

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ruocco, who also led the Salute to the Flag.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 16th day of January, 2018. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Record; 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 DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Council President Pizzella (Attorney Wiss, CMFO DeJoseph, Borough Clerk Kohan)

Absent: Councilmember Segalas

**APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

R18029 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 – *Shared Services, Library, Personnel*

**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
- (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 – *Library, Shared Services, Personnel*
- (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.

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to reconvene by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

**STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS:**

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco said the State of the Borough Address should have been delivered at the Reorganization Meeting but was delayed. He thanked Councilmembers, Borough employees, volunteers and Borough residents who have expressed support and well wishes for his fifth month as Mayor. He thanked Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, CFO and Borough Administrator Jon DeJoseph, Borough Attorney Madaio, Ray Wiss and Tim Wiss. They made my role a great deal easier; their continuity and respective roles made it possible unlike a few years ago when we suffered from effects of unexpected turnover in several positions. I am starting my second career after my retirement and without family support an elected official would be in trouble. The Borough continues to be in sound financial shape, maintains its vibrancy and its attractiveness in the place to call home. By all objective measures we are in a safe and clean environment thanks to the efforts of our Hillsdale Police and DPW Departments, Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. The most important function of government is to provide for the safety of its residents and here in Hillsdale our volunteers and employees make that possible. We are blessed with an excellent school system with residents who see value in assuring its future. We are also fortunate to have so many volunteers who provide sports, recreational and social opportunities for our residents, both young and old. If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes good volunteers to maintain that village. We were able to craft a budget in 2017 that involved only a minimal increase in municipal taxes. The Finance Committee made strides in presenting that budget to residents in a transparent manner. Our debt burden is low compared to surrounding towns and in the eyes of rating agencies and that gives us room to borrow should the Council deem it appropriate. In 2017, we continued to purchase new equipment for our Police and DPW to ensure our ability to deliver services and were able once again to pay a significant portion of our loan. We installed a new roof on our DPW facility. When we saw room for improvement in our snow removal operations after last winter, the Borough sought consultant's advice resulting in procedural improvements and capital equipment recommendations. Keeping up with needed infrastructure investments will be among the many challenges the Council will face in 2018. The Borough's challenges last year in ways that improved our quality of life or protected it into the next decade. We reached an agreement with the County Agricultural Board regarding neighborhood street parking for patrons of Demarest Farm. That addressed safety and traffic congestion problems by the Farm's business. We signed an agreement with Fair Share Housing Corporation that once approved by the Courts will provide immunity until 2025 from unreasonable housing demands and litigation. This Council worked hard to ensure that Hillsdale suburban character was not affected by this settlement. We started the process of developing the flood plain acquisition plan so that over the long term the effects of flooding on our town has less dire consequences on our citizens and emergency rescue workers. In 2017, we began the process of exploring what steps we can take to redevelop our industrial zone west of Patterson Street to enhance the town's character as well as the tax base. I wish I could say that a victory preventing the return of a solid waste transfer station to that area was part of the process, but that battle is still ongoing and still an uphill one as the former Mayor warned us it would be. Much is at stake and it is worth the fight, in the meantime we will cautiously begin the process of assessing the redevelopment potential of that area working with the existing small businesses. Make no mistake about the future; Hillsdale will face several financial burdens in 2018. Our garbage contract with an outside vendor is expiring and indications are it would be costly to replace. A good number of our residential streets still reflect the need for the type of repaving program that the town has executed these past two years. Street repaving needs to remain a high priority. The roofs on our firehouse and this building need to be replaced. We are working closely with Chief Financial Officer and the Finance Committee to develop and short and long-term capital needs and funding plan that will allow us to stay abreast of our capital needs. The Borough will also need to renegotiate expiring labor contracts with several of its employee unions and do so in a way that is fiscally responsible for our residents. The financing of our School Resource Officer at the Pascack Valley High School is to be re-examined by us and the Board of Education who presently involves the utilization of a full-time Hillsdale Police officer paid entirely by the Borough although the student body is heavily from River Vale. Staying on top of education, the Borough would need to continue the marshal of its residents to defeat a referendum in September that would allow Woodcliff Lake to withdraw from the high school district. If the referendum fails, and I hope it will, we still won't be out of the woods. Woodcliff Lake seems intent upon pursuing this dangerous path in the courts putting at risk a well established and highly respected school district. This will likely involve a costly and prolonged fight from which we now cannot disengage. There is also the so-called elephant in the room with financial implications of sharing our emergency resources with other towns; it is financially unsustainable over the coming decade with 70 municipalities in the County to think that each town must have its own court, police, fire, DPW, ambulance, library; you name it, whatever service. I hope that this Council will be receptive to explore any reasonable opportunity to share emergency services with willing partners. I expect any such arrangement must reduce Borough's expenses for the parties involved but not

