

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:32PM on Wednesday, December 9, 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.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 9th day of December 2014. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

On a roll call those in attendance were Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella. Also in attendance were Mayor Arnowitz, Borough Attorney Bernstein, and Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Witkowski.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Letter Dated October 13, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Jeffery Wertheim to the Hillsdale Fire Department Cadet Company

Motion to approve, receive and file by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

2. Letter Dated October 3, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for John Looes to the Hillsdale Fire Department Cadet Company

Motion to approve, receive and file by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Jeffery Wertheim
John Looes

Mayor Max Arnowitz
Council Member Looes

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: (two vacancies)

Robert Ricco

Unexpired term expiring 12/31/2015

Motion to approve by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abby Lundy

Unexpired term expiring 12/31/2015

Motion to approve by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Arnowitz broke the tie, and his vote was "aye," so Ms. Lundy will take the oath of office. He asked Ms. Witkowski to make the arrangements with Ms. Lundy to do so.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: (one vacancy)

Sachiko Goodyear

Unexpired term expiring 12/31/2015

(This is a mayoral appointment; there was no vote).

Mayor Arnowitz stated that Ms. Goodyear could also be sworn in at another time.

PROCLAMATIONS:

There were none this evening.

RECOGNITION:

There were none this evening.

PRESENTATIONS:

There were none this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Work Session Meeting November 5, 2014; Public Meeting November 12, 2014.

Motion to approve by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Council Member Frank

Closed Session Meeting of November 12, 2014

Motion to approve by Council Member DeGise, second by Council President Kelley.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Meyerson, and Council President Kelley

Nays: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

PROFESSIONALS REPORTS/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Borough Engineer – November 24, 2014

Ambulance Corps –

Construction Department –

DPW –

Fire Department – October 2014

Health Department – November 2014

Council Member Looes reminded everyone that there is a box in the lobby of Borough Hall, which is for the coat drive, which continues until December 15. She asked people to donate any old coats that are in good condition to this worthy cause. Mayor Arnowitz noted that donations do not have to be winter coats, but any types of outerwear would be appreciated.

Hillsdale Library – Council Member Frank commented that the Public Library will be hosting a program called “Hour of Code,” which runs from December 8-14. It is an online program for people of all ages, with modules that teach users how to do basic programming and the basics of coding. Council Member Frank tried it, and said it is a wonderful basic way for children or people who are unfamiliar with computer codes to learn about them. Anyone can go to hourofcode.org and choose the modules s/he would like to explore. Mayor Arnowitz asked Council Member Frank to make sure that the URL is posted on the Borough website. The Public Library is also hosting a session in which the Pascack Pioneers will be conducting training on 3-D printing, which is becoming very popular. The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, at 1:00 PM. It lasts for one hour. Attendees will learn about Computer-Aided Drawing (CAD), followed by the 3-D printing session, how it integrates into the robotics team, and how 3-D printing improves the world around us.

Senior cinema is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10, at 12:00 noon, and they will be watching “The 100-Foot Journey”. Council Member Frank said he is not familiar with that movie.

The Public Library is adding access to Zinio digital magazines through BCCLS, with an additional 125 magazines now available, bringing the total number of magazines available through the app to 250. Access is free; it is only necessary to download the app to a tablet or a smart phone.

Mayor Arnowitz commented that there is now a sign outside the library indicating that the elevator is out of service. He assured the public that he and the Borough Council are working as fast as the law allows to bring the elevator back in service. Council Member Frank added that Neglia Engineering has been working with the Public Library to determine what part of the project can be completed on an emergency basis, and an answer is expected shortly. Mayor Arnowitz asked if Council Member Frank believes there is any more that the Borough Council could do to expedite the process. Council Member Frank responded that he would remain involved with the Public Library, paying particular attention to this situation, and would let Mayor Arnowitz know of any developments.

Police Department –

Recreation/Stonybrook – December 2014

Council Member Looes commented that at the meeting last night, a lot of the discussion was due to the fact that they are starting to work on the budget. They have preliminary budget, which was developed by Ms. Hughes with assistance from Ms. Ayer. Council Member Looes understands that the Stonybrook Commission will have a separate meeting to discuss the budget in-depth and streamline it as much as possible. Mayor Arnowitz asked Council Member Looes to remind the Stonybrook Commissioners that new Council Members will be seated next year, and they are not necessarily familiar with the Commission. There will also be changes in the Finance Committee, so he suggested that as soon as something could be put together for review by the Finance Committee, it would be helpful.

Motion to receive and file by Council Member DeGise, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Electronic Message Dated November 24, 2014, from Laura Calabria resigning from the Environmental Commission, effective immediately

Motion to accept, receive, and file by Council Member Pizzella, second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Arnowitz thanked Ms. Calabria for serving on the Commission, and for coming in when she was needed in doing a great job.

2. Letter Dated December 4, 2014, from Dawn Timpanaro resigning from the Hillsdale Recreation Commission, Effective December 4, 2014 (term expiring 12/31/2015)

Motion to accept, receive, and file by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously approved.

Council President Kelley commented that Ms. Timpanaro has served on the Recreation Commission for a very long time, and she has done a great job. He thanked her for her service, and everything she has done for the community.

3. Letter Dated November 5, 2014, from George Kritzler, 275 Pascack Road – Bamboo Ordinance

Motion to receive and file by Council Member Meyerson, second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously approved.

Council Member Frank asked what the status of regenerating the ordinance is. Council Member DeGise said he asked for it to be on the agenda for discussion tonight, but it is not there. Ms. Witkowski explained that she was hoping to give them the ordinance to be re-introduced, but it will be put on the agenda for January.

4. By-laws, Board of Fire Officers from 2014

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Meyerson, second by Council Member Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5. Letter Dated November 16, 2014, from Jonathan DeJoseph, regarding Medical and Dental Coverage

Motion to receive and file by Council Member Pizzella, second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously approved.

Mayor Arnowitz commented that the Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk responded to Mr. DeJoseph about this, and work continues on correcting the mistake that was made. The Borough Council will be kept updated about the problems that are being encountered. Ms. Witkowski reported that one person who had retired and was still receiving benefits is now officially off the list for receiving benefits.

6. Letter Dated November 14, 2014, from the Borough of Northvale, 2015 Leaf Removal Program/Multi-Year Interlocal Agreement

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Meyerson, second by Council Member Looes, and

unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of Sports Agreements

Council Member Looes mentioned that there was a meeting of the Recreation Commission this week, and there was open discussion about the sports association agreements, as well as an expanded discussion about the role of the Commission itself; its makeup; responsibilities; etc. Everyone who attended the meeting, including some of the individual association members, as well as Council Member-elect DeRosa, will be receiving information about the proceedings.

2. Status of Hillsdale Football Association (HFA) – IRS Filing

Ms. Witkowski stated that there is no update at this time.

3. Employee Handbook Update

Ms. Witkowski stated that this will be taken care of in 2015, after the Reorganization Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Borough Engineer – Term of Contract

Mayor Arnowitz said he is not sure why this was on the agenda, because the Borough Engineer is currently in the second year of a three-year contract. He attributed the confusion everyone has to the fact that at the Reorganization Meeting in January 2014, the resolution appointing Neglia and Associates to the second year of the contract stated that the term would 12/31/2014. However, if the whole resolution is read, it clearly states that it is a three-year term, and this year is the second year of that term. The reappointment is made every year to confirm the salary.

Council Member Pizzella asked if this was on the agenda for any specific reason. Council President Kelley said he asked for it to be included. Council Member Pizzella commented that in the new year, the Borough Council should consider having the ordinance amended to reflect one-year terms, if contracts are going to continue to be authorized on a yearly basis. The State statute sets a three-year term, and there is an ordinance is arguably in the wrong place and does not involve employees, which specifies a three-year term. There are also contracts for one-year terms. That is why Council Member Pizzella suggests that in 2015, the Borough Council should discuss how the ordinance can be brought in compliance with the State statute, as well as contracts that are now being entered into. Mayor Arnowitz confirmed that a State statute created the three-year term, but a problem arose with the prior Borough Engineer. In the first year of his three-year term, Mayor Arnowitz believes that the Borough Administrator at that time interpreted the statute incorrectly. Mayor Arnowitz stated it is his understanding that the Borough must comply with the State law, and this is how that was accomplished. However, because the State statute and ordinance are so confusing, Mayor Arnowitz agreed that the issue should be discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin O'Brien, 61 Parkview Drive, stated that the DPW crew was on his street today picking up leaves, and he commended them for the good job they did. He also understands that there are two dedicated DPW employees who are retiring this month. One of them has approximately 39 years of experience, and the other has 40 years of experience. Mr. O'Brien wanted to knowledge their hard work and efforts for such a long time.

