

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of the Borough Council held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 24, 2013, in the Council Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

This is a special meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 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.

Please notify the Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your left. Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

ROLL CALL

Municipal Clerk Witkowski called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and Mayor Arnowitz. Also present were Attorney Jeffrey Ziegelheim from Attorney Bernstein's office and Clerk Witkowski. Administrator DeJoseph was not present.

APPROVAL MINUTES None

CORRESPONDENCE Qualification statements received from candidates.

DISCUSSION None

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Giancarlo opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no one, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

**R13031 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**

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 of 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

On a motion at 6:06 p.m. to enter into Closed Session, made by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Looes.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, DeGise, Kelley, Looes and Meyerson  
Nays: None

Mayor Arnowitz said we will now go to Closed Session and he estimated the duration to be one hour to one and one half hours.

#### RECONVENE OF OPEN SESSION

#### Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, Frank and DeGise

Mayor Arnowitz thanked the public for waiting. We interviewed all three people and at this point I will accept a motion to choose one of the three candidates that were interviewed tonight for the position of Council to replace Councilman Giancarlo for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2013.

Councilmember Kelley made a motion to nominate Frank Pizzella for the unexpired term, seconded by Councilmember Looes.

#### Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeGise, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Councilmember Frank

Mayor Arnowitz congratulated Frank Pizzella and said he needs to be sworn in tonight because of a time frame. At the first meeting in February, your family may be present for your swearing in.

Municipal Clerk Witkowski administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Frank Pizzella.

Mayor Arnowitz said that is all the business for tonight. Our next meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Councilmember Meyerson congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Pizzella.

Councilmember Looes welcomed Frank Pizzella.

Councilmember DeGise welcomed Frank Pizzella.

Councilmember Frank said he was happy not to be up here by himself and welcomed Councilmember Pizzella.

Councilmember Kelley also welcomed Councilmember Pizzella.

Councilmember Pizzella said he is truly honored and will do the best job he can do. It is important for him to be there and it says volumes about the country, it says volumes about Hillsdale as a town. He has always felt welcome in Hillsdale, never felt like an outsider and we all ran against each other and they have nothing but nice things to say. He looks forward to working with everybody and I think we will do a lot of good things for Hillsdale together.

Mayor Arnowitz welcomed him. He asked the majority to look at the appointments and get Frank into something. Our next meeting is February 5 and thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 7:37 p.m. to adjourn was made by Councilmember Kelley, seconded by Councilmember Looes and unanimously carried.

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Susan Witkowski  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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