compromise delivery of the social services. Our hard-pressed residents expect no less of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Government. This is particularly true now but our State Legislature seems unresponsive to the pleas of the municipal Mayors with the action to keep expenses under control and the new administration seems committed to an expensive of policy initiatives but there is more to running Hillsdale than balancing the budget. There is quality of life issues that need attention. We need to revise ordinances dealing with tree removal and tree management and we need to develop revisions to our land use ordinances and make it easier and less costly to residents to improve their properties. Our Volunteer Fire Department despite great success in recruiting junior members has identified its need to bolster its manpower during the day time and our Council's Fire Committee will continue to work with them to explore steps that can be taken to address this. Compliance with our Zoning Regulations has been brought to my attention as needing some improvement and I intend to work with the Borough Administrator and his staff to identify ways that we can go about doing this. The Borough will press ahead with steps initiated last year by the Council to repair more intensively Beechwood Park and will maintain our support for one of our most important assets our Public Library. There is another iconic need in our town the Hillsdale Railroad Station which needs our attention. We will move as quickly as possible in using grant money that we have been awarded to renovate and restore it. I would like to move ahead with encouraging our businesses to resurrect a local Chamber of Commerce so that they have a greater voice in molding our future in the downtown area and we the Council gain a partner in the never-ending process of improving our attractiveness to commercial establishments and patrons. Finally, I would like this Council to consider ways so that the town can move ahead to provide for a community center facility to provide its residents, especially its seniors, a place where meetings and events can be held. We are one of the few towns that lacks such a facility. These are the most important projects that I hope this governing body will accomplish; will it all be done in 2018, not likely. As I am learning so painfully, municipal government does not move as quickly as corporate management. Furthermore, there will be enormous pressures on the budget that will need to be addressed if property taxes are going to be contained and if some of initiatives I have just mentioned are to be tackled. I hope by my remarks you can better appreciate the time and the effort that will be required of the individuals on this dais and give them your support. With that support and God's help 2018 will be a good year for Hillsdale. That completes my State of the Borough message.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Mayor Ruocco opened the meeting for Council remarks but there were none.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**RECOGNITION:**

**PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Ruocco announces the addition to **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** for the year 2018.

Insurance Fund Commissioner (JIF/MEL)	Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk
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Mayor Ruocco added a back up to our Insurance Fund Commissioner (JIF/MEL). The Commissioner is the Borough Administrator, but he was told it would be a good idea to have a second. He put forward the name of Denise Kohan, our Borough Clerk as the backup to Jonathan DeJoseph, our Commissioner.

Motion to Record by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Segalas, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

**INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (Time limited, new topics only, one topic per speaker):

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment portion of the meeting, seeing no one, the Comment portion of the meeting was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

Hillsdale Police Department December 2017 Report -

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia said he would provide the December 2017 report and a brief overview of 2017 as well. During the month of December there were 93 dispatching shifts, and all covered with non-sworn personnel creating no overtime. In December, there were 132 motor vehicle stops which resulted in 78 summonses issued. We also had seven criminal arrests. This past month in December we had a theft campaign at local stores as previously recorded; officers contacted over 50 shoppers who left their handbags unattended. The contact with shoppers and store managers of this program received much support. A new outreach program entitled "Cops and Kids Game Challenge" that Adam Hampton had brought up will be done in conjunction with the game zone and the event will take place on February 18 at 5:00 o'clock and will be interactive with area children and will be age appropriate. In December the Department completed the remaining 18 hours of the 16 hours of mandated active shooter training and the Attorney General requires of every Police Department. The Borough also had its last quarterly safety meeting and lastly a brief overview of 2017. The Department issued over 1600 motor vehicle summonses, made approximately 3000 motor vehicle stops and warnings, 171 criminal arrests and our operational and overtime budgets were under. There were numerous community outreach programs; we had DARE, National Night Out, Cops and Bobbers, Coffee with a Cop, and many others which we will continue doing in 2018 as well. The Department also had a hiring process promoted a Lieutenant and Sergeant and he will have a more detailed report soon and an annual report where you will see all these things reported on. He took this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Hillsdale Police Department for their dedication to our community each and every day and also thanked the governing body for their support throughout the years.

Hillsdale Fire Department December 2017 Report -

Fire Chief Patrick Doody

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

Councilman DeRosa said the Regional Board of Education, that is the Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley, last December the budget being in a very healthy condition. He informed them on the Borough's opposition to Woodcliff Lake seeking to secede from regional district. The next meeting the Board had was the Reorganization Meeting where four current members were re-elected in November and they were sworn in. Jeffrey Steinfield was elected by the Board to be the Board President for this year and Jan Messinger was re-elected. The NJ Supreme Court denied the petitions by Hillsdale and River Vale that we keep Woodcliff Lake from conducting a referendum to withdraw from the Regional District. Hillsdale, River Vale and Montvale are in the Regional District. Woodcliff Lake is doing this because they don't want to contribute the amount the State law requires them to pay based on equalized property values. Should this succeed, the impact on the remaining towns would be extremely detrimental. Hillsdale has a special Counsel to assist in fighting this and we will take an active role in educating voters should the referendum come to a vote. We will be provided much more information on this and he brought this up because the Regional Board of Education brought this up and although they need to remain neutral, they also said should this progress they will secure a special Counsel to investigate what the district could be. You can do the monthly Regional Board of Ed School Meetings 48 hours after their meetings by going to the Regional Board of Ed website clicking on schools and link to videos. Last year we had Coach Jasper and the girls' basketball team here and at time he was seven games short of his 1000 win and on Thursday the team accomplished the 1000 win. Mr. Jasper will be recognized at the February 16 meeting and he will provide more information. At the Local Board of Ed, they were appreciative of the Police and DPW assisting with the water main break they had at Smith School. The School Superintendent had a medical issue and necessitates him taking some time away from the Board. Last night at their meeting, the Principals from Meadowbrook, White and Smith all reported on updated events by means of students who did a video from Smith School. This month is School Board Appreciation Month and the students by means of the video thanked the Board. Ambulance Service will have their official swearing in ceremony this Saturday and reminded everyone that the Ambulance Service is a completely volunteer organization, doesn't charge for their service, except for small donations from the Borough and the service exists through the small tax-deductible donations from the Borough. The Rec Commission met on Thursday and had their Reorg. They reiterated their commitment to coaches seeking certification and there will not be any coaches on fields in 2018 who have not completed their certification. On February 12, there will be a Rutgers course that all coaches will need and it is good for a lifetime.

Councilman – Zoltan Horvath

Councilman Horvath said on January 11 the Senior Citizens had their Reorganization Meeting and re-elected the standing Board members. The senior luncheon at St. Johns is cancelled for January 17 due to snow forecast. Hillsdale Historic Preservation Committee is in the process of setting up and moving forward with the 2018 meeting Agenda. With regard to DPW, Dan O'Rourke will be stepping down as our current DPW Superintendent effective February 2. We will have an interim head until we complete our search for a full-time replacement. He thanked Dan and the Department for their professionalism during the last snow storm. Mayor Ruocco, Jonathan DeJoseph, Abby Lundy and I met with outgoing DPW Superintendent Dan O'Rourke and his group to discuss Hillsdale's requirements and expectations for a smooth and effective transmission.