Regarding the July 10, 2012, Borough Council meeting, based on the minutes of that meeting, the sign ordinance at that time mentioned that there should be no A-frame signs, yet Mr. O'Brien noted that there continues to be such signs found all along Broadway. It also mentions that no banners are to be displayed for more than 30 days, but Mr. O'Brien pointed out that banners continue to hang beyond the 30-day period. Mr. O'Brien said he is not sure what that means, and if the sign ordinance is to be changed, he asked if the Council Members would give any consideration to the billboards that are appearing on the sides of cars. For example, Ronnie's Bagels keeps a car parked outside its shop, which clearly displays their logo all over the car. In addition, Stickey's Barbecue also keeps its truck parked on the upper level of the parking deck, and Mr. O'Brien believes that makes it a billboard, as opposed to a business vehicle.

With respect to the third-party typing agreement, Mr. O'Brien said he looked at the Borough website, and he sees no resolution on the website for the third-party typing service. There was also no bid for the service. He found janitorial services, snow contracts, cleaning services, street sweeping, but no typing services as an open and fixed contract for those professional services. Mr. O'Brien stated that he is curious to know where the third-party typing service resolution is. Mayor Arnowitz said he would ask the Borough Administrator for that information.

Next, Mr. O'Brien noted that Tom Farrell retired in December 2010, and was listed as receiving health care benefits in the June 12, 2011, Closed Session meeting minutes. The contract at the time stated that it was necessary to have 25 years of service with the Borough in order to receive those benefits. Mr. Farrell had 25

years of service as a police officer, but 7-8 of those years were in River Edge. Mr. Farrell understands the way the contract is written, and he agreed that it specifies 25 years of service in Hillsdale, but he noted that the same benefits have been granted to other people. Mr. Farrell also mentioned that military service was included, but Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the contract does not specify military service. One other person receiving benefits was a teacher. That led Mr. O'Brien to question why, if it is stated in the Borough Council minutes that it is not acceptable, exceptions were made, and where is the fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers to absorb these costs, which, according to the contract, are not rightfully being extended. Mayor Arnowitz asked Borough Attorney Bernstein if he could respond, because Mayor Arnowitz believes that is an ongoing discussion in Closed Session. Borough Attorney Bernstein stated that if any Council Member wished to comment, s/he could do so. Council President Kelley pointed out that most of the current Council Members were not on the Borough Council at that time. Mr. O'Brien noted that at the previous meeting, Council Member Meyerson referenced special deals made in the past, in which six people were receiving benefit deals. Based on information and belief, Mr. O'Brien asked if those benefits are costing \$15,000-\$20,000 per person, and six people are receiving them, that is approximately \$90,000-\$120,000 that the taxpayers of Hillsdale are paying for benefits that should not have been extended. If that is extrapolated over a four-year period, it rises to \$360,000-\$480,000. Mayor Arnowitz said he raised this issue, and on advice of the Borough Labor Attorneys, nothing can be done. Mayor Arnowitz recalled that he was a Council Member who voted to extend health benefits to those with 25 years of service, and it has been his understanding that that is the wording that was used: people who work for the Borough of Hillsdale for 25 years would be eligible to receive the benefits. In fact, the ordinance was not written that way; it is ambiguous. Military service is something that was negotiated with the Police Department, and previous Borough Administrators and/or Mayors struck deals without notifying Mayor Arnowitz or any of the other Council Members. The situation was not revealed until Jon DeJoseph became Borough Administrator. After which time it was researched, and many attorneys were involved in the discussions, and the Borough was advised that it was not a situation that could be changed. However, Mayor Arnowitz said he has not given up on changing it. He does not believe it was the intention of the ordinance for this to happen, and Mr. O'Brien pointed out that it is not fair to the taxpayers of Hillsdale. Mayor Arnowitz noted that everyone who sits on the dais is a property owner in taxpayer in Hillsdale, as well. He added that sometimes actions taken in the past cannot be corrected. Mr. O'Brien stated that he wrote a letter to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office to ask how the situation came about, and what can be done to resolve it. Mr. O'Brien does not believe it is right that this should be allowed to continue.

John Ruocco, 25 Riverdale Street, noted that in the Community Life, there was a comment ascribed to Council President Kelley stating that the CFO's resignation had political overtones as a result of a November race, in which two Republicans were victorious. The comments continued with Council President Kelley saying he believes that Ms. Ayer saw the "writing on the wall" and that some of the Council Members were "looking to move her out". Mr. Ruocco asked Council President Kelley is there was any evidence to back up the statements. Council President Kelley stated that his opinion was based on things that Mr. Ruocco and other "people" had written in the papers about the way the Borough is run by its professionals; as well as asking different Borough employees to ask them how the Administrators run things. Council President Kelley noted that Mr. Ruocco is not yet a Council Member, yet he has been questioning Borough employees about management. Council President Kelley stated that such questioning makes employees and management uncomfortable, and they can see the writing on the wall. From what he has seen, Mr. Ruocco has made efforts to make people uncomfortable, and it is Council President Kelley's opinion that that is one of the reasons Ms. Ayer left, and he is entitled to that opinion. Mr. Ruocco agreed that Council President Kelley is entitled to his opinion, and Mr. Ruocco assumes that opinion is based on evidence, and he asked what evidence was used to formulate that opinion. Council President Kelley indicated that his opinion was based on Mr. Ruocco met with Borough employees. Council President Kelley asked if Mr. Ruocco would be more comfortable if he was provided with a videotape. Council President Kelley also pointed out that Mr. Ruocco use of the word "evidence," and Council President Kelley did not. Mr. Ruocco then asked if the rationale behind Council President Kelley's opinion was that Mr. Ruocco met with Borough employees, which Mr. Ruocco said was correct. He stated that at the request of Council Member Frank, Mr. Ruocco met with the CFO last week, because Council Member Frank thought it would be useful, given Mr. Ruocco's financial background, to get a better understanding of how the Borough works its financial administration. They had a conversation in the CFO's office, at which Ms. Witkowski was present, along with Council Member Frank. Mr. Ruocco asked if that is the evidence upon which Council President Kelley based his opinion, with respect to "political overtones". Council President Kelley noted that for at least a year, Mr. Ruocco had been writing in the newspapers about different things Council President Kelley allegedly had done, with no evidence or rationale to support the allegations. Council President Kelley stated again that his belief about why Ms. Ayer left is his belief, and he is entitled to that belief. No evidence is necessary for that belief, and if Mr. Ruocco has an issue with it, Council President Kelley did not care. He accused Mr. Ruocco spending the last 10 months destroying Council President Kelley's reputation in Hillsdale, and if Mr. Ruocco is bothered by Council President Kelley's statements of his opinion, that does not negate the fact that Council President Kelley is entitled to that opinion. Council President Kelley stated unequivocally his belief that the way Mr. Ruocco and his supporters have acted towards certain employees in the Borough is a factor in what happened. He did not apologize for it, and said that if Mr. Ruocco did not like it, so be it. Mr. Ruocco agreed that Council President Kelley is entitled to his viewpoint, and Mr.

Ruocco was curious about what the evidence was. He stated that Council President Kelley's rationale was unacceptable to him. Council Member Frank interjected that the meeting was a very good meeting, in which they reviewed the budget status in order to give Mr. Ruocco an update and a head start on what was happening. Council Member Frank did not recall anything said during that meeting that was not positive.

Mayor Arnowitz interpolated that Mr. Ruocco is entitled to his opinion, as is Council President Kelley. Mayor Arnowitz disagreed with Council President Kelley, and he assured the public, as he assured the reporter, that no one on the Borough Council, whether Democrat or Republican, had any reason to want to remove Ms. Ayer from her position as CFO. In fact, if the Borough Council was considering removing the CFO, that would not be done in December, January, February, or March, when the budget is being prepared and finalized. That is the most important thing that the Mayor and Borough Council have to do. The year ahead will be a very difficult one, especially without the CFO. Replacing her will be no easy task, and Ms. Ayer did a very, very good job. Mayor Arnowitz did not like the comments that were made because that is not what Hillsdale is about, and it has not been so for the 27 years in which Mayor Arnowitz has served the Borough, except for the past two years.

Mr. Ruocco said he wanted to go on record, because he and Mr. DeRosa were implicated in the comments made by Council President Kelley, that nothing was said to the CFO, and in fact, the meeting was a very positive experience, and was only held to help Mr. Ruocco understand the process by which the budget is put together. There was no discussion about personnel, but it was purely process-oriented. Ms. Witkowski attested to the fact that the conversation was only about the budget, and was conducted very professionally. Mr. Ruocco pointed out that he campaigned on the basis of the silliness of removing a CFO prior to going into a budget cycle.

Council Member Meyerson commented that if Mr. Ruocco wanted to get into a discussion about the removal of the CFO, he would be more than happy to do that, but it could also be discussed right now. Mr. Ruocco said he did not want to have discussion at this time, and Council Member Meyerson suggested that in that case, perhaps Mr. Ruocco should keep his opinions to himself. Otherwise, Council Member Meyerson was very happy to have discussion in public. Mr. Ruocco said he wanted to restrict his comments to what was in the Community Life. Council Member Meyerson pointed out that Mr. Ruocco did not do that, because he mentioned the removal of the previous CFO. Mr. Ruocco said his point was that throughout the year, he never thought it was a good idea to remove the CFO, or to allow the CFO to leave, prior to going into the budget cycle. However, Mr. Ruocco thinks that Council President Kelley would have people believe that Mr. Ruocco and Mr. DeRosa, as well as Mayor Arnowitz and Council Member Pizzella, have the audacity to try to remove the CFO or pressure her to leave. Mr. Ruocco said that idea is ridiculous. Council Member Meyerson responded that, as Mayor Arnowitz indicated, Council President Kelley is entitled to his opinion. Mr. Ruocco said that is true, but others are entitled to ask the basis for that opinion. From what Council President Kelley said, Mr. Ruocco does not believe that opinion is based on anything factual.

Anthony DeRosa, 280 Cambridge Road, agreed with the comments made by Mr. Ruocco, but did not reiterate anything specific. Regarding the comments about questioning Borough personnel about performance, Mr. DeRosa believes that is a responsibility when considering how well Borough professionals do their jobs. Because he is not yet a Council Member, and has not actually seen how well they do their jobs, Mr. DeRosa thought it was important to ask employees how well they thought other people were doing their jobs. If people felt uncomfortable as a result of that, Mr. DeRosa apologized, but he looks at it as a consequence of trying to do his due diligence in qualifying people.

Next, Mr. DeRosa thanked Council Member Frank and Council President Kelley for their service to the Borough. He noted that few people know of the personal sacrifice in terms of time, family, and job when serving the public and Mr. DeRosa appreciated their investment of those resources for the Borough.

Mayor Arnowitz stated that he has always encouraged new Council Members to introduce themselves to everyone who works for the Borough, and to try to find out what jobs people are doing. That is especially important when considering the areas in which the new Council Members would serve as liaisons. Mayor Arnowitz asked how any Council Member could do his/her job without knowing who the people are support what they do as Council Members. He stated that what Mr. Ruocco in Mr. DeRosa did was perfectly acceptable and he would have been upset if they had not done it. Mayor Arnowitz stated that is part of their job as elected officials: to integrate themselves, as the new people on the block, to the people who work all over the building, plus the people outside who have concerns, so that they can properly do their jobs. Mayor Arnowitz asked why anyone would run for office if s/he did not take an interest in the Borough and the people in it. He continued by saying it disturbed him to see such comments in the newspaper, as well as dealing with the rumors and gossip that followed. Borough employees worked very hard, and Mayor Arnowitz said they are under enough pressure just to get their jobs done, and certainly do not need all of this other rhetoric. The election is over, and Mayor Arnowitz hoped everyone could move forward.

Michael Giancarlo, 520 Hillsdale Avenue, said it is unusual for a politician to voluntarily step down from office. Unlike those who choose to run or not run, they do not have to deal with the finality of those who have to wait to hear from the voters about whether they will be serving another term or not. Because tonight is Council member Frank's last public Borough Council meeting, Mr. Giancarlo wanted to come down to Borough Hall and thank Council Member Frank personally for his service. Mr. Giancarlo served with Councilmember Frank for several years, and they went through a lot of meetings, negotiations, and interviews together. Throughout all of that, he witnessed an uncommonly intelligent, measured, and thoughtful public servant. In addition to Council Member Frank's abundant financial skills and business acumen, he brings a disciplined approach to problem-solving; never emotional, and always fact-based. The people of Hillsdale could always count on Council Member Frank's honest opinion, and his honest and thorough feedback. While such honesty and openness was not always appreciated by some special interests in Hillsdale, Council Member Frank refused to be intimidated by that. His objective was always doing what was best for the people of Hillsdale, and that was his major priority. In short, Council Member Frank is one of those rare public officials who was not serving to help his business, or to enrich his friends or get contracts, or to feed his ego or his personal interests. Mr. Giancarlo knows that Council Member Frank chose to serve with nothing to gain, and he was also quite confident that Council Member Frank is leading with nothing more than his good name and reputation. He wished Council Member Frank the best of luck, and said that Hillsdale would miss his service. Council Member Frank thanked Mr. Giancarlo for his comments, and added that he is not leaving Hillsdale.

Paul Hummel, Community Life, asked Council Member Frank if he had any final comments for the readers. Council Member Frank said he would make his final comments during Council Commentaries.

There were no further comments from the public at this time, so Mayor Arnowitz closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES: *Adoption and Introduction*

14-17 (Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, REVISE, AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 260 OF THE HILLSDALE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," MOST NOTABLY, SECTION 260-16, ENTITLED "STREET OPENING REGULATIONS" WITH THE ADDITION OF SECTION 260-16.1 ENTITLED "SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR PAVEMENT"
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, that the Hillsdale Borough Code is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as to Chapter 260, entitled "Streets and Sidewalks", most notably Section 260-16, entitled "Street Opening Regulations" with the addition of Section 260-16.1, entitled "Specifications and procedures for pavement" as follows:

§ 260-16.1 Specifications and procedures for pavement.

The following specifications and procedures shall be applicable to all pavement on roads and streets within the Borough of Hillsdale:

- A. For openings of less than one hundred (100) square feet in surface area, the upper seven and one-half (7 ½) inches of trench shall be filled by the applicant with graded one-and-one-half-inch (1 ½) stone equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), with dust, compacted by a five-ton roller. After twenty-four (24) hours of traffic, or other period as stipulated by the appropriate Borough official, the edges of the trench shall be saw cut parallel to the street center line and six (6) inches outside the widest trench limits, after which the upper three and one-half (3 ½) inches of stone shall be removed and final pavement shall be constructed. After thirty (30) calendar days, and after six (6) months, the applicant shall place fine aggregate bituminous concrete in depressed areas to form a smooth, even street surface.
- B. For openings of greater than one hundred (100) square feet in surface area, the upper seven and one-half (7 ½) inches of trench shall be filled by the applicant with five (5) inches of graded one-and-one-half-inch (1 ½) stone equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), with dust, and one and one-half (1 ½) inches of stabilized base material equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), compacted by a ten-ton roller. The surface shall be maintained by the applicant for not less than thirty (30) calendar days and, at the discretion of the appropriate Borough official, to a maximum of ninety (90) calendar days, such that maximum surface depression is one (1) inch. Thereafter, the edges of the trench shall be saw cut parallel to the street center line and six (6) inches outside the widest trench limits, after which the upper three and one-half (3 ½) inches of material shall

be removed, and final pavement shall be constructed. After six (6) months, the applicant shall place fine aggregate bituminous concrete in depressed areas to form a smooth, even, street surface.

- C. For emergency openings from November 15 through March 31, the procedure shall be the same as for openings greater than one hundred (100) square feet, except that temporary paving material may be approved cold patching compound, if hot material is not available.
- D. Final pavement in all cases shall be four (4) inches of graded one-and-one-half-inch (1 ½) stone, equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), with dust, two (2) inches of stabilized base material equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), one and one-half (1 ½) inches of fine aggregate bituminous concrete equal to the applicable and current State Specification(s), feathered over a twelve-inch (12) width of tack coat, to meet adjacent surfaces. All thickness shall be as measured after compaction by a ten-ton roller.
- E. Where a trench exceeds one hundred (100) feet in length, a one-and-one-half-inch (1 ½) surface course shall be placed from curb to curb on all streets. Where a trench exceeds six (6) feet in width, or is skewed to street center line or is connected to spur trenches, a one-and-one-half-inch (1 ½) surface course shall be placed from curb to curb. In all cases the surface shall be cleaned end tack coat placed before application of surface course, which shall be feathered toward each curb.
- F. Upon prior approval of the appropriate Borough official, subgrade stone may be replaced with an equivalent thickness of stabilized base material.
- G. The roadway restoration and trench repair as stipulated within this ordinance shall be followed. If it is found during trench excavation that a roadway section is thicker than stipulated within this ordinance, the existing, thicker pavement section shall be constructed.
- H. All roadway restoration work shall be performed to maintain current drainage patterns. In addition, unless authorized by the Borough, roadway surface grade elevations shall not change. If milling is necessary to satisfy these requirements, milling shall be performed in accordance with current NJDOT regulation and in accordance with the requirements as stipulate by the Borough and its professionals.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance, if adopted by the Borough Council shall, within five (5) days after its passage, Sundays excepted, be presented to the Mayor and Borough Clerk. The Mayor shall, within ten (10) days after receiving the ordinance, Sundays excepted, either approve this Ordinance by affixing his signature thereto or return it to the Council by delivering it to the Borough Clerk together with a statement setting forth his objections thereto or any item or part thereof. This Ordinance or any item or part thereof shall not take effect without the Mayor's approval, unless the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance to the Borough Council, as prescribed above, or unless the Borough Council, upon consideration of this Ordinance following its return shall, by a vote of two thirds (2/3rds) of all of the members of the Borough Council, resolve to override the veto.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 14-17 by Council Member Looes, second by Council President Kelley, and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 14-17, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone, and state your name and address for the record.

