

This is a special meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 10TH day of January 2014. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, on January 8, 2014 and a copy was timely 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, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson.

Absent: Council Members Frank and Pizzella.

Also in attendance were Mayor Arnowitz and Borough Clerk Witkowski

Mayor Arnowitz pointed out that this is a Special Meeting called for special things. We do not have the Borough Attorney here.

MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public; seeing no one the Mayor asked for a motion to close the open portion of the public meeting.

Motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

R 14028 Transfer of Funds (2/3 vote full membership)

WHEREAS, there are certain appropriations with balances in excess of the amounts needed and there are other appropriations on which commitments to be entered into will possibly exceed the amount of the original appropriations; and

WHEREAS, under Title 40A:4-58 of the State of New Jersey, permission is given to transfer from one budget account to another after November 1st of the calendar year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Chief Financial Officer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the following transfers, \$40,000 within "CAPS".

	FROM	TO
APPROPRIATIONS	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		
<u>WITHIN CAPS</u>		

Gas and Electric	\$ 15,000	
Garbage and Trash- Other Expenses	\$ 10,000	
Gas and Diesel	\$ 15,000	
Financial Administration - S&W		\$ 20,000
Road Repairs & Maintenance - S&W		\$ 2,500
Road Repairs & Maintenance - Other Expenses		\$ 13,000
Vehicle Repair and Maintenance- Other Expenses		\$ 4,000
Recreation Commission - S & W		\$ 500
Parks and Playgrounds - S & W		
TOTAL TRANSFERS WITHIN CAPS	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000

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

Council Member Meyerson said during the last Council Meeting this Resolution was tabled until the Finance Committee had an opportunity to have a finance meeting. He did everything he could to have this meeting this week, however, between the three of us our schedules made it impossible for all to be available. One or two of us was busy every night. The question then becomes whether or not this budget transfer can wait until next Council Meeting or could be done next week. He is leaving tomorrow for a 10 day trip; he is available during the week to have a telephonic Finance Committee Meeting and discussed this with Council Member Frank if needed, however, the issue of the transfers is of concern. He called our Auditor, Paul Lerch, and discussed these transfers with him. I asked if there was a complication with respect to these transfers, do we have to do this right away. He said the answer is yes and the reason why is because these transfers represent over expenditures on a particular budget line. If we don't approve a transfer we could be in a position where we are over expended by a particular budget line without approving the actual transfer of money. We can't be in that position. He asked the Auditor if this was unique at this time of the year and he answered absolutely; if this was June you wouldn't have to worry about this. Because it is the end of the year and you are closing out the year, you can't close out the year without having the transfers done, without being technically in violation. He said we have to do this right away. The transfers are nothing more than monies expended over and above a particular budget line because you approved your budget last March. You are basically predicting how much money you are going to spend; things come up like four snowstorms during December that increased our salt and maintenance line as part of it. There are other things that came up that required us to make an expenditure towards the end of the year that were over and above an unpredictable budget line. Considering the fact that was done at the end of the year and not done in June and considering the fact that we tried to have a Finance Committee Meeting and considering the fact of the urgent circumstances, we need to close out so we can prepare ourselves for the current year and the budget line. He is prepared to vote for this.

Council Member DeGise said we are within the budget, we are not exceeding the line items.

Mayor Arnowitz said he would point out that without even talking to the Auditor and confirming with Borough Clerk Witkowski and confirming with payroll and people who do our books, this creates a lot of problems for them if this were not done. It is always done at the end of the year; this year it ended up at the Sine Die Meeting because of some big expenses but it is done. We had a motion and a second and asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Meyerson and Kelley

Nays: None

Absent: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

R 14029 Appointing Acting Zoning Official for December 31, 2013 through February 12, 2014

WHEREAS, the Public Works Superintendent is currently on terminal leave from the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to retain the services of an individual to serve as the position of Acting-Zoning Official for the Borough of Hillsdale for the period of January 1, 2014 through February 12, 2014, with the Borough's option to extend such oversight period by a further action of the Mayor and Borough Council; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that William Franklin is hereby appointed to be the Acting-Zoning Official as well as various and administrative ministerial functions as the Borough so desires/assigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Franklin was initially appointed to the position of Acting-Zoning Official for the period of November 13, 2013 through December 31, 2013, with the Borough having the right to extend the appointment of Mr. Franklin beyond December 31, 2013 at its discretion by formal action.

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

Council Member DeGise said this is extended to February 12, 2014 so we are not in violation. At the last meeting we didn't appoint anyone until we get a permanent position there. We will have a recommendation for the next meeting.

Council Member Meyerson said we discussed the rate of pay.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes; Council Members Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and DeGise

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Frank and Pizzella

COUNCIL COMMENTARY:

Council Member Kelley thanked everyone who brought this together, he said it is Friday afternoon and was well done.

Mayor Arnowitz said Wednesday night Hillsdale had a working fire and he was very proud of the Pascack Valley Fire Departments and wanted to point out that our Chief was outstanding in the way he handled everything. There was a lot of confusion, a lot of people there, and everything worked the way it is supposed to, so thank you Chief.

ADJOURNMENT: @ 5:13 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member DeGise, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
JANUARY 23, 2014 @ 8:00 P.M.