Councilman - Scott Karcich

Councilman Karcich congratulated Councilman Horvath for taking over DPW as Liaison and Councilman Segalas for taking over as Fire Liaison. He is excited in his position as Police Liaison.

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy

Councilwoman Lundy said she attended the Reorganization of the Library Board of Trustees and at that time the nominating committee was not prepared to appoint the President of the Board of Trustees and will do so at their next meeting. At the regular meeting of the Library Board, they announced a program called the "Life Story Work Shop" which will take place on February 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM where you can write your life story in two hours. If interested, call the Library and speak with Marian or email Marian.

Councilman – Steven Segalas

Councilman Segalas said his comments will be limited. He took his oath last year which was his first opportunity for public service as Council person. In the course of that year he received quite an education and is proud of some of the achievements that were accomplished with the assistance of Mayor Ruocco, Councilman Pizzella, Councilwoman Lundy, Councilman Karcich and Councilman DeRosa and is looking forward to working with Councilman Horvath. He is pleased with the accomplishments of the Police Committee meeting taking very seriously the Police Chief's call for adding another officer to our ranks in order to increase our numbers to what the Police Chief in his professional opinion is a safe level. That could not have happened without the assistance of Mayor Ruocco and Councilman Karcich and we have been able to make Hillsdale that much better prepared to meet the safety of its residents and the increased growth in the future. I look forward to a solid year with Shared Services and to expand its reach and it seems that Shared Services does present an opportunity for cost savings and working with the Borough Administrator and the committee.

Council President – Frank Pizzella

Council President Pizzella said the Environmental Commission meetings are the third Monday of every month and we had our meeting last night and Reorg and the Chairman is Meredith Kates. The Vice Chair is Scott Raymond. They had questions regarding the Forestry Grant and one member is interested in representing the town for that certification. He made it clear that it is not an obligation of the Environmental Commission and they would be representing the town as themselves. He provided their email address and you can provide me with any further information that he could provide to them.

Borough Administrator said he spoke to the DEP the other day to confirm and there is a Resolution this afternoon to authorize that grant agreement to the DEP.

Council President Pizzella said the DPW Superintendent has the certification and asked if we need another person.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said we need one employee and one volunteer. They need core training from Rutgers and this can be discussed later.

Council President Pizzella said regarding the Ash Borer, they went to a training session and they have a stock in Hillsdale and would like the Council to visit the stock to show us where these Ash trees are. There is one in particular and have the Council tour it. This is on Borough property; he did not know the exact location; it is by the high school.

Mayor Ruocco said he is available.

Council President Pizzella will get back to the Council with dates. They also would like the Borough Attorney to write a short memo to resolve the issue of the tree bank funds. We are getting a mixed understanding of what the tree bank funds are used for and has been an ongoing question , what it includes and what it doesn't include.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph will ask the Borough Attorney to prepare a letter regarding developers deposited into escrow accounts.

Council President Pizzella asked if the Borough has GIS capability for mapping.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph was not aware of any.

Council President Pizzella asked when the bids are due for the Planner for Redevelopment Borough Administrator said the RFQ bid date is February at 11:15 am and will be available for review right after that.

Lastly Council President Pizzella asked the Ordinance Committee if it is ok to move forward with the Ordinances that they have been discussing since last year with the exception of the tree Ordinance. Councilman Segalas stated that there is nothing that should stop us at this point. In fact we should start to introduce them at one of the upcoming meetings.

Mayor Ruocco asked the committee to consider reviewing the portion that pertains to sheds to Councilman Segalas.

Lastly Council President Pizzella wants to really discuss an issue that has been on going in the town and really came to a head with the Magnolia house issue.. There seems to be a population of two family homes that are not legal or are they legal. Who determines this? If they are not legal, how can they become legal 2 or more family homes? It seems to be a lot of illegal 2 or 3 family homes. This really needs to be addressed as according to the ordinance these home don't exist in this town.

Borough Administrator stated that he will speak with the zoning officer and the Borough Attorney. Councilmember Segalas stated that complaints are brought to the attention of the Zoning Officer, Tony Merlino but this needs to be discussed/addressed further.

Mayor Ruocco agrees that something needs to be done. We should get our Borough Attorney involved in how to guide us, which the Borough Administrator will handle.

Councilman Horvath stated that there is only one legal two family home in this town.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email Dated 1/8/18 from Hillsdale Resident Karissa Rosen Regarding Overnight Parking

Motion to receipt and file Motion by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

## **DISCUSSION**

Overnight Parking

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco said her proposal was to find some way to authorize cars to park overnight on the street. Currently they are not allowed to do so between 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. She proposed a situation where you could have passes. He asked the Police Committee to look into this and provide some recommendations. He asked Councilmember Karcich to advise the Council what this discussion revealed.

Bergen County League of Municipalities Update

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco said the League of Municipalities has a monthly meeting in Hackensack and all Mayors are asked to attend. The Mayor of Alpine is the Chair. They talked about the Charitable Trust Proposal to find a way to relieve the pain of elimination of the local and state tax deductions. There was much skepticism; they talked about the 2% interest arbitration cap and much distress over the failure of the legislature to renew this

interest arbitration cap because it is the biggest weapon we have to try to contain expenses. Governor Elect Murphy was invited to speak at that meeting and he declined. The Mayors expressed skepticism over his proposal to have a millionaire's tax; skepticism over his proposal to change marijuana laws and making it legal. There was a lot of skepticism that the Governor and his wife were contributors to the Fair Share Housing Corporation. Fair Share housing will accelerate and escalate demands on municipalities to increase the amount of affordable housing. A Planner (Joe Burgiss) commented that towns feel they don't have too much room to oppose this, they feel brow beaten and are going to do what is best for their constituents. At the moment, that is to settle. He said you could allow RCA's to encourage rehabilitations where one municipality could make donations to another municipality and satisfy their fair share housing obligation. This has stopped but the planner thought it good to resume it because it would lead to greater rehabilitations in distressed areas in our county and in our state. He feels the unmet needs concept has been abused and towns don't understand what it is. It means greater uncertainty. All these fair share housing pressure have resulted in units not being linked to where the jobs are. Mr. Burgiss said it would be better if planners were directing this process. What they call Urban Aid Communities they are not required to set aside 10% affordable housing component. He did not understand why that is. It results in towns like Hackensack building high rise luxury housing but containing no affordable housing. The suburbs are expected to absorb this. There is a lot of skepticism in what the Governor wants to do.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**18-01 – (Introduction)**

**An Ordinance to Release, Vacate and Extinguish any and all Public rights in and to a Portion of Knickerbocker Avenue in the Borough of Hillsdale, Subject to Certain Easements**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 18-01 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 6, 2018 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa

Nays: None

**18-02 – (Introduction)**

**An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 09-01 Chapter 138 "Fees" and Chapter 71 Swimming Pool Commission**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 18-02 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 6, 2018 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Segalas.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Karcich, Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath

Nays: None

**18-03 – (Introduction)**

**An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission for the Current Year 2018 in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 18-03 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 6, 2018 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich

Nays: None

**OFF-CONSENT:**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council Members Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Segalas

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R18030 through R18037:**

R18030 Resolution Authorizing Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System #11-BeCCP; Contract Purchasing System #CK04 – Service Commodity: Diesel Fuel

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System and desires to use the Co-Op for the purchase of diesel fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (ID #11-BeCCP), awarded to various vendors under the Co-Op Bid #17-42 for the purchase of diesel fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract Period is September 21, 2017 through September 20, 2019; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the purchase of diesel fuel under the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System ID #11-BeCCP, Bid #17-42 under the county contract prices with the amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00).

R18031 Resolution Authorizing Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System #11-BeCCP; Contract Purchasing System #CK04 – Service Commodity: Rock Salt

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System and desires to use the Co-Op for the purchase of rock salt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (ID #11-BeCCP), awarded to various vendors under the Co-Op Bid #17-32 for the purchase of rock salt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contract Period is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the purchase of rock salt under the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System ID #11-BeCCP, Bid #17-32 under the county contract prices with the amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00).

R18032 Resolution Authorizing Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Bid #2-SOCCP – Rock Salt

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System and desires to use the Co-Op for the purchase of Rock Salt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract #CC-0054-16, Co-operative pricing Bid #2-SOCCP, awarded to Atlantic Salt Inc., 134 Middle Street Suite 210, Lowell, MA 01852 for Rock Salt; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract dates are valid October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the purchase of rock salt through Atlantic Salt Inc., under the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System Contract #CC-0054-16, Co-operative pricing Bid #2-SOCCP, in the contract amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

R18033 Resolution Updating Temporary Budget for 2018

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2018 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January, 2018, and

**WHEREAS**, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance in the said 2017 Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the following temporary appropriations be made and certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Treasurer for his records.

**TEMPORARY BUDGET - MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS**

<b>2018</b>	<b>SALARIES</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>AND WAGES</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>			
Administrative and Executive	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Public Information	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Mayor and Council	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Clerks Office	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Administration of Finance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Audit Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Collection of Taxes	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 9,500.00
Legal	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Engineering Services	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Environmental Commission	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Zoning	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
Insurance			
Health	\$ -	\$ 337,000.00	\$ 337,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Liability	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Police Department	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
OEM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Aid to Ambulance Squad	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 11,500.00

Prosecutor	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Road Repair & Maintenance	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 270,000.00
Sanitation	\$ -	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Recycling	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Train Station	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Board of Health	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
Administration of Public Assistance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Recreation	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$ -	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities – Gas & Electric	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
Water	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Bergen County Utilities Authority	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Gasoline	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Social Security	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
DCRP	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pistol Range	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Municipal Court	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Public Defender	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
PVRHS Class III Officers	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 43,000.00
<b>TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 1,092,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,836,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,928,600.00</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
<b><u>Current Fund</u></b>			
Principal	\$ -	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 450,000.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ 28,100.00	\$ 28,100.00
<b>Current Fund Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 478,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 478,100.00</b>
<b><u>Dedicated Swim Pool Utility</u></b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 140,000.00</b>
<b><u>Capital Outlay</u></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
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<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>			
Principal	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
<b>Swim Club Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 69,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 69,200.00</b>

R18034 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the FEMA Grant Application – Assistance to Firefighters in coordination with FireMed Grant Solutions, LLC

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to submit a grant application in conjunction with FireMED Grant Solutions, LLC to FEMA for the purpose of using \$234,000.00 in FY 2018 Grant funds for Assistance to Firefighters in the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale intends to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (“Air Packs”) for use by the Hillsdale Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale will be responsible for a 5% cost match in the amount of eleven thousand one hundred and forty-two dollars and no cents (\$11,142.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Council hereby authorizes the Chief Municipal Finance Officer to sign all vouchers in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

R18035        Approval to Submit a Grant Application with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – State Forest Service for the Borough of Hillsdale Green Communities Grant

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to submit a grant application with the State of New Jersey – Green Communities Grant Fund for the purpose of using \$3,000.00 in FY 2018 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to maintain healthy, safe and sustainable urban and community forests in the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding is provided by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program. The maximum grant award is \$3,000.00 for two years and a 100% match of the grant is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Council hereby authorizes the Chief Municipal Finance Officer to sign all vouchers in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

R18036        Resolution consenting to an Extension of the Lease Agreement with Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC for the Cell Tower Located at 383 Hillsdale Avenue (Hillsdale Fire Dept)

