

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 6th day of September, 2016. 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:

Council Members DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella
(Mayor Frank, Borough Attorney Madaio, CMFO Jonathan DeJoseph, Acting Borough Clerk Kohan)

APPOINTMENTS:

OATH OF OFFICE:

PROCLAMATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Frank said we are going to have two public hearings; one is scheduled at 8:00 PM and 8:15 PM relating to our plans to submit grants to the County. He provided a background before we move ahead. We will move ahead with the Agenda and come back to them at 8:00 PM and 8:15 PM. He talked about the Bergen County Open Space Grant; there are two items we will vote on tonight to apply for these grants.

The residents, taxpayers, property owners of Hillsdale pay 4.5 million approximately per year in County taxes to Bergen County. We run our government here on a tax base of about 9 million. It's about two to one on what we run on and the rest goes to the County. The County provides us with a lot of services. The County does give us some of our own money back if we apply for grants and the Open Space Grant is one way they do that. These are matching grants which means that they will allow, if we put in a project for \$50,000, they will supply 50% of that which is \$25,000. Actually they will just supply 50% of what we spend, so if we have a \$50,000 grant, we spend 40 and only 20 back. That is the way it works. In 2016, at the Board of Health's recommendation, they put in a grant for about \$40,000, matching grant \$20,000 from the County, \$20,000 plus for an adult fitness center to be put in one of our parks. It was not funded from the town standpoint and we requested this year, because a problem we had with the lightning detectors in town, that they allow us to repurpose that grant; that is one of the first things we are going to be voting on. Our lightning detectors are unreliable; we didn't know this when we put together the grant in the budget at the beginning of this year. They are 12 years old and from a public safety standpoint, when he spoke with the Borough Administrator, we will find a way even if we have to do an emergency appropriation as we have to replace these. That is what we are planning to do. Fortunately the Board of Health said if we can repurpose the grant we received last year and use that money towards the lightning detectors, they will reapply for the adult fitness center as part of their 2017 grant; that is what we are doing tonight. The first grant we vote on is to request the Freeholders to allow us to repurpose the grant that was given in 2016 for the adult fitness center and to repurpose that to lightning detectors to help us to find the money to pay for the lightning detectors which is about \$60,000. We will get state of the art and we are also getting them for Veterans Park because we have many activities there and make sure we protect people.

We are putting that together and the Borough Administrator is working on getting the lightning detectors on order but we are not going to wait; we are going to get that done and also hopefully get approval from the Freeholders to redirect that grant.

The second part in trying to get our tax dollars back is a 2017 grant for upgrades to Beechwood Park. Included in that which is a \$65,000 request and we get 50% of that, \$40,000 is for the adult fitness center which was just given over to us from the Board of Health. We are looking at \$25,000 to repair the band shell, to fix the sports fields there, to look at the lighting, and remove some of the trees. Beechwood Park is 21 acres, it is the largest open space we have in town and if you are not familiar with it, the western side of Beechwood Park is a nature trail and if you ever walk through it, it is fabulous, there are deer, wetlands, just so much to see; in the middle of Beechwood Park there are sports fields, football practices are held there, softball; on the eastern edge is where the band shell is, there is a playground there and picnic areas. That portion of the park is used by the day camps in the summertime, the boy scouts use it, residents use it for picnics and the playground is open to the public. Our restrooms are located there; our band shell is there also. Our plans with the \$25,000 is to go as far as we can to get the band shell, which has had some vandalism and deterioration, fixed up, get some of the seating areas fixed up, look at the lighting. It is dark there as it is heavily treed and we will look at the pathway.

That will be at 8:15 PM and we will vote on that but he wanted to provide a background beforehand. The grant request for the second one is \$65,000; again \$40,000 is for the adult fitness center. We don't know what we will receive from the County; it may be a portion or it may be all of it. This may end up being a multi-year project to get Beechwood where we want it to be. We are looking at Beechwood for Town Day again; there are a lot of activities that we used to do at Beechwood and haven't done, it is such a valuable asset to the town and we have to take advantage of it. That will come at 8:00 PM for the repurposing of the fitness center grant and at 8:15 PM for the application for the municipal park improvement.

Mayor Frank moved along on the Agenda and we will back up on those items at that time.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND – MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – REPURPOSE OF APPLICATION FROM ADULT FITNESS PARK TO INSTALLING NEW LIGHTNING DETECTORS @8:00 p.m. as advertised

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvement Program, where the Borough desires to repurpose the application from an Adult Fitness Park to installing a new Lightning Detection System please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvement Program Repurposing of the Application from an Adult Fitness Park to Installing a new Lightning Detection System

Motion by Councilman Ruocco, Second by Councilwoman Looes, and unanimously carried.

Marie Cefali, 6 Manson Place –
What exactly is an Adult Fitness Park?

Council President Pizzella said the Board of Health and Open Space decided on the piece of property right outside of the pool in between the pool and Meadowbrook School where they would put in an exercise trail with various fitness equipment, not equipment that you would see in a gym but sort of equipment that could be built into the space and utilized as adults walk through the space. Councilwoman Looes and the Board of Health worked on it for a fairly long time.

Councilwoman Looes said it is more of a health initiative addition to a trail and you will see them in random places; some of them have actual equipment but it is more flanked with instructions about stretches you can do and you need certain apparatus to help you with that. It is more to encourage the use of the outside; it is not a replacement for people going to a gym as their active routine or as part of a walking trail.

Ms. Cefali (Contd)-
This isn't directly in Beechwood Park.

Mayor Frank said this was originally planned to be by Stonybrook, it is now planned to be in Beechwood.

Councilwoman Looes said originally the space was a path that takes you from Piermont Avenue to the back of Stonybrook to the gravel parking lot. There used to be it is not there any longer; the DPW removed certain equipment that was from a former playground and there were old pieces of see saw just the metal part, so there

was a playground there at a certain point. Originally that area would be nice and close to the Hillsdale House and people do walk across Piermont and go over and walk through the Stonybrook area. Since the money now is being switched over to be used for lightning detectors which we feel is a more immediate health concern, we were looking at Beechwood Park, there are 21 acres there, and maybe we could repurpose and have the space there versus the space at Stonybrook.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

You don't know where you are putting it in Beechwood now?

Mayor Frank said the grant is being written now so the design is not complete.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

As far as the band shell, once you get that repaired will you move the concerts that are at Veterans Park?:-

Mayor Frank said no decision has been made but we will probably put Town Day back at Beechwood Park as they have always had music there to use the band shell. The band shell is a tremendous investment, it would cost a lot more money to knock it down and get rid of it than to repair it. It is a fraction of the cost of the grant to get the band shell repaired.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvement Program – Repurposing of the Application from an Adult Fitness Park to installing a new Lightning Detection System be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the Amended Letter of Intent and the completed Grant Application was available to the public at Borough Hall.

Motion to close public hearing on Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvement Program – Repurposing of the Application from an Adult Fitness Park to Installing a new Lightning Detection System

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

R 16192 Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Approve Repurposing of the Application for the 2015 Bergen County Trust Fund – Municipal Parks Improvements Grant

Motion to Adopt R16192

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second by Council President Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Mayor Frank said this is still subject to approval by the Freeholders.

Mayor Frank said 10 minutes still remains and he referred to the public comment section of our Agenda and then we will go back at 8:15 PM as advertised for the other Open Space Grant.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND – MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM @8:15 p.m. as advertised

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Beechwood Park Improvement Program, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Beechwood Park

Motion by Councilmember Frank Pizzella and Second Councilmember Chris Looes, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Frank said seeing no one, he closed the public session.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Beechwood Park Improvement Program be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the Letter of Intent and the completed Grant Application was available to the public at Borough Hall.

Motion to close public hearing on Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Beechwood Park

Motion by Councilmember John Ruocco and Second by Councilmember Anthony DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

R16193 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Approve Application for the 2016 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Beechwood Park Improvements

Motion to Adopt R16193

Motion by Councilmember Frank Pizzella and -Second by Councilmember Anthony DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

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

Mayor Frank said this is a time limited, for new topics only, things that haven't been brought up by the public and one speaker per topic. He opened the meeting to the public, if anyone would want to speak, raise your hand and come up to the podium and identify yourself with name and address.

Kurt ~~Wolkenhemeier~~ Wolckenhaurer, 19 Hopkins Street –

At the start of summer the town came to his lot about the trees and the brook. There is a problem and permission was given to go through his property. The DPW was there, however, the County never came. He asked if he has to give them permission to take these trees out of the brook. Westwood can't get to the trees because of the property location; he remembered that the former DPW Superintendent would call the County because the easement is near Jim Moldow's home. He would give permission to go through his property. The County removed the trees from his property and when the ground froze the DPW would come back and take the trees out. He hasn't heard from the County in two months. There are two trees, one is leaning and there are two on the Westwood side; Westwood cannot take down the trees because they can't get access.

Mayor Frank said the Borough Administrator will respond to that. He asked if he went directly to the County.

Mr. ~~Wolkenhemeier~~ Wolckenhaurer (Contd).

He said when Keith Durie was at the DPW he would come and look at the trees and go to the town and advise of the problem with the trees in the brook. They would call and Mr. Wolckenhaurer ~~renhemeier~~ gave permission to access his property. The County would pull out the trees. The last time this was done was about four years ago.

Mayor Frank said if he would allow the County to use his property there is no problem. We can arrange to have this taken care of.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said he will contact the DPW and we will follow up.

Seeing no one further, Mayor Frank closed the first Initial Comment Public Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 5, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

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

August 9, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

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

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Police Department – August 2016 Report

Captain Sean Smith

Captain Sean Smith, Captain.

During the month of August, there were 93 dispatch shifts; all were covered with non-sworn personnel except for one which was covered by an officer for overtime. There were 239 motor vehicle stops, 110 summonses issued, 14 criminal arrests during the month of August. The Chief and I set up a date for the Mobile Drug Take Back Program which is something new with the Hillsdale House. That will take place on September 15. For those who are not familiar with the Take Back Program, the Hillsdale Police Department received a stationary, sort of a mail box, where you can come in 24/7 to drop your prescription drugs off and we have a mobile unit as well for events such as National Night Out or you can bring it to the Hillsdale House or at any sort of event like that. It is very helpful.

Lastly, we would like to remind everyone that school is open, drive safe, pay attention to people in the crosswalks please, and with leaf season upon us, remember not to place your leaves in the curb until the designated times.

Council Member Ruocco asked if any resident can go to Hillsdale House on September 15 and drop off their prescription drugs.

Captain Smith said yes, they also come to the Hillsdale Police Department 24/7; there is a mail box right in our lobby, it is stationary and you drop it in, there are no questions asked.

Council Member Looes wanted to clarify: the stationary one is only in the Police Station in the lobby and the mobile one is at the Hillsdale House or perhaps at a senior luncheon or any event that school chooses to do so.

Captain Smith encouraged the schools to do so and reach out to us. We would have a designated officer present.

Council Member Looes said we have two drop offs, one stationary and one mobile.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

Councilman - Scott Karcich

Councilwoman - Chris Looes

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy

Council President - Frank Pizzella

Councilman - John Ruocco

Councilman DeRosa said the Board of Education has not had a meeting during the summer, however, the old tennis courts have been removed, the new parking lot is finished; they added about 19 parking spots or so. There is a new traffic pattern so there are two entrances now for the high school; the one that has always been there and the entrance to the teacher's parking lot; that is now an entrance itself. If you come from River Vale to the east side of town, you are going to make a right at the first driveway; people coming from the west will make a left into it. That allows people coming from River Vale to loop around through the back through a portion of the high school which should take a substantial amount of cars off Piermont Avenue at the time of drop off.

The Regional Board of Education has accepted letters of interest from residents to fill a vacancy and those candidates will be interviewed in the next coming weeks.

Recreation – there will be a meeting this Thursday, there are two students who serve on the Recreation Commission, and one is a senior. Last year the senior graduated and is off to college and we are looking for another candidate. He asked the Principal at PV for some suggestions and he is awaiting for one more person to get back to him.

Hillsdale is sponsoring the Rutgers Safety Course which is mandatory if you want to coach any sport in Hillsdale and most Boroughs in New Jersey. It is very convenient for this to be held in Hillsdale and he thanked the Recreation Department.

Many Agenda items including improving the Memorial Day Parade and Halloween in Hillsdale will be discussed.

Councilman Karcich said the DPW crews are preparing for leaf season; he has signed many bills to get a lot of our vehicles repaired. We are going to contract out and we sent out the RQ's for the garbage trucks.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said next week he anticipates award of two supplemental garbage trucks and operators.

Councilman Karcich said the goal during leaf season is to have two extra garbage trucks on top of the ones we already own so we can get more leaves off the street faster and minimize the amount of breakdowns we have had in prior years.

We are actively looking at next year's budget dollars for the Fire Department; they had some requests for some items that we are actively looking at.

Councilwoman Looes said the County Board of Health is currently moving right now so she does not have all the information. She did want to talk about the Hills Valley Coalition; we will be discussing a resolution tonight. She wanted to clarify some items. The Borough Administrator is setting something up to have the coordinators of the Coalition to speak to the Council. The Coalition does is a four town Coalition and it offers prevention programs across the life span. Some people get confused and think it is more of a school-related or school age children related programs that they offer, but they really don't. It addresses mental illness, stigma free, alcoholism, drug awareness, all different things like that and they offer programs and we have a grant that Hillsdale gets and she was working very closely this summer in July with our County Representative who is very helpful and she will begin to meet in the month of September with the different groups that benefit in Hillsdale; our school, our Police Department, our Health Department to see how we can benefit our residents.

Councilwoman Lundy said the Library Board has not met since we last met, so she did not have a report for that. She said they are looking for volunteers to teach English as a second language and if there is anyone who is interested, they can contact Heidi who is the Literacy Program Coordinator at the Library.

Stonybrook is meeting tomorrow evening.

Council President Pizzella said he will have more next week but he updated the discussion at the last meeting. Access to All is a committee that the Bergen County Executive and Mr. DeNicola have been trying to get moving in various towns in Bergen County. He received the names from some Liaisons and some of the departments. If you haven't given Jonathan DeJoseph the recommended person to sit on the Committee, please do so because he has to send in the names by the end of this week.

The Environmental Commission had provided recommendations for ordinance changes; he did get some comments and gave the changes to everyone on Council. He hasn't received any replies except for a few so he will move on and gave that back to the Environmental Commission. We will come up with a draft.

Historic Preservation – Mr. Madaio and I have been in contact with New Jersey Transit and we will hear more about that on the lease.

Halloween in Hillsdale is coming back and we are having our first meeting tomorrow evening. The Historic Preservation Committee will be meeting to discuss that.

Open Space – He has met with Chris Statile to talk about the NJDOT grant opportunities that are out there and we came up with some really good ideas and he will confirm with Chris Statile on some information he was going to check on and he will present those ideas at the next meeting.

Regarding the Four Town Walking Trail, he has a meeting scheduled with Councilwoman Harrington of Woodcliff Lake on Thursday late morning and she will provide an update on where the other towns are so we can synchronize what we are doing in Hillsdale. He will report on that next week as well.

The Planning Board Chair is coming next meeting to give a presentation on recommended ordinance changes.

Councilwoman Looes asked about the Historical Preservation Grant we have for the train station, are we on a time frame for that? A few residents asked her about it.

Council President Pizzella said there is a certain time frame but he applied for an extension and we received that extension. The dates don't start until New Jersey Transit and we finalize the lease. There is some language in the lease that we have issues with and once that is rectified, we can move along.

Councilman Ruocco said with respect to senior citizens, there have been some discussions that he has had with residents regarding possible creation of a Hillsdale Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. We drafted a Statement of Purpose and Composition; the ultimate goal of the committee would be to enhance the probabilities that seniors would stay in their homes as they age. Right now the tendency seems to be for many seniors to move out, either move out of town with other family members or to move to assisted living out of town because it is difficult to stay in their homes. Once this committee is active, it can facilitate the possibility of getting public or private sector grants. His plan is to send this Statement of Purpose and Composition around to the Council between now and the next meeting, take a look at it and we can discuss it at the next meeting or subsequent meeting if the Agenda is already full. We could go forward from there, making changes. Clearly, some of the ideas the seniors had were good and need to be implemented.

The Financial Committee did not meet in August so we are meeting September 28. He planned to do a slight presentation on the flood plain acquisition plan but he thought the newspapers reported it rather thoroughly. If the Council members would like, he could go through what that means.

He complimented the Police Chief and Captain on the way they went about hiring a new police officer. They interviewed over 40 candidates; we have a candidate and this hiring temporarily lifts our level at the Hillsdale Police Department to 19 and the Police Committee permitted this in anticipation of turnover.

There is a MOU between the Borough and PBA Local 207. Negotiations produced an outcome that was acceptable to both the union and the Borough given that state law restricts what a mediator can award in straight dollar terms to our police. Both sides bargained in good faith, settled on a package that provides increased monetary compensation for junior and senior officers in return for significantly reducing the long term financial liabilities that the Borough would otherwise face.

He thanked the PBA Representative Officer Liz Zimmerman and her team for their willingness to push forward with a solution as well as our team of Councilman Karcich, Borough Administrator Jon DeJoseph, and Attorney Ray Wiss.

OEM – The emergency generator at the United Methodist Church is up and running. It had a brief flirt with disaster, a tree almost fell on it two weeks ago, it didn't hit it and he takes that as a good omen. It is up and running and there are discussions occurring between the OEM staff and church in terms of the use of the generator.

There are cameras on the Woodcliff Lake Causeway, they are now operational with spotlights in the problematic areas, all installed at no cost. The Police Department and OEM staff have log-in capabilities so they will be able to see what is going on there on Church Road.

Flood sensors--- Jon Najarian and Butch Franklin, met with Gotham Analytics to determine the second location; as you may recall there are two locations where the sensors will be placed. One is just north of the bridge, Patterson Street Bridge; the other will be further up the line closer to the reservoir. They are working on that.

Finally with respect to the Demarest Farms mediation to address the traffic situation, nothing of substance in terms of changes that he can report now from what he has already stated at the last meeting. He complimented Police Chief Francaviglia who appeared before the Hillsdale Board of Education at one of their meetings in August to help them better understand the potential safety ramifications of its decision to not allow parking at the Smith School on the Fall weekends.

Mayor Frank said we have three minutes before we have to interrupt to do the public hearing. He asked Councilman Ruocco to cover the Eagle Scout Project update in three minutes.

Councilman Ruocco said he has been working with Borough Administrator Jon DeJoseph and Eagle Scout Xavier Catalona; those of you who have noticed there was no sign in front of the Borough Hall but they have sanded and repainted the post into a gold color. The inside frame was painted dark green; Xavier has ordered the actual sign, it hasn't arrived yet, it will impress and be more of a thing of beauty than a thing of information. There will be the Borough website location at the bottom but it will add to the overall attractiveness when you come up the steps. He is hoping to finish this by the end of October if not sooner.

Councilwoman Lundy said the Stonybrook Commission is meeting tomorrow evening and maybe she will have something to report at the next meeting.

Council President Pizzella said if there are things on the flood plain that you could put on the website that would be a good outlet for people.

Councilman Ruocco said it is a preliminary first step, a prerequisite. You can't apply for grants to do much unless you have a flood plain acquisition plan and it is going to be free goods for us. Rutgers will be helping us with that. He doesn't know when they will start; the Borough Administrator may have better information at this point but he believed it is a worthy project and will educate us all and we can move forward from there in terms of types of decisions and what routes we want to go. We clearly will need more money if we are going to acquire property and buy people out. He tried to make that clear when he was talking to the press and they recognized that and did an excellent job of portraying the entire matter.

Mayor Frank said we will now go to the public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, Municipal Park Improvement Program; Repurpose the Application from the Adult Fitness Park to installing new lightning detectors.

DISCUSSION:

1. Eagle Scout Project Update – Councilmember John Ruocco

Councilmember Ruocco stated that Mr. Catalona was still working on the sign and waiting for a part of it to be delivered. He has sanded it down and painted it and should be complete soon.

2. Stonybrook Pool Dome Enclosure – Councilmember Abby Lundy

Councilmember Lundy stated that she will report more at the next meeting as their next dome meeting will be held tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Frank said anyone wishing to address the Council please raise your hand, identify yourself, and come to the podium.

Donna Kamfor, 28 Esplanade -

She had questions regarding your petition against Waste Management and the revitalization plan. What do you plan to do with the property if Waste Management does not come back.

Mayor Frank said there are no plans now. It would be available to be developed depending upon who is interested in buying and what they are interested in doing with it. Currently it is zoned industrial but we are a long way from knowing what we are going to do and whether Waste Management is not going to be there.

Council President Pizzella said it would also require a highest, best use analysis. We wouldn't know at this time what we would do without the involvement of an advisor that would do the highest and best use analysis and give us a recommendation.

Ms. Kamfor (Contd).

Does the town actually consider buying that piece of property?

Mayor Frank said currently it is not on our horizon of things that we would want to do. Is it totally out of the realm, nothing is out of the realm. It is not something we are currently considering and it would be much more beneficial to the taxpayers here if we could find someone to develop it. Again, assuming Waste Management is willing.

Ms. Kamfor (Contd).

In your petition, you also mentioned something about traffic. Her other concern is, less than a block and a half away a couple of Planning Board members are almost ready to vote on this apartment building, 49 unit

apartment building. I am not sure how Waste Management traffic is going to be any better or worse than 49 apartments in a block and a half distance.

Mayor Frank said he thought there was a tremendous amount of residents in Washington Township and Hillsdale who disagree with you, that the quantity of trucks, garbage trucks coming in and out of Patterson Street, going all the way up Hillsdale Avenue to the intersection of Pascack Road, all the way down Pascack Road through the Township of Washington, up Linwood Avenue to Route 17; that is just the big tractor trailers going out after they compact the waste. All the other trucks that would be dumping there would be coming in through the town driving past St. Johns, a school. I think that traffic from Waste Management is horrible, it smells, we don't want it. As far as speculation as to what other traffic would be there, it is speculation.

Ms. Kamfor (Contd).

Speculation of traffic with an apartment building, you know there is going to be more traffic. We all know there is going to be more traffic.

Mayor Frank said he did not sit in on the Planning Board meetings, he doesn't know what the speculation on the traffic is.

Ms. Kamfor (Contd)

It's been said within town that there is also going to be a couple of other apartment buildings that are going to be put up in Hillsdale.

Mayor Frank did not know about the rumors.

Councilmember DeRosa said if there are applications going to the Planning Board it will be heard by the Planning Board when they are filed. He did not know what rumor the governing body would respond to.

Mayor Frank said seeing no one, he closed the public session.

Mayor Frank then proceeded to Ordinance No. 16-12.

ORDINANCES: *(Adoption & Introduction)*

16-12 – (Adoption)

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 292 OF THE BOROUGH
CODE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 16-12 Councilmember Looes, Second by Councilmember Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 16-12, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Seeing no one, I entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-12 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 Acting Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 16-12 by Councilmember Looes, Second Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-12 by Council President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

16-13 – (Introduction)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 224: PEDDLING AND SOLICITING OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NON-SOLICITION LIST, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A “DO NOT KNOCK” LIST FOR RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE PLACED THEREON

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 16-13 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey, on October 4, 2016 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R16194 through R16200:

- R16194 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Accept the Revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Hillside and the Hillside PBA Local No. 207
- R16195 Resolution to confirm Endorsement of Community Development Projects for 2017
- R16196 2016 Municipal Alliance Contract Grant Hills/Valley Coalition
- R16197 Authorize Borough Clerk To Advertise For Request for Proposals For IT Service And Maintenance of Desktop Computers
- R16198 Resolution Authorizing PSE&G to do an Energy Efficiency Upgrades – Under the Direct Install Grant at the Hillside DPW
- R16199 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the Borough of Hillside and Kens Tree Care for Grinding of Leaves at the Northvale Facility
- R16200 Resolution Authoring the Mayor to Approve and Sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillside and with the Teamsters Local 125

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Mayor Frank said we will now conduct the public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, Municipal Park Improvement Program.

OFF-CONSENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Councilmember Karcich wanted to mention that we have gotten quite a few requests for trees/limbs removed from the trees. We have a limited budget and Dan and his crew is working hard to figure out the ones that are the most dangerous and what is in the budget to remove these. To be mindful we typically only have a \$30,000.00 budget to remove trees. We have more requests than what we have budgeted for to removal all these trees. If your tree is alive, we are not taking it down. Unless it is dangerous or truly dead, then we will entertain taking it down. Mayor Frank stated that he believes that this is in the Ordinance as to what trees we can

actually down. Borough Attorney Mark Madaio stated that he will check this because this issue is coming up a lot.

Councilmember Looes wanted to thank Elizabeth Ward for a fabulous job with the concerts this summer. A nice wide array of music. She also wanted to thank Stonybrook and the Stonybrook Commission and Patty Hughes, the Pool Director for a great season.

Councilmember DeRosa would also like to thank Elizabeth Ward for another great season, which did not cost the Borough anything. He also wanted to remind everyone that schools are open and everyone is back in session so please drive carefully.

Councilmember Lundy would also like to thank Elizabeth Ward it really was a nice event week after week and we had fabulous weather, only one rain out. She was also at Stonybrook yesterday and it's always a sad day when it's the last day. Again they were very lucky with the weather and had beautiful weekends and it was a good season for them which she will report on at the next meeting.

Councilmember Ruocco stated that he will continue the litany thanking Marty and Elizabeth Ward. They really put their heart and soul into the planning and the execution. He was at every concert except for the rainout and you could see all the hard work and planning paid off. There was a good selection of music and people had a good time.

The Joan's Joy Safety Fun Fest is coming up Saturday September 17th at the Train Station from noon until 5pm. There will be dancers, live music, a butterfly exhibit, speakers, a child ID program that our Hillsdale Police are participating in, internet safety program, face painting, floral arrangement presentations, a tricky tray, a silent auction, tv raffle and most importantly free snacks!

Council President Pizzella wanted to thank all the Hillsdale Volunteers. He worked the Hillsdale Ambulance Carnival and had a blast. He worked with Patty Hughes and had a lot of fun. He would like to thank Stonybrook Commission for keeping the pool in a good place. You read about what is going on in Montvale and he believes that they rose to the occasion and really did a great job. He would also like to remind everyone about Halloween in Hillsdale coming up. Also if there is anyone who has not signed the petition regarding Waste Management, please go to the Hillsdale Website (www.hillsdalenj.org) and you can click on the link there and you can sign it.

One last item, not sure if people are aware that Dominick Santucci, the owner of Karl Ehmer's passed away last week. It is an iconic establishment in Hillsdale and his wife runs the hot dog cart. He was a great guy and so he wanted to pass his condolences to the family. If anyone was friends with them, please stop by and give your condolences.

Acting Municipal Clerk Kohan – nothing as this time, thank you Mayor.

Borough Attorney Madaio – nothing at this time, thank you.

Borough Administrator/CMFO DeJoseph – nothing at this time.

Mayor Frank wanted to thank all the sponsors, the businesses in town that make it all possible. Businesses in town also make town day possible. The donations that we get from the businesses are phenomenal. They are such great partners in keeping the community going. The list is way too long. They do a great job from the concerts to town day to National Night Out. We thank you and love having you here.

Suez has repaired the joints on the Causeway on Church Road. There was a problem and as the Mayor stated that the Dam Engineers aren't used to designing roads and they designed the causeway over the road with large gaps between the cement joints and as the cars drove over it make a lot of noise. This caused a lot of problem for the people on Maria Drive, Jolen Drive and the people in that area. Chris Statile came up with a solution and it took a while but Suez cooperated and Suez has completed filling the joints and the noise has gone away and the residents are happy.

Next week the Planning Board will come before the council at the next meeting on September 13, 2016 and it will be a joint Planning Board/Council Meeting and the purpose is to review and ties into a committee that we are trying to get going is the Ordinance Review Committee. And they will take a look at the Ordinances in town. If you ever tried to go through our code we have pages and pages of laws. It's all accessible on our website. Much of it has not been looked at in years and anytime you add something it stays there until you take it out. We need to go through it and take out things that are obsolete. The Planning Board is coming before us with their suggestions on things that we should change in the code; in terms of building and zoning. It's a very positive first step. They have put together a very good list, so that will be before us next week. We will take a look at it, discuss it and the hope is that the Council who controls what goes into our code, we would makes those changes to the code so it may give residents some leeway so they don't have to go before the Planning

Board to have some work done on their home and can now be approved by the building department. It will save a lot of time and money.

Sunday is the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11. We have two ceremonies that will be held. About 8:30 am Emergency Services will set up along the curb opposite the train station facing southeast towards the Trade Center and it's a quiet ceremony. It's a good way to recognize all the Emergency Services and the Military and heroes that were killed that day. At 7:00 pm in Veteran's Park by the 9/11 Memorial we have a candlelight ceremony. No speeches, it's also a quiet ceremony that has 2 patriot songs that we be played and candles will be lit. If you plan on attending please bring a small candle.

No updates on Waste Management. We are continuing our quest to get their permit denied and we are waiting to hear back on when there will be a public hearing. People have been away and busy, we have Washington Township people signing as well. There is no legality to it other than to let Waste Management's Management know that we have a lot of people that think its time for them to move on and not reopen that facility. So please make sure to sign.

Mayor Frank would also like to thank our negotiating team, Councilman Karcich, Councilman Ruocco and our Borough Administrator. He sat in on most of the detailed meetings. He would like to thank- the PBA. It was a difficult year. There was some very strict things that we had to deal with in terms of the caps. It was such a unique result as we have so many young guys early in on in their career and in order to protect them and keep them, he thinks the PBA showed some really smart and flexible approach. And the town did so as well. Everyone walked away content and satisfied. Our public safety is our number one priority of our Government.

Lastly, the schools are open, please drive carefully.

Motion to close by Councilmember DeRosa and seconded by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Looes, and unanimously carried.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2016 ~BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk