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**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 6:00 P.M.**

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please refer to our town calendar for dates and times and any special meetings or date changes. Borough Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32**. You may also participate through the Zoom Platform. [Click here to join via Zoom](#). The meeting id is **894 566 4822** and the passcode is **07642**. You may also dial in by calling **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 894 566 4822 Passcode: 07642**. To ask a question if you call into the zoom meeting dial \*9.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council President Council President Escobar, Council Members Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024 (Councilmember Trochimiuk absent)

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

Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

**INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (time limited to 3 minutes, items on the agenda only, one topic per speaker -please state your name and town of residence for the record)

**DISCUSSION:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

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

[Colliers Engineering Report – February 2024](#)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Council members serve as liaisons to departments and committees in Hillsdale to provide the governing body and the public with an update on arising issues, actions considered, and actions taken within a given organization.

Liaisons are not expected to be intimately familiar with the granular issues being considered by committees and departments. The people responsible for such information are the B.A. and the internal head of the department or committee.

Should anyone have questions requiring an in-depth response, and the council person is not comfortable providing the answer, I will direct the B.A. to provide a response. If an answer cannot be immediately ascertained, it will be the responsibility of the B.A. to speak to relevant parties and provide the person making the inquiry with a timely response. The B.A. will then report back his findings to the mayor, council, and public at the next public meeting.

- Council President - John Escobar
- Councilman – Justin Fox
- Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
- Councilman – Clemente Osso
- Councilman – John Ruocco
- Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
- Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

**ORDINANCES:**

[24-03 – \(Adoption\)](#)

**An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-03, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-03 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.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

24-04 – (Adoption)

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-04, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-04 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.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

24-05- (Adoption)

**An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 24-01 - Establishing Recreation Department Program and Summer Camp Fees in the Borough of Hillsdale**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-05\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-05, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-05 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.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-05\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-05\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

[24-06 – \(Introduction\)](#)

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220, “Parks and Recreation Areas,” of the Borough Code to Modify Section §220-3 “Unlawful Acts” to Modify §220-3(J) Prohibiting Leashed or Unleashed Dogs on Municipal Fields**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-06 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on April 2, 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Lundy, Osso

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R24086 through R24094:**

- [24086](#) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Tax Overpayment
- [24087](#) 2024 Temporary Budget
- [24088](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Firefighter Protective Clothing and Equipment form the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- [24089](#) Resolution to Allow a Waiver to Serve Alcohol at Special Events Located at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [24090](#) Resolution Approving the Submission of an Application to Obtain a Grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to Rehabilitate the Beechwood Park Nature Trail
- [24091](#) Resolution Awarding a Contract for Grass Cutting on Borough Property
- [24092](#) Resolution Awarding a Contract for Grass Cutting at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [24093](#) Resolution Approving the Purchase of Police Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories from the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
- [24094](#) Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status Disabled Veteran and Authorizing Refunding Property Taxes Paid

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

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco

**OFF-CONSENT:**

- [24095](#) 2024 Temporary Budget Emergency

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

Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

[24096](#) Authorize Transfer Between Budget Appropriation Reserves

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (time limited to 3 minutes any topic-please state your name and town of residence for the record)

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**SPECIAL 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

[24097](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – *Borough Personnel- Police/Social Services Liaison, DPW Facilities*

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to Reconvene \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**