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 1998, the Borough of Hillsdale entered into a Lease Agreement (the “Site Agreement”) with Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC, (formerly a limited partnership), a Delaware limited liability company, successor in interest to Sprint Spectrum L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (hereinafter, “Sprint”) allowing Sprint to place a cell tower at the property located at 383 Hillsdale Avenue (the “Site”), which is the location of the Hillsdale Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lease Agreement is set to expire on January 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The current term of the Lease will expire on January 28, 2019. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Lease, commencing on January 29, 2019, the term of the Lease is sixty (60) months (“New Initial Term”). The Lease will be automatically renewed for two (2) additional terms of sixty (60) months each (each a “New Renewal Term(s)”). Each New Renewal Term will be deemed automatically exercised without any action by either party unless Sprint gives written notice of its decision not to exercise any options to Landlord before expiration of the then current term. All references in the Lease to Renewal Terms shall include the New Initial Term and the New Renewal Term(s); and

**WHEREAS**, starting on the first day of the New Initial Term and every year thereafter, Sprint will pay rent in equal annual installments of Thirty-Five Thousand Fifty-Seven and 97/100 Dollars (\$35,057.97). Rent for any partial years will be prorated. Commencing on January 29, 2020, the rent will be increased annually by four percent (4%) of the then current rent; and

**WHEREAS**, Sprint and the Borough desire to extend the term of the Lease in accordance with the First Amendment to Lease Agreement (hereinafter, “The First Amendment”); and

**WHEREAS**, The First Amendment includes modifications to certain provisions of the Lease with regard to rent, term and options of renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale and Sprint desire to execute The First Amendment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes Mayor John Ruocco to sign the extension of the Lease Agreement and all other appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of said document.

R18037        Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement – Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force

**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 also recognized that the Hillsdale Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, 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** by 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 the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Council President Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich,

Nays: None

Resolution R18038 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Interim DPW Superintendent and CW.

Motion by Council President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich

Nays: None

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember Lundy wished all a Happy New Year. Congratulations to Councilmembers DeRosa and Horvath and Council President Pizzella.

Councilmember Segalas said he believed he said everything he needed to say tonight.

Council President Pizzella said he is looking forward to working with everyone on a plan for Hillsdale and Economic Development as well as the train station and said we accomplish a great deal in 2018.

Councilmember DeRosa wanted to recognize Martin Luther King Day and all the contributions he made to our society in a short period of time. He congratulated Mayor Ruocco and Councilmember Horvath. We are all of the same political party but we are all individuals and have spirited discussions. Because we are of the same political party we do not rubber stamp things. He wished all a Happy New Year and it is our responsibility to ensure safety and services for our residents.

Councilmember Horvath echoed everyone's sentiments and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Karcich saved his commentaries for the next meeting.

Mayor Ruocco said the 2% arbitration cap expired and there was a vote to resurrect it in the Assembly and was defeated 41 to 25. All 41 votes came from the Democratic side and 23 from the 25 to resurrect it came from the Republican side joined by two Democrats. All the Mayors in the Pascack Valley favor the resurrection of the 2% Cap and shame on the new Governor for not taking a stand. It is going to create great financial pain in Hillsdale. The 2% Cap on the revenue side is permanent but the interest arbitration cap has just expired. This is an unsustainable situation and will result in reduction of services and property tax increase in and around the county. Get ready for an expensive ride.

He spoke of the prepayment of property taxes. We took in about \$2.4 million in prepaid property taxes. This is a response by residents to gain temporary relief from the new federal tax law which is limited to \$10,000 that is coming up in 2018. He is skeptical about a "charitable trust" mechanism that is being favored by our new Governor.. You donate funds into a charitable trust set up by the municipality and get a charitable write off for tax purposes. Hillsdale would have to use that donation to pay obligatory property taxes and is skeptical about how the IRS will deal with this.

Councilwoman Lundy reminded everyone that this Saturday at 9:00am – 12:00 pm at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church is the Pancakes for Parkinson's.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE**

**February 6, 2018 6:00 pm**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk