work Session 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 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Work Session 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”, adequate 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.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

September 21, 2021 – Work Session Minutes  
September 21, 2021 – Close Session Minutes  
September 28, 2021 – Public Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes & Closed Session Minutes

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

Police Report – September 2021  
Court Report – September 2021  
Library Report – October 2021

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

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

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**Unfinished Business**

BC United Way/Madeline Partnership Affordable Housing Project: - Project continues, schedule date of completion sometime in the beginning of the new year.

HHK Crossing Project – Hearing for this project will be scheduled in the near future.

Water Tanks Project – All documents have been sent to the Local Finance Board; continue back & forth email with the State, we are scheduled to be reviewed at their October 20, 2021 meeting, however they State may postpone until their November Meeting. More information to follow.

Water Treatment System – A letter was mailed out along with NIXLE message and a post on our Social Media platforms with a lengthy explanation informing the residents of the contaminants known as PFNA & PFOA in the

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drinking water at levels above the new NJDEP drinking water standards and what the borough is doing about it. The Borough is in the process of getting a loan to fund this project. The cost is approximately 2.5 million.

### **New Business**

Beautification Committee – Council Iannelli questioned when the committee will be formed. Mayor Randall and Administrator Jones stated they are in the process of establishing the committee. Will have more information at the October 26, 2021 meeting.

### **Borough Attorney Timothy Wiss Report:**

Borough Attorney Wiss updated the Mayor and Council on the purchase of the Bank of America building. He stated he has environmental consultant ready to monitor the site, however he is still waiting for BOA to get back to him with a signed contract. Once that is completed he is looking to close at the end of year end.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Affidavit of Bill Mailing for the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. of 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. of 2022
- b) Certification of Mailing of Tax Bills for the 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. of 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. of 2022
- c) Notice from the NJDOT that applications will now be accepted for Fiscal Year 2022 Local Freight Fund.
- d) Notice from BC Division of Community Development application for CDBG will begin Monday, October 4, 2021 with a deadline of December 20, 2021.

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE** to be placed on October 26, 2021 agenda

- 2021-62 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 81-21 AND 81-29 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS”

### **RESOLUTIONS REVIEW** to be placed on October 26, 2021 agenda

- Payment of Bills –September 2021
- Solid Waste Annual Service Increase
- 2020 Corrective Action Plan
- Accept and Comply Audit Finding for 2020

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Recreation – no report

Library – no report

Board of Education – no report

Ambulance Corp. – no report

Fire Department – Councilman Shell reported on the newly elected officers. He stated the Fireman’s open house was success in spite of the weather.

Chamber of Commerce – no report

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Council President Troast, seconded by Councilwoman Moran, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Joan Herve RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk