

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnowitz who also led the Salute to the Flag

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 23rd day of January 2014. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella
Mayor Arnowitz, Borough Attorney Bernstein, Borough Clerk Witkowski

APPOINTMENTS:

OATH OF OFFICE:

PROCLAMATIONS:

Borough Attorney Bernstein arrived at 8:09PM.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:

Mark Durst, Department of Public Works~40 years of service

Mayor Max Arnowitz

Mayor Arnowitz said the Presentations/Recognition will be done for Mark Durst on February 4th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 3, 2013 regular and closed session meeting, December 10, 2013 regular and closed session meeting, December 30, 2013 regular and closed session meeting.

Motion Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers DeGise, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Nays: Council Member Frank

OLD BUSINESS:

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Borough Engineer-

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

C1 Letter from Christopher Conti requesting permission for Eagle Scout project at Fire House.

Motion to receive, file and approve was made by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Kelley.

Mayor Arnowitz said if there are any questions the gentleman is here who is doing the Eagle Scout project and if there are any questions he will be at the Fire House. This was unanimously carried.

C2 Letter from the Borough of Westwood dated January 13, 2014 to the State DEP re Pascack Valley Waterway Report

Motion to receive and file was made by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Kelley, and unanimously carried.

C3 Letter from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department dated January 15, 2014 requesting permission to use West Borough Parking Lot for annual carnival, May 4, 2014-May 11, 2014

Motion to receive, file and approve was made by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella and Frank

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Kelley

C4 Letter from Memory Care Living dated January 10, 2014 regarding a First Response call

Motion to receive and file by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Kelley, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Arnowitz asked Council Member Looes to forward this to the Fire Department.

C5 Letter from American Cancer Society dated December 17, 2013 informing the date for the Annual George Washington Bridge Challenge, Sunday, June 8, 2014

Motion to receive and file was made by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

C6 Letter from Rover and Clover 5K Committee requesting permission to hold 9th Annual 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, March 16, 2014

Motion to receive, file and approve was made by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously carried.

C7 Letter from ISO dated December 23, 2013 regarding recent Public Protection Classifications (PPC) Survey for fire suppression services

Motion to receive and file was made by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously carried. Council Members DeGise and Kelley abstain.

Mayor Arnowitz said Council Members DeGise, Kelley and myself are members of the Fire Department so we do not get involved in votes for anything pertaining to fire.

Ambulance –Captain John Beatty

He will present a state of the Ambulance for the past year with a summary of what was done. In the year 2013, there were 1,077 requests handled by the Police Department for Ambulance; of those 1,077 requests 840 were handled by Hillsdale Ambulance, 237 were handled via mutual aid coming into our town. Of those 840 calls that we answered, 371 were to mutual aid towns to help them when needed, and they came back to us when we needed it most. 413 were medical emergencies, 188 traumas, 86 motor vehicle accidents, 95 patients refused medical assistance, 34 were intoxicated, 51 were psych behavior calls, 134 qualified as simple transportations, 16 fire standbys, 5 (inaudible), no births this year, 2 calls that were unsuccessful, 12 were DOA, and we were cancelled 41 times by the Police Department. ALS interactive with us, a total of 418 times so they definitely help out when needed. Our ambulance travelled just shy of 10,000 miles this past year. With the 840 calls handled by our Ambulance Corps, 1,985 man hours were spent on calls, 210 man hours were spent at meetings, 363 man hours at drills and training for a total of 2,558 hours that our members spent away from their families. We were able to handle 150 more calls by ourselves than we did in the previous year. We brought in about 12 new members this past year. This evening we attended the Bergen County EMS Training Center graduation, we had three new EMS graduate this evening, two are cadets and one will be a full member. We have five members enrolled for the spring EMT course at this time, three cadets and two adult members.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is an extremely impressive report and you do an extraordinary service for the residents of Hillsdale and the Pascack Valley and sometimes other areas. He thanked the men and women on the team and it is a great group of people.

Council Member Kelley said Ambulance Corps throughout the area are becoming extinct, they are going to paid services. Ambulance is going in the opposite direction, they are moving forward, getting more members which is not the norm for the area right now. The officers and Captain have turned this around and what a phenomenal job they have done.

Mayor Arnowitz said in the Council's packets are the invitations to their annual dinner, please RSVP. For the sake of the public, the Ambulance Corps relies 100% on the donations and help from the public. The Ambulance Corps receives a stipend from the town which is miniscule compared to the overall spending and needs of the Ambulance Corps and that is important for the residents to know. Your donations and if we want to continue with a free volunteer Ambulance Corps please help them because they pay for the blankets, band aids, everything they use they pay for; the town gives them a little money and helps with the insurance. They own that building, they maintain it, they heat it, and I can go on and on, so Thank You.

DISCUSSION:

D1 Interim CFO~Council member DeGise

Council Member DeGise said because of a conflict of scheduling, he asked that this be carried to the next meeting.

Council Member Frank asked why is the Finance Committee not involved in any interview with a potential CFO.

Council Member DeGise said he was told by the Finance Chairman that Personnel should be first.

Council Member Meyerson said this was discussed at the last meeting that the procedure by which we would try to get an interim CFO and the first committee would be the Personnel Committee and then go to the Finance Committee. Unless you think it should go to the Finance Committee and then to the Personnel Committee.

Council Member Frank said I think it is backwards.

Mayor Arnowitz said one of the things the Finance Committee has to let the Personnel Committee know what kind of dollars or range of dollars you think will be available to fill this position. I think anyone that interviews for the position would want to know the salary.

Council Member Frank asked if this position has been advertised.

Council Member DeGise said this isn't to fill a permanent CFO position, this is so that we can go ahead and advertise with the wishes of the Council for a part-time CFO or a full-time CFO. This is for an interim and we have someone in place.

Council Member Frank asked when the Council will have the discussion about what our needs are?

Council Member DeGise said he thinks the committees whether it be Personnel Committee or Finance Committee and asked Council Member Meyerson which one.

Council Member Meyerson said I said last time it has to go through both committees, Personnel and Finance. I don't think we made it clear as to which committee goes first, I was under the impression it was the Personnel Committee.

Council Member Pizzella said he is confused. Are you talking about interviewing someone or are you talking about the process by which you are going to go ahead. I was confused as to what Council Member DeGise was saying. I don't think you are interviewing anybody, you are just discussing the process by which you are going to attempt to find someone.

Council Member DeGise said we have to talk about finance and the second part is we have to talk about a candidate for the interim part.

Council Member Pizzella said you don't have anyone you are interviewing.

Council Member DeGise said yes we have someone we want to interview through our auditors.

Mayor Arnowitz said he was asked to come to a meeting tonight at 4:15PM that pulled to interview.

Council Member Pizzella wasn't aware that we had people interviewing.

Mayor Arnowitz said I found out about that

Council Member Frank said he is concerned and I know things have changed quite a bit – last time we filled a

position we spent some time with the department heads, and we looked at what our needs were, and we had a problem with a part-time CFO; we needed a CFO/Borough Administrator here all the time and ..

Council Member DeGise said this is not for a permanent replacement, this is for the interim, we need someone basically starting the first couple of days in February, first week in February. This is not a permanent solution, I think it is going to take more time – a month, it may even take 60 days to do that. Obviously we want post it, talk to department heads, get recommendations and that process is going to take longer than appointing an interim to get us through.

Council Member Frank said it just seems to me that that should be the entire Council should be discussing, what are we doing closed or whatever. What is the plan and who is going to do what and who is going to do first. Who is going to do second? This is the first I have heard about it and seeing it on the Agenda here.

Council Member DeGise said he put it on so that everyone would have a voice.

Council Member Frank said I believe the Finance Committee should create a basic specification for what we are looking for in a job both from an interim standpoint and a permanent standpoint.

Council Member Pizzella said at least from a standpoint of how much we can afford. To know how much we actually have to pay someone in the interim.

Council Member Meyerson said we clearly have to go through both committees. The Personnel Committee is not going to be hiring anybody but there are people out there for interim positions, a temporary, interim position on a part-time basis to get us over the hump until we find what our plan is with respect to a full-time position. I see no reason why, there are people out there available to come and talk to the Personnel Committee and discuss with them what their salary requirements are, give us guidelines as to what it is what they are looking for, consider it in the Finance Committee. I don't want to get into a long discussion as to what is the first, the chicken or the egg. I'm not part of this Personnel Committee or don't know that Mr. Lerch recommended anybody, but apparently Mr. DeGise is. I see no reason why the Personnel Committee can't discuss it. They can discuss what is that this person is looking for so we can get some idea what is out there.

Council Member Frank said you are talking about one of the most important positions in the Borough and I guess it would be nice

Council Member Meyerson said you are suggesting the Finance Committee before the Personnel Committee.

Council Member Frank said no, I'm suggesting that we have an idea of what we are looking for, does he have to be certified as a CFMO, what kind of experience are you going to look for and at least and in all probability you have considered those things but it would be nice if we knew it.

Council Member Meyerson said I don't know why would say that, I know in my own mind that those things are important to have someone with the proper credentials. I don't a person or people that would be appearing at this point before the Personnel Committee, but I just assume Personnel Committee would be discussing exactly what is necessary for an interim CFO. I thought that was a Personnel issue. As far as the Finance Committee is concerned, when we see what it is the salary requirements are it goes to the Finance Committee to determine whether or not it is in our budgetary requirements.

Council Member DeGise said we don't need to discuss this any more than we already have. Why don't we let it go to the Personnel Committee and try to have a meeting next week, let's see what the requirements are as far as salary, what people are looking for and then as soon as we know have the Personnel Committee contact the Chairman of the Finance Committee and hold a Finance meeting.

Council Member Meyerson said we could then make a recommendation to the Council.

Council Member DeGise said the whole Council can discuss it, they will know who, when, where, what.

Council Member Frank said o.k.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if there was anything else.

D2 Insurance coverage-re: association and environmental commission members--Councilmember Pizzella

Council Member Pizzella wanted to report back that he did speak with Brian Erlandsen regarding the coverage of the Environmental Commission members and he basically told me that they are covered by insurance to the extent that the municipality is covered. He is going to get back to me on the quasi-associations, quasi-entities

and he is going to provide him with a written opinion from JIF.

Mayor Arnowitz said one of the things you can help me with, I have been in correspondence with Sue. The Environmental Commission heads up the scout cleanup, it is not really a scout cleanup as much as the kids in Hillsdale clean up. On the 26th of April the state is doing their annual clean up and last year we could not participate in that clean up because of the fishing contest. He can't find out when the fishing contest is. He is working on that. The second thing the Environmental Commission is looking at – every year the Bee Hives which is a natural beauty salon on Broadway does an open house in conjunction with the Environmental Commission. They are asking to do that downtown and I said if they tried to do it, by the time they get through with insurance and everything and getting approvals, because we don't normally approve that and it should go through the Environmental Commission. I spoke to Meredith and he is throwing that too. They want to hold it in Veterans Park which is not a problem but some of the vendors who come to this are for profit vendors and I don't know what the legal ramifications are, but my point is the Art in the Park Program they sell their art also. I don't think there is a difference.

Council Member Pizzella said o.k. They asked me to bring that up with you, they had said that Jonathan explained to them last year that whoever gets on the calendar first.

Mayor Arnowitz said the problem with the fishing contest is the fishing contest ties in with the state stocking the stream so it is not as simple as the Art in the Park and the Bee Hive and the Environmental Commission want to do something in Veterans Park, yes, the first one in is the first to get it. This is a little different.

Council Member Meyerson said he has a question on insurance. Council Member Looes is liaison, does every insurance question get discussed with Council Member Looes? If insurance involves a particular Commission like Rec, it just goes through Rec, we don't even talk to the insurance liaison. How does this work?

Council Member Pizzella said I can actually work through Council Member Looes. What I did was I originally was working on it with the Environmental Commission because of a forestry grant program that they were looking into and they were told that they were not covered. So they were concerned about that. When I sent my question to the insurance, I had sent it to Jonathan to look into but Jonathan forwarded my email to Brian Erlandsen and then Brian responded back. I also included the associations in my questions because of the agreements I was doing prior to the Reorganization.

Council Member Looes said she would have had the answers for you and it would have saved time and he would have gotten them sooner. That is the main reason because I used to do this so I am familiar with it and I have already spoken to Brian to understand what our coverages are, who it covers, just because I know it is something that has been brought up to mutual councils before as to who is covered, what is their coverage, different policies whether it is general liability vs. the accident and all that. I did have that information if you needed it.

Council Member Pizzella said why don't I copy you what I sent to Brian prior to Reorg and we will pursue that.

Mayor Arnowitz said I want to remind all the Council people if you going to reach out to the professionals go through the Administrator to make sure that we are not duplicating because we do get charged when you talk to the professionals. Not insurance, but when you talk to Eric and 14 fourteen people talking to Eric if it already has been handled, so try to let the Administrator know what you are trying to find out and in this case the Administrator might say o.k. call, as long as she knows.

D3 D'Alessandro memorial update~Councilmember Pizzella

Council Member Pizzella said in the Council's packets you will see an updated version of the garden. It is not very different from the last one, I think there are just some different plantings. There are a couple of changes but before I move on, I want to make sure that everyone up here wants me to continue to liaison what the D'Alessandro Foundation on this Memorial.

Mayor Arnowitz said if you wouldn't mind, it is a special committee and you have been on it from the beginning.

Council Member Pizzella said o.k. April 3rd is the unveiling, the next thing he will address with them is the maintenance agreement. I think there should be one similar to the Fire Department's maintenance agreement for the fireman memorial in Veterans Park. Also there was one word addition in the wording she just added 1973 after Holy Thursday and wanted everyone to be aware of it before she actually goes on with the language.

Mayor Arnowitz said the only conflicting thing that goes on at the RR station and I don't think it will conflict as

the Garden Club's plant sale which they do before Mother's Day, and that is a Sunday.

Council Member Pizzella said o.k.

D4 GRC decision regarding termination agreements--Councilmember Frank

Council Member Frank this has to do with the confidential termination agreement for Borough Administrator. The firing of Jonathan DeJoseph's history was political which is why certain positions have tenure. I understand that, if you don't have tenure yet there are certain positions where you can be dismissed at any time. Some positions have tenure and it takes four years to get it and they are protected from changes in political leadership in the town which is what it is all about. I get it it is political when you take control of the Council you have the right to do what you want in terms of hiring and firing people who are untenured. Jon is gone and I really appreciate the things that he has done and I think over the next year we are going to start the things that he did that are going to be hard to duplicate. Unfortunately, the way this happened leaves a lot of questions and questions people have been asking me; they are questions the public has a right to know. Somebody actually came up to me and said I think that Hillsdale has been taken over by Hudson County Democratic machine based on the way things are happening in secret. I don't know about that but here are some of the questions that I have and people relate to me. This has to do with the government of our town and what has just happened. Number one is why now? Why did it have to happen now right in the middle of the budget; the majority could have removed him at any time for any reason for political. He started at the beginning of the year, why wait until the budget is just ready to go? Why would you give someone their RICE Notice which is like a pink slip on Christmas Eve? What kind of an organization is that? It is pretty thoughtless and it created a lot of chaos. Why did Council Member Kelley insist that Mr. DeJoseph resigned in the paper, he was there Christmas Eve when Jon got his notice. Anybody with professional experience knows that a forced resignation is being fired, there is no difference. And why do you say he resigned when there was a termination agreement; if he resigned you don't need a termination agreement. To resign, you just resign and you go away. So it is pretty disturbing what has been going on, why is the agreement confidential? Why did the Record have to file a request under OPRA to get a copy of this agreement? I would like to know what our attorney's plans are in terms of complying. Why are these details being hidden? The Record was able to get all the text messages and emails from Christie's entire staff over what they did with the George Washington Bridge, do we really think this termination agreement for Borough Administrator/CFO is going to be able to be maintained in secret? There is a decision by the government records committee that I forwarded to our Borough Attorney and to our Borough Clerk that clearly stated that termination agreements, unless they include serious issues like harassment; sexual harassment are public documents and I would like to know how that is going to be dealt with. I sure hope we are not going to spend a lot of money, additional money over what we have already spent on this whole issue by fighting it.

I am concerned that the Council held two special meetings, one on December 30 when nobody is in town, everyone is out of town and that was the day the termination agreement was adopted. On January 10 there was another one, I wasn't able to make because it was called very quickly when there were some transfer of funds. I am concerned about that. This really concerned me; on December 30 meeting where the termination agreement was brought in there were just four of us here and the Borough Attorney handed each of us a copy of this agreement that had already been signed, notarized and completed and a brief overview of what was in it. There were a number of pages, I didn't have a chance to read it, I waited to see if there was going to be a discussion other than this brief review. No one had any questions, we immediately went to open and it was voted on, I voted No, nobody read it. I guess it must be like Obamacare, you have to pass it before you can read it. Or maybe they already knew what was in it. I knew nothing that was in it. To me it is just very upsetting. Why during the Reorg Meeting when I asked "gee guys you've been working on this for a whole year, did you have a plan as to what you were going to do when Jon was gone?" Unfortunately, Mr. DeGise said yes, we have a plan and the Mayor reminded him no, if you have a plan you have a Sunshine Law violation because it was done in secret. Then that comment was retracted. There are things in the agreement I can't talk about until this issue is resolved that are very specific in nature that required someone on Council to be providing decisions to our Borough Attorney, I don't think that was; is that legal? I don't know. How much extra will taxpayers be paying to get the budget get done this year, I think we have the resolution that is \$8000 additional to pay our auditors to help put together the budget together this year. This is on top of everything else that has been committed. This is a lot of work and I feel bad for our Borough Clerk because a whole of stuff has been dumped on her head and how will that take care of the pay for our temporary Borough Administrator? When we did this three years ago, we paid the Borough Clerk \$1000 a month to help fill in as the temporary Borough Administrator. What are we going to do to compensate our Borough Clerk for helping out during this time? We already talked about what we are going to do with the CFO. My belief is a part-time CFO puts a burden on our staff because you can't get questions- it certainly didn't work last time when the CFO came in after everybody was gone home. I am very concerned and that is why I brought that up without the plans are of an interim CFO, I think that is something that needs some planning. When can we expect to have --- the Council has created a situation with their timing by doing this when we currently have in all due respect, an inexperienced Borough Administrator who is working real hard but doesn't have the experience level; a

temporary part-time DPW Superintendent and now no CFO. Does that show planning, does that show professionalism?

Council Member Kelley said we have a CFO in place he gets paid until January 31st.

Council Member Frank said I am not going to argue with you, the man is not here, he has been fired, he is there as a reference point only, I can't discuss the particulars on his agreement. Maybe you would like to continue discuss him but until that has been resolved I can't. Look, I understand an accepted politics are involved and you know, politics are involved –Mr. Meyerson was our Municipal Judge got there on politics, left on politics. I'm upset.

Council Member Meyerson said political firings? The only people that were on this Council at the time I was terminated for political reasons were the Mayor and you, that's it.

Council Member Frank said and you were right.

Council Member Meyerson said no one else has done that.

Council Member Frank said I am not lecturing you, I accept it and I recognize it. Same with Mr. DeGise on the Planning Board, that happens, I understand that, I'm concerned about the timing and the planning.

Council Member Meyerson said this has been a 20 minute political lecture on political firings.

Council Member Frank said let me finish, that's not a campaign speech, you have to assume it is a campaign.

Council Member Meyerson said there were a lot of questions and you will have to go through them one at a time to get the answers.

Council Member Frank said I am not going to give the answers because I don't know the answers.

Council Member Meyerson said maybe we know the answers.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Borough Attorney is going speak, I assume he is going to answer some of these questions.

Council Member Frank said we are spending money and I think the public has a right to know, we've made some significant changes to the organization of the Borough. I don't see it as well planned, it has put a lot of pressure on a couple of people and there are some big gaps. I am used to seeing things going a little bit smoother and I guess my first question is and the main question I have is why is it still being held as a secret agreement and I will ask the Borough Attorney if it is going to be released.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if anyone on Council before Eric answers.

Council Member Pizzella said one of the things that I think is important to get an answer on whether the agreement can be released. We recently had a League of Municipalities meeting for newly elected officials and I did ask a question about agreements of this type and they did say they are releasable and I guess I should wait for Eric.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said I received the Council's inquiry which I will note was only copied to the Mayor and the Clerk. I asked her to pass it along to the rest of the governing body. We reviewed that decision, we reviewed others, we have been working with the Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator all week between snowflakes and the holidays. It is our intention to respond to the OPRA request made by the newspapers probably by early next week which will include the release of a number of documents I suspect including the agreement, or at least parts of the agreement that can be released in accordance with law. In terms of the Special Meeting if the Council will remember when we were here for the second regular meeting in December, Mr. DeJoseph and I came to the governing body originally to the Mayor and asked a Special Meeting be called and the governing body agreed to call that Special Meeting and it was called for December 30 because it was a date that worked on everybody's calendar. In terms of the RICE Notice, it became a timing issue and the person by the way to deal with that issue was me. I was concerned that if there was going to be a resolution for this matter and it could not be discussed in executive session unless Mr. DeJoseph was given a RICE Notice, it had to be given. I spoke to Ms. Witkowski about it on Monday the 23rd, unfortunately I was unaware at the time that Mr. DeJoseph had decided to take that day off without advising anybody and by the time I didn't become aware he had been given the RICE Notice on the 24th until I received an email from the Councilman about 2:30 that afternoon telling me the news and in fact had occurred. Mr. DeJoseph was well aware of the possibility of a discussion on the 30th. The agreement is the agreement, folks, if people had

questions they had an opportunity to ask. I think the Council clearly indicated he didn't take the opportunity to ask, he wrote a "no" on it which is clearly within his rights. Mr. DeJoseph had signed off on it because if he hadn't signed off on it, it wouldn't have been brought to the governing body that Monday night. The governing body did not fire him, by a three to one agreement they agreed to accept the agreement and resignation both of them, the one for Administrator and the one that has not yet occurred relative to the CFO. I'm not going to get involved in politics folks, I would point out the only other item in terms of Public Works Director is Council has had multiple discussions on it. You all knew back in the summer, I believe, that Mr. Durie was intending to use his terminal leave which was going to take him into almost Memorial Day by the time he used it. So, I don't know whether or not the Borough had any intentions or had any plans but I don't recall any during the past few months regarding an interim DPW Superintendent, etc. but the fact of the matter is that the agreement will become public probably next week. We will deal with it afterwards.

Council Member Frank said can I just have a follow-up question Mr. Bernstein. Who can on this Council issue a RICE Notice.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said let's see, let's discuss it again, my recollection is this is the third time we discussed this issue.

Council Member Frank said second.

Attorney Bernstein said third. The answer to the question is the Administrator can for a personnel matter, I believe I can when it involves a matter that needs to be brought before the governing body that can't wait, I believe the Council can do so and under certain circumstances any individual Councilman can make the request to the Administrator. In the case at bar, it was my call because otherwise it could have been no discussion in executive session.

Council Member Meyerson said I want to talk about timing a bit because you brought it up. I find the whole thing rather interesting; when you take the date of that meeting both Council Member Pizzella and myself indicated that we would be out of town and flying in that evening. We both indicated we would be landing in Newark at 6:20PM, Council Member Pizzella from Buffalo and myself from San Francisco, and it just happened to be right around the same time. The meeting was called for 7:30PM and as a result of that I said well I want to make it to this meeting because it was called by the Mayor quite frankly, if I remember correctly, he had asked at the meeting that there was going to be a Special Meeting on December 30. I forgot the date exactly. It was a date that I was coming back and Council Member Pizzella was coming back. When we went to the dates we indicated that we would be away but by 6:20PM and try to make it. Instead of driving my car to the airport, I arranged to have be picked because it was quicker to do it rather than the long term parking. Which by the way costs a sum of money to do it this way so I would get here in time. At 6:26PM the plane landed, I emailed or texted members of the Council and told them I was here and am getting picked up as soon as I get my luggage, I would be back hopefully within a few minutes. At 7:30PM I texted, said I am home, getting my car and be down in a few minutes, by the time I got here the meeting was over. I was angry quite frankly. I understand Council Member Pizzella did the exact same thing.

Mayor Arnowitz said the information that was given to me by Council Member DeGise that you were waiting for your luggage and he did not know when you would be here. No one told me that you were at home already before the meeting started.

Council Member Meyerson said you see these things, you see them, everybody in this room has one, anybody that dialed my cell phone number and called me and said where are you.

Council Member Frank asked what would the difference been? What would have changed?

Council Member Meyerson said difference is we would have had a bi-partisan vote on this issue and I believe we would have had everyone on the Council to read this thing, discuss it and vote. We didn't get to do that.

Mayor Arnowitz said, Larry, are you saying that ...

Council Member Meyerson said I did everything I could to get here on time and five minutes wouldn't have made a difference.

Mayor Arnowitz said are you saying that I should call Council Member DeGise a liar because Council Member DeGise told me and the rest of the Council that he was in communication with you and you were waiting for your luggage. I quote you were at the airport waiting for your luggage. I said should I hold this meeting and was told no go forward.

Council Member Meyerson said I told you what happened.

Mayor Arnowitz I believe that happened but you are saying you are mad. I was willing to hold up that meeting, I said we have verbatim minutes and it is probably in there.

Council Member Meyerson asked how long after this meeting ended did you get here?

Council Member Pizzella said I was 10 minutes late.

Mayor Arnowitz said I never heard anything from Frank as to whether or not he would be here. But I did hear that you were waiting and I quote waiting for your luggage at Newark airport, I asked should I start this meeting and I was told yes. You might as well go forward.

Council Member Meyerson said all of us would have been here at 7:37 p.m. and we were here. I don't understand why people couldn't wait to find out.

Council Member Frank said I certainly wasn't in any hurry.

Council Member Pizzella said when we had set that date I did say it was going to be very difficult for me to be here. I don't think it is relevant who was here and who wasn't here, I think the fact is that the man resigned and the reasons behind that are I think are confidential negotiations that went on behind for that is what is confidential. The fact that his agreement can be released and it should be released and Eric has confirmed that and I think we do everybody a disservice by continuing to bicker back and forth about it.

Council Member DeGise said you brought me into it and the phone call I had with him that he was waiting for his luggage happened about an hour before the meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz said excuse me, while you were sitting on this podium I asked you and the rest of the Council should I and you never said that he was home, you never said that he would be here in seven minutes.

Council Member Frank said I hate to break up this wonderful discussion but I'm not sure that that's really the point I brought this up about.

Council Member Meyerson said you accused of having a political firing, that's what you accused.

Council Member Frank said that is what it was.

Council Member Meyerson said I don't agree. I disagree with you. The problem is that Council Member Pizzella is right when he said Mr. DeJoseph resigned and the part that is confidential, maybe there are reasons behind that. Except that you

Council Member Frank said you as an attorney know that a forced resignation is the same thing as a firing.

Inaudible, everyone talking at once.

Council Member Meyerson said what is behind the resignation and you know full well that this body is not going to have and it is inappropriate to have that discussion. You know that. If it's appropriate to do that then RICE Mr. DeJoseph and we will have the discussion.

Mayor Arnowitz said I said it at the last meeting and I will say it again and I'm sure Mr. Murphy will say it because Mr. Murphy asked this Council. At no time should the Mayor and Council of this town spend taxpayers dollars without the public being aware of what is being spent and how it is being spent. That's what goes on in Hudson County, special deals when people Excuse me, this is my meeting and I will allow you to speak. The bottom line is we expended money in 2013 and the public has a right to know. Mr. Murphy asked from that podium at the last meeting and he was told he could not know. He said he was going to go to Mr. Molinari down in Hackensack, if he did, I do not know. But the bottom line is the public has a right to know what dollars are being spent and how, it's our money, it's everyone's money, it is the taxpayers of Hillsdale money. They should have a right to know and I believe the law says they have the right to know. Eric you wanted to say something.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said I don't recall any discussions anywhere along the line using the phrase forced resignation. Not raised then, not raised before, only raised afterwards. I think when the documents are put out the documents will be put out and I believe frankly the more you ... I've read, and I quote paraphrase Will Rogers, all I know is what I read in the newspapers: I keep reading about everybody worried about hurting somebody and keep talking about it, keep talking about what the parameters were, keep talking about why it was, the individual made a decision regarding his professional career, the decision was approved, life moves on.

Council Member Kelley just wanted to correct a few things that were said. First of all I don't think there was anyone on this Council that wants to keep this from the public. I have no problem releasing it and it is transparency, good government, very important. As soon as the attorney o.k.'s it I don't know if it was Mr. DeJoseph and his attorney or if it was our attorney who wanted it confidential, I don't know. I was not involved in negotiations in any way, I don't think anyone on this Council and I am not going to speak for anybody, but I believe we are all o.k. with releasing it as soon as the attorney o.k.'s it. As soon as it is legal to do so go ahead, you can have it. I have no problem with that. Being told that there is secrecy, this and that, no one on Council made a secret agreement, we were told this was a confidential document by the attorney. This is what his job is, being our attorney for legal matters, we listen to him. O.K. when he says it's time to release it because it is allowed, so be it, good I am for it, everyone should have it, I agree with it. The other thing that was said and I read it in the paper today along with the fact that apparently this Council is involved in illegal activities which is preposterous and I want to move on from that, is Mr. Frank somehow thinks that we dumped a ton of work on our Borough Clerk. We would never do that. Susan is a very good worker, she is a very good Clerk, and she was asked if she would like this job, if she would like being interim Borough Administrator and if that is something she could do would she like to do it and she said yes. It wasn't that you are going to do this because this is what we want to do, like we are big, bad Councilmen coming up and throwing stuff and you have to do this. We wouldn't do that. It would just be wrong and it's a lot, we didn't do it. The idea that that would happen is a joke. If you want to talk about being political, making things up like that.

Mayor Arnowitz said I am sorry, but that is not what he said. He said she is going to have a lot of work.

Council Member Kelley said no, he said we dumped a lot of work on her. We didn't dump it on her, we asked her if she wanted the job.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is a lot of work.

Council Member Kelley said we didn't dump it on anybody, it was asked. And with respect, we are going to try and

Mayor Arnowitz said that is not the implication that I got from his comments. Mr. DeGise when you can write and win as Mayor, you can run this meeting, until then I will run the meeting. I have two more years.

Council Member Kelley said illegal activities by the Council, you are o.k. with that aren't you.

Council Member Frank said who said that?

Council Member Kelley said it was in the paper. Do you want me to read it, I have it right here. My apologies people, but I was a little upset today when I read this in the paper because I really don't agree with saying secrecy in local government can lead to a number of illegal actions by elected officials.

Council Member Frank said now we are getting silly.

Council Member Kelley said that is word for word from his letter to the editor. He is accusing us of going down the path of illegal activities.

Council Member Frank said could lead to.

Council Member Kelley said I have the floor. I didn't interrupt you when you were talking I ask that you do the same please. Thank you. I don't like the implications of what we are accused of, he is accusing us of being political, this is a bi-partisan agreement, I agree that maybe the timing could have been better but you know what, when you make a move like this it's never the best time. There is always going to be a little rough road, I think the Borough is moving forward, I think it is doing a good job. I think our interim Administrator is stepping up and doing a great job and I think everyone else, here, our employees that we have are stepping up and doing a good job. I am proud of them and I think things will go smoothly once we get everything in place that we need. I'm proud of it. Thank you.

Mayor Arnowitz said Tom, no offense, but bi-partisan mean both parties.

Council Member Kelley said o.k. Frank, and how would you had voted.

Mayor Arnowitz said I think you are putting him on the spot like that.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said this is a non-issue folks, can we please move on.

Council Member Meyerson ultimately we do have to move on and we do have to have a plan that makes sense. And one of the things I want to throw out to the Council is the following because I believe combining the CFO and the Borough Administrator is not the best for Hillsdale. I think that was two jobs together that ought to be separated. I think that towns, plenty of towns, combine together the Administrator and the town clerk and I believe it is the more appropriate way to go. That is the discussion we need to have, we have to have it soon as to what the plan is. I think again combining the CFO and Administrator puts the fox in charge of the hen house proverbially and I think you have to separate those two jobs out so that we have checks and balances along those lines that makes sense. Again because we have x number of employees, we have x number plus one number of jobs, we combine two together. We chose to combine those two together which I disagree with and we should consider combining together the Borough Clerk as well as the Borough Administrator, I think that makes more sense, it was done before and I think it is reasonable under the circumstances to have a separate CFO. That's what we need to discuss the plan.

Mayor Arnowitz said Larry, I agree with you it is something that can be discussed. Be aware that we did discuss this when we merged the two and we looked at both. Obviously towns do have a Clerk/Administrator and other towns have a Clerk, Administrator and CFO.

Council Member Meyerson said regarding Council Member Frank's comments we do have to move forward, we do have to accept what is going on and we can belabor this until dooms day. But I don't believe it serves the Borough. What serves the Borough is coming up with a plan and is determining how we go forward and what capacity with respect to personnel.

Mayor Arnowitz said I agree and I assume a plan exists. Mr. DeGise did comment on that.

Council Member Meyerson said excuse me Mayor, I am going to quote to you again. When Mr. DeGise misspoke, I spoke up and said he misspoke. I said to you and I quote no plan exists, there have been no meetings about any plan and I think he simply misspoke. There is no plan, specific plan because the Council through its two committees, the Finance Committee and its Personnel Committee need to vet this so that we can make recommendations to the Council. So there is no plan but Council Member Frank brought up the fact that we ought to have a plan and it ought to be discussed by the entire Council so let me be the first to bring this up, that we consider combining together the Administrator with the Clerk instead combining together the CFO and the Administrator and I would like to hear people's input on that.

Council Member Frank asked if you want to do it now or do you want to do it separately. We already went through this two years ago but we would be happy to go through it again.

Council Member Meyerson said we didn't go through this two years ago.

Council Member Frank said o.k.

Council Member Meyerson said we might have a difference of opinion. We could debate this issue. We should do this sooner than later so we can get through whatever budget issues we have to get through so we can do it in a smooth fashion.

Council Member Frank asked the Mayor in his opinion what would be the appropriate venue, should we do it in the Finance Committee or the whole Council.

Mayor Arnowitz believed the whole Council, that's a decision the whole Council should make but I think that the Committees could discuss it amongst themselves. I think what you have to do is sit down with your professionals as we did the last time to get their input as to what they feel they need in a Clerk and in an Administrator and in a CFO. Then the Finance Committee as we did before has to look at the dollars and cents of the optimum of what they would like and then make a decision as to what can be afforded.

Council Member Meyerson said let me ask a question because many have a difference of opinion what Personnel does. I think of a much wider view of what the Personnel Committee does. I don't understand why the Personnel Committee have a meeting in the next several days and discuss how they believe the administration ought to be structured with respect to these positions and make a recommendation to Council or send it to the Finance Committee to look at the numbers. I don't understand why

Mayor Arnowitz asked you are not talking to the professionals?

Council Member Meyerson said the Personnel Committee can talk to the professionals. The entire Council can do it.

Mayor Arnowitz said Sue, set up a meeting so that we can talk to DPW Superintendent, Chief of Police and the

Clerk. Those are the three departments that had input last time as to what they were looking for and then we will go forward.

Council Member Meyerson said the Borough Attorney would have input as well. He is professional, he has dealt with several other towns and have discussion.

Mayor Arnowitz asked Council Member Frank if he had anything else.

Council Member Frank said I think that is enough for tonight.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if anyone else has anything, we can go on to the next item for discussion.

D5 Youth in Government Day~Borough Clerk Witkowski

Borough Clerk Witkowski set up a meeting with the Vice-Principal at the high school last week. I sat with her and the gentleman who is in charge of the student council as the gentleman that is in charge of the government class but out that day and not in attendance. I brought up the subject of Youth in Government Day in Hillsdale and she has done this in the past and it has been very well received on both ends. It is a day that kids come in ahead of time, talk about what is going on, I get them on the website, they can review the minutes, come in and sit up here as Council people.

Council Member Pizzella asked if they have to specifically play the exact character.

Clerk Witkowski said no.

Mayor Arnowitz said something like that is a great idea but it should be done after we get through with this.

Clerk Witkowski said it is good for the kids, it is community service for everybody, it brings the community together, the kids get to learn what government does. I will ask all of you to write a commentary, you write it up, the kids will read it, you are right behind them, if there is a question asked you can answer it through the kids. There will be a resolution that they are actually appointed as Council people that night. It is a great program, it is positive, it's fun, the kids get a lot out of it. It will be seniors and some juniors.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is great, as long as the school has no problem with it.

Clerk Witkowski said the school loves the idea.

Mayor Arnowitz said Mr. Murphy as a courtesy to the board, if you could let them know that we are moving forward with this. I'm sure they have been told already.

Clerk Witkowski said after tonight and if you are all in agreement with it, I have to let the Vice Principal know, she is going away for a few days and the board is having a meeting next week. She will present it to them that this is what we want to do.

Mayor Arnowitz said I would write the letter.

Clerk Witkowski said I will set it up for a work session so you can all have your talk time. As long as you are all on board, I will email the Vice Principal.

ORDINANCES: *Adoption and Introduction*

Mayor Arnowitz said the ordinances for Stonybrook and Recreation have been pulled. The reason why we pulled them is to give the Finance Committee an opportunity to review the budgets so that they know.

Council Member Meyerson said we are not ready for this yet. We need to have these two groups come before the Finance Committee first and give us an idea how this compares to last year on revenue said as well as expense side.

Mayor Arnowitz said he would just remind the Finance Committee that the sooner we can get this done Stonybrook and Rec Commission too, because of their rates and the ability to publish the rates, we want to get it done as quickly as possible.

Council Member Meyerson agreed with that and he didn't know when we are scheduled to meet with them.

Mayor Arnowitz agreed with pulling.

Council Member Meyerson said there is a minimum wage issue that is not reflected here.

Council Member Frank said he would like to make a suggestion. Who is the Rec Liaison? Chris, can you sit down with them and I don't know if Stonybrook is separate, sit down with them and get an explanation as to what the difference is on rates year to year, any changes in salaries and such. Basically that is what we are looking for.

Council Member Looes said she actually has that information so whenever the Finance Committee meets, I can come to that meeting and Patty can relate that.

Mayor Arnowitz also wants them to assure you so that you can assure us, they are incurring some expenses last year and they are still incurring over this addition to assure that the rates they are going to charge, the salaries they are going to pay including the additional costs, there is enough money.

Council Member Looes said there is enough money, construction costs you have a little extra cushion. I know that there was, not with the camp but with Stonybrook the minimum wage and where that fell and which minimum wage was the one they had to go to. So that is actually something.

Mayor Arnowitz said between the two of you let us know when we can introduce these. So we will move to resolutions.

14-01 (Introduction) *PULLED*

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND SUMMER CAMP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2014 IN THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

14-02 (Introduction) *PULLED*

2014 SALARY ORDINANCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

14-03 (Introduction) *PULLED*

2014 SALARY ORDINANCE HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION

14-04 (Introduction) *PULLED*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 09-01 CHAPTER 138 "FEES" AND CHAPTER 71 SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION

RESOLUTIONS: R14030, 14032, 14034 through 14040

R 14030 Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute Interlocal Agreement with RiverVale for use of the indoor pistol range, 1/1/2014-12/31/2014, in the amount of \$2,229.60

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (Hereinafter Hillsdale) and the Township of River Vale (Hereinafter River Vale) are desirous of entering into an Interlocal Services Agreement under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 for the use by River Vale of the Hillsdale indoor police pistol range located at 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Hillsdale and River Vale have determined that this agreement and the payment of the costs and equipment is an appropriate for use of this facility and would promote shared services between the local units and would be beneficial to them.

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement was approved by Governing Body on February 5, 2013 with the option for renewal of an additional year, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Bodies of these municipalities that they hereby enter into and execute the Inter-local Services Agreement generally under the terms and conditions of the agreement which shall be executed by the respective Mayors of Hillsdale and River Vale.

R 14032 Authorize Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force through Bergen County Police Chief's Association

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief's Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6; and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

R 14034 Approval of Quasi Entities included in Borough Insurance Program

*PULLED off consent agenda

R 14035 Authorize Lerch, Vinci & Higgins to perform accounting services-end of year 2013

*PULLED off consent agenda. Mayor asked for a separate vote on this.

R 14036 Authorize refund of overpayment of property taxes

WHEREAS, a County Board Judgment in 2013 for the above had been entered after the 4th quarter was paid; and

WHEREAS, the payment resulted in the homeowner paying taxes on the original assessment resulting in an overpayment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council authorize the Tax Collector to refund the 2013 4th quarter overpayment of taxes to the following homeowners:

BLOCK	LOT	ORIG. ASSESSMENT	JUDGMENT	DIFFERENCE	AMOUNT
904	7	1,169,100	1,100,00	-69,100	\$1,775.18
1409	8	497,500	435,000	-62,500	\$1,605.63
1602	8	502,300	436,000	-66,300	\$1,703.25

R 14037 Approval JIF/MEL Risk Management Agreement, January 1, 2014-January 1, 2015

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Funds require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicate a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for this Fund; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Hillsdale does hereby appoint BGIA/Business Governmental Insurance Agency, 900 Route 9 North, Suite 503, Woodbridge, NJ 07095-1003, in accordance with the Fund's bylaws for the period of January 1, 2014 through January 1, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the consultant's agreement annexed hereto, subject to approval of the Borough Attorney as to form and substance, and to cause notice of the decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I).

R 14038 Authorize to extend Municipal Alliance Grant until June 30, 2014

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliance for the prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in or society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council was approved for a Municipal Alliance grant for the January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 grant term; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has extended the 2013 grant term until June 30, 2014, in order to transition the grant to a fiscal rather than calendar year cycle; and

WHEREAS, funding has been made available to Hillsdale Municipal Alliance in the amount of 50% of its approved 2013 grant total for the six-month extension period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, contingent upon meeting the 24% Cash match and 75% In-Kind grant requirement for the extension funding; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT REOSLVED that the Borough Council does hereby authorize the submission of the grant extension for the Hillsdale Municipal Alliance grant in the amount of:

DEDR	\$14,814.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,703.00
In-Kind	\$11,110.00

The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance audit requirements.

R 14039 Authorize various payments by Electronic Funds Transfer via Internet

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, has promulgated regulations, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9 et seq. authorizing municipalities to utilize credit cards, and electronic fund mechanism of collecting local unit obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale is of the opinion that allowing property owners to pay real estate taxes by use of electronic funds transfer via the Internet could provide needed convenience; and processing Local Payment is free to the municipality; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale that it hereby authorizes the payment of real estate tax obligations, Stonybrook, Recreation and all other borough departments and activities, to be made by use of electronic funds transfer via the Internet through the borough web site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Tax Collector, Borough Attorney and all other municipal officials are hereby authorized to take such action as it necessary to implement the purposes of the resolution; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution, certified by the Municipal Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to each of the following:

- a. Borough Tax Collector
- b. Director, DLGS, DCA

R 14040 Designate and authorize appropriate staff to negotiate shared service Interlocal Fuel Agreement with Westwood. *PULLED off consent agenda

Mayor Arnowitz said we will do R14035 separately, R14040 separately.

Council Member Frank asked R14034 to be voted on separately.

Mayor Arnowitz asked for a motion for R14030, R14032, R14036, R14037 and R14039.

Motion by Council Member DeGise, seconded by Council Member Kelley.

Borough Attorney said he will call the roll.

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella

Nays: None

OFF CONSENT AGENDA:

R14034 Approval of Quasi Entities included in Borough Insurance Program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following list, by class be included in the insurance program for the Borough of Hillsdale as Quasi Entities:

- QUASI I: Hillsdale Public Safety Associations and Auxiliaries
- QUASI II: Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Fire Department
- QUASI IV: Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association
- Hillsdale Football Association
- Hillsdale Soccer Association
- Hillsdale Hoops Association

Motion by Council Member Frank, second by Council DeGise.

Council Member Frank said last year the quasi entities cost of the insurance was moved into the Rec Trust. He wanted to make sure it is covered by the Rec Trust.

Council Member Looes said the whole purpose of having this is if you want to fill out certain applications to include them just by having them under the quasi stated on the resolution does not mean that they are automatically in the insurance policy, it means that if you want to, you can submit an application in order to submit an application to MEL, you need to have a past resolution. So this is preliminary, at any point in the year we want to do it, it is already done and it has been done always, just a renewal of the resolution.

Council Member Frank said my concern was last year or two years ago we started moving it into Recreation Trust.

Council Member Looes said it's just if an insurance policy comes up we want to include any of these organizations that have applied for coverage through the MEL we have the resolution in place.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella

Nays: None

R14035 Authorize Lerch, Vinci & Higgins to perform accounting services – end of year 2013.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale has appointed Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP as the Auditor for year 2014; and

WHEREAS, there is a necessity for accounting services in connection to the preparation of the 2014 budget workbook; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has requested a proposal from the firm Lerch Vinci & Higgins, LLP to perform such service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, authorize the firm of Lerch Vinci & Higgins, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, to prepare said documents as per the proposal dated January 16, 2014, at a rate not to exceed \$8,000.00.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member DeGise.

Mayor Arnowitz said his question is are there funds available for this in 2013 or is it coming out of 2014, how does it work?

Council Member Meyerson said he doesn't have the answer to that questions.

Council Member Frank asked is this the end of your closed or is it budget prep. It says the end of your closed is included already.

Council Member Meyerson said that is a separate resolution.

Council Member Frank said that is covered by the fact that we hired them to close 2013 and that is my understanding.

Mayor Arnowitz said he thought we were hiring them to prep the 2014 budget.

Council Member Meyerson said we do have a CFO but he is not doing it.

Mayor Arnowitz said the money had to be allocated. The way this looks it is 2013 but I believe it was 2014. That is my question.

Council Member Frank said 2014 budget.

Clerk Witkowski said authorize Lerch, Vinci & Higgins to perform accounting services year end 2013.

Council Member Meyerson said part of the budget prep is getting the ending of 2013 and I thought that was part of the budget. There are going to be end of year services in order to get actual for 2013 and I don't know where the line is crossed between is that part of budget 2013.

Mayor Arnowitz said in the past the auditor automatically does a year end but because of what is going on, I think you need additional work at year end, the year end report from the auditor comes out sometime in March or April. It doesn't affect the budget.

Council Member Meyerson said last year we had to hire them to do the year end services because our auditor did not do it if you recall last year.

Clerk Witkowski said we did the same resolution last year slightly worded differently; I sent this to the auditor and this is the terminology he sent, it is preparation for the work book. So this is a little bit different.

Council Member Meyerson said it borders on what the CFO does.

Clerk Witkowski said yes.

Mayor Arnowitz said you have to figure out where you are going to take it from; if you are going to take it out of remaining funds if there is any for 2013.

Council Member Meyerson said I would love to do that except I don't know if we are allowed to do it.

Council Member Frank said basically this is preparation for the books and rollouts for the 2014 budget as we get through it.

Council Member Meyerson said I believe that is what we need, particularly when we go through what we did on the Finance Committee. Somebody prepare the exactly the books.

Council Member Frank said this is where Mr. Lerch gave us an \$8,000 estimate.

Council Member Meyerson said that what it says here. Now if the Council determines in the interim we need a CFO and engage the services of an interim CFO we will not need this work done by this department. That is my perception.

Mayor Arnowitz said I don't think so, you are going to need it.

Clerk Witkowski had a conversation with Mr. Lerch, and asked if she did a lot of work in the work book is it \$8,000 still, and he said no. The less work they do that figure will come down. There are certain things they automatically run and drop in the book. We went through last year's book and she will ask the staff for help to bring up the various reports.

Council Member Meyerson said this is why the wording not to exceed \$8,000.

Clerk Witkowski said exactly.

Roll Call Vote:

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In-Kind	\$11,110.00

The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance audit requirements.

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Pizzella.

Council Members Meyerson said he read through this and is there a matching number required from the Borough?

Clerk Witkowski said yes, \$3,703.

Council Member Meyerson said this is from last year; this is a cash match and that has been budgeted last year. Mayor Arnowitz said we have done this every year.

Clerk Witkowski said for whatever reason they are extending it to June this year.

Council Member Meyerson wanted to make sure that we are not budgeting stuff that we never budgeted before.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella

Nays: None

R14040 Designate and authorize appropriate staff to negotiate shared service Interlocal Fuel Agreement with Westwood.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has inquired as to whether the Borough of Westwood would be willing to investigate the feasibility of entering into an interlocal or shared services agreement for the purpose of fueling Hillsdale vehicles at the Westwood Department of Public Works facility; and

WHEREAS, the Westwood Superintendent of Public Works has conducted a preliminary review and believes that fueling Hillsdale vehicles can be accomplished in a manner similar to the current agreement with the Westwood Regional Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the details of a proposed agreement require further discussion and analysis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorize the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works to meet with the appropriate officials in the Borough of Hillsdale to develop an agreement for consideration by both Governing Bodies that would specify the terms and conditions for an agreement to allow Hillsdale to obtain fuel at the Westwood Public Works Department.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Looes.

Mayor Arnowitz said the way he understands, this is not the final agreement, you are negotiating an agreement, am I correct?

Council Member Looes said yes.

Mayor Arnowitz suggested that all the department heads that use fuel should be aware of this and be sure and make sure they provide their comments. One of the questions he has is he cannot negotiate but he will leave it up to Larry and Finance Committee.

Council Member DeGise said there are certain things that are set prices and other things that are negotiable so I think this can be left in the hands of the Administrator and she can work with the Administrator in Westwood. He wanted a letter to go out to all department heads requesting their questions and concerns regarding fueling in Westwood.

Mayor Arnowitz said he wanted to mention let's not sever our ability to fuel up in local gas stations in the event whatever.

Council Member DeGise said none of them were picked on the state contracts as of yet and any local gas stations. That is why we went this route but in any kind of state of emergency, we can go to any gas station we want to.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Kelley

R 14041 Payment of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bills in the sum of \$2,658,593.53 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

Motion by Council Member Frank, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Mayor Arnowitz said we do this every week and as I have said before, Mr. DeGise and Mr. Kelley are firemen and items in the budget has fire items, they are not voting for fire items, they are voting for everything else.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Kelley abstain for any and all bills pertaining to Fire Department and approve all other bills.

Nays: None

R 14031 Authorize Mutual Aid to Fire Departments

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale recognizes the necessity for the sharing of emergency services to communities or districts inside and outside of the presently established Pascack Valley, Tri-Boro and Northwest Bergen Mutual Aid groups for the purpose of providing of personnel and fire rescue equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will be making decisions to provide mutual aid to area communities with brief notice; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale's Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designated representative will insure that arrangements are made, prior to providing such mutual aid to other communities, for appropriate emergency protection for the Borough of Hillsdale and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Worker's Compensation will be provided by the Borough of Hillsdale (employer), General Liability is assumed by the participant of the service and Automobile Liability/Physical Damage and Property Insurance stays with the owner of the property (Borough of Hillsdale); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that it authorizes the Fire Chief and/or the Fire Chief's designated representative to provide mutual aid services to any community or district the Fire Chief or his designated representative deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hillsdale will provide its insurance carriers and its agents with copies of this resolution to insure that insurance coverage, in the manner as provided on an everyday basis, is provided to the Borough of Hillsdale and its representatives during the time period mutual aid is provided to another community or district.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella, and Frank

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Members Kelley and DeGise

R 14033 Approval of Raffle License #700 for the Fire Department, May 5 through May 9, 2014

WHEREAS, Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department has made proper application for the following Raffle License to be held, May 5, 2014 - May 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, said application contains the number of designation furnished by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, THE Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale has reported to this Borough Council in writing that the statements contained in said application are in order, that the place wherein said Raffle(s) is to be held complies with the rules and regulations pertaining to the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon payment of the licensing fees, as provided by Statute, and upon filing with the Borough Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to issue a license for Raffles in accordance with said application:

<u>Raffle License No.</u>	<u>Type of License</u>
RL: 700	Wheels & Games

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council that the fees for the aforesaid license are hereby waived.

Motion by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella, and Frank

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Kelley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alfred J. Murphy, 5 Cherry Place

There are a couple of things before we get to the agenda. I'm looking at the garbage and recycling schedule and you keep changing the protocol to be followed but I switched from recycling on Wednesdays to Fridays and putting my garbage out on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. Then I looked and you are going to change it again in March, oh that is vegetative waste. It is a little confusing and certainly confusing to me. When are we going to finish picking up the leaves?

Mayor Arnowitz said as soon as the snow is gone.

Borough Clerk Witkowski asked if Mr. Murphy has a pile of leaves that needs to be picked up?

Mr. Murphy said a pile of leaves, not in front of my house but there are around town.

Borough Clerk Witkowski said then call me. Call Butch, call Butch. Call DPW, they were out last week for two days finishing picking up and tiding up and it should have been all done.

Mr. Murphy asked how we are going to handle it this year.

Mayor Arnowitz said he asked Council Member DeGise and the Superintendent Franklin and I have also asked ex-Superintendent Keith Durie if they would sit down with me to discuss what we need, if anything, to avoid this for next year. At this point in time, I am still trying to set that meeting up, obviously we do have time. I'm not looking to nitpick on what just happened but I certainly don't want this to happen again. It might be a simple solution, it might not be, I don't know. Until we sit down and discuss it and get their recommendations I can't tell you.

Mr. Murphy said I also believe that DPWs from other towns in Hillsdale picking up leaves.

Mayor Arnowitz said yes there were.

Mr. Murphy asked if we have an agreement with those towns.

Council Member DeGise said no, they offered their help to us. Actually they reached out to us and asked if we needed any help finishing up our leaf program and we said yes. Washington Township gave one eight hour day, we had Woodcliff Lake in for one eight hour day and we had Westwood in for seven days.

Mr. Murphy said o.k. No charge.

Council Member DeGise said we go and help them in different ways too.

Mr. Murphy said o.k. It says here on the agenda and you voted that the minutes are approved. Can I pick up a copy tonight? They are on the website tonight?

Borough Clerk Witkowski said I'll get them on first thing in the morning. If I get out before midnight tonight, yes.

Mayor Arnowitz said they will be on tomorrow.

Mr. Murphy said so some of the stuff that we have been asking for will be there because I see there are closed session minutes.

Mayor Arnowitz said the fact that we voted to approve them tonight on closed session does not necessarily mean they are being released. What will be on the website tomorrow is the approved open session minutes but I don't know what closed session the Borough Attorney has released at this point. Correct?

Borough Attorney Bernstein said correct.

Council Member Meyerson said my understanding is we started the process by which we are going to be posting our meetings on YouTube.

Council Member Frank said they are already there.

Council Member Looes said there is also a link on our website where you click and you get connected right to YouTube so you don't have to search out the YouTube thing. You can go to our borough website and then there is a link there that will take you and you will see this again.

Council Member Meyerson asked where is it on our website?

Council Member Kelley said where the minutes are.

Mayor Arnowitz said we weren't able to get the access station to repeat it but Sue was able to arrange - it's available on YouTube. Go to YouTube and you can watch our meetings and you can be bored twice, you can actually see yourself talking.

Council Member Pizzella said I believe Mr. Murphy is talking about the closed session minutes. Is that going to be on the website? We didn't vote.

Mayor Arnowitz said no, not yet.

Mr. Murphy said if they are not available, why are we approving them?

Mayor Arnowitz said the Council approves it that the content of the minutes are correct. The attorney has to approve whether or not the actions that we took in closed session are complete before he is allowed by law to release them and then there are certain things in the closed session that are never released.

Mr. Murphy said I understand that so when you approve the closed session minutes why aren't they available, whatever is available.

Mayor Arnowitz said what it means is I have read the closed session minutes, or they read the closed session minutes, and the contents of the minutes are what reflects what happened at the meeting.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said Mr. Murphy no different than the school board. The law requires under the Matawan Regional Board of Education tapes the minutes be approved. The fact that they are approved doesn't make them public. It is a series of cases and I am well aware of the recent cases regarding the issue, they still have to be approved and then they become public. Until they are approved, they can't be potentially made public.

Mayor Arnowitz said eventually they will be made public unless they fall into one of the exceptions. Because I know what will happen, you will go the website tomorrow and then you are going to call me and say why aren't they there. So I answered you.

Mr. Murphy said I am up at 5AM.

Council Member DeGise use the cellphone and you are paying for the call.

Mr. Murphy said you called it C7 ISO, regarding recent public protection classifications survey for fire suppression services. What is that about?

Council Member Kelley said each borough has insurance rating based on their services and this was just recently done in Hillsdale. They come in and there is a whole report on the many things they do and we were rated at four and that is about as high as any volunteer Fire Department is going to get. It went well, the Chief and the Department did well and everything worked pretty well.

Borough Clerk Witkowski said Mr. Murphy you will have more reading at 5AM because along with the YouTube videos I added a column of agenda material and that whole report is on the agenda, along with these resolutions, everything.

Mr. Murphy said thank you. Under resolutions, R 14032. You are authorizing approval of a mutual aid plan and rapid deployment to the Bergen County Police Chief's Association. Why don't we do that through the County? The Chief's Association is not a governmental organization.

Mayor Arnowitz said I think it is coordinated through the county program. Chief Stalter, would you want to address that?

Police Chief Stalter said the County Police Chief's Association has been given assigned by the County Prosecutor who manage mutual aid. Mutual aid is covered by Title 40 but then you have to have a plan and so the Association promulgated the plan and then for insurance purposes we have to pass the annual resolution that we are participating in the plan. We also have officers who are members of the RDF, so if we ever need 97 officers, we can call on them and other towns will call on us.

Mr. Murphy said I assume the county authorized.

Police Chief Stalter said it is authorized by Title 40 and is administered by the Chiefs Association.

Mayor Arnowitz said that was just deployed for the incident at the mall.

Mr. Murphy said Resoluton R 14034, what is considered to be a quasi entity?

Council Member Looes said they are separated into different categories. Category one is Public Assistance Associations and Auxiliaries.

Mr. Murphy said I don't have that, is that part of the resolution?

Council Member Looes said yes, it listed on the resolution that she said will be posted on line so you will be able to see how it is broken up. Whether Category One, Two, Three or Four, it depends on predefined

definitions so therefore political associations and public safety are One, Volunteer Ambulance, Fire Department are two, and that is how they are placed. So a quasi is anything that is within the borough and independent as our Ambulance, Fire Department and certain sports associations are. The Rec Department isn't a quasi because it's under the borough, answers to the borough and set up by the borough.

Mr. Murphy referred to R14039. Which payments will be handled through the Internet?

Mayor Arnowitz said the Rec Program, Stonybrook, they are all using the Internet now.

Borough Clerk Witkowski also taxes, we're hoping to get out reminders. People can go on line and pay their taxes on the Internet now but we also want to make sure we are covered for Stonybrook, Recreation, parking permits. That is why that resolution is there authorizing us to be able to do that on the Internet.

Mr. Murphy referred to R14031 authorizing mutual aid to Fire Departments. What does that mean?

Mayor Arnowitz said every year we have to pass a resolution to enable to Fire Department to go on mutual aid calls. We can do it within our mutual aid group and we can do it by doing it outside, it is up to the Chief. That way, everyone is insured.

Mr. Murphy said the other thing, this is probably the first time I had to do this as a person in Hillsdale, a citizen in Hillsdale, and starting back in the end of the '50's, I could go to a Council meeting and request information that would be provided. I never had to fill out a piece of paper before but today I turned in to the Borough Clerk a request under the Open Public Records Act and I feel a little concerned that I had to do it now after all these years. I am looking for the agreement between Mr. DeJoseph and Hillsdale concerning his separation resignation, what we are calling it these days, including any payments made or to be made to Mr. DeJoseph. And I think this is really a reiteration of what I asked for at the last meeting or the previous meeting. I was stonewalled, there was nothing from the dais except that we have an agreement and we can't talk about it.

Council Member Kelley said our attorney advised us that that is something we are not supposed to talk about. Do you listen to him or do you ignore him.

Mr. Murphy said I would try to find out from my attorney why he has come to that conclusion.

Council Member Meyerson said at the beginning of the meeting where our attorney said it will be released next week.

Mr. Murphy said I had a discussion to that effect.

Council Member Meyerson asked why are you asking to have it released again?

Mr. Murphy said I told you what I put in today, what I was looking for.

Council Member Meyerson said I understand, the OPRA request was made and the attorney tells us it is going to be released at the beginning of next week. Is that right?

Borough Attorney Bernstein said Mr. Murphy your request will be answered in accordance with the law.

Mr. Murphy said will you say that again please.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said your OPRA request will be answered in accordance with the law.

Mr. Murphy said fine, o.k., I am just telling you what I put on the OPRA request today because it is the first time I have ever had to do that.

Borough Clerk Witkowski said I am sorry, but I follow the law too.

Mr. Murphy said I am not objecting to you. I understand. You are following the directions as you are getting them.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said no Mr. Murphy, she is following the law. The law requires that if you want to make a request for public record and I think you should know this in your capacity as a Board of Ed member, that there is a requirement to go to the custodian of records which in this case is the Borough Clerk and make your request for public record. This is nothing unique, you are not being singled out, you're not being asked to do something that anyone else in this room or who is watching on the camera is made to do. I am sure in your sitting in Northern Valley and there is an ongoing dispute if I recall regarding public records up there, that they request public records and they have to follow OPRA claims.

Mr. Murphy said I don't know anything about Northern Valley.

Council Member Meyerson asked the Borough Clerk since she has been here how many OPRA requests have you received.

Borough Clerk Witkowski said the first year 300.

Council Member Meyerson how many requests you think are made a day upon Borough Clerks in Bergen County alone?

Borough Clerk Witkowski said thousands.

Council Member Meyerson said it is not an unusual thing. The law says what we do and we follow the law. This will be released in accordance with the law.

Mr. Murphy said since the end of the '50's, I've never had to fill out one of these things before. I would ask at the meeting if one of the Council Members or the Mayor would hand the paper over to me.

Borough Clerk Witkowski said let me be the first to ask you for one then.

Council Member Kelley said because that is the way it happened it doesn't mean that was right. Sometimes things change, laws change and things have to move in accordance with what we are told by the Attorney General. This is a change and is the way we have to do it. For anybody who requests documents, this is the procedure to follow, that is all it is.

Mayor Arnowitz said everything you asked for in the past has been part of the meeting agenda and that's why the Council was able to hand you a copy of it. When you ask for something that is not available, that is why the OPRA request had to be put in. We were told we could not give out and as a matter of fact, the night of the 30th when the agreement was signed, everyone except one which was Council Member Pizzella because you got here late and you didn't have an opportunity to peruse it, turned the agreement back in. So that is why, even if I had it I wouldn't have given it to you because the attorney said we can't discuss it.

Mr. Murphy said the other thing I was looking for was a copy of the RICE Notice to Mr. DeJoseph and the minutes of the meeting which that was discussed.

Mayor Arnowitz said that should be available. That is not something I can give you because I don't have it.

Mr. Murphy said I would presume there are minutes of that meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz said which we just approved tonight but not the closed session, they were approved but they are not going to be released. The minutes of the actual meeting are in depth, nothing took place other than the vote on that.

Mr. Murphy said o.k. The third item I was looking for was who will do the Borough Administrators and CFO functions. I understand that Ms. Witkowski is doing the Borough Administrator functions and I want to know what the cost was.

Mayor Arnowitz said at this time that has not been discussed by the Finance Committee so it is the negotiation stage.

Mr. Murphy said we don't know what we are going to pay her?

Mayor Arnowitz said at this point in time, no. I think we all have an idea of what it would be but it hasn't been voted on nor discussed by the Council just the Personnel Committee. I don't think the Finance Committee discussed this.

Council Member Meyerson said we had a meeting today but we discussed other things.

Mr. Murphy said the minutes including when that was discussed and when that will be decided.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said it hasn't been discussed Mr. Murphy so therefore there are no minutes of the meeting that hasn't occurred yet.

Mr. Murphy said it hasn't been discussed. The Council doesn't know what you are going to pay her?

Mayor Arnowitz said it was discussed in committee, it has not been discussed at a Council Meeting, we don't keep minutes of committee meetings.

Council Member Pizzella said it was discussed in the Personnel Committee but it hasn't been discussed with the entire Council so there are no minutes from it.

Mr. Murphy said I will be back and hopefully there is no snow.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Arnowitz closed the meeting to the public.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Mayor Arnowitz said before I ask for reports, he asked the Police Chief if he wanted to say anything. The Police Chief or Captain had reports.

Ambulance Corp-
Borough Administrator-
Borough Engineer -
Construction Department-Calendar Year 2013
DPW-
Fire Department- Board of Health-December 2013 reports
Hillsdale Library-
Police-December 2013
Recreation/Stonybrook-

Motion to receipt and file all reports was made by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Looes,

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Meyerson, Pizzella, DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes

Nays: None

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council Member DeGise said with regard to leaves, we did drive around the town but there are snow piles. If you have leaves, call and we will get to them right away. There have been snow storms and we have been doing an excellent job with snow removal and salting. One thing we noticed with this storm, in the past there have been some agreements with handicap and senior citizens in town where the DPW would plow their driveways after the storm, that is no longer a policy of the Hillsdale DPW. We are getting phone calls in this regard after the storm. He did speak to a couple of people in town who are elderly and cannot do their driveways, if you call the Borough Clerk she will be provided with a list of town contractors who will help you after the storm is over. It might be the next 24 hours but they will get to your house and do your driveways. One thing we noticed with the garbage schedule, he believed the office answered about 300 phone calls and the Borough Clerk answered about 500 phone calls. If there is any way we can rethink those calendars, it would be great. I realize how valuable they are and there are a lot of people out there who are not on our reverse 9-1-1, don't have the Internet, don't read the newspapers, but still can call. Tonight we saw some bickering back and forth between Council Members, we are all trying to do the best for the town. Sometimes it is hard, change is scary, it is hard being said "no" to, but everyone up here does have the best interest in Hillsdale and will continue to drive that forward in the next coming months.

Council Member Looes said she was able to attend Eagle Scout Ceremony on behalf of the Mayor and Council for two young men, and she congratulated them. What they accomplish is extraordinary; the character, the tenacity, the commitment they make and their families make to accomplish. Daniel did a lot of work at Sapienza Gardens and expanded, in the spring time if everyone goes there they will see the work that has been done there. Joseph did a project at St. Joe's High School in Montvale. She congratulated the boys and their families and it was truly an extraordinary thing to see.

Council Member Meyerson said two days ago I was in flight from Salt Lake City which never got off the ground and they cancelled the flight because of a major snow storm in the east yesterday. He got a flight here yesterday and not 10 hours after the storm ended, the streets of Hillsdale were clean. The DPW gets beaten up every now and then with leaf programs, snow not off the ground, but in this particular case the fifth winter storm the DPW did a great job. I never saw the snow fall in the east and I never saw anything on the ground and I live on a secondary street and I want to congratulate them on the job they did.

Council Member Kelley said tonight's meeting got a little heated for anybody who was watching. I apologize if it was a little rough. I am going to state that I don't believe what we are doing is political, I think we are doing what we feel is best for the Borough. Nothing is personal, we are trying to do what is best for the Borough and that is it. If anybody out is thinking of or know of someone who is thinking of joining the Fire Department, we are definitely looking for people to join, it is an all volunteer Fire Department and come down any Monday night at 7PM and talk to us, we would love to sign you up. The Ladder Company is holding a fund raiser on February 28 and if anyone would like to join in, please contact him and he will get a ticket.

Council Member Pizzella said the Environmental Commission had a meeting this evening where they were discussing new bylaws that they have been putting together and also some discussion on some grants that may be available. The Board of Education had a work session tonight for parents at the George White School and this is to keep parents informed of the curriculum and other important issues. They had a work session on

anxiety in kids and an initiative to reach out to the community. As Liaison he will do his best to inform the public about the things they are doing. They feel they have to do a better job with outreach and he commended them for that. He recently went to the League of Municipalities for newly elected officials and it was very informative and overwhelming. You realize how much you don't know. As he learns a little more on how to be a Council Member that he speak up more and is looking forward to working with everyone. He hoped we could all put our differences aside and do what is right for the town.

Council Member Frank said our library is a center of excellence for our town. They offer museum passes, they recently had a tai chi program so that people can come in, they have Yoga. They are expending a program called Maker Space where anyone who has a library card can come in and people can use a button making machine, they are bringing in some tools which may require some supervision, youngsters are using them, but it is a tremendous opportunity for kids who don't get enough hands on school work. It is a great program and will continue to grow. They are lined up with 35 other BCCLS libraries and now offer a list of magazines that will be available that can be downloaded. You don't have to check out return it, you download it and it is yours to keep. You have to sign up, go through the library website, to access all the titles and you can save a lot of money on magazine subscriptions. They have a search site for the Bergen Record and Community Life where you can find articles in the past, The American Legion sponsors scholarships to boys state and girls state each year and it is a weeklong program. The boys go to Rider College and the girls to Georgian Court, usually done in June, for kids finishing their Junior Year in high school. They go down for one week and form local governments, county governments, state governments, kids get elected, they run for office. It is a tremendous experience and tell us it is one of the best experiences they have had in their life. If anyone is interested, contact your guidance counselor and they have access to the applications and interview process.

Mayor Arnowitz thanked Council Member Looes for attending the eagle scout ceremony. Regarding leaf pickup and snow plowing, our people are working as hard as they can. Someone has to be first and someone has to be last, someone in the middle. It is not fair of some residents that take their frustration out on our DPW men. They are working as hard as they can and if you have a complaint, call me or another Council Member. Don't yell in the street, it is not fair; they are not the ones to determine which street gets done and which street gets done last. They follow a rule. With regard to salt; we were instructed years ago that we have to reduce the amount of salt that we put on the streets, everything that goes on the street goes into the sewer. Everything that goes into our storm sewers goes into the stream and into the reservoir. We use the minimum amount of salt to maximize the effect of the salt but without polluting the air and water and our soil. A little snow is not going to kill anyone so please drive carefully, the life you save may be your own. Shovel out the hydrants, keep them clear so the Fire Department can see them visibly and hook up to them quickly.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: @10:05 pm

R 14042 To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 personnel Police Department.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 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 Hillsdale to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and designated below:

- (1) Matters required by law to be confidential.
- (2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy.
- (4) Matters relating to collective bargaining agreements.
- (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- (6) Matters relating to public safety and property.
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege
- (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship.
- (9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: @10:42 pm

Borough Attorney Bernstein said let the record reflect that the Police Chief and the Captain were also present during the conversation.

The chief has asked for the governing body to take formal action to authorize the conditional offer of employment to Travis Woods to serve as a probationary police officer in Hillsdale Police Department effective 1/24/2014, at a salary in accordance to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member Kelley.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Council Members Frank, Pizzella, DeGise, Looes, Meyerson and Kelley
Nays: None

Mayor Arnowitz asked that the Police Chief set up a Police Committee meeting as soon as possible to discuss some other things we went over and maybe we will start looking at that process at that time.

ADJOURNMENT: @10:45:51 PM

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 14041**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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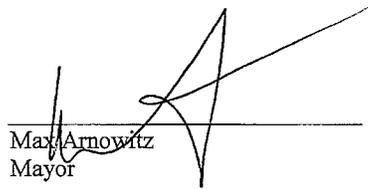
Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
DeGise, Jason						x	
Frank, Douglas	x		x				
Kelley, Thomas						x	
Looes, Chrisoula			x				
Meyerson, Lawrence		x	x				
Pizzella, Frank			x				

Adopted: January 23, 2014

Attest:



Susan Witkowski
Municipal Clerk



Max Arnowitz
Mayor

2014 PAYMENT OF BILLS

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>CK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMT</u>
HILLSDALE BOE	14-00001	23006	1/3/14	\$1,623,557.00
PASCACK VALLEY BOE	14-00002	23012	1/14/14	\$906,277.42
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE - REG	14-00003	23005	1/2/14	\$142.80
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE - STONYBROOK	14-00004	4869	1/2/14	\$4.20
BERGEN MUNICIPAL - DENTAL - REG	14-00005	23016	1/14/14	\$5,549.00
BERGEN MUNICIPAL - DENTAL - STONYBROOK	14-00006	4872	1/14/14	\$53.00
VALERO	14-00008	23013	1/14/14	\$8,593.95
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE - MED ACTIVE - REG	14-00009	23014	1/14/14	\$60,704.55
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE - MED ACTIVE - STBRK	14-00010	4871	1/14/14	\$899.90
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE - RETIRED	14-00011	23014	1/14/14	\$40,334.47
VERIZON - REG	14-00012	23007	1/2/14	\$259.08
VERIZON - STONYBROOK	14-00013	4870	1/2/14	\$41.85
CMS - MEDICARE - R SCHRAMM	14-00014	23018	1/14/14	\$657.40
CMS - MEDICARE - F SCHRAMM	14-00015	23018	1/14/14	\$636.40
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	13-02664	23003	1/2/14	\$4,231.71
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	13-02665	4868	1/2/14	\$2,427.10
USPS	14-00017	23004	1/2/14	\$2,000.00
VERIZON - LAPTOPS	14-00018	23008	1/2/14	\$132.10
VERIZON - FIOS	14-00019	23009	1/2/14	\$137.51
VERIZON	14-00021	23010	1/6/14	\$234.10
UNITED WATER - REG	14-00025	23015	1/14/14	\$923.84
NJ FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	14-00027	2485	1/17/14	\$457.52
UNITED WATER - FIRE HYDRANTS	14-00029	23019	1/16/14	\$338.63

PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR 1/23/14 MEETING

TOTAL

\$2,658,593.53