As there were no comments, I entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-17 be closed, and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public. Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance be adopted and the Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 14-17 by Council Member Looes, second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-17 by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA: R14242-R14251; R14255; R14259:

R14242 Authorize Interlocal Agreement with Northvale for the Disposal of Leaves
Mayor Arnowitz stated that his concern about this resolution will be handled in January 2015, when penalties and interest will be added to any funds paid in this matter. This resolution simply enables payment to be made to the person has already done the work.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale requires a properly authorized site to deposit leaves and related debris; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Northvale has such space available and has agreed to enter into a three year Interlocal Agreement with Hillsdale to allow the deposit of said materials on that site; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale will pay the Borough of Northvale as follows:

2015	\$8.00 per cubic yard
2016	\$8.25 per cubic yard
2017	\$8.50 per cubic yard

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Arnowitz is authorized to execute a three year Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Northvale for the Leaf Removal Program.

R14243 Cancellation of Special Item of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriation in the 2014 Swimming Pool Utility Budget – ADA Pool Lift, \$12,146

WHEREAS, there exists a Special item of Revenue Anticipated with an Offsetting Appropriation in the 2014 Borough of Hillsdale Swim Pool Utility Budget, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the project associated with this grant is completed, and

WHEREAS, the associated grant funding reimbursement has been requested and/or received, and

WHEREAS, there exists a balance of grant revenue and associated appropriation that will not be received or expended as the project has been completed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the following Special Items of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriation in the 2014 Municipal Budget are hereby canceled:

Special Items of Revenue:

BCCD ADA Pool Lift	<u>12,146.00</u>
Total Special Items of Revenue to be Canceled	12,146.00

Offsetting Appropriations:

BCCD ADA Pool Lift	<u>12,146.00</u>
Total Offsetting Appropriations to be Canceled	12,146.00

R14244 Chapter 159 Resolution – Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund, \$8,964.76

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of \$8,964.76 which item is now available as revenue from the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles.

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE OFF-SET WITH APPROPRIATIONS

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - \$8,964.76

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute; and

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the like sum of \$8,964.76 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUE

Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - \$8,964.76

SECTION 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Hillsdale, from the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, which were not available at the time of the adoption of the 2014 budget.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

R14245 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement, 24 Broadway, Block 1306, Lot 10, Valley National Bank, \$1,262.76

WHEREAS, VNB Realty, Inc. owns certain property located at 24 Broadway, known as BLOCK 1306, LOT 10 (Valley National Bank) as shown on the tax map of Hillsdale, NJ; and,

WHEREAS, VNB Realty, Inc. has filed appeals to the Tax Court of New Jersey for said premises for the tax years 2012 and 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in settlement negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of those settlement negotiations, a settlement has been reached upon the recommendation and concurrence of Patrick Wilkins, Borough Tax Assessor; and,

WHEREAS, VNB Realty, Inc. has agreed to waive all interest due and has agreed that any tax savings derived as a result of this settlement shall be by way of credit to the first tax installment due immediately following the issuance of the Tax Court judgment(s); and,

WHEREAS, The Tax Assessor has recommended said settlement to the Borough Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that said settlement is in the best interests of the Borough of Hillsdale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Settlement of the 2012 and, 2014 tax appeals are hereby authorized as follows:

2012

	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Settlement Amount</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,536,000.00	\$ 1,536,000.00

2014

	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Settlement Amount</u>
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TOTAL	\$ 1,473,400	\$ 1,425,000
Refund (Shall be done by credit against future taxes)		\$ 1,262.76

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the total real property tax assessment shall be \$1,350,000.00 for calendar year 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED all municipal officials are hereby authorized to take whatever action may be necessary to implement the terms of the resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the settlement in this matter as set forth herein above, be and the same is approved, and the Borough Attorney for Tax Appeals is hereby authorized and directed to affect said settlement and sign and all documents as to such.

R14246 Cancellation Resolution – 2014 Budget – Bergen County Community Development Barrier Free BH/Clean Communities/Click It or Ticket, \$56,266.14

WHEREAS, there exists a Special item of Revenue Anticipated with an Offsetting Appropriation in the 2014 Borough of Hillsdale Budget, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the project associated with this grant is completed, and

WHEREAS, the associated grant funding reimbursement has been requested and/or received, and

WHEREAS, there exists a balance of grant revenue and associated appropriation that will not be received or expended as the project has been completed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the following Special Item of Revenue and Offsetting Appropriation in the 2014 Municipal Budget are hereby canceled:

Special Items of Revenue:

BC Comm Dev Barrier Free BH	53,751.80
Clean Communities	814.34
<u>Click it or Ticket</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total Special Item of Revenue to be Canceled	56,266.14

Offsetting Appropriations:

CDBG ADA Compliant Doors at BH	53,751.80
Clean Communities	814.34
<u>Click it or Ticket</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>
Total Offsetting Appropriation to be Canceled	56,266.14

R14247 Chapter 159 Resolution – Radon Awareness Program, \$1,000

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2014 in the sum of \$1,000.00 which item is now available as revenue from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE OFF-SET WITH APPROPRIATIONS

Radon Awareness Program - \$1,000.00

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute; and

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the like sum of \$1,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUE

Radon Awareness Program - \$1,000.00

SECTION 3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Hillsdale, from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which were not available at the time of the adoption of the 2014 budget.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

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SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE OFF-SET WITH APPROPRIATIONS

Radon Awareness Program - \$1,000.00

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SECTION 2

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUE

Radon Awareness Program - \$1,000.00

SECTION 3

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NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

R14248 Designation of Time and Place for Sine Die Meeting and 2015 Reorganization Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale has set the date of January 4, 2015 for the Sine Die Meeting , 12:30 p.m. and Annual Reorganization Meeting in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, at the hour of 1:00 P.M.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 Et Seq.) that:

Section 1. Except as provided by Chapter 4, Section 10:4-12B, all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public at all times.

Section 2. At every meeting, the public may actively participate during the time designated for that purpose in the order of business and the Council may take formal action.

Section 3. The meeting (s) of the Council shall be held on the dates and times set forth.

Section 4. Within seven (7) days following the adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at all business hours at or near the entrance to the Council's meeting room and shall remain so posted until replaced with a duly adopted resolution setting forth any revision thereof. A copy shall be mailed or sent by electronic means to two (2) official newspapers.

Section 5. Upon receipt by the Borough Clerk of a written request setting forth the name and address of the person making the request, the Clerk shall send to such person by regular mail, or by electronic means, between the date of such request and December 31st next ensuing, a copy of the meeting schedule referred to in section 3.

R14249 Designation of 2015 Council Meeting Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council that the first and second Tuesday of each month, except for July and August when there will be one meeting per month, in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. be designated as the time and place of Council meetings for the year 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sine Die meeting has been set for January 4, 2015 at 12:30 p.m.; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 Et Seq.) that:

Section 1. Except as provided by Chapter 4, Section 10:4-12B, all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public at all times.

Section 2. At every meeting, the public may actively participate during the time designated for that purpose in the order of business and the Council may take formal action.

Section 3. The meetings of the Council shall be held on the dates and times set forth in the scheduled annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 4. Within seven (7) days following the adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at all business hours at or near the entrance to the Council's meeting room and shall remain so posted until replaced with a duly adopted resolution setting forth any revision thereof. A copy shall be mailed or sent by electronic means to two (2) official newspapers.

Section 5. Upon receipt by the Borough Clerk of a written request setting forth the name and address of the person making the request, the Clerk shall send to such person by regular mail, or by electronic means, between the date of such request and December 31st next ensuing, a copy of the meeting schedule referred to in section 3.

The following is the 2015 list of meeting dates as approved by the Hillsdale Municipal Council at their regular meeting of December 9, 2014. Council meetings are held on the first and second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, located at 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey. There is the option to take action at every meeting.

2015 COUNCIL MEETINGS

January	4 th Sine Die Meeting 12:30 p.m.
	4 th Reorganization 1:00 p.m.
	20 th
February	3 rd
	10 th
March	3 rd
	10 th
April	7 th
	14 th
May	5 th
	12 th
June	3 rd Wednesday
	9 th
July	7 th
August	11 th
September	1 st
	8 th
October	6 th
	13 th
November	4 th Wednesday
	10 th
December	1 st
	8 th

R14250 Authorize Maser to Amend Signed Ordinance, NTE \$5,565

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Professional Services for the amend the Borough's existing sign ordinance in the Borough of Hillsdale at a cost not to exceed \$5,565.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that Maser Consulting P.A. be awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$5,565.00, as per the revised proposal submitted October 24, 2014.

R14251 Stigma-Free Resolution

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders, along with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, supports the designation of Stigma-Free Zones in every municipality, and;

WHEREAS, at the June 2013 meeting of the Bergen County Mental Health Board, members of the Board learned from Care Plus NJ staff that the agency was working collaboratively to establish a Stigma Free Zone in Paramus, and;

WHEREAS, the members of the Mental Health Board supported the initiative and recognized that the initiative was aligned with the Board's mission to raise awareness of the disease of mental illness, and;

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adults experiences mental illness in a given year and 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder; approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 and 13% of youth ages 8 to 15 experience severe mental disorders in a given year, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease, and;

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Zones aim to inspire public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma and;

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed, and;

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless, and;

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies are avoided, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Borough of Hillsdale recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Bergen in designating Borough of Hillsdale as a Stigma-Free Zone.

R14255 Cancellation of Capital Outlay Appropriation in 2014 Dedicated Utility Budget

WHEREAS, there exists an Appropriation in the 2014 Borough of Hillsdale Dedicated Utility Budget of \$40,000 for Capital Outlay, and

WHEREAS, the Swim Pool Commission has expended \$21,741 in Capital Outlay expenditures during the 2014 swim pool season resulting in a balance of \$18,259, and

WHEREAS, there was a need for an Emergency Appropriation to the 2014 Dedicated Utility Budget to fund emergency pump repairs and excessive utility bills, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the balance of the Capital Outlay appropriation in the 2014 Dedicated Utility Budget should be cancelled to minimize the impact of an Emergency Appropriation in the 2015 Dedicated Utility Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the following Appropriation in the 2014 Municipal Budget is hereby canceled:

4-05-55-512-000 Capital Outlay \$18,259

R14259 Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10

WHEREAS, the 2014 Borough of Hillsdale Tax records indicate overpayments and delinquent amounts less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 permits the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts less than \$10.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby authorizes the Tax Collector, to cancel tax amounts of \$10.00 as deemed necessary for the year 2014.

Motion to approve by Council Member Meyerson, second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA: R14252-R14254; R14257-R14258

R14252 Approval of Calendar Raffle License, St. John the Baptist Church, March 2-June 19, 2015

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Church, 69 Valley Street, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 has made proper application for the following Calendar Raffle License to be held March 2, 2015-June 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said application contains the number of designation furnished by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, THE Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale has reported to this Borough Council in writing that the statements contained in said application are in order, that the place wherein said Raffle(s) is to be held complies with the rules and regulations pertaining to the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon payment of the licensing fees, as provided by Statute, and upon filing with the Borough Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to issue a license for Raffles in accordance with said application:

<u>Raffle License No.</u>	<u>Type of License</u>
RL: 711	Calendar Raffle

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member DeGise.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Meyerson, and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

R14253 Bill List

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bills in the sum of \$3,246,767.98 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last Range of Check Dates: 11/13/14 to 12/09/14
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
AGENCY	AGENCY				
2541	11/13/14		0.00	11/13/14 VOID	0
2542	11/13/14	17KEE KEENAN, SUSAN	300.00	11/30/14	7182
1065	11/18/14	17PBA BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE PBA	1,050.00		7189
1066	11/18/14	17TEA TEAMSTERS LOCAL 945	308.70		7189
1067	11/18/14	17UPS UNITED PUBLIC SER EMP UNION	270.40		7189
1068	11/18/14	17AFL AFLAC	236.80	11/30/14	7189
1069	11/18/14	17VIS VISION SERVICE PLAN	382.77	11/30/14	7189
2543	11/18/14	NJF01 NJ FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	582.00	11/30/14	7185
2544	11/18/14	VSP01 VSP	33.36	11/30/14	7185
2545	12/02/14	NJF01 NJ FAMILY SUPPORT PAYMENT CTR	582.00		7199

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	9	1	3,746.03	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	9	1	3,746.03	0.00

ANIMAL TRUST	ANIMAL TRUST				
1390	12/09/14	HEH01 HEHIR, C	3.00		7201
1391	12/09/14	SNJ01 SNJ-DEPT OF HEALTH	453.00		7201
1392	12/09/14	TYC02 TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL	1,170.00		7201

CAPITAL	CAPITAL				
1843	11/14/14	LKL01 LKL CONTRACTING	1,204.50	11/30/14	6539
1844	12/09/14	NEG01 NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	20,430.00		7202

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	2	0	21,634.50	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	2	0	21,634.50	0.00

CURRENT	CURRENT				
24214	11/14/14	CMS01 CMS MEDICARE INSURANCE	1,293.80		7183
24215	11/14/14	LKL01 LKL CONTRACTING	1,310.00		6538
24216	11/17/14	PSE01 PSE&G (REGULAR)	17,450.86		7184
24217	11/18/14	UNI02 UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY (REG)	15,718.13		7187
24218	11/18/14	UNI02 UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY (REG)	835.19		7188
24219	11/18/14	UNU01 UNUM LIFE INS CO OF AMERICA	159.60		7195
24220	11/26/14	DEE04 DEER PARK DIRECT INC.	60.75		7196
24221	12/01/14	HIL02 HILLSDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,651,005.00		7197
24222	12/09/14	ACE02 ACE TREE SURGEONS	2,025.00		7206
24223	12/09/14	AGL01 AGL WELDING SUPPLY CO., INC.	45.35		7206
24224	12/09/14	AME02 AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 162	125.00		7206
24225	12/09/14	AME06 AMERICAN WEAR CORP	478.80		7206
24226	12/09/14	ANI01 ANITA TIRE CORPORATION	304.00		7206

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
CURRENT	CURRENT	Continued			
24227	12/09/14	APP01 APPROVED SURGICAL SUPPLIES INC	70.00		7206
24228	12/09/14	AUTH03 AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC	3,378.61		7206
24229	12/09/14	BAN05 BANC OF AMERICA PUBLIC CAPITAL	4,371.58		7206
24230	12/09/14	BER11 BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES	20,981.27		7206
24231	12/09/14	BER26 BERGEN COUNTY GARDEN CTR, INC	73.77		7206
24232	12/09/14	BER44 BERGENFIELD FIRE TRAINING	600.00		7206
24233	12/09/14	BER66 ERIC M BERNSTEIN & ASSOC LLC	0.00	12/09/14 VOID	0
24234	12/09/14	BER66 ERIC M BERNSTEIN & ASSOC LLC	8,977.50		7206
24235	12/09/14	BIS02 BI STATE BRAKE CORP	205.08		7206
24236	12/09/14	BOR04 BOROUGH OF NORTHVALE	65,000.00	12/09/14 VOID	7206
24237	12/09/14	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	89,872.24		7206
24238	12/09/14	CDW01 CDW GOVERNMENT INC	322.96		7206
24239	12/09/14	CHU02 CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE	200.00		7206
24240	12/09/14	CLI01 CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	22,345.14		7206
24241	12/09/14	DAV10 DAVE STERN INC	437.74		7206
24242	12/09/14	DE 04 DE PIERO'S FARM, INC.	252.00		7206
24243	12/09/14	DELO3 DELUXE INT'L TRUCKS, INC	136.48		7206
24244	12/09/14	DEM01 DEMAREST FARM, INC	565.00		7206
24245	12/09/14	DEP01 NJ DEPT OF CORRECTIONS/DEPTCOR	777.50		7206
24246	12/09/14	DON08 DONNE, MICHAEL	200.00		7206
24247	12/09/14	DRO2 DR. KENNETH FISCHER	500.00		7206
24248	12/09/14	DRA04 DRAEGER SAFETY DIAGNOSTICS INC	152.50		7206
24249	12/09/14	DURO5 DURIE LAWNMOWER CORP.	29.00		7206
24250	12/09/14	ELE03 ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CORP.	140.00		7206
24251	12/09/14	ELE04 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	369.06		7206
24252	12/09/14	ENV07 ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL LLC	1,890.00		7206
24253	12/09/14	EXC01 EXCEL DISTRIBUTORS	321.55		7206
24254	12/09/14	EXC02 EXCELLENT BUILDING SERV CORP	1,966.00		7206
24255	12/09/14	FDR01 FDR HITCHES LLC	291.60		7206
24256	12/09/14	FEL01 FELDMAN BROTHERS	235.00		7206
24257	12/09/14	FEN01 FENKART, DOUGLAS R, MD	600.00		7206
24258	12/09/14	FUT02 FUTURE SANITATION	30,992.91		7206
24259	12/09/14	FYR01 FYR-FYTER SALES & SERVICE	825.61		7206
24260	12/09/14	GIT01 GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK &	3,097.50		7206
24261	12/09/14	GOM01 GOMYO, ERIN M	423.00		7206
24262	12/09/14	HAN01 HANLON, MARIE	59.40		7206
24263	12/09/14	HIL21 HILLSDALE GLASS	150.00		7206
24264	12/09/14	INS01 INSERRA SUPERMARKETS	127.60		7206
24265	12/09/14	ITS02 ISLAND TECH SERVICES	4,221.00		7206
24266	12/09/14	KEL04 KELLY DONAHUE CONTRACTING	1,000.00		7206
24267	12/09/14	KEN02 KEN'S TREE CARE INC.	22,832.40		7206
24268	12/09/14	KUI01 KUIKEN BROTHERS CO., INC.	558.73		7206
24269	12/09/14	LAC01 LACEY, JENNIFER	30.00		7206
24270	12/09/14	LAW03 LAWREN SUPPLY OF NJ, INC	118.38		7206
24271	12/09/14	MAR01 MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.	0.00	12/09/14 VOID	0
24272	12/09/14	MAR01 MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.	774.22		7206
24273	12/09/14	MAS10 MASER CONSULTING PA CORP	287.50		7206
24274	12/09/14	MAS11 MAST ELECTRIC LLC	415.00		7206
24275	12/09/14	MIK02 MIKULSKI, FRANK	2,163.00		7206
24276	12/09/14	MOT04 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS (REG)	2,961.50		7206
24277	12/09/14	MUN06 MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE, INC.	344.00		7206
24278	12/09/14	NEG01 NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	4,041.20		7206

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24281	12/09/14	PA01 P&A AUTO PARTS CORP	0.00	12/09/14 VOID	0
24282	12/09/14	PA01 P&A AUTO PARTS CORP	494.14		7206
24283	12/09/14	PAS07 PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH	900,758.50		7206
24284	12/09/14	PEL PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, LLC.	917.52		7206
24285	12/09/14	PHI02 PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LLC	290.00		7206
24286	12/09/14	RAY05 RAYELCO GENERATOR CO.	150.00		7206
24287	12/09/14	RELO5 RELIABLE WOOD PRODUCTS, LLC	4,185.00		7206
24288	12/09/14	RET03 RE-TRON TECHNOLOGIES INC	101.49		7206
24289	12/09/14	RIC01 RICCIARDI BROTHERS INC	1,558.88		7206
24290	12/09/14	RIC07 RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION	105.00		7206
24291	12/09/14	RIC10 RICOH USA INC	303.65		7206
24292	12/09/14	RUG01 RUGGED OUTFITTERS CORP	287.92		7206
24293	12/09/14	SAF05 SAFETY VISION, LLC	197.95		7206
24294	12/09/14	SIR01 SIRCHIE FINGERPRINT LAB. INC	49.18		7206
24295	12/09/14	SPE05 SPECTROTEL, INC.	1,660.57		7206
24296	12/09/14	STA31 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER P.A. (REG)	0.00	12/09/14 VOID	0
24297	12/09/14	STA31 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER P.A. (REG)	7,057.29		7206
24298	12/09/14	STA45 STAPLES, INC (STATE CONTRACT)	1,187.09		7206
24299	12/09/14	SWI02 SWIFTRACH NETWORKS INC	300.00		7206
24300	12/09/14	TCT01 TCTA OF BERGEN COUNTY	150.00		7206
24301	12/09/14	TEC01 TECHNICAL FIRE SERVICES, INC.	1,769.25		7206
24302	12/09/14	THE20 THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS	19.50		7206
24303	12/09/14	THE52 THE TERRE CO OF NEW JERSEY INC	1,836.48		7206
24304	12/09/14	THO03 THOMPSON REUTERS	85.00		7206
24305	12/09/14	TIM01 TIMBER TREE SERVICE	750.00		7206
24306	12/09/14	TIM02 TIM ENNIS	823.00		7206
24307	12/09/14	TIR04 TIRE MANAGEMENT, LLC	58.75		7206
24308	12/09/14	TJP01 AATJ TERMITE&PEST CONTROL INC	250.00		7206
24309	12/09/14	TRI01 TRICO EQUIPMENT, INC	3,265.60		7206
24310	12/09/14	UNI17 UNITED SALES USA CORP	119.50		7206
24311	12/09/14	UPS01 THE UPS STORE #1558	84.09		7206
24312	12/09/14	VAN14 VANNER INC	201.15		7206
24313	12/09/14	VER03 VERIZON	350.38		7206
24314	12/09/14	WBM01 WB MASON CO., INC.	591.75		7206
24315	12/09/14	WEA01 WEATHER DECISION TECH. INC	349.00		7206
24316	12/09/14	WES08 WESTERN PEST SERVICES INC	226.00		7206
24317	12/09/14	VER VERIZON WIRELESS (LAPTOPS)	252.10		7207
24318	12/09/14	FRO01 FROLICH, DIANE	40.00		7208
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155	11/18/14	MUN05 MUNICIPAL PAYROLL ACCOUNT	292,981.66		7190

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	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	1	0	292,981.66	0.00
ESCROW					
2799	11/18/14	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	26.49		7186
2800	11/18/14	BOR25 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE PAYROLL	297.51		7186
2801	12/02/14	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	26.49		7200
2802	12/02/14	BOR25 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE PAYROLL	297.51		7200
2803	12/09/14	GIT01 GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK &	0.00	12/09/14 VOID	0
2804	12/09/14	GIT01 GITTLEMAN, MUHLSTOCK &	2,640.00		7205
2805	12/09/14	NEG01 NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	547.50		7205
2806	12/09/14	NEG02 NEGLIA ENGINEERING (ESCROW)	1,705.76		7205
2807	12/09/14	PHI02 PHILLIPS PREISS GRYGIEL LLC	725.00		7205
2808	12/09/14	STA10 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER, PA. (OTHER)	1,187.50		7205
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	9	1	7,453.76	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	9	1	7,453.76	0.00
PUBLIC ASSIST2 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
2025	12/01/14	KIR04	1,050.00		7198
2026	12/01/14	ZAY02	400.00		7198
2027	12/01/14	SOW02	875.00		7198

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PUBLIC ASSIST2 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
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2056	12/01/14	DIA04	210.00		7198
2057	12/01/14	SIC02	210.00		7198
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	31	0	13,382.00	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	31	0	13,382.00	0.00
RECREATION RECREATION TRUST					
3312	12/09/14	MAR01 MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.	38.97		7203
3313	12/09/14	MRJ01 MR. JOHN INC.	320.53		7203
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	2	0	359.50	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	2	0	359.50	0.00
RECREATION MAN RECREATION TRUST MANUAL					
119	11/18/14	REC03 RECREATION PAYROLL	909.55		7192
Checking Account Totals		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	1	0	909.55	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	1	0	909.55	0.00

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TRUST MANUAL TRUST MANUAL CHECKING					
153	11/18/14	POLOS POLICE-OT TRUST PAYROLL	17,637.17		7193
Checking Account Totals					
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			1	0	
			17,637.17	0.00	
			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
			17,637.17	0.00	
Report Totals					
			<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	
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			3,246,767.98	65,000.00	
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			3,246,767.98	65,000.00	

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	1	0	909.55	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	0	909.55	0.00

STONYBROOK	STONYBROOK OPERATING					
5129	11/18/14	UNU01	UNUM LIFE INS CO OF AMERICA	4.20	11/30/14	7194
5130	12/09/14	AUTH03	AUTHORINET CONSULTING, LLC	449.28		7204
5131	12/09/14	BER66	ERIC M BERNSTEIN & ASSOC LLC	380.00		7204
5132	12/09/14	BOR18	BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	899.90		7204
5133	12/09/14	DEE04	DEER PARK DIRECT INC.	1.98		7204
5134	12/09/14	DIR02	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	3,123.75		7204
5135	12/09/14	GTS01	GTS-WELCO, LLC	360.00		7204
5136	12/09/14	LIF02	LIFESAVERS, INC	799.00		7204
5137	12/09/14	PSE03	PSE&G (STONYBROOK)	6,850.36		7204
5138	12/09/14	SPE05	SPECTROTEL, INC.	78.83		7204
5139	12/09/14	UNI03	UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY (STBK)	13,007.14		7204
5140	12/09/14	WOOD05	WOODRUFF ENERGY US LLC(STNYBK)	1,501.38		7204

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	12	0	27,455.82	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	12	0	27,455.82	0.00

STONYBROOK MANU	STONYBROOK MANUAL CHECKING			
152	11/18/14	STO03	STONYBROOK PAYROLL	1,989.04 7191

Checking Account Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
Checks:	1	0	1,989.04	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	0	1,989.04	0.00

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Meyerson, second by Council Member Looes.
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Meyerson, and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

(Council Member DeGise and Council President Kelley vote aye except for Fire Department bills).

R14254 Authorization of Budget Transfer WITHIN CAP – PERS/Municipal Court, \$3,500

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 permits transfers among Budget Appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year and first three months of the preceding year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to make the following transfers among the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

OPERATIONS "WITHIN CAP"		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
4-01-36-471-000	PERS	3,000	
4-01-43-490-010	Municipal Court S&W	500	
4-01-36-474-000	DCRP		3,000
4-01-43-490-020	Municipal Court O/E		500
	TOTAL	3,500	3,500

Motion to approve by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member DeGise, and unanimously carried.

R14257 Authorization Transfer of 2014 Budget Appropriations, Utility, \$160

WHEREAS N.J.S.A.40A:4-58 permits transfers among Budget Appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year and first three months of the proceeding year,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Finance Department is hereby authorized to make the following transfers among the 2014 Budget Appropriations:

UTILITY OPERATIONS		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
4-05-55-502-520	Other Expenses	160	
4-05-55-501-501	Salaries		160
	TOTAL	\$160	\$160

Motion to approve by Council Member Looes, second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

R14258 Authorization Emergency Appropriation for Pump Repairs and Excessive Utility Charges, \$35,000

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respect to the Operations of the Stonybrook Swim Pool Utility in the Borough of Hillsdale, and

WHEREAS, the swim pool pumps had ceased to operate during the season and needed to be repaired on an emergency basis and excessive unanticipated utility charges were received and no adequate provision was made in the 2014 budget for the aforesaid purpose and NJS 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose mentioned above, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriation created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$185,000 and three (3) percent of the total operating appropriation in the Utility Fund and Current Fund budget for 2014 is \$357,254.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, (by not less than 2/3 of all governing body members affirmatively concurring) by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-48 that:

1. An emergency appropriation is hereby made for emergency pump repairs and excessive utility expenses be and the same is hereby made for in the amount of \$35,000.

2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2015 budget, and is requested to be excluded for CAPS, pursuant to NJS 40a:4-53.3c(1).

3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Purpose of emergency appropriation: As a result of the failure of certain pool pumps to be operational during the swim pool season and the unanticipated excessive utility charges during the season, the Commission was required to spend approximately \$24,000 in emergency pump repairs and \$102,137 in utilities (approximately \$34,500 more than 2013 and \$38,000 more than 2012) to keep the facility operational. The Swim Pool Commission will cancel the balance of \$18,259 included in the 2014 Capital Outlay Budget and the balance of \$272,256 funded portion of Ordinance 11-15 to minimize the impact of this emergency appropriation in the 2015 utility budget.

Date of Occurrence: November as a result of associated invoices being received.

Have any contracts been awarded or purchase orders placed in connection with this emergency appropriation?
Yes. As certain pumps ceased to operate during the season when the pool was open, the Swim Club Commission authorized the immediate repair.

Mayor Arnowitz explained that this is a change from what was in the previous information, which that \$30,000. The correct amount is \$35,000.

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Frank, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council Member DeGise said it was a pleasure serving with Council Member Frank, and he thanked the members of the Finance Committee. He learned a lot during the last two years, and he appreciated the fact that Council Member Frank took a stand in the first year, and found him to always be straightforward. He also thanked Council President Kelley for serving Hillsdale, commenting that it is not always easy to sit on the dais. Council Member DeGise wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

Council Member Looes thanked Council President Kelley and Council Member Frank for their service, as well as for the things she was able to learn from both of them. She also thanked them for the time they gave. Council Member Looes also congratulated the two new Fire Cadets. In addition, Council Member Looes commended the DPW for doing a great job, especially with all the wet weather that has occurred. The tree lighting was held without a hitch, although some problems had to be worked out during the day. The senior luncheon will be held on December 17, and Council Member Looes wished everyone happy holidays. She reminded everyone who celebrates to celebrate safely.

Council Member Meyerson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year to all. He found it ironic that Council president Kelley and Council Member Frank were stepping down at the same meeting, because of their divergent views. However, although their views are so divergent, and things sometimes got a little testy, for the most part, everyone acts as a single Council, and does what they believe is best for Hillsdale. Having served with both Council Members on committees, Council Member Meyerson saw the amount of time and effort both have contributed, which is enormous. In addition, Council Member Meyerson said he is in forward to working with Mr. Ruocco and Mr. DeRosa next year. Council Member Meyerson particularly commended Council Member Frank for his work on the Finance Committee, which was exemplary. Council Member Frank is a whiz at understanding budgets, and while they did not agree on every issue and how to approach things, Council Member Meyerson said he learned a tremendous amount from Council Member Frank. Council Member Meyerson also met Council President Kelley two years ago for the first time, and characterized him as the definition of the word "volunteer". He has served for 20 years in the Fire Department, and if 90% of life really is showing up, Council President Kelley, in particular, shows up at every emergency, at meetings, and any other event that one could think of. The same applies to Council Member Frank. Council Member Meyerson said it has been an honor to serve with both of them, and they both understand what true volunteerism is.

Council Member Pizzella informed everyone, if it not already heard, that the Board of Education hired a new principal at George White School, Mr. Donald Bergamini, from Cresskill. He was very highly recommended.

Council Member Pizzella reminded everyone about Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale, which has a giving tree in the post office, and that the Food Pantry is low on give certificates. On December 18, the unveiling of the holiday window displays will be held. Currently, 17 locations are participating and entertainment will be provided from the School of Rock. Council Member Pizzella thanked Council President Kelley for his service, saying that he is a very impassioned person, as is Council Member Pizzella, and while they do not always agree, he thanked Council President Kelley for his passion, which is necessary when representing people. He thanked Council President Kelley for his support on issues about which Council Member Pizzella was passionate, as well. Council Member Pizzella also expressed appreciation to Council Member Frank, saying it was very difficult to say goodbye because Council Member Frank had become a mentor and a friend, as well as someone to whom Council Member Pizzella can look for guidance at times. He noted that Council Member Frank is always honest and diligent in looking out for Hillsdale residents, and he wished him the very best. Finally, Council Member Pizzella wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

Ms. Witkowski stated that the 2015 parking permits are now online, and anyone who needed to register could access it through the Community Pass. There was no resolution tonight for the 12-hour shift in the Police Department, because the union voted to accept the trial run on the side. The resolution will be presented in January, because the Police Chief said he did not want it to be implemented until January 15, 2015. It will be on the agenda for the Reorganization Meeting.

Durene Ayer, Chief Financial Officer, is leaving, and Ms. Witkowski praised her for her hard work and a job well done. She wished Ms. Ayer the best of luck and thanked her for all the time she gave to Hillsdale. Ms. Witkowski stated that she would be working with the Borough Auditor to interview candidates for the job, and hopes to have the new CFO hired without a long delay.

In addition, Ms. Witkowski asked the Borough Council to reopen the RFQ process for two different positions. No response was received for the position of Alternate Prosecutor, and the AOC requires that Hillsdale have one. She would also like to reopen the RFQ to ask for a few more candidates for Additional Public Defenders. Although some résumés have been received, Ms. Witkowski would like to see if there any other candidates interested in the job. She asked permission from the Council to reopen both of those RFQs. Mayor Arnowitz asked that requires a motion, and Ms. Witkowski said it should.

Motion by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously approved.

Finally, Ms. Witkowski stated that a representative from the audio company came in last week, and she examined the sound system for approximately 2 hours. Some problems were found, and before any new purchases are made, Ms. Witkowski is reaching out to the electrician who did the work on the original project to get a schematic, because it is thought that the problem might be something in the floor.

Ms. Witkowski wished everyone happy holidays.

Borough Attorney Bernstein wished the best of luck to Council President Kelley and Council Member Frank in their "real lives". Mr. Bernstein noted that this might also be his last meeting, and if that is the case, he thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve Hillsdale as the Borough Attorney. He believes he left the Borough better than he found it.

Council President Kelley noted that two years ago, when he was elected to the Borough Council, he and other Council Members realized very quickly that they would need a Borough Attorney to help guide them through this process. They did some research to find out who the best person would be, and the same name kept coming up: Eric Bernstein. Council President Kelley thanked the many people who lead them to Mr. Bernstein, who he said is stubborn at times, but is also unbelievably brilliant, and he thanked Mr. Bernstein for everything he did over the past two years to help the Borough, as well as for vastly improving the position of Borough Attorney in Hillsdale. Council President Kelley also thanked the other Council Members, saying that even though they did not always agree, they did a lot of good together and accomplished a lot for Hillsdale. He hoped that good work would continue, because it is important for the taxpayers and children of Hillsdale.

Moving on, Council President Kelley noted that it was not a good day for firefighters, with one in Tennessee and one in Philadelphia passing away in the line of duty. He acknowledged what a dangerous job Firefighting is, and he asked everyone to please keep the families of those firefighters in their hearts.

Next week, the Santa detail will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. This will be the first year when it will be done at night, starting at 6:00 PM. Residents can check the Hillsdale Fire Department's Facebook and Twitter pages for current information. People should come out to the curb and wave to Santa, and runners will be handing out goodies to the children.

Council President Kelley congratulated the two new Fire Cadets, and wished everyone happy holidays.

Council Member Frank thanked the voters in Hillsdale for allowing him to serve for the past 4½ years. It was never on his bucket list to be on the Borough Council or be involved in government, but it happened as a result of a phone call asking Council Member Frank if he was interested, and he finally said yes at the third phone call. In 2011, Council Member Frank said he had the good fortune to work with Mayor Arnowitz, Bob Sandt, Mr. Giancarlo, and Jon DeJoseph. He also worked with Mayor Arnowitz and Mr. Sandt to fill in the job of Borough Administrator. That year was a tremendous learning curve for Council Member Frank to see what the full operations of Hillsdale are like, and it helped him to learn how things are done as a Council Member, as well as in going forward as a resident of Hillsdale to understand how everything comes together to make the services work. When he first joined the Borough Council and was interviewed by the County Committee, Council Member Frank stated that the first thing that had to be addressed was the financial crisis that would be created by the 2% cap in spending, because governments are traditionally not good at controlling spending, but are good at raising taxes, spending, and making people feel good. That is the challenge that the Borough Council faced since that time. Council Member Frank believes that the availability of some of the Franco money made them a bit extravagant in terms of the contracts that were authorized and the way money was spent, and one of the first tasks the Council Members faced was to learn how to make significant cuts in spending. They were successful in a number of areas in 2011 and 2012, although some initiatives that were undertaken did not work out as well as others. Any time change is attempted in an entrenched organization, the resistance to that change is very strong. That is more easily dealt with in business than it is in politics. The CFO at that time, Kathy Henderson, as well as Mayor Arnowitz, Jon DeJoseph, and Mr. Giancarlo were on the Finance Committee, and they all helped to establish a credit rating for the Borough, which had not existed before due to the fact that no money had been borrowed for bonds. In 2011, the accumulated debt was converted a bond with a very low interest rate and a 10-year pay down. At the time, it was approximately \$5 million, and because of that, Hillsdale's current debt is has been reduced by approximately \$3 million, which is the lowest in the Pascack Valley. Having low debt gives the Borough tremendous flexibility in what can be done during tough times. Council Member Frank commented that debt is nothing more than a deferred tax increase. The debt has been paid down at the rate of approximately \$400,000 per year since 2011, which put an additional strain on the budget, but the Council Members worked together to reduce costs.

Another area that Council Member Frank takes pride in is the Borough website. He was told at that time that it would take approximately 18 months and cost approximately \$20,000 to change the website, but it took Council Member Frank approximately 3 months to get the project approved with a standard package, and he was able to load it within 90 days. It is a tremendous tool, and although it is not used to its fullest extent, it is being well-used, and contains a lot of information.

Finally, Council Member Frank thanked Mayor Arnowitz and the other Council Members, as well as Borough Attorney Bernstein and Ms. Witkowski, for working with him. Although they do not agree all the time, Council Member Frank believes the best thing to do when people disagree is simply to explain why they disagree, and he has always tried to do that. He wished Mr. Ruocco and Mr. DeRosa the best of luck as they come to the Borough Council. Council Member Frank said it is been a great experience, and he thanked everyone wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Arnowitz cautioned everyone to be careful as they leave, because the street could be slippery. He asked everyone to use the back steps when leaving, because the front steps do get icy. He reminded everyone that the Reorganization Meeting is the first Sunday in January, and there will be a Sine Die Meeting at 12:30 PM, with the Reorganization Meeting following at 1:00 PM.

Mayor Arnowitz said he looking forward to Mr. Ruocco and Mr. DeRosa joining the Borough Council, and the expertise they bring will be appreciated and needed. He also thanked Mr. Giancarlo, as an ex-Council Member and Planning Board member, for everything he did and continues to do.

Regarding Borough Attorney Bernstein, Mayor Arnowitz said he has served with more Borough Attorneys than anyone else on the Borough Council, and he found Mr. Bernstein to be very refreshing and he helped the Borough quite a bit. Some people think Mr. Bernstein is gruff, but Mayor Arnowitz found him to be truthful. He said he would miss Mr. Bernstein, who always did what was best for Hillsdale.

Mayor Arnowitz said he was very apprehensive when Council President Kelley became a Council Member; although they serve on the Fire Department together, they do not agree on very much. Although the past two years may not have been a pleasure, they were better than Mayor Arnowitz anticipated they would be. He thanked Council President Kelley for everything he did and would continue to do it in all of his different volunteer efforts for Hillsdale. Mayor Arnowitz were sure they would be seeing more Council President Kelley, because unfortunately, floods our way of life, and the Flood Coalition lost another appeal with United Water, who are either unwilling or unable to help the situation in Hillsdale. He thanked Council President Kelley for his two years of service to Hillsdale, as well as for his service before that time, as well as his continuing efforts.

Mayor Arnowitz said he would really miss Council Member Frank. When Council Member Frank became a Council Member, Mayor Arnowitz first met him in the lobby of Borough Hall, and they sat down at a meeting at that time. It was the consensus of the powers that be at that time to fill a Republican seat on the Borough Council, which happened to be Mayor Arnowitz's, when Mayor Arnowitz became Mayor. During that meeting, Mayor Arnowitz said he realized what an asset Council Member Frank would be to the Borough, as well as to the Borough Council. The person originally slated to fill Mayor Arnowitz's seat was not Council Member Frank, but Mayor Arnowitz was happy to have Council Member Frank join the Borough Council. He was amazed at how quickly Council Member Frank grasped the situation, especially regarding the budget process. Council Member Frank made many invaluable comments about the budget and that process, and Mayor Arnowitz does not think that Hillsdale would be where it is today without that input. Council Member Frank brought a new set of eyes and new ideas, which helped the Borough immensely.

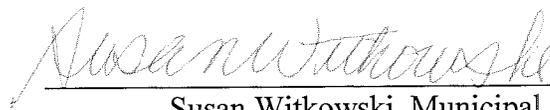
To Mayor Arnowitz, the most important thing was that Council Member Frank was an ally, who helped give Mayor Arnowitz the votes he needed to move forward with many of his proposals. Council Member Frank will be appointed to the Hillsdale Public Library Board of Trustees, so Mayor Arnowitz looks forward to benefiting from his expertise again. He also asked Council Member Frank to join former Mayor Murphy on the Citizens Committee, which Mayor Arnowitz would like to re-establish.

Finally, Mayor Arnowitz wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a safe and happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: @8:53 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
SINE DIE MEETING – 12:30 PM
REORGANIZATION MEETING – 1:00 PM
JANUARY 4, 2015



Susan Witkowski, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED
JANUARY 20, 2015



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