

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 13154**

AUTHORIZE COURT MERGER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DISCUSSION

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Hillsdale and Westwood as well the Township of River Vale, believe that it is in the best interests of its residents to research the feasibility of a Municipal Court merger and or Shared Services Agreement that would save taxpayers money; and

WHEREAS, it is conceivable that a merger of Municipal Courts could generate efficiencies based on direct and indirect costs for the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a Court merger could consist of joining an existing merged Court system, or a new consolidated Court; and

WHEREAS, grant funding if available will be sought for this study; and

WHEREAS, proposals will be solicited from qualified consultants to conduct this study and provide objective information to the Governing Bodies and appropriate staff of each participating municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$7,000 to conduct a Municipal Court merger feasibility study and:

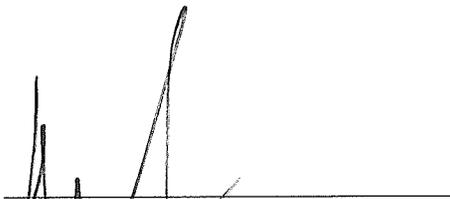
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Borough officials are authorized to prepare the request for proposal for a consultant, sign the vouchers and other documents as necessary to carry out the policy of the Governing Body.

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

Adopted: July 9, 2013



Susan Witkowski
Municipal Clerk



Max Arnowitz
Mayor