

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 5, 2014, 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.

INVOCATION:
Korbelak

Father John

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This meeting is for the purpose of conducting the Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 5th day of January, 2014. Public Notice of this meeting was given to The Ridgewood News, The Record, Pascack Press and Community Life newspapers; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room, a copy was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a copy was posted on the Borough web site.

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RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES:

County Clerk, John Hogan, was present and congratulated all the newly elected officials and offered assistance from his office if needed.

Mayor Max Arnowitz said we have former Police Chief Mikulski present, former Mayor Alfred J. Murphy, Jr., former Council Woman Marie Hanlon. For everyone's edification, Marie has received an honor this year, she is the Republican Woman of the year and she will be honored in January at Seasons. He is very proud of her for that honor.

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE:

Chrisoula Looes -- Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/16	Tracy Silna Zur
Frank Pizzella -- Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/16	Richard J. DiLascio, Esq.

Mayor Arnowitz invited Council Member Looes to come up and take her Oath of Office.

Council Member Looes recognized Tracy Silna Zur as a Bergen County Freeholder.

Freeholder Zur said before she administers the Oath of Office she wanted to congratulate Council Member Looes on winning a full term and how proud she is of her accomplishment. She has the warmth and tenacity to continue to serve the residents of Hillsdale.

Freeholder Zur administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Looes.

Mayor Arnowitz said Frank Pizzella will be sworn in Richard J. DiLascio, Esq.

Frank Pizzella recognized Richard J. DiLascio, Esq. as a former Mayor of Lyndhurst for three years, he is an attorney in Bergen County and a very good friend. He has been a mentor since his dad passed away and is very close to him.

Mr. DiLascio said he has known Frank for a number of years, a very hard, honest working guy and you are very lucky to have Council people like this to represent you in the local office.

Mr. DiLascio administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Pizzella.

ROLL CALL OF 2014 HILLSDALE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Present:

Mayor Max Arnowitz
Councilmember Jason DeGise
Councilmember Douglas Frank
Councilmember Thomas Kelley
Councilmember Chrisoula Looes
Councilmember Lawrence Meyerson

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS:

Every year the Mayor gives a state of the Borough address as to where we have been, where we are going. There is not much you can say about a town like ours, it is a great place to be, it is a great place to live, it is a great place to educate our children because of our educators; we have one educator in the audience and Al Murphy who is on the school board. It is the volunteers of Hillsdale, whether it be the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, the people who run the Council to the Police Reserves; the Rec Program, the parents that work in the sports programs that give their children an opportunity to play sports to our DPW who maintain our fields and go out all hours of the night and day and plow and pick up leaves. Our leaf program was a little late this year this year but we have to get by that, we are a town of volunteers; we are a town of people who work to maintain a community. Yesterday our Fire Chief, Jason Durie, was sworn in inside an ice box but we got by that, the heat in the firehouse went out but he scampered with William Franklin and a group of other people from other towns who came to our aid to get some heat in that building. That is what Hillsdale is all about. Does Hillsdale have problems? Every town has problems with the CAP program, the escalating costs of living in our society, the taxes we pay, they are high; we pay a lot in taxes but we also get a lot back for those taxes, whether it is paid services like our Police, DPW, etc., or our volunteers for Fire, Reserves, so on and so forth. Hillsdale is, was and will continue to be a great, great place to be and I thank you for all you do to make this the great society that we are.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Council Member Meyerson congratulated Council Members Looes and Pizzella. They have been true colleagues for the entire year and is looking forward to serving with them in the next few years. They will continue doing the great work that they do and the Mayor said it right, the volunteers and professionals that work for this town, they do a great job. It is led by many of the people on this Council. I am sure they will do a great job in spite of our differences and will the work together will be great.

Council Member DeGise said it has been a pleasure working with Council Members Looes and Pizzella and looking forward to working with them again.

Council Member Kelley offered his congratulations to the new Council Members.

Council Member Frank said we are going to have an interesting year ahead of us and he looks forward to continue working with Council Members Looes and Pizzella; they contributed much to the Council this last year.

Mayor Arnowitz congratulated both Council Members Looes and Pizzella. Your families will not see you as much as they used to see you; you are both very hard working Council Members and is amazed at the amount of time they are able to put in. I am retired, they have lives and families and jobs and they still put in the time and it is fantastic. He thanked them, congratulated them, and said he is looking forward to working with them in 2014. They are both great additions to this Council.

Council Member Looes thanked all the residents of Hillsdale for showing their confidence and re-electing her for a three year term. She looks forward to serving and for bigger and better things. She thanked her running mate Paul Muller for being with her during the election campaign process which is arduous and appreciated his support as well as her family who is extremely supportive. She is honored and humbled to be in this position of being able to serve everybody.

Council Member Pizzella thanked his family and running mate, John MacEwen, and also everyone who supported him this last election. He is honored by the trust that the residents of Hillsdale have shown him and he will do his very best to represent their interests. He will always do what is in the best interest of our town and he welcomes questions. Please feel free to call him at any time, email him with anything on your mind. He wished Council Member Looes the best and looks forward to working with everyone on Council. He encouraged all the residents in Hillsdale to really get involved with anything and come to the meetings. He wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

I now ask for a nomination put forward to be elected as Council president for the year 2014.

Council Member Meyerson nominated Tom Kelley for Council President.

Council Member Frank nominated Council Member Meyerson for Council President.

Council Member Meyerson said he is not accepting the nomination.

Mayor Arnowitz said he has only one nomination, Tom Kelley.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Meyerson

Nays: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

Abstain: Council Member Kelley

Borough Clerk Witkowski administers the Oath of Office to the Council President Kelley.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: *(Mayor appointment with advice and consent) (R14013 includes Labor Attorney)*

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc. LLC, 34 Mountain Blvd., Bldg. A, P.O. Box 4922, Warren, NJ 07059 for Borough Attorney for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2014.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Oath of Office administered to the Borough Attorney by Richard J. DiLascio, Esq.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Arnowitz proposes the adoption of By-Laws for the Hillsdale Borough Council for the year 2014.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

APPOINTMENTS:

R 14023 Appointment of Probationary Patrolman, Matthew Buesser, effective date of January 6, 2014

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hillsdale Police Department for a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has gone through the process of applications and interviews to employ the services of a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of a probationary police officer for the Hillsdale Borough Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Chip Stalter to employ Matthew Buesser as a Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department is accepted and Matthew Buesser is hereby appointed to a Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department, at a salary of \$28,000.00, effective January 30, 2014.

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

Mayor Arnowitz said he is thrilled with this appointment. He invited ex-Chief Mikulski for the Oath. He has admired this man and his family and if anyone deserved this position it is he. His father was a police officer, his family has been helping this town and working for this town. He said Matthew works for this town as a Dispatcher.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Arnowitz administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Buesser.

Police Chief Stalter presented the badge to Patrolman Buesser.

PROMOTION:

R 14024 Promotion of Patrolman Christopher Donaldson to Sergeant effective date of January 6, 2014

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Sergeant in the Hillsdale Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Council Police Committee are recommending the promotion of Patrolman Christopher Donaldson to the rank of Sergeant as he is the most qualified candidate for promotion to said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council does hereby appoint Patrolman Christopher Donaldson to the position of Sergeant, effective January 6, 2014. Mr. Donaldson shall be compensated in his new rank as Sergeant at the base salary of \$129,033.00 and subject to all other benefits, terms and conditions of employment applicable under the current PBA Local No. 207 collective bargaining agreement.

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

OATH OF OFFICE:

Councilman Meyerson administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Christopher Donaldson.

RECESS:

Mayor Arnowitz called for a five minute recess at this time.

RECONVENE:

Roll Call:

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

PROCLAMATION:

Designation of January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Mayor Max Arnowitz

Mayor Arnowitz said Human Trafficking is a horror, slavery; and everyone has to do everything they can possibly do to stop this terrible crime. Slavery was the sin of the United States and hopefully we are over it. Human trafficking is something that must be, has to be stopped, no one should have to do something against their will.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Arnowitz announces the proposed **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES** for the year 2014.

(With advice and consent of Council)

Ambulance	Tom Kelley	Frank Pizzella	Doug Frank
Building/Zoning	Tom Kelley	Frank Pizzella	Jason DeGise
Business Public Relations	Frank Pizzella	Larry Meyerson	Jason DeGise
Finance	Larry Meyerson	Doug Frank	Jason DeGise
Fire Department	Chris Looes	Larry Meyerson	Frank Pizzella
Police Department/OEM	Larry Meyerson	Tom Kelley	Doug Frank
Public Works	Jason DeGise	Tom Kelley	Chris Looes
Real Estate/Open Space	Frank Pizzella	Jason DeGise	Doug Frank
Shared Services	Larry Meyerson	Tom Kelley	Jason DeGise

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

Council Member Kelley said there is an error with the Fire Department; it should read Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella. Council Member Frank was incorrectly listed instead of Council Member Pizzella.

Council Member Pizzella said he is on Business Public Relations and he had a committee which was Economic Development which he thought was very important and one of his main platform items when he ran. Unfortunately that committee was dissolved and he is disappointed and felt it is a very important issue. In the Business Public Relations will he be able to address Economic Development?

Mayor Arnowitz said yes.

Council Member Meyerson asked to be on that committee because he thought we were going to address Economic Development.

This was unanimously carried.

Mayor Arnowitz announces the proposed SPECIAL COMMITTEES for the year 2014.

Chamber of Commerce	Frank Pizzella~ Jason DeGise~ Larry Meyerson
Flood and Disaster Committee ~ (OEM)	Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Captain, Emergency Management Director, Board of Health President, Environmental Chair, Red Cross
Historic Preservation	Councilmember Pizzella
Insurance Fund	Administrator
Insurance Liaison	Administrator ~ Councilmember Looes
Liaison to Government Agencies	Mayor
Negotiation Committee	Mayor, Larry Meyerson, Doug Frank, Administrator
Personnel Committee	Mayor~Chrisoula Looes~Tom Kelley
Power and Energy	Administrator
RV Senior Housing Project	Martin Ward

Mayor Arnowitz said there is one change, Council Member Frank is removed from Chamber of Commerce and given to Council Member Pizzella. He asked the Borough Clerk to take Power and Energy as a temporary assignment as well as Insurance Fund and Insurance Liaison. Martin Ward will continue doing River Vale Senior Housing Project.

Motion to record by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Council Member Looes asked if there is a conflict with the Chamber of Commerce. Council Member DeGise is a business owner in town, should he be on that committee.

Council Member Meyerson said it is important to have such a person.

Attorney Bernstein said no conflict.

Roll Call Vote: unanimously carried.

Mayor Arnowitz announces the proposed COUNCIL LIAISONS for the year 2014.
(with advice and consent of Council)

Board of Education: <i>Regional</i>	Larry Meyerson
<i>Local</i>	Frank Pizzella
Board of Health	Chris Looes
Environmental Commission	Frank Pizzella
Green Team	Frank Pizzella
Library	Doug Frank
Planning Board	Tom Kelley (separate vote)
Recreation	Chris Looes
Senior Citizens	Chris Looes
Swimming Pool Commission	Chris Looes
Public Assistance	Frank Pizzella
Local Assistance Board	Frank Pizzella

Council Member Pizzella said there is a separate vote for Planning Board.

Mayor Arnowitz removed Planning Board and said we will have a separate vote for that and nomination for a Planning Board Member.

Motion for everything except Planning Board was made by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Arnowitz presents the names of the following 2014 Officers of the Hillsdale Fire Department:

2014 BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS	
Chief	Jason H. Durie
Deputy Chief	James Domville
Senior Captain	Patrick Doody
Junior Captain	Thomas Kelley
1 st Lieutenant	Bryan Heitmann
2 nd Lieutenant	William Stanton
3 rd Lieutenant	Jason DeGise
4 th Lieutenant	Barry Peterson
2014 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS	
President	Keith Capogna
Vice president	George Wodowski
Secretary	Keith I. Durie
Treasurer	Patrick Doody
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	William Becker

Motion to record was made by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Arnowitz presents for Council confirmation, the following appointments to the Police Department Special Officers, Auxiliary Officers and Police Matrons for the year 2014 as recommended by Police Chief Stalter in his letter of December 10, 2013:

**2014
POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS**

Donald Carty	Captain
Richard Hirsch	Lieutenant
Thomas F. Ivancich	Lieutenant
Gary Fichtenbaum	Sergeant
Jonathan Bologra	Patrolman
John Buonadonna	Patrolman
Thomas Cole	Patrolman
Colin Doyle	Patrolman
Kevin Garcia	Patrolman
Drew Kaplan	Patrolman
Christopher Karcich	Patrolman
Andres Perez	Patrolman
Alexandria Vergnes	Patrolman
Kimberly Haffler	Police Matron
Alexandria Vergnes	Police Matron

Motion to record by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Kelley, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2014 BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS:

BOND COUNSEL: (R14019)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the firm of Gibbons P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102-5310 for Bond Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Municipal Bond Counsel as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Counsel; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Gibbons P.C. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Gibbons P.C. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Gibbons P.C. as per the proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Gibbons, P.C. as Municipal Bond Counsel through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Oath of Office administered to Bond Counsel.

BOROUGH AUDITOR: (R14014)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 for Borough Auditor for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Auditor as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Auditor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, rates per the engagement letter of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

Motion by Council Member Meyerson; Second by Council Member DeGise.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Oath of Office administered to Borough Auditor.

BOROUGH ENGINEER: (*Mayor appointment with advice and consent*) (R14021)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 for Borough Engineer for the second year of a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Engineer as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Neglia Engineering Associates will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Neglia Engineering Associates as per the proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Neglia Engineering Associates as Borough Engineer through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Member Pizzella may have a potential conflict for having done past work with him so he will abstain.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson

Nays: Council Member Frank

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

Oath of Office administered to Borough Engineer.

BOROUGH PLANNER: (R14022)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Darlene Green, PP, AICP, Maser Consulting P.A., 200 Valley Road, Suite 400, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856, for Borough Planner for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Planner as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Maser Consulting, P.A. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, P.A. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Maser Consulting at the rate of per their proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A. as Borough Planner through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Oath of Office administered to Borough Planner

LABOR COUNSEL: (R14013)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc. LLC, 34 Mountain Blvd., Bldg. A, P.O. Box 4922, Warren, NJ 07059 for Borough Labor Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Eric Bernstein of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Eric Bernstein at the rate of \$95.00 per hour, and paralegal services at the rate of \$60.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Eric Bernstein as Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Oath of Office administered to Labor Counsel

PROSECUTOR: (R14020)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Dennis G. Harraka, Esq., Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, P.C., 505 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 for Prosecutor for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Prosecutor as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Dennis G. Harraka of the firm Winne Banta be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm Winne Banta has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with the firm Dennis Harraka of the firm Winne Banta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Dennis Harraka as Borough Prosecutor through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Oath of Office administered to Borough Public Defender.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: (R14018)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the name of Jeffrey Steinfeld, 46 Standish Road, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for Public Defender for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Public Defender as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Oath of Office administered to Borough Public Defender.

RISK MANAGEMENT: (R14016)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the firm name of BGIA, Business & Governmental Insurance Agency, Plaza Nine, 900 Route 9 North, Suite 503, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 for Risk Management for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Risk Management Insurance Consultant as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said consultant; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Business & Governmental Insurance Agency (BGIA) will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of BGIA has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with BGIA, rates per JIF, and separate fee, five per cent (6%) of JIF or other insurance cost per the proposal of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of BGIA through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Meyerson, DeGise, Kelley, Looes

Nays: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

Oath of Office administered to Risk Management.

TAX APPEAL COUNSEL: (R14017)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP, Glenpointe Center West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck, NJ 07666 for Tax Appeal Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain An Attorney for Tax Appeals as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP at the rate of \$95.00 per hour and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

Oath of Office administered to Tax Appeal Counsel.

BOROUGH APPRAISER: (R14015)

Mayor Arnowitz presents the firm of McNerney & Associate, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 for Borough Appraiser for the term expiring December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Appraiser as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc., rates per their proposal of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Oath of Office administered to Tax Appraiser.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DEISGNATIONS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

Mayor Arnowitz presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the positions indicated for the year 2014:

Assessment Search Officer	Susan Witkowski
Land Use Officer	To Be Determined
Police and Fire Chaplains	Rabii Ruth Zlotnick, Father Bruce Harger , Pastor Brian Neville
Recycling Coordinator	Keith Durie

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes,

Roll Call Vote:

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

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Arnowitz presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor Appointment

Scott Raymond -3 year term

Term Expiring 12/31/2016

Rob Holmes-3 year term

Term Expiring 12/31/2016

Laura Calabria-Alt.#2-2 year term

Term Expiring 12/31/2015

Motion to Record by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

FIRE OFFICIAL:

Keith Durie

Term Expiring 12/31/2014-5/31/2014

Council Member DeGise said the expiration date to be changed to May 31, 2014.

Motion by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Kelley, and unanimously carried.

GREEN TEAM:

Mayor Max Arnowitz, James Alba, Mark Becker, Grace Biener, Stefanie Breuer, Administrator (vacancy), Sally Denbeaux, Michael Giancarlo, Meredith Kates, Michael Lavitol, Cheryl Mercer, Liz Scholl, Aditi Sen, Rob Holmes, Youth Member, Zach Weinstein, DPW Superintendent Keith Durie, Engineer Greg Polyniak

Term Expiring 12/31/2014

Mayor Arnowitz was asked to hold up at the request of one of his senior Green Team Members. This is being worked on and Council Pizzella will inform the Council when they are ready.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said the following committees may be confirmed with one motion.

HISTORIC PESERVATION COMMITTEE:

Eric Bongard, Barbara Braun, Lori Bettini, Tracy Glasner, Jerome Miano, Joanne Miano, Peter Hard

Term Expiring 12/31/2014

LOCAL ASSIST BOARD:

June Jones, Lois Kohan

Term Expiring 12/31/2015

MEDICAL EXAMINERS:

Carol D'Aquino, M.D., Michael Rutigliano, M.D., David M. Stewart, M.D.

Term Expiring 12/31/2014

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Jon Najarian, Deputy OEM Coordinator

Term Expiring 12/31/2014

PLANNING BOARD: (Mayor Appointment)

Elliot Lichtstein, Class IV
Joan Traudt, Alt.#1

Term Expiring 12/31/2017
Term Expiring 12/31/2015

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

Mayor Arnowitz presents the names of the following individuals for appointment, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: (Mayor Appointment with Advice and Consent)

Barbara Braun, Barbara Wertheim

Term Expiring 12/31/2018

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

OUR TOWN COMMITTEE: (Mayor Appointment with Advice and Consent)

Mayor asked for volunteers for this committee to be re-established. He said this is an important committee and for people who don't know about it, it is a group of people that go to new homeowners in town, tell them about Hillsdale, give out flyers and schedules, talk about schools and sports and answer any questions to a new homeowner or renter. He will do his best to re-establish this committee and is looking for volunteers. People from the sports associations and if anyone on Council has ideas or the public, let him know and we will set up a committee.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: (Mayor with Advice and Consent)

Jerry Dargan

Term Expiring 12/31/2017

Vacancy-Unexpired Term

Term Expiring 12/31/2014

Andy Puller

Term Expiring 12/31/2017

Council Member Kelley asked if Jerry Dargan is for a full term and stated that Andy Puller is for a full term and to be reappointed.

Mayor Arnowitz said we don't vote on an unexpired term because we don't have a name.

Council Member Pizzella confirmed that Andy Puller is interested in a full term.

Mayor Arnowitz said if Andy's term is up, it will expire 2017 the same as Jerry's. He asked for a motion for both Andy and Jerry.

Motion by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION: (Mayor with Advice and Consent)

Jay Campbell-3 year term

Term Expiring 12/31/2016

Paul Muller-3 year term

Term Expiring

12/31/2016

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson

Nays: Council Member said Aye on Muller, Nay on Campbell

The Council presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

BOARD OF HEALTH: (Council Appointment)

Lois Kohan to unexpired term for Ann Deutsch
12/31/2015

Term Expiring

Kimberly Hampton-Saul

Term Expiring

12/31/2016

James Stephens

Term Expiring

12/31/2016

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER-CLASS III: (Council Appointment)

Mayor Arnowitz requests the Council to nominate a member of the Council to be appointed to the Planning Board as their representative as the Class III Member of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2014.

Council Member Meyerson presented the name of Thomas Kelley as a Class III Planning Board Member.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Kelley

Mayor Arnowitz states that no further Oaths of Office will be administered at this meeting. However, all appointees are required to subscribe to their Oath of Office before entering upon their duties, and they are therefore asked to present themselves at the office of the Borough Clerk for this purpose on or before Friday, January 17, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: none

CORRESPONDENCE: none

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Arnowitz opens the meeting to the public.

Alfred J. Murphy, Jr., 5 Cherry Place –

He congratulated members of the Council. He didn't see any minutes for approval. He has an agenda for the December 30 Council Meeting which he was unable to attend. The Council adjourned to Closed Session but it was not specific as to what topics might be discussed and in the normal course of events, you indicate to the public what you are going to talk about.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said there were three items on the Agenda, only one of which was discussed.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

I have a question about the vote that was taken. He didn't see any indication of a vote being taken.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said a vote was taken when the governing body came out of executive session, and the vote was three in favor, one against the resolution. Adopting the resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute agreements.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

What is the agreement?

Borough Attorney Bernstein said with Mr. DeJoseph. With the former Borough Administrator.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

The Borough Administrator was the topic that was voted upon?

Attorney Bernstein said yes.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

And the vote was three to one. Don't you need the majority of the Council; two people could not vote.

Attorney Bernstein said no, an agreement does not require the majority of the Council.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

I don't necessarily agree with that. I sat through the Sine Die Meeting and I was really confused on the resolutions for the payment of bills. What was the amount of the payment of bills?

Attorney Bernstein said \$485,958.19.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

So its \$480,000 and we don't know what the amount was before?

Attorney Bernstein said the bill list was set forth. The question was on the issue of transfer of funds.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

So that bill was passed.

Attorney Bernstein replied yes. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

Were there any personnel items paid in that resolution?

Attorney Bernstein said there were various payrolls paid for, municipal and Stonybrook.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

Was the Borough Administrator one of those?

Attorney Bernstein said I don't have it in front of me one way or the other.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

Does anybody know if the former Administrator was one of those items that was paid?

Council Member Frank said it is not identified as such on the bill but there are some big numbers that it could have been.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

You voted on that resolution. I want to find out, was he paid?

Mayor Arnowitz said I am sure he was paid for his October salary and December salary whichever period this payroll covers, whatever agreements wouldn't be in there.

Mr. Murphy (Contd),

The agreed amount wouldn't be in there.

Mayor Arnowitz said we tabled the transfers so the money is not available.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

So the funds that were being transferred would be what would be covering what payment he would be receiving.

Mayor Arnowitz said part of the agreement, I don't know, I am limited to what I can say.

Attorney Bernstein said it is the understanding the amount was taken care of.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

The amount was taken care of. What kind of an answer is that? I'm not being sarcastic, I am sitting out here as a taxpayer.

Attorney Bernstein said appropriations were being made to assure the payment was made.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

I wonder what happened to open government. I'm sitting here as a taxpayer and I would like to know where the tax dollars go. This is a disgrace, you can't answer questions. There were a couple of items on the Reorganization Agenda where it calls for the Borough Administrator to participate and be one of the nominees. Do we have a Borough Administrator?

Mayor Arnowitz said at this time, no.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

Do we have somebody that is acting in the position of Borough Administrator.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Clerk is receiving phone calls and sort of doing the job of temporary Administrator.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

O.K., so the Council hasn't voted to authorize.

Mayor Arnowitz said an official vote has not been taken at the meeting but a declaration was part of the agreement that was voted on on December 30. It was mentioned as part of the agreement on December 30. In the interim ... it didn't say Acting-Administrator, it said that she would be ...

Council Member Frank said none of that was covered.

Mayor Arnowitz said she was not appointed at that meeting Acting-Administrator.

Council Member Frank said can I just say something; Mr. Murphy, the reason why no one is speaking about your questions about the money and all is because the agreement, which I object to, is being held confidential and we are excluded from speaking about that agreement.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

This is a public with taxpayer money being expended, how can you authorize something and not to tell the public what it is.

Council Member Frank said it is a fair question.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

Where do I go to get the answer? Where does the public go to get an answer? Do I have to go to Mr. Molinelli's office to get that? Silence means yes, so I guess I will have to call his office tomorrow. One of the items I noticed on here was Shared Services and it is certainly something that needs to be done given the restraints we have financially. But I also understand that leaves were being picked up in town by other municipalities, is that true?

