

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 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

Mayor Arnowitz stated that this is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 14th day of May 2013. 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

Acting Municipal Clerk Kohan called the roll of those present being as follows: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella. Also in attendance Mayor Arnowitz, Borough Administrator/CFO DeJoseph, Borough Attorney Bernstein and Acting Clerk Kohan. Municipal Clerk Witkowski was absent.

R 13113 Appointing Acting Municipal Clerk

Motion to approve was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmember DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella

#### APPOINTMENTS

#### OATH OF OFFICE

#### PROCLAMATIONS

#### PRESENTATIONS

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Department-

Ambulance Corp-

Police-

DPW-

Recreation/Stonybrook-

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### DISCUSSION

1. Hillsdale Ambulance Corp-LOSAPS~Administrator DeJoseph

Mayor Arnowitz said this is in regard to changes in LOSAP.

Will Tuffy, 25 Colonial Boulevard –

He is a member of the Ambulance Corps, Board of Trustees, and requested the change of their By Laws,.

Mayor Arnowitz said to get this on record, in the past the credits that the Ambulance Corps members to be an active, able rider, a lot of credits they received were through the drills that you had. Now, you have to recertify and also the credits are gotten through the recertification program which is every three or four years and it might change to five. That is the reason the change is being requested.

Mr. Tuffy (Contd).

In the past our Corps credits were broken up so every month we had a drill and we had a certain number of requirements. Now they have two, three, eight hour modules. Our By Laws have been updated to reflect these changes.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if there are any questions from the Council.

Council Member Kelley questioned if this will amend a problem that a few people deserving of receipt of LOSAP are not receiving.

Mayor Arnowitz said the reason he feels this change should be made is because they don't have to go to drills now to make their certification. The Council is in favor of creating an ordinance and directed the Borough Administrator to place this on the Agenda for the first meeting in June. He took a straw poll tonight to enable us to create an ordinance and we will have the first reading on the ordinance in June.

2. Follow Up: Willow Grove Paving, LLC.-Bank of America Parking Lot Improvements~referred to Councilman DeGise

Council Member DeGise said the Attorney is o.k. with this.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said if you recall on the original request from the paving company, they wanted to pave overnight on a Saturday night and the question was could they try again. The proposal is can they do this between the hours of 10AM and 9PM on Saturday and again 9AM and 7PM on Sunday. Is that acceptable to the governing body?

Council Member Kelley asked the time on the noise ordinance.

Mayor Arnowitz did not believe we have a noise ordinance per se on Sunday vs. Saturday. They can't exceed a certain amount of decibels and that is all of the time.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said now under your current ordinances you don't allow construction work to occur on Sunday.

A motion to receive, file and approve the Willow Grove paving letter was made by Council Member DeGise, seconded by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

3. ~~Green Team Sustainable Jersey-Councilmember Pizzella~~ - tabled until June 5, 2013 meeting per Councilman Pizzella

Mayor Arnowitz said this does not appear on the Agenda but noted that the Council received email from the Borough Superintendent regarding the D'Alessandro Memorial and we received the plans. He asked if the Council wished to discuss it this evening or refer it to the June meeting.

Council Member DeGise said the committee is not prepared to discuss this this evening and place this on the Agenda for the June meeting.

Council Member Pizzella noted that the plans received by the Council were only draft plans, for the committee to talk about.

Mayor Arnowitz said the DPW Superintendent's email asked whether we should be doing this or not, so that has to be part of the discussion.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public and invited comment from the audience. Seeing no one, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

PROFESSIONALS REPORT

RESOLUTIONS: R13102 through R13111 (Consent Agenda)

Council Member Frank requested R13103 be pulled off consent and voted on separately.

- R 13102 Approval of Bill List April 10, 2013 to May 14, 2013
- R 13103 Establish Petty Cash for Stonybrook Swim Pool Commission in the amount of \$100.00
- R 13104 Authorization of Redemption of Premium Certificate, B602, Lot 24, in the amount of \$80,633.27
- R 13105 Authorize refund of overpayment 2013 taxes B1608, Lot1
- R 13106 Award and authorize of contract to Spectrotel, 3535 State Route 66, Neptune City, NJ 07753 for municipal telephone and internet service for a term of one year, in the amount of \$21,504.60
- R 13107 Award and execute contract to Gibbons, P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102-5310 As per proposal, for a term ending December 31, 2013
- R 13108 Authorize Borough Clerk to advertise RFP for Banking Institutions
- R 13109 Authorize Borough Clerk to advertise for Architectural Services for restrooms in the Municipal Building
- R 13110 Refund overpayment 2013 taxes, Block 2305, Lot 5
- R 13111 Establish Change Fund

Motion to approve Resolutions 13102, 13104 through 13111 was made by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

OFF CONSENT AGENDA: R13103

R 13103 Establish Petty Cash for Stonybrook Swim Pool Commission in the amount of \$100.00.

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

Council Member Frank said this is an oversight and that is why we are authorizing petty cash for Stonybrook Swim Club. In the past we have had a concern about how we handled cash particularly at Stonybrook and there is a cash intake at Stonybrook. He would like assurance from the CFO that we will have proper procedures in place for the accounting of any cash coming in.

Mayor Arnowitz said for the Council's edification, the concern was the intake, people coming in paying for passes or membership in cash. It wasn't petty cash fund.

Council Member Frank wanted to be sure we had a proper petty cash procedure and all he needs to hear from the CFO is yes we do.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said that policy is in place and will be followed through his office to make sure they are in compliance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

## MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

*(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)*

R 1 Construction Department Report Ending April 30, 2013~Councilmember DeGise

Motion to Record and Accept was made by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Kelley, and unanimously carried.

### COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council Member DeGise said the Supreme Court made a decision on the Pascack Road and Ell Road project and gave 90% approval and we should see some action on that.

Council Member Looes thanked everyone who supported the Fire Department Carnival this past week and it was enjoyed by all. A senior luncheon will be held Wednesday, May 15, at St. Johns at 12PM.

Council Member Kelley thanked everyone for the carnival, it is always a great success. Young men, 16 and 17 years of age, came out and worked very hard for the Fire Department and it is appreciated by all and he thanked them. On June 17, the day after Father's Day, the Hillsdale Hook & Ladder outing will be held at River Vale with breakfast, lunch and dinner served at Seasons. Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring can contact Council Member Kelley, Catherine Domville or Chief Durie.

Council Member Pizzella said for the local Board of Ed, he congratulated the teachers receiving the Bergen County Teacher Recognition Award for Hillsdale. The Board of Ed also awarded a bid for a private fiber optic network and the work is scheduled to begin July 1<sup>st</sup>. This fiber optic network will provide a shared service between the Hillsdale School Local District and the Pascack Regional High School District which will result in a cost savings for both districts. The Board of Ed has received 31 applications for the Dean of Students and the Supervisor of Curriculum positions and they are in the process of interviewing for both and hope to find a successful candidate by June. This is a follow up from last week when he reported that they are doing away with the Vice Principal position at George White.

The Recreation Committee will be meeting May 23 and will be providing a report at the first June meeting the services they provide. Similarly, he has started recruiting for the Economic Development Committee and has a few residents with some substantial financial background that will assist.

He removed discussion on the Green Team Sustainable Jersey from the Agenda because this is a very detailed process and we are trying to create a recommendation for the Mayor and Council with a brief presentation to request guidance at the first meeting again in June. With regard to the Environmental Commission, he has not been able to follow up and saw many emails and asked if there was anything he should report on, such as Purchase Orders, etc. Historic Preservation photos were stolen from the RR station and he is working on the next step on replacing them.

Mayor Arnowitz suggested putting something in the paper asking anyone who has old pictures of the RR station or the town that would be appropo, we could make copies of them. Fred Winkler will be coming out of the hospital on May 21 and he would have pictures that would be available for copying.

Council Member Frank said Monday, May 27, is the Memorial Day Parade; line up starts at 10AM in front of George White School on Liberty Avenue; Liberty Avenue is for the Boy Scouts and Sports Team and Girl Scouts. The Parade Theme this year which is supported by Essays the kids write in school as well as posters that they do is "Remember our Service Men and Women Who Gave the Ultimate Sacrifice." After the Parade, the Rec Commission will be giving out ice cream donated by Shop Rite near the gazebo. There will be some judging on floats at the parade. The Grand Marshal is Jack Sadlon, World War II Navy Vet. Memorial Day is not 4<sup>th</sup> of July and it is not Veterans Day; it is a day when we remember those who gave their lives fighting for our country and it is also the kickoff for summer, time for a lot of fun which is good and we should enjoy the Parade and have a good time. He would expect during the ceremony in Veterans Park after the Parade we look for a more respectful environment as in the past there has been a lot of noise and distractions because that is the time we recognize those who were residents of the Borough of Hillsdale and who gave their lives to our country and made a lot of things that we have possible. We hope everyone comes out, we hope the weather is good and have a good time.

The Library Commission had a meeting last night and our Library in 2012 had the lowest cost per circulation in the BCCLS System of \$3.45. That means that we run very efficiently; there has been some drop off at the Library, mostly in music and videos and it is happening across the board and a lot of that they believe is due to

Pandora, Netflix people are getting their media on line. All Libraries have seen a drop off in that, not so much in circulation of childrens' books and adult books. We adopted new rules of conduct for the Library which Mr. Bernstein provided guidance and we voted and accepted; this was needed because there are incidents of people getting into a public space and don't respect others present. We now have formal rules of conduct for the Library and it will be enforced and that is a positive step. He mentioned briefly but it is now active, a new museum pass at the Library which was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and David Franz, our Director, put this together. We have free admission to the Guggenheim Museum in New York for two adults and children under 16 years of age plus discounts at the Museum Café and the gift shop. For the Intrepid Aerospace Museum in New York, we have free admission for up to six people; Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey free admission for four people, children under the age of five can visit for free. You can reserve them up to 60 days in advance, you have them for three days, \$50.00 cash deposit is required but you get your money back when you return the tickets on time. These are active now, you will soon be able to register for them on line, it is a great program. Other Libraries in the State do this; if you want to go to the Guggenheim Museum in the morning and the Intrepid in the afternoon, as long as no one else wants those tickets you can do that and make a day out of it. It is a good free benefit paid for by the Friends of the Library.

Mayor Arnowitz said he wanted everyone to understand that by law the Borough cannot pave that lot behind the Library with this gravel. We are putting down fresh gravel this year again, as in the past, that lot was paved for by the town. The pavement was removed because where the gravel is there was a house we acquired after Floyd, we bought it through Open Space, and the law said we can't pave the property.

Play for Parkinsons with Team Kohan. This is extremely important, Saturday, Rain Date is Sunday. It starts at 9AM to 2PM, there will be elimination baseball and softball games; from 3PM to 6PM at Stonybrook there will be music and bouncy castle, swimming, food, drinks, prizes. It will be a whole day of fun. This will support a very trying disease and hopefully this will help to find a cure.

Also on Saturday at 10AM, there is an Open House at Pascack Valley Hospital; the hospital is also having a ribbon cutting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Saturday night we have Relay for Life at Hillside School in Montvale; on Sunday, May 19, we have five Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle Scout at Pascack Valley High School. We have five more from the same troop coming in but he does not have that letter presently. On June 1, three more scouts will be obtaining the rank of Eagles, two from Hillsdale and one from Woodcliff Lake. He thanked the scouts who came out last Saturday and cleaned up Hillsdale. We picked up a thousand pounds of garbage/ recyclables. They didn't get into the bad area, the area behind the post office and hopefully prisoners will come in and get that cleaned up. This is trash along the railroad tracks, along some of our streets; this is trash thrown from cars. This is an annual event and he thanked them.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph referred to Resolution R 13106, contract to Spectrotel; we are saving \$9000 a year on phone service and data service, a 30% savings to the borough.

#### ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

R 13112 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

Borough Attorney Bernstein said the four matters relate to collective bargaining UPSEU, PBA, Teamster Local 945, litigation/negotiations Attorney Client privilege, cell towers, COAH and United Water.

Motion at 7:58 p.m. was made by Council Member Kelley, Second Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Acting-Municipal Clerk Kohan left the meeting at this time.

#### RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Borough Attorney Bernstein said let the record reflect that all members of the governing body at the commencement of the Executive Session are present and as well as the Borough Attorney, Borough Administrator/CFO and also serving as the Acting-Borough Clerk in the absence of the Municipal Clerk.

Motion AT 8:29 P.M. to go to Open Session was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

Borough Attorney Bernstein stated there was brief discussion of the status of the negotiations with Teamster Local 945, which is the DPW; the negotiations with UPESU White Collar, and the PBA Police Department. No

formal action needs to be taken at this time. There was an update on the ongoing issue involving COAH litigation and recent Appellate Division decision of taking the Affordable Housing Trust Fund money, The Mayor has been authorized to take necessary action on behalf of the borough at the next meeting to protect the borough's interest to as such, there was an update on negotiations between the borough and AT&T for possible cell tower placement on the DPW site. The governing body has given the Borough Attorney and CFO some direction in terms of where to go in the matter, no further action at this time. United Water an update on the status as well as the engineering report. For the record I will indicate the governing body intends to have a presentation from the special engineer hired by the borough relative to the dam project at the June 11, 2013 meeting. No formal action needs to be taken at this time and asked for an appropriate motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn was made by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

The next meeting of the Mayor and Council will be Tuesday, May 14, 2013 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED  
June 3, 2013

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