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Michael Sheinfield
Mayor

I wanted to share with you my opening remarks upon being sworn as in mayor last evening. I encourage anyone with questions or comments to reach out to me.

Best,

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Good evening to families and friends here in Borough Hall, and to those watching online. I am honored to have just taken the oath of office to serve for the next four years as the mayor of Hillsdale. I am excited about the good things we will accomplish together for our community.

I know everyone up on this dais and in this room wants what's best for Hillsdale. We may not all agree on how to get there, but I don't doubt for a second that we're all invested in finding solutions to the issues facing our community.

It's long-past time to look beyond what divides us at the national level and take positive action in our areas of agreement at the local level. We need to address updating and improving the sports fields in town. We need to figure out what to do about our DPW being in a flood zone. While the budgets and jurisdictions of municipal government and the Board of Education are separate, we all realize improvements are needed in our middle school. We need to be creative in improving services for residents while keeping a tight rein on property taxes and identify new sources of revenue. We need to ensure that all our residents have access to property tax relief offered through the state.

We all need to take a step back from the things that separate us and focus on what holds us together. We're fortunate to live in this great community. It's not perfect. No place is perfect. But we need to recognize our good fortune. The glass is much more than halfway full.

When we understand that those who stand opposed to us politically don't do so out of some sinister intent but may do so out of a different set of priorities, or philosophy then there is room for dialogue. And where there is dialogue, there is the possibility for compromise. At the municipal level, "compromise" is the place where things get done.

I'm looking forward to engaging with our residents. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues. I'm looking forward to starting the dialogue... to finding the compromise...to getting things done for the residents of Hillsdale.