Council Member DeGise said I can answer that. Two towns helped us, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake and actually on the last day we had Washington Township helping us out before the snow storm to get the leaves up off the ground. We are still not complete, there are some areas that need leaves up. It was a favor to us just like we help other municipalities out when they have problems, they were helping us out. There's no money being transferred.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is no official agreement other than the normal agreement that all the surrounding towns have to help each other. We are not paying them. No financial, and I have already -- I will thank when the Liaison gets back to me, each town's Mayor and I have already thanked the DPW in Westwood and when I see the others, I will thank them. It was a great help to Hillsdale.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

I agree and sitting out here I appreciate it although I still notice there are leaves around.

Mayor Arnowitz said they know it and they are still working on it. When the season started I authorized the Administrator and any and all equipment and overtime needed to get the leaves picked up. It is just a bunch of unfortunate circumstances that we are here in January and still have leaves out there. They are well aware of it and they are working diligently to take care of the problem. But our first concern right now is the snow and the ice and get that removed and once that is done and they can get at the leaves, they will get at it.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

On Page 5 the annual appointment designations to various municipal offices, I think you have a vacancy on there even though you have a name on there for the Chaplains. Father Harger has been reassigned, he is in Jersey City.

Council Member Pizzella said he spoke to Father Korbek and he was going to let Sue Witkowski know. He will take care of this.

After a discussion with the Council, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Council Member DeGise said Pastor Neville has another appointment this afternoon and asked to take him out of order.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Brian Neville was pleased to have many serving our church here in Hillsdale.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is a great ministry and also wanted to thank you personally and to the members of your church to allow us to have Hillsdale's Food Pantry and Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale inside your facilities. It is a great, great service to the residents of Hillsdale and the surrounding areas and unfortunately at this time it is an important service. Thank you for the space and thank you for everything you do for Hillsdale.

Pastor Neville said we are glad to host the Food Pantry and have many ministries to help the community.

Pastor Neville proceeded with the Benediction.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda):

14001 Temporary Budget 2014

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2014 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, 2014, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2013 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance in the said 2013 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 her records.

CURRENT FUND		
General Government		
Administration and Executive		
Salaries and Wages		\$ 20,700
Public Information		2,100
Miscellaneous		10,600
Municipal Clerk		
Salaries and Wages		24,000
Other Expenses		9,100
Mayor and Council		
Salaries and Wages		11,800
Other Expenses		1,300
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages		47,800
Other Expenses		14,700
Audit Services		
		7,900
Assessment of Taxes		
Salaries and Wages		10,100
Other Expenses		4,200
Revenue Administration		
Salaries and Wages		11,600
Other Expenses		3,100
Legal Services and Costs		
Other Expenses		49,100
Engineering Services and Costs		
Other Expenses		18,000
Municipal Land Use Law (NJS 40:55D-1)		
Planning Board		
Other Expenses		1,200
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Salaries and Wages		2,900
Other Expenses		100
Insurance		
Unemployment		4,700
General Liability		40,700
Workers Compensation		47,300
Group Insurance for Employees		304,700

Current Fund (Continued)		
Public Safety Functions		
Fire		
Salaries and Wages	\$	6,600
Other Expenses		17,000
Uniform Fire Safety Act		
Salaries and Wages		16,300
Other Expenses		2,900
Police		
Salaries and Wages		725,900
Other Expenses		19,100
First Aid		
Other Expenses		7,100
Emergency Management Services		
Salaries and Wages		525
Other Expenses		1,200
Municipal Court		
Salaries and Wages		20,700
Other Expenses		10,000
Public Defender		
Salaries and Wages		1,100
Prosecutor		
Salaries and Wages		2,900
Public Works Function		
Road Repairs and Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages		113,600
Other Expenses		24,300
Garbage and Trash Removal		
Salaries and Wages		1,400
Other Expenses		103,100
Recycling		
Other Expenses		38,300
Public Buildings and Grounds		
Other Expenses		10,100
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses		14,300
Train Station		
Other Expenses		2,900
Health and Human Services		
Public Health Services		
Salaries and Wages		19,200
Other Expenses		17,200
Blood Bourne Pathogens		300
Administration of Public Assistance		
Salaries and Wages		3,800
Environmental Commission		
Other Expenses		100

Current Fund (Continued)	
Park and Recreation Functions	
Recreations Services and Programs	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,100
Other Expenses	2,600
Parks and Playgrounds	
Salaries and Wages	40,000
Other Expenses	15,800
Senior Citizens Committee	
Salaries and Wages	6,200
Other Expenses	3,400
Other Common Operating Functions	
Anniversary or Holiday	
Other Expenses	800
Accumulated Absences	23,600
Code Enforcement and Administration	
Construction Code Official	
Salaries and Wages	33,200
Other Expenses	18,000
Utility Expenses and Bulk Purchases	
Electric and Gas	68,900
Gasoline	27,000
Telephone	13,800
Water	58,200
Contingent	6,600
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	
Contribution to Social Security System (OASI)	45,900
Police and Fireman's Retirement Systems of NJ	574,338
Public Employees Retirement System	208,130
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	1,300
LOSAP	69,000
Recycling Tax	3,600
Storm water	
Salaries and Wages	19,700
Other Expenses	500
Bergen County Utilities Authority	
Operating	170,600
Debt Service	78,100
Reserve for Tax Appeals	28,400
Maintenance of Free Public Library	166,300
Pistol Range Agreement- River Vale	600
Sub-Total	3,516,293

Current Fund (Continued)		
Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 50,000
Debt Service		
Bond Principal		\$ 400,000
Bond Interest		46,832
	Sub-Total	446,832
	Total Current Fund General Appropriations	\$ 4,013,125
Swim Pool Utility		
Operating		
Salary and Wages		\$ 86,200
Other Expenses		96,700
Debt Service		
Bond Principal		60,000
Bond Interest		7,006
	Total Swim Pool Utility Appropriations	\$ 249,906

Mayor Arnowitz explained an expenditure of between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for a heating system at the firehouse that is not in the Temporary Budget; it will be put in once I get a final amount. I had to move forward with that, all procedures were taken for bids, quotes, etc. under an emergency basis.

R14002 Establishment of Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and Borough charges shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a six (6) percent penalty shall be levied on all delinquencies, including interest thereon, in excess of \$10,000 after December 31, 2014

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Office of the Collector of Taxes is closed on the tenth day of February, May, August or November, then the rate of one thousandth of one percent per annum above described shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter.

R14003 Designating Borough Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as the official depositories of the Borough of Hillsdale for the fiscal year of 2014: Bank of America, Capital One Bank, Chase Manhattan, Citi Bank, Hudson United Bank, TD Bank, Oritani Bank, Pascack Community Bank, Valley National Bank, and NVE Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of the Mayor, Borough Treasurer and, Borough Clerk are hereby authorized as Official Signatories

R14004 Re-establishing Annual Petty Cash Funds for Borough Clerk's Office, Police Department and General Public Assistance

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen to establish such a fund as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Borough Clerk	Susan Witkowski	\$ 200.00	Supplies, postage.
Hillsdale Police Dept.	Elwood Stalter	\$ 200.00	Supplies, hardware, etc.
Detective Bureau	Sean Smith	\$ 200.00	Investigative Expenses
General Public Assistance	Katherine E. Elgert	\$ 100.00	Emergency Lodging Maintenance

WHEREAS, the custodian for these funds is Jonathan DeJoseph who is bonded for the amount of \$1,000,000; such custodian shall maintain records for their respective fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

R14005 Designating Tax Search Officer for 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that Candace Schaefer, Tax Collector, being a duly bonded Official of the Municipality, be and she is hereby designated as Official Tax Search Officer (N.J.S.A. 54:5-11) of the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2014.

~~R14006 Annual appointment of Green Team Advisory Committee~~

R14007 Designating Authorized Drivers of Borough Vehicles

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on Schedule A, filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk, being a volunteer firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of fire vehicles of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, that in the event of an emergency requiring the driving and operation of any fire vehicle of the Borough of Hillsdale in the absence or disability of any of the aforementioned persons every other firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale in good standing and active, be and the same is hereby authorized and appointed as a driver of said fire vehicle for and during the duration of such emergency and for and during the absence of other disability of the foregoing named persons; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on Schedule B, filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Police Department, including Special Officers and Police Matron, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of police vehicles of the Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on Schedule C, filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Department of Public Works, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on Schedule D, filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, being employees of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution may, from time to time hereafter, be amended and supplemented by resolution or resolutions amending or supplementing the schedules filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and that this resolution shall hereupon be effective with respect to the persons named upon such amendatory and supplementary resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons hereinbefore designated as drivers of motor vehicles be instructed that in the event they have been convicted of a motor violation, had their license suspended or revoked, they shall not drive Borough Vehicles and they shall immediately give written notice of said suspension or revocation to the Department Head and the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said appointments to be for the period commencing as of the date hereof and terminating on December 31, 2014, and thereafter until their successors shall be appointed and qualify.

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board requires a resolution from municipalities within Bergen County authorizing the Tax Assessor and Borough Attorney to file municipal appeals on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale, and to file corrections and/or stipulations regarding errors in tax assessments with the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections and/or the signing of these stipulations by the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Hillsdale will relieve the taxpayer from appearing before the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor should be authorized to file appeals when under certain circumstances the taxpayer fails to provide information to allow a proper assessment to be done;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Tax Assessor and/or Borough Attorney be and are hereby authorized to sign stipulations with the Bergen County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors are made and to file appeals when appropriate and in the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney of the Borough of Hillsdale are hereby authorized to file municipal appeals for both procedural and substantive reasons.

R14009 Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2014

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 a Public Agency must annually designate an officer to serve as its Public agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Public Agency Compliance Officer is responsible for assuring that no public contract may be awarded nor any monies paid until the contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with the approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the Public Agency (the Borough of Hillsdale) shall designate an officer or employee to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.), whose name title, business address, telephone number and fax number shall be forwarded to the State Affirmative Action Office by January 10, of every year; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. if the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and should have the authority to make the appropriate correction(s) to the Borough of Hillsdale's contracting procedures if required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby appoint Susan Witkowski, RMC, as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2014, and that the Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office, CN-209, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209

R14010 Designate Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council desire to designate the following listed newspapers as official news media for the Borough of Hillsdale:

The Ridgewood News
The Record
Star Ledger
Community Life
Pascack Press

R14011 Authorize Chief Financial Officer Authority to Pay Certain Obligations as needed

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale to grant authority to the Chief Financial Officer to pay certain obligations when due and owing prior to the regular payment of bills; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Chief Financial Officer be designated to pay the following as needed and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Borough of Hillsdale:

Association Meetings/Educational Sessions/Conference Costs
 Bergen County Taxes – Regular & Open Space
 Borough Payrolls including Social Security/Medicare
 Debt Payments – Bonds, Notes & Loans, Principal & Interest
 Gasoline/Diesel Vendors
 Board's of Education
 Postmaster
 Healthcare Reimbursements
 Health & Dental Insurance Premiums
 Lease Payments (previously authorized)
 Life Insurance Premiums
 Petty Cash
 Purchases Associated with Borough Events (including Recreation)
 Sewer Disposal – BCUA
 State or County Permit Applications
 Utilities

All payment of bills will be formally signed and approved at the next scheduled Council meeting.

R14012 Establish Change Funds

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, to establish a change fund for the following offices as listed:

DEPARTMENT	DESIGNEE	AMOUNT
Stonybrook Swim Pool Commission	Patricia Hughes	\$100.00
Finance	Joann Beutel	\$100.00
Municipal Court	Susan Keenan	\$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and governing body hereby authorizes such action.

R14013 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open” process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Eric Bernstein of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Eric M. Bernstein has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Eric Bernstein at the rate of \$95.00 per hour, and paralegal services at the rate of \$60.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Eric Bernstein as Borough Attorney and Labor Attorney through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14014 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Auditor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Auditor as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Auditor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, rates per the engagement letter of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14015 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Appraiser

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Appraiser as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc., rates per their proposal of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14016 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Risk Management Insurance Consultant

*PULLED OFF CONSENT AGENDA

R14017 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Attorney for Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain An Attorney for Tax Appeals as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP at the rate of \$95.00 per hour and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14018 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Public Defender

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Public Defender as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Jeffery B. Steinfeld, P.C., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Jeffrey B. Steinfeld, P.C. through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14019 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Municipal Bond Counsel as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Counsel; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Gibbons P.C. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Gibbons P.C. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Gibbons P.C. as per the proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Gibbons, P.C. as Municipal Bond Counsel through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14020 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Prosecutor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Prosecutor as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Dennis G. Harraka of the firm Winne Banta be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm Winne Banta has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with the firm Dennis Harraka of the firm Winne Banta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Dennis Harraka as Borough Prosecutor through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14021 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Engineer
*PULLED OFF CONSENT AGENDA

R14022 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Planner

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Planner as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Maser Consulting, P.A. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, P.A. has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts"; and Ordinance No. 11-19 "Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements"

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Maser Consulting at the rate of per their proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A. as Borough Planner through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

R14025 Reject all Requests for Qualifications for Borough Special Projects Engineer

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2013, the Borough of Hillsdale, consistent with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), advertised a request for quotations (hereinafter referred to as the "RFQ") for such professional services; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale received two (2) proposals in response to the advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, after receiving the responsive proposals received by the Borough of Hillsdale, the Borough has decided to abandon the project for provision or performance of the goods or services, and is thereby rejecting all proposals received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that all proposals for Borough Special Projects Engineer, received on December 5, 2013, shall be rejected.

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

Council Member Pizzella asked for a separate vote for 14016 and 14021.

Mayor Arnowitz asked for a motion on all Resolutions with the exception of 14016 and 14021.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

OFF-CONSENT AGENDA:

R 14016 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Risk Management Insurance Consultant.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Risk Management Insurance Consultant as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said consultant; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law" that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the "fair and open" process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Business & Governmental Insurance Agency (BGIA) will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of BGIA has completed and submitted a "Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity" as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, "An Ordinance

Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with BGIA, rates per JIF , and separate fee, five per cent (6%) of JIF or other insurance cost per the proposal of December 5, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of BGIA through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

Motion on R 14016 was made by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Kelley, Looes and Meyerson

Nays: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

R 14021 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Engineer

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Engineer as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” that took effect on January 1, 2006; and .

WHEREAS, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open” process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Neglia Engineering Associates will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Neglia Engineering Associates has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Neglia Engineering Associates as per the proposal of December 5, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Neglia Engineering Associates as Borough Engineer through December 31, 2014 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

Motion on R 14021 was made by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Kelley, Looes and Meyerson

Nays: Council Member Frank

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public.

Elizabeth Ward, 437 E. Liberty Avenue –

She congratulated the two newly re-elected Council Members and thanked all members of the Council as well as Mayor Arnowitz for your willingness to serve the residents of Hillsdale. She is following up on former Mayor Murphy’s comments on the leaves and acknowledged that there are still leaves on the ground here in January. On the whole they have done a good job considering they are down in numbers of workers and they experienced broken equipment. I am just curious if someone could tell me in terms of manpower, the number of people they have; for example, 2012 vs. 2013 and how this may have impacted the leaf removal.

Mayor Arnowitz said the manpower was similar. He authorized them to bring in anyone they needed. Fortunately, we still had the county program that paid for people so we had four additional people over and above our normal DPW force. He authorized them, if they needed to bring in more people, he was told by the Foreman and Superintendent that there was no need for more because they didn't have more equipment for them to use. They felt they had sufficient manpower. They did have a problem with one of the major pieces that we use for leaf pickup which is the front end loader. I will tell you that last week I met with the Liaison and the temporary Superintendent, Butch Franklin, and we are going to sit down and discuss hopefully with ex-Superintendent Keith Durie what problems came up, what can be done to correct those problems. I don't know, that machine went down and there was nothing we can do about it, it is not a piece of equipment we can afford lying around and replace. Maybe there is something we can do.

Council Member DeGise wanted to comment. The extra help we had actually was less people this year than last year but besides that, the major problem ...

Mayor Arnowitz said that is not true.

Council Member DeGise said excuse me, I looked at last year's numbers and we hired two more in November around November 20 and it is true. We had a front end loader that was broken and took the administration four weeks to get an authorization to fix it. One loader is 50% of our capability; a loader goes out with the garbage truck and leaf pickup for five weeks; we only had one crew working instead of two because we didn't have a second loader, that was the reason why we are running behind. Besides that, for every snow storm we had in December there is a two day no pickup on leaves. We had three snow storms and an ice storm in December which is essentially an eight day lag in leaves. Hopefully we have the leaf crews going out again starting Monday even though there is snow on the ground, there is only going to be a half a crew because the rest will be addressing ice issues and snow removal issues. We are hoping to get done this week pending any storms that are coming. I sat down with the interim Superintendent, I sat down with the Foreman over there, he was able to use the second loader two days this year for leaf pickup; it is back up on the road. Last week because we have a close relationship with other towns, we had Westwood come in here for a week with one crew; the last two days they sent two crews; we had Washington Township come in with a crew to help us and we had Woodcliff Lake come in with a crew to help us, all self-sufficient equipment was the reason why manpower wasn't so much the reason even though we were two short, if we don't have the loader we lose 50% of our capability. That is the end result.

Ms. Ward (Contd).

We have leaves covered with snow and when it rains, now we will have puddles and ice.

Mayor Arnowitz said I would tell you that the report I signed off on with Kathy Donovan, the County Superintendent, County Administrator, we have four people from their program this year vs. three people last year. This is not a program that will continue next year unless something happens; these are the people that came to us via Sandy and Irene over the last few years. Hopefully we will not have a repeat of those catastrophes so they are not planning on continuing the program, that has to be addressed for next year.

Ms. Ward (Contd).

I am curious when the Council will be presenting the preliminary budget.

Mayor Arnowitz said before you came in we talked about the finance committee setting up dates; it is supposed to be in by February, hopefully we can get close to that date. It is a monumental task, it is not easy task putting a budget together and project what we are going to be bringing in and then once you project it all, then we have to start paring because of the CAP.

Ms. Ward (Contd).

I think it is important when doing the budget that we look at operational expenses and not dwell on capital improvements. She has been at meetings where you've talked about lights on fields authorizing engineering studies and what have you. It cost, obviously, a lot of money in salaries.

Mayor Arnowitz said everything has to be looked at, everything has to be addressed, and priorities have to be set. Obviously the basics have to be a priority but everything still should be looked at; that is why I said when we set up the shared service committee for this year we once again look at where we can share. Council Member DeGise said this afternoon that should be a savings to the town, that he is working on a deal that we have been trying to put together for years as to picking up fuel through a consortium in Westwood which should save us some money. Things like that have to be done for a small community like ours to survive.

Council Member Meyerson said last year was his first year on Council and also on the finance committee and I learned a lot. There is always a balance between operational expenses which is the heart and soul of the town but also capital improvements and the Mayor is absolutely right, you have to take a look at these

improvements. We ask our department chairs when they come in to the budget sessions, the finance committee meeting, and we ask the chairs and all the department heads to come in and give us their proposed budget; we go through it item by item and he also asks that they give us a five year plan as to how they structure their capital improvements, equipment changes, things like that. We also have a road program in town because you can't ignore these things. If you ignore them, the infrastructure in town falls apart. There is a balance between capital improvements and operational expenses. We will take a hard look at those this year as well and try to strike the right balance. The Mayor said a moment ago that we have to look at everything, particularly shared services which he is the chair of that committee this year. We are in the process of taking a real look at studies which we should get our report soon; on the court system, to see how we can share services with two other towns. It is similar to what we did in Montvale and that report will be coming, hopefully, very soon and we are going to look at shared services in a lot of different areas of the town as well. I don't think you can ignore capital improvements completely because we can't have our roads falling apart, we can't ignore equipment. Last year we did two vehicles, but sooner or later these vehicles fall apart. I think we replaced a vehicle for the Fire Chief which was 15 years old, 10 or 12 years old.

Mayor Arnowitz said it was bought December 1999.

Council Member Meyerson said that was 14 years ago. Sooner or later they fall apart; police vehicles are used 24/7 so they fall apart a little sooner than that and you have to have a program.

Ms. Ward (Contd).

She agreed, and then all of the sudden you are confronted with a major purchase. Also in doing that, you should look at things that are really necessary, you have to maintain and not have a wish list. Things that benefit the majority of Hillsdale residents, not special interests.

Council Member Meyerson agreed with that. When you take a look at what we did last year I don't think there was anything that would be considered a wish list, they were delayed for a few years and at some point you just have to go ahead and do it.

Ms. Ward (Contd).

I think the goal this year should be to balance the budget, address both the capital improvements as well as the operational expenses, but to come out with a budget with zero borrowing. Balance and don't borrow money because you are only paying the piper later on, you may be out of office but sooner or later, these notes will come due. A household has to live within its means I think the Borough of Hillsdale should attempt to do the same. She asked about public comment on the budget, last year it came in a little bit tight.

Council Member Meyerson said that is a really good question. We have to do a better job - - last year I wasn't aware of the procedure to schedule for public comment, my understanding is there is one night for public comment.

Mayor Arnowitz said by law we have to introduce the budget to the public and the public comments; the budget will be available to people that night. The state gives us a very short time to put together a \$13 or \$14 million dollar budget with hundreds and hundreds of line items and in the past we could just strike a budget and raise taxes 9% and suffer the consequences of the public. Now you can't do that anymore, when you get a budget together, you call it a wish list, I call it a have to list, there's a lot of stuff that we have to do. Council Member Meyerson is absolutely correct, I got involved in Hillsdale's politics because we weren't doing roads at a rate he felt was necessary. We have fallen a little on our local road program, we have to address things like that, but it is addressed, looked at, we say we can put it off this year but next year we really have to look at it and do it. You have to do a little at a time; vehicles are wearing and we get max out of them. At some point in time we have to think about replacing them. Everything is taken into consideration, the budget is struck, and we work with the auditor to bring it in under the CAP or at the CAP. Understand we are allowed to raise taxes almost 5% in town but fortunately we haven't done that, the taxpayers might understand we can raise taxes over the CAP because it is an outside CAP item, we are not doing that, they don't want that, they don't accept that. To balance the budget, to bring in a zero increase in taxes, in today's day and age that will never happen. We don't have the development in town or the ability to collect additional funds outside the taxpayer's pocketbook. We need to raise your taxes. We don't have any control over the school taxes or the library taxes or the county taxes but everybody looks at it as our taxes and blames this Council. I am sure the finance committee will work very diligently this year and try to find any funds or fees to help offset the burden on the taxpayer, to be able to provide the taxpayers living in this town the best service possible for the dollars we have available. He asked her again if in 2014 to head up the Concert Committee. That is a great program that we have spent a lot of money on and you were able for the last two years to put that together free of charge to the taxpayer and each year it grows leaps and bounds and that is what I said in the beginning of the meeting, that is what Hillsdale is all about. We have to find people like you willing to do work with these merchants, give them some business, and keep them in town so that they continue to support our program.

After a discussion with the Council, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Council Member DeGise said he has three non-consent Agenda items that he wanted to bring up. He asked the Attorney at what point of the meeting he should do this.

The first is in reference to the January 14th Council Meeting. He said Council Members Meyerson and DeGise will be away and asked if the meeting could be moved to January 23rd.

Mayor Arnowitz asked that the Municipal Clerk check to see if the Chamber is available.

Council Member DeGise made a motion to move the January 14 Council Meeting to January 23.

Council Member Frank said the only thing on the calendar is a blood drive in the parking lot and that is from 10AM to 2PM.

Council Member Meyerson said there is a scheduled Finance Committee meeting that evening and said we would have to move that.

Mayor Arnowitz said we do have a quorum if you want to miss the meeting. I don't know how important that meeting is, I haven't seen an agenda.

Council Member Meyerson said they are all important, I hate to see meetings cancelled.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Planning Board Meeting is the following Tuesday on the 28th. Does anyone have a problem with this?

Council Member Pizzella said the date would impact him, however, he could start there and come back.

Council Member Kelley seconded Council Member DeGise's motion to change the meeting to January 23 at 8PM.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Council Member DeGise said his second item is the appointment of William Franklin for the interim Assistant DPW Superintendent be extended to March 14 from his January 17, 2014, appointment.

Council Member Looes said it started from a certain time period and as of January 18, we wouldn't have anybody.

Council Member Frank said the compensation was going to be different between periods, correct?

Council Member DeGise said correct.

Seconded by Council Member Kelley.

Mayor Arnowitz had a question on that. He has a problem with this whole position. The problem I have is Mr. Franklin worked for the Borough and received compensation from the Borough for doing work in the Borough. We are making him Superintendent and now I see him doing all the other jobs that he received compensation for under the auspices of DPW Superintendent. That is not acting-Superintendent. That is not what the acting-Superintendent position is; the original position was supposed to be 10 hours per week for minimal pay, four hours a day, 20 hours a week and now it's 60 hours a week. I know he can only make a certain amount of money but we are throwing a lot at him for very little and he takes a cut to help the town. I will point out to the public and the Council that I discussed this with Mr. Franklin and he told me he is aware of it, he doesn't have a problem with it, it is o.k. I am not o.k. with this. I believe people are entitled to be compensated to some extent for what they but they do certainly shouldn't take a cut.

Council Member DeGise agreed, he said the new compliance items for retired employees has not been out yet, it is supposed to be out this week, when it does, we will look into it. He did talk to him, he just texted me before that the library had broken pipes and is over there fixing them. He didn't call the plumber, he was fixing it and he goes over and above his job. We do appreciate and are working on it.

Mayor Arnowitz wanted everyone on Council and the public to know that we are going to resolve this problem because it is not fair.

Council Member Pizzella asked if eventually you are going to compensate him.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will do what we can.

Council Member Pizzella said originally it worked out well for the Borough because of the smaller amount of compensation.

Mayor Arnowitz said to be the DPW Superintendent, he wasn't appointed to do buildings and grounds, he wasn't appointed to be the Borough electrician.

Attorney Bernstein said compensation cannot exceed the amount.

Mayor Arnowitz said he is limited because he is on pension.

Council Member Frank said with a new person if we are going to make a change, we will have to vote on that.

Council Member DeGise said we should have a finance meeting first.

Council Member Kelley said initially he worked four hours a day, five days a week; Butch said I will do it as needed. When he went into leaf season, things went out in the Fire Department, consequently Butch has been here for many hours trying to get everything fixed. It has been working out well.

Council Member Meyerson said if we are going to talk about Mr. Franklin's job performance whether it is positive or negative you must RICE him and do it in executive session. This was a simple resolution because his job officially ends on January 17th and our next meeting was originally scheduled before that. Since we just moved the meeting, if you would like, we could extend this to the day of the next meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz said all I am going to say is we are appointing Mr. Franklin to a position of DPW Superintendent and all the other duties he has been performing for the past five or six weeks, are we appointing him now.

Council Member Frank said whoever his Supervisor is, and I have no idea who that is, should be the one that controls as you said when he should hire a plumber, bring in an electrician as opposed to doing the work himself. I am assuming it is Jason DeGise.

Council Member DeGise said as Commissioner, he has been overseeing and has been there almost on a daily basis.

Mayor Arnowitz said I have a motion and a second on reappointing or extending the appointment of Mr. Franklin to March 14.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Council Member DeGise said the last thing is we have an open item. I would like in the interim to appoint Susan Witkowski to interim Borough Administrator until March 14 as well subject to a finance meeting for compensation at a later date to follow up.

Mayor Arnowitz said the compensation to be determined. The personnel committee would fill the position, the finance committee would work out compensation. It doesn't matter and make sure finance is in agreement.

Council Member Frank asked how many bandaids are we going to be putting on? We've got the bandaid on DPW, now we are going to have a bandaid on our CFO.

Council Member DeGise said that our Superintendent is truly retired so we can't do anything.

Council Member Frank said now we are going to have a bandaid on our Borough Administrator, I would really like to hear a plan. When we combined those jobs, CFO and Administrator a couple of years ago, it was done in conjunction with the Borough Clerk, the DPW Superintendent and the Police Chief who told us what their preferences were. I get concerned that we are doing too many little patches without – I would like to hear a plan from the Council majority as to what they are going to do.

Council Member DeGise said the Council majority does have a plan for Mr. Franklin at this point in time. The beginning of the plan is Step One to appoint Susan as interim Administrator; our plan will unfold in the next 30 to 60 days.

Council Member Frank asked if this is another confidential agreement because it seems there are a lot of secrets.

Council Member DeGise said it is going to be discussed in public and it will be done through the finance committee for anything financial and through the rest of the Council for what Council decisions are.

Mayor Arnowitz said I would point out to you just based on the comment you just made that the majority of the Council has a plan. The majority of the Council cannot have a plan to move Hillsdale forward, if you do and if you met and you discussed it and you are all in agreement, you are in violation, in my opinion, of the Sunshine Laws. Anything that you want to do has to be established, as you just said, in the committees and then brought to this meeting room and discussed.

Council Member DeGise said it will be brought to the committees.

Mayor Arnowitz said that is not what you just said. You said that the majority has a plan.

Council Member Meyerson said let me correct something, the misimpression that was just given; it was a misunderstanding, maybe a misstatement. The majority has not met on this issue, we have no plans specifically. The plan is very simple, is to meet in the appropriate committees and to map out a strategy amongst the entire committees and the Council as to how we move forward to replace the Administrator and CFO and the DPW Superintendent. Within a year we essentially will have to fill three positions, or not within a year, but within a certain amount of time we have to fill three positions for essentially two people. That is what we have had in the past and as a Council through our committees a plan that makes sense for the town. So I think Mr. DeGise misspoke when he said that we have a plan, there is no plan, and there have not been any meetings or violation of the Sunshine Law. I want to make that clear. So to the extent that we need to have a plan, Council Member Frank is absolutely correct and until such time, there has to be interim people to fill these positions and the motion that was set forth by Council Member DeGise was to have an interim Administrator until such time we can determine, as a Council through our committees, what is the best plan for this town. That is the plan and I think it is appropriate under the circumstances.

Council Member Frank said I accept what you say, I have just one other comment and that was we had significant advance warning when our DPW Superintendent was going to retire, although the date was a little bit difficult to get. I understand there was some good planning to cover what we were going to do until such time he is officially retired. Some of the actions that just happened with the BA and CFO could have been anticipated a little better in terms of what the plan was going to be going forward. As a business man who has had to deal with the unexpected and the expected, unexpected you have to deal with as best you can. Expected you've got to have a plan so I look forward to having these meetings as soon as possible and to get this thing put together and get the full Council to buy into it and I agree that we have to move forward.

Council Member Meyerson said the question then becomes, which committee be first on this issue. I think the Mayor who asked the question with respect to Mr. Franklin should go to the Personnel Committee or Finance Committee. Obviously there is an inter relationship between these issues, personnel vs. finance. I propose that the Finance Committee meet first on this issue to discuss it first and with respect how this is to be paid for or what kind of money we have, then we turn it over to the Personnel Committee to determine how to fill those positions with appropriate people. Or we could do just the other way around, there are two different options, I think, first Finance then Personnel or first Personnel and Finance. I leave it up to the Council for future discussion on that issue and maybe that should be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Council Member Kelley said first we should sit down with Sue because we need to know if she is going to be our interim Administrator, first of all is she going to do it because it is not going to be too easy, it is going to be a process to find an Administrator. She would determine what she would do, any help she would need, as far as finance or additional personnel needed to do the work.

Mayor Arnowitz did not believe we are that big of a community and government that big a business however you look at it, we can't do it all at the same time. I would suggest that the Finance Committee, overlap with Personnel Committee, both committees start meeting. Personnel should meet with Sue to find out what is needed; you should be looking not at Sue but the overall.

Council Member Meyerson said you have x dollars for this year and obviously more because of Mr. Durie and the like.

Mayor Arnowitz said one committee shouldn't wait for the other.

Council Member Meyerson said that is an excellent idea. I was just throwing it out there, you need to have this multi approach between Finance and Personnel. We are limited because of the Open Public Meetings Act. We want to stay within the law.

Council Member Frank said two years ago our Borough Administrator left and we had a part-time CFO who came in after 4PM when everyone was gone and it really didn't work out too well. The Borough Administrator left and for almost a year the Mayor and I stepped in and provided significant support to the Borough Clerk who was appointed. The Clerk has a full time job as it is and we are laying a lot of responsibility and a lot of work and I'm not sure it is doable first of all and I'm not sure it is fair. So I think before we charge ahead on this thing it requires more discussion, more understanding. Again, we are having a Council Liaison who is providing direct supervision to the DPW Superintendent, which is great, that is kind of like stepping up like the Mayor did and I did two years ago. Let's not create a situation where things fall through the cracks which can very easily happen.

Council Member Meyerson agreed with that which is one of the reasons why he supports this resolution to appoint Ms. Witkowski temporarily for as long as it takes to determine through the Personnel Committee, Finance Committee, what we do permanently. I think we need to do the same immediately with respect to the CFO. We are going to need somebody for those budget meetings to run these numbers and have them available. Mr. Lerch is present and he is sure he will be involved in that. He would like the Personnel Committee to meet as soon as possible to discuss the issue of an interim CFO. Something temporary until such time as a permanent solution and a plan can be developed by the Council through its committee. I think that is the only way we can approach this.

Council Member Frank said before we do that in March, he would prefer the Personnel Committee to sit down with Sue initially and find out what perimeters are, how much of the workload she can take, what she can't do and what issues are going to be left on the table, and then quickly thereafter have the Finance Committee sit down to see if we come to some kind of a plan.

Council Member Meyerson said time is of the essence and I just don't like not having a Borough Administrator even temporarily. It went a year last time without one.

Council Member Frank said you can ask Mr. Murphy when he was Mayor, I don't believe that they had a Borough Administrator. The Mayor is the CEO of the town.

Council Member Meyerson said I understand that, I don't think it is a good idea without having someone sitting in that chair and have access information to provide it as a nucleus which is why I support this resolution, I think it is a good idea to have somebody on an interim basis to act as the Borough Administrator. I understand what Mr. Murphy just said, but there are plenty of towns that have combined their Borough Clerk with their Borough Administrator as well, so there are two sides to that coin. After meeting with the Personnel Committee and Ms. Witkowski objecting to the nature of the job because it is too much, we would know right away. Leaving the town without an Administrator even for a few weeks or a month, I don't think it serves the town well.

Mayor Arnowitz said I have a motion and a second. Roll Call.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Arnowitz invited comments from Council members.

Council Member Frank said in seniority both on this earth and on this Council, I am second to the Mayor. In 2010 when I came on Council I was interviewed by the Committee they asked me what is the main thing the town has to be worried about and not having been deeply involved but knowing enough about government to know that there was going to be a financial struggle over the next few years over the 2% CAP. Union contracts in excess of that had to be dealt with and the first time I was up here and had an opportunity to talk about this, I talked about resistance and how resistance change is a nominal issue that businesses and organizations have to deal with. We have had a lot of resistance from employees, we've had resistance from our residents as we have to make the necessary changes that move Hillsdale from where you can just pass along those 5, 6, 7% tax increases every year and now limited to 2% and you have to figure out a way to make it happen. All I can say is the job hasn't gotten any easier even though we made some good progress over the past couple of years, but progress and leadership is tough going and you want to think back to 2012. We had a very difficult year trying to implement some significant changes to provide savings to the town. If you paid attention to the last year you probably find that I am on the far left of this

dais but certainly up here, on the far right. I'm the one who is voting no on many of the expenditures that I don't think are necessary and my background is running companies and having a very strong financial background. I see that there are opportunities and we can do things differently but I am one of six, I'm good at math. I just will say I will continue doing what I have been doing for the three and a half years and that is making sure that we are fair to all the residents and try to keep control between spending and finding ways to bring in more revenues and that is the best objective that we could have.

One final comment I nominated Larry Meyerson as Council President. You can read it any way you want. In 2012 we had a really tough year here between dispatch and fire department issues and we had a President of the Council, Mike Giancarlo, who did a heck of a job keeping us all together. Even though we were all Republicans, we had different opinions and there was squabbling going on and Mike was a calming influence, he never did anything to embarrass and did a heck of a job making it work together. I know on paper the Council President's job is basically to take over for the Mayor when he misses a meeting, I'm looking for and hoping that we can work on some of the difficult issues this year and not let the petty politics get involved and I am hoping the Council President can work with us and I will do my best and will continue to vote solo if I don't agree, it doesn't bother me at all. I am hoping we can continue working together as we have on a number of things during the year and find common ground or at least agree to disagree. I already congratulated Council Members Looes and Pizzella and look forward to their significant contributions,

Council Member Pizzella said a lot earlier and excited today as today is a positive day for him in life. He would hope that regardless what people talk about up here and how people vote, we can put our personal issues aside and not take things personally and looks forward to working with everyone up here. The election is over, this meeting is over, and I hope that we can all truly work together. We can tap into the resources that are up here and work together. He congratulated Council Member Looes and looks forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Kelley congratulated Chris Donaldson on his promotion to Sergeant. He was very proud watching Matt Buesser being sworn in. For those who don't know Matt, he is one of the best firemen in the fire department and very dedicated. He congratulated Matt and his family. He thanked Susan for accepting interim Administrator, it will be a lot of work, and he wishes her the best. We brought up our interim Superintendent and thanked him for all of his work and it is a very hard job making it work. With regard to snow, he asked residents to look at their nearest hydrant and asked that they dig them out. It makes a big difference in the event of a fire. He suggested residents look in on their elderly neighbors to see if they need anything.

Council Member DeGise said this Council may not always agree on everything but we have the best interests for Hillsdale. He sent out an email last week to buy salt for the last snow storm and did not include Council Member Frank, it was not intentional. He has been a great help on the Finance Committee and he appreciated it. The garbage schedule is changing, it goes into effect on January 8, and all notices have provided. He congratulated Chris Donaldson as Sergeant. Going into 2014, we definitely have to look at shared services and he would like a meeting in the next 10 days as there are some new things that have come to light that he wants to share. He looks forward to working with everyone.

Council Member Looes reiterated her prior comments that she looks forward to continue on the Commissions she was on and some of the new ones and working with everyone. She liked all of the differences because it shows that we are looking at all of the different possibilities and that is what we have to do, we cannot view only side and it is best to view all sides and make our decisions from there. Every year is a tough year and 2014 will not be different, especially with financial decisions that we make and she believed we are heading in the right direction.

Council Member Meyerson thanked all the volunteers who volunteered their time for Hillsdale this past year as well as volunteering their time in the future. He also thanked the professionals that work for Hillsdale including every professional that works, whether it is the Auditor all the way through to BGIA or Mr. Neglia and whose partners and staff are here. They all do a fine job sitting through these meetings. He thanked each and every member of the Council; we do have some rather interesting debates but it is always done on both sides with Hillsdale's best interest at heart. Congratulations to Mr. Pizzella and Ms. Looes, he enjoyed serving with both of them; Mr. Kelley thank you for being Council President even though it can a bit controversial, the Mayor with 26 years of service, Mr. DeGise particularly with respect to what he is doing with the DPW. He appreciated that. He added the two professionals sitting on the Council, Ms. Witkowski for her ability to sit neutral while we play volley ball back and forth sometimes on both ends of the Council and for Mr. Bernstein who has yeoman service this year both as Labor Counsel and Town Counsel who certainly knows the law for this area and is not shy about telling us about it. Thanks to each and every one of you for everything that has been done, it has been an honor to serve this year the people of Hillsdale and each and every member of this governing body and the professionals.

Borough Clerk Witkowski thanked the Council for their confidence in her. Her door is always open, emails are always there, and I will do the best that I can.

Mayor Arnowitz thanks our ex-Administrator Jonathan DeJoseph for his service to the community. I personally think he did an excellent job, he got us a lot of grants. He certainly made my life a lot easier and I think some other town will benefit wherever he goes.

He congratulated everyone who has been appointed to a position, whether paid or volunteer. While municipal governments pay people we are not the greatest payers in the world and professionals probably make more money elsewhere but they provide a service to the community and he thanked them. He said there is not enough he can about the volunteers, to serve their community, to work for their community for little and most of the time for absolutely no compensation. Council Member DeGise did announce that the garbage pickups are changing, the recycling schedule is changing, please call or come to the borough hall, pick up a flyer or look at the website and figure out when your garbage is being picked up. We are going to be moving the recycling pickups to Friday and the garbage pickup to Wednesday and when vegetative waste starts, that will change but that is not until May. When we have a holiday, such as Christmas or New Year, they don't pick up garbage or recycling, they pick it up the next day. There is no need to call borough hall; they won't be there at 8AM because he hoped they are sending out separate trucks. He did hear from one resident that hers wasn't done this way, they are picking up garbage and recycling in the same truck. That is not acceptable and he is going to look into that because he is a big advocate of recycling. During his walks, he averages picking up between eight and fifteen recyclable containers that are thrown on our curbs and sidewalks and it is not acceptable. He thanked Patty Hughes for setting up the coffee and cookies, etc., it was above and beyond what was necessary but it was appreciated. The Planning Board has a special meeting tomorrow night to open their RFQ's and they have a regular Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday.

He said word was sent out by the DPW that it is slippery outside and advised caution to all. He asked the Council to prepare for a picture.

ADJOURNMENT: @3:30 p.m.

Motion: by Council Member Kelley, Second: by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.