

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 10, 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 9th day of August, 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:**

David Franz – Hillsdale Library – Innovation Award Recipient

Mayor Douglas E. Frank

Mayor Frank asked David Franz, Library Director, to come to the front as well as Councilmember Lundy who is the Coordinator. He stated that this is a Proclamation recognition award.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Library Association has presented a New Jersey State Library Innovation Award for the past three years that include a variety of projects; and

WHEREAS, this year's 2016 Innovation Award Winner was among the first libraries in New Jersey to offer a Maker Space Program that was actually expanding access to a small space they already had in existence; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Innovation Award Winner was designated for living the spirit of creativity and collaboration and generous cooperative spirit and willingness to share models with the broader library community; and

WHEREAS, the man behind the magic of this creativity has been called the MacGyver of the Library Community by his peers and now has been named the 2016 Innovation Award Winner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Douglas Frank, Mayor of the Borough of Hillsdale, recognize and congratulate David Franz, Director of the Hillsdale Public Library, for being the recipient of the 2016 New Jersey State Library Innovation Award.

David Franz expressed his thanks. It is quite an honor to receive this Proclamation and to be recognized for the work being done at the Hillsdale Library. The only way this Award could have come to fruition is through the generous support of the Board of Trustees over the years and the financial support of the Friends of the Hillsdale Free Public Library that made the Library Maker Space Activities possible, and, of course, the generous support of the Mayor and Council through your generosity and supporting the Hillsdale Library. Thank you.

Mayor Frank said he would like the public to know that the reason you look like someone throw back from the late '60's, early '70's, is because you collect money at the Library and for every week you collect \$20.00 that is another week that you don't get a haircut; since January now. I know there are three barber shops at least in

Hillsdale so that is not the issue and I haven't been able to contribute in the last week or two, so here is \$20.00; that's an extra week.

David Franz said that puts me over \$700.00 for the year. The money that we are raising this year is being used to buy additional material, books, movies, DVD's, compact discs for our library collection. Our library budget for collection development has not been as robust as years past, so that where this thousand dollars will be applied. We have put out some books that we are calling "Lucky Day Books" that cannot be held, they are very, very popular; if you walk in off the street you might find a Lucky Day Book marked "on the desk" and those are being purchased with the hair money.

Mayor Frank said he hoped he set an example for the rest of the Council.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor Frank said we had a presentation scheduled, but it is moved to September which was a recommendation of actions to be taken on our Borough Code. It is going to be done by the Chairman of the Planning Board.

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

Mayor Frank said this is time limited, it is five minutes only; it is for new topics, topics that have not been before the Council and one speaker per topic. Anyone who would like to address the Council at this point, please raise your hand, come up to the podium; there is a second public session late in the meeting and open to more than one speaker per topic and more than one topic.

Kevin O'Brien, 61 Parkview Drive -

Private individuals, unlike public officials, have not voluntarily exposed themselves to injury from slander and defamation of falsehoods; private citizens, by not relinquishing any part of their interest in protecting their good name, so says the court. A Hillsdale Public Official accused me publicly of repeated crimes in the fourth degree and violating Federal Law. Slander is a tort; it requires legal action within 90 days of the effects. My attorney suggested a sit down take place with the Mayor and the Borough Attorney, perhaps the Borough Council President, to seek a resolution before filing litigation. I would like to resolve this peacefully opposed to going the other way. The same individual wrongfully stated that I had extended over a hundred OPRA requests when he was Council President. The requests were more like 12 seeking access to Closed Session Minutes, not by law, were required to be released years earlier. Many of my letters to the Editor required documentation before they are released to print. My facts are solid; they are supported by Black Letter Law, and Rutgers Law Library. Mayor, I would certainly welcome the opportunity of sitting with you and the Borough Attorney privately if you are interested in helping to resolve this.

Mayor Frank would have no problem with that; he would suggest your attorney to contact the Borough Attorney and we will set a time and he would be happy to meet with you and your attorney and our attorney.

Marie Cefali, 6 Manson Place –

She was reviewing the Master Plan; our Master Plan has a storm water management plan and in that there is an Open Space Committee generated to seek funding to purchase property along brooks and streams where flooding has caused the greatest property damage. Are we doing anything to purchase any of the properties that were listed in the Master Plan? Originally, we were looking to buy the property on Hillsdale Avenue but that fell through. There are other properties in town that are in a flood area that should be looked at to be purchased; are we doing anything to try and secure some of these properties that are listed in our Master Plan for funding. The County has Open Space Funding, we can apply for funding to help purchase some of these properties to cut down on the flooding; are we doing anything to go forward and follow our Master Plan and try to secure any flood properties at all?

Mayor Frank said we have a Resolution tonight R16174, Resolution Authorizing and Confirming Application for Technical Assistance Grants for Flood Plain Protection Planning Activities. It is a preliminary step before we can do anything and that is to work with the County and that is recursive to get involved with any kind of acquisition. Certainly there have been issues with people in the Glendale Park Section with flooding over the years and the town has not been very successful other than two properties that he is aware of.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

She said she knows that the County has given money to actually purchase people's property that flood on a continuous basis. Westwood has done that. Is that the same as the Open Space to purchase properties that are not developed or are they two separate funds?

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said there is a grant application due this fall; he doesn't have the date in front of him where the Borough can so choose to apply for grant funding from Bergen County to cover up to 75% of the acquisition for a piece of property. Unlike Blue Acres, it does not include demolishing a house or anything like that, it is strictly for acquisition purposes.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

Is that different from Open Space Funding or is it the same thing?

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said it all comes from our Open Space Tax that we pay through our County Tax Levy and they allocate that based on the percentage of the formula.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

Have we gotten a list? She is guessing the list that is in the Master Plan now contains properties that the town should consider buying will change now because of the flooding homes in the Brookdale area.

Administrator DeJoseph said it will all be evaluated this year.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

We will have a Council that is going to look at all the flooding areas we have and decide what is priority now that the one on Hillsdale Avenue is no longer an option.

Council President Pizzella said on Open Space; we do not have an Open Space Tax in Hillsdale, it was voted down several years ago. We don't have any specific funding at the municipal level to purchase these properties. When you mention the property on Hillsdale Avenue that was the old Tandy and Allen property; that property was being purchased through OSI which is an environmental group that was applying for the grants and helping us to acquire that property. They were getting the money as well as the County was putting in some money; we were just going to take over the property, we were not using any funds, we don't have any to purchase that type of property. Now, there is Blue Acres as well as open space grants that we can apply for but other than that, I don't want you to leave thinking that the town has a tax fund that we use. Other towns do but we do not.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

We did have money that we put back into the budget at the beginning of the year, which was setting aside for open space if I am correct.

Mayor Frank said not that he is aware of.

Councilmember Ruocco said he knows of no such money.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

It was \$40,000 that was in the budget and was absorbed because we didn't have the Tandy and Allen property. She will go back and look. She understood we haven't but she did recall being at this meeting and there was a fund that went back into the budget because it wasn't used for the purpose intended and it had to do with open space.

Mayor Frank said every year there are things that aren't expended that go back into the fund that are left over but I don't recall anything that had anything to do with open space.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

This organization that was helping to buy the Tandy and Allen property, are there any other properties in this town that you feel would fall under that criteria that we should look at, with the same situation since you have these groups that are willing to help. Have we made any efforts to buy any?

Council President Pizzella did not know of any other properties that this group would be interested in in Hillsdale. I think what Hillsdale has to do is what Mr. DeJoseph said, take an open look at what properties are out there and if we can get grants for them. OSI is very specific, they go in and preserve property; they don't necessarily pursue flood prone property, they actually pursue any type of property, it doesn't have to be wetlands or property in the flood plain.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

So it is OSI, Open Space Institute.

Mayor Frank said he had to interrupt now, the five minutes are over. The purpose of this initial public comment is for people that I have watched sitting in the back of the meeting until 10:30 at night when the public comment section came up and they had one simple question to ask. Complex issues we really have to wait until the second public portion.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

This is new to me. I do spend a lot of my nights at the Planning Board.

Mayor Frank said this is a new addition to our Agenda this year, we changed the By-Laws.

Marion Comiskey, 91 Hopper Avenue –

I would like to introduce Robike Noll who is here to speak to you about a very important issue that we would like you to consider and she is strongly in support of it.

Robike Noll – My part-time job is for the Borough of Old Tappan, she lives over the border of Westwood. Most of my time is a travel agent and in my spare time I rescue animals. She has presented the Council with a copy of an ordinance which has been emailed all over New Jersey. It is a model ordinance that has been drafted by the attorneys of the Humane Society of the U.S. It has been adopted in 67 towns already since September; you may have heard about Senator Lesniak's S63 which just sailed through the Senate and now it is getting ready to go before the House and Governor Christie if it gets through and hopefully Governor Christie will sign it. Basically what this says is that pet stores will no longer be purchasing dogs from the puppy mills and if anybody doesn't know about puppy mills, it is a slang term for commercial breeding facilities where profit is the number one. If you haven't seen anything about it you can google puppy mill and you will see even the USDA recommendations and requirements are that the breeding animals that live in a cage their whole life, six inches over their head when they stand up, six inches on either side. They are bred twice a year, those puppies are taken from them forcefully; they are sold to pet stores and sell right here in Bergen County for anywhere from \$1400 to \$3000 apiece. It is a huge, tremendous profit margin and you no doubt saw what went on right down the road in Emerson. I have been credited with spearheading that but it was team effort, it had nothing to do with shutting down Paramus which did that on its own. One of the things that came out of it is that she has been in contact with the owner but he has a meeting with owner of Pat's Pups in south Jersey who did convert is store from a high profit puppy mill outlet. He now sells only rescue dogs, makes a smaller percentage on them, but makes up for it by selling food and accessories and things like that. This is so passionate to her and she said every year the entire population of Los Angeles which is importing people using pet numbers and every year we have 10,000 commercial breeders producing puppies for profit in substandard conditions. This ordinance has been passed in 67 towns, nine counties in New Jersey; she would love to see Hillsdale join Woodcliff Lake, Saddle Brook, Upper Saddle River which is in their second reading next week, Maywood, Hackensack, Little Ferry, and Emerson will be tweaking theirs. She asked the Council to consider looking at this ordinance, it is bullet proof; it has been challenged a few times across the country and upheld. The letter is self-explanatory and the ordinance as well. She will return next month.

Mayor Frank closed the session to the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 3, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa approved all but May 3 because he was not present at the meeting.

Abstain: Councilmember Karcich said he did not remember which meeting he missed but he did miss one meeting.

Ayes: Council Members Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, with the exception of June 8, because he was absent.

Abstain: Council President Pizzella

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

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

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia said last month we had 93 dispatching shifts, all were covered except one; one had to be covered with an Officer due to lack of personnel. We had 228 motor vehicle stops, 104 summonses issued, 13 criminal arrests. August 2 we National Night Out which most attended which was a huge success. We gave away over 700 hot dogs and 20 pizza pies; it was well attended and he thanked our sponsors, Hillsdale PBA 207, ServePro, Macchione Brothers Paving, Raymond Brothers Landscaping, Bergen County Garden Center, Hillsdale Fire Department, Hillsdale Ambulance Corps, Better Car Care, Timber Tree Service, Demarest Farms, Fornazor International, Kings Supermarket, Shop Rite Supermarket, Hoffman Floor and Home, Innovative Landscaping, Temco Heating and Air Conditioning, Domani, Stickey's Barbecue, LaFrance Painting, Paramus Medical and Sports, Rays Pizzeria, Valley Tent Rental, Ken Bauer Kitchens, TwinBoro Pest Control and Care One at Valley. Without their donations it wouldn't be possible without all of their help. He thanked them and especially thanked Alex Kaplan who organized the entire event. It was a huge success.

Today we have received our medicine drug drop box which will be located out in front of police headquarters for unwanted drugs; it is part of the DEA program that we hold every year, now we hold it 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also have a mobile drop box as well we can bring to Hillsdale House and for the senior luncheons quarterly to make it more convenient for the residents.

Mayor Frank said he couldn't believe the amount of people that attended National Night Out and it was fabulous and he thanked the Police Chief for allowing the Mayor and Council to have a table there and meet the public.

Chief Francaviglia said there must have been 700 or 800 people there.

Mayor Frank said the crosswalk by the library; it has been in the works to get an illuminated sign there, is there any schedule yet?

Chief Francaviglia said we still have not received material from the company yet but it should be soon, I hope. It will be good to have that before school starts.

Borough Engineer Statile said the road program is being delayed because there is a fight in Trenton on the Highway Trust Fund between the Governor and the Legislature. All DOT projects are in the state of a shutdown which includes Hillsdale Avenue. The Borough is free to move ahead with their own streets, pave their own streets if they want, and if the Council wants to move ahead he will contact the contractor who will do half the roads. We are waiting for Hillsdale Avenue to be finished once the Trust Fund is renewed; that is up to the Council to decide. The paving contractors are looking for work now.

Mayor Frank asked if there was any cost disadvantage to us to go ahead with our own roads.

Engineer Statile said it is a unit price contract, you pay by the unit price.

Councilmember Looes asked how long it will be done by the time school starts if we make a decision to go ahead.

Engineer Statile said you had this scheduled for September when schools were about to start. Our schedule will be changed so we may be able to commit sooner. He can find out as soon as the Council commits.

Mayor Frank recommended we go ahead.

Engineer Statile will notify when the schedule is available. For the lap pool and closure, he met three times with the Commission as well as some Council people. Now the Commission is considering how the project can be deployed, we have conceded that the schedule won't be until next spring and if there is to be any ground breaking it will happen in the springtime. There is not enough time before the winter to get the project signed, advertised, bid, constructed, etc. The best time to go forward will be the springtime. Meanwhile the Commissions and some options how the project can be deployed and we are scheduled to meet again in a few weeks to continue our dialog with the Commission. We will get the foundations in before we open.

The Woodcliff Lake dam project as you may know, the dam will be closed Thursday morning at 6AM to seal the joints across the bridge and the dam will be open again on Monday, August 15. There will be a couple of days shut down and that is weather dependent. You need good adhesion for the concrete and you can't get that if the ground is damp.

Mayor Frank asked if the Engineer will be able to inspect on our behalf.

Engineer Statile said yes he will. The Woodcliff Lake dam when it was constructed has expansions every 30 feet on the concrete decking going across the dam. United Water used a very wide joint, about a 3" gap and it is a very deep joint and when the motor vehicles hit those joints, you get a wheel slapping noise that generates the noise you hear from the tires. We recommended that the joints be filled flush with the surface so the tires don't strike any more joints. There may be a little noise but it won't be like it is now. The joints are every 30 feet now and they are putting on an expansive mastic to cover those joints.

Statile said the Wierimus Lane culvert gabby basket contract is ready is ready to be advertised; we provided the Administrator with the plans and specifications for that contract today.

We will put in a notice of a grant application for the Open Space Municipal Program for next year. It is an introductory notice that we want to file an application October 13 and we are doing that tomorrow. We will try to have the county participate 20% of the funding for the band shell. There is only \$113,000 this year in the municipal program. There is a grant program out, due November 10, transportation alternate programs or enhancement projects throughout the state. These are for non-traditional service transportation type programs. He showed the Council some of the samples of grants approved in 2012; many are street projects, near train stations, and most of the time there is a train station involved in the work. Hawthorne received \$600,000 to do street scraping and they have a train station in town as well. Anything related to transportation qualified. They are looking for more non-traditional things such as pedestrian pathways, bicycle trails and things like that. That grant is open, it is very competitive for the whole State of New Jersey and a lot of towns will be putting in grant applications. These are larger grants usually several hundred thousands of dollars in funding. There is a lot of work involved in federal grants and the state doesn't want to do small grants, and it is easier to manage larger grants. If the Council has any suggests they may wish to initiate, let him know. This could be used for the train station as well. It has to be a hefty project.

Council President Pizzella asked if it could be used as a means of getting from one part of Hillsdale to the train station like a walking trail through portions of Hillsdale and then connect to the train station and enhance the other grant that we have.

Engineer Statile said anything to do with transportation, yes. One year they fixed up a lighthouse in South Jersey because it had to do with shipping. There is a November 15 deadline and he needs a lot of paperwork in order for the application, it is not an easy application.

Mayor Frank asked if Council President Pizzella wanted to take the lead on that because it will tie in with the walking path as well as the train station.

Engineer Statile said they are looking for projects that aren't permanently extensive because they want the money spent; nothing difficult to get permits for because they want to get the money spent quickly. He believed the application will be announced next year because there is a November deadline. You can go to NJDOT website and look under grant recipients and search around for all the projects that were done in 2012 all across the state. You can even do a motor bike trail somewhere, which qualifies also; transportation related.

Mayor Frank asked about ADA for the train station; he asked for a time frame for that project.

Engineer Statile said you can advance that whenever you want, it is just a matter of putting it where we talked about, a simple location; that can be advanced.

Mayor Frank said we talked about a basic idea how to structure it. When you go into New York there are no public restrooms, if you are in the middle of Hillsdale and there is a concert or something, there are no public restrooms. The fact that we have a restroom we have to have a policy and we talked about how to keep it secure and clean, that could give us a semblance of convenience for our residents.

Engineer Statile said the architect was thinking if possible to have the bathroom off the waiting room vs. an outside door. When the waiting room is locked up at night, the whole place is locked up at night versus having to go around the building to the outside door which can be cold in the wintertime. Maybe the Council could consider putting it nearer the waiting room if possible, perhaps the center room, it would be handicap accessible and be more secure.

Mayor Frank said we could revisit that; when we looked at it and even have a camera facing in an appropriate direction for security. Let us revisit it and move forward on it. It is fully funded and the money is sitting there.

Engineer Statile said the Open Space money for the trail too. Because there is so little money available to our region, Open Space wants to see money spent before they give any more money.

Mayor Frank said that will be for \$24,000.

Engineer Statile said \$20,003.

Councilmember Looes said that was for the fitness but we discussed getting it repurposed for the lightning detectors instead because there is an immediate need for that. The Borough Administrator is doing that.

Mayor Frank said we could almost make the project double than what we need.

Statile said we should ask for more than what we need---e.g., put in for a million dollars and hope to get a half million.

**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 Ambulance Corps does not meet in July but they are having their first annual carnival in the west lot on August 23 to August 27. It should be a lot of fun and encouraged everyone to come out. They do need volunteers to help man the booths.

The old tennis courts at the Regional Board of Education, Pascack Valley – Pascack Hills, and it appears they are ready to pave soon and it looks like they will be done in time for school. This is for better access and egress and will provide about 30 extra parking spaces.

Former Mayor and Regional Board of Education member Al Murphy has resigned from the Board of Education. He thanked Mr. Murphy for his service; despite his reputation for watching every penny he is still very open minded about spending for school. He is progressive in his discussions and voting. The Board consists of nine elected members and they are seeking a new member from Hillsdale. The criteria are you must be 18, a citizen, a resident for more than one year, etc. That is on the Borough website as well as the Board of Education's website. Members of the Board of Education do have more control over your tax dollars than this governing body does and he encouraged someone who is interested to step up as it affects our children's education as well as everybody's taxes.

Due to vacations conflicts Recreation had no meetings in July or August. September was actually in question but they will reschedule so that a meeting in September can be held.

There were three town baseball summer travel teams. Ten took the championship in the nevis travel league and nine plus ten in the intermediate and eleven took runners up.

Councilwoman Lundy said 10 and 11 travel intermediate were both champions, runners up were 9 and 10.

Councilman Karcich said we had a meeting recently at the DPW with Dan to try to get more information to the Council about day to day activities. We received a great report and in our agendas today information of things going on this summer. Our crews have been out fixing potholes at least two or three times a week; there have been complaints that people have potholes in front of their homes and were looking for repairs. Dan has been very responsive to those requests. They repaired six of the catch basins and working on getting a few more done this year so that when we have snow and leaves we don't get water backup. Our town mechanic has been diligently working to get our equipment ready for the snow and leaf season. They repaired two of our existing old garbage trucks so they will be up and running when we need to do leaf season. They plan to start the leaf season a little earlier this year, about October 25, and try to give more updates on the website where the crews are, when leaves will be removed, and notification if there is a breakdown. They have been repairing all of the decorative lights around town, the train station, firehouse, Hillsdale Avenue and Broadway. The lights at the train station are fully completed and functioning and the rest should be completed by the end of the month. They will upgrade the traffic lights to LED's and are awaiting parts; they are replacing all the street signs around town to make them more highly visible and that they are all the same size and color. They have begun painting of the stop bars in front of the stop signs and the yellow lines on the curbs especially around the schools. They received free paint from the County and were able to do this.

We attended the last meeting at the Fire Department and they gave us some ideas for some things for next year's budget and we are considering training; they want more training dollars so that they can do more training in the upcoming year.

Councilwoman Looes said the Board of Health doesn't meet during the summer months. They performed cancer screening at Stonybrook which was well attended as usual. She thanked the doctors who assisted for the past few years.

On Monday we had a meeting regarding our zoning and property maintenance official. Our previous official has resigned and moved onto a full time job. The committee met with the Borough Administrator and discussed the position and what was required. Information is contained in our Agenda. We will be moving forward to fill that position.

Councilwoman Lundy said the Library did not meet in July or August but the summer reading program is wrapping up and tomorrow is the last one. They will resume meeting in September.

Shared Services Committee will be meeting with Westwood Mayor who is interested in investigating shared services between Hillsdale and Westwood. She has been in touch with the Westwood Shared Services Committee Chair and will be reaching out to both our committees to talk about any potential opportunities.

Stonybrook – Councilwoman Looes covered what Stonybrook has been discussing. A Stonybrook Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening. Stonybrook will also be holding a ladies night next Tuesday as a fund raiser for Parkinson's and if anyone is interested in painting a beautiful beach scene, come down to the pool and paint. They are also having a pre-K book drive; one of our girl scouts in town is seeking donations to support the silver award project and there is a box at the front gate for any donations of pre-K books.

Patty asked that she emphasize that if the Stonybrook parking lot is full please don't park on the grass or any fire zone. The parking lot at Meadowbrook is available for parking.

Council President Pizzella said we have a grant that we received regarding the train station. We have been working on a lease agreement with NJ Transit. We recently received that lease agreement back and he has some concerns regarding the language. He asked the Borough Attorney and Mayor to assist him in setting up either an in person or conference call where we can finally hash out the terms of the lease and we can move on with the train station grant. We have also received an extension of our grant from Historic Preservation Bergen County.

Many have heard about a walking trail that is going to extend from Montvale through to Hillsdale and the four towns are working together. He reached out to Councilmember Harrington and she is setting up a meeting for the four towns to come back together again and talk about where we are.

Formerly he mentioned access to All Committee which is an initiative that has been started by Bergen County and the Bergen County Executive. Hillsdale is one of the towns that accepted to start a committee in our town to look for different possibilities for access to disabled people. We need to have two residents and a member of the following organizations: Fire Department, Police Department, Rec and OEM and Ambulance. He spoke with Ruta Fiorino, many people know Ms. Fiorino, she was the woman who was in a very car accident at Trader Joe's in Westwood and she is very interested in helping us on that committee. If he can get the Liaisons to the other organizations, please speak with your organization and by the next meeting in September please let him know who they delegated to be on this committee. We can start having meetings and to determine how the County wants these committees to work. That is Fire, Police, OEM and Rec and Ambulance. Anyone interested, please contact Council President Pizzella.

The former Superintendent, Mr. Retnal at the Board of Ed, and a new Superintendent for the local Board of Ed has been appointed, Mr. Pfeiffer.

The Mayor mentioned the Planning Board meeting tomorrow and also the Chair will come to the next meeting to give us recommendations on ordinance changes.

The Environmental Commission has included various suggestive recommendations for ordinance changes regarding tree maintenance. It is in your packet and advise of any comments. They want to be clear that these are only suggestions. Regarding Beechwood Park, is there any way they can get a recycling garbage can at the entrance of Beechwood Park. They have two groups cleaning monthly the park and they recently did the Hillsdale cemetery. They are asking for recycling garbage cans. The cemetery is a very interesting place; some of the original settlers of Hillsdale are buried there.

Economic Redevelopment Committee – he has been in correspondence with Benecke Economics and their report regarding the potential for redevelopment in the industrial zone is almost complete. The Mayor will discuss in more detail; Waste Management’s permit is up for renewal and he asked that you look on line at the Hillsdale website and sign a petition to assist us in stopping them from getting their permit renewed. It is very important that we do that because Waste Management is located directly in the center of a very important area for Hillsdale which is a frontier area where we can actually grow and have some redevelopment.

Councilman Ruocco said with respect to seniors, he is involved in discussions with some residents with respect to creating an advisory committee on senior issues. A charter has been drafted but we are still working on some of the details and when it is finalized, he will submit it to the Council for comments. There was an article in the Bergen Record which highlighted discussions taking place in five towns; Westwood was one of them to make it more palatable for seniors to stay in their homes as they age. It is along those lines that he would like Hillsdale to eventually move in that direction. There are grants to be had. That is for the advisory committee if it is created to pursue.

He thanked the Borough Administrator for the grant application that was submitted to NJ Transit for the senior van and if it is granted, we will share that with Woodcliff Lake.

The Finance Committee had a meeting on July 19 and covered a variety of items. The two most important things is we got a better insight into the Stonybrook pool facility and an interim financial report discussed the lap pool dome project. The second item is we decided to proceed with the flood plain acquisition plan of the development grant to get this going from Rutgers and the land conservancy group. Next meeting will be held on August 18 for the finance committee.

With respect to the Police and OEM National Night Out, kudos to the Police Department, it was an opportunity for all residents, especially our children, to learn, to have fun, and to get acquainted with the local law enforcement officers in town in a way as we as parents want them to get acquainted with them. It drew more residents than last year but it was certainly well attended.

We are moving ahead with the installation of flood detectors to be installed by Gotham and there is something in the agenda tonight.

At the United Methodist Church, we are waiting for the emergency generator for a startup and training date. That is imminent. Three new cameras are going to be installed on the Woodcliff Lake causeway by Suez along Church Road at no cost to the Borough. Two will monitor the roadway and the park and the third at the water level gauge. The signal will go to the Police Department as well as OEM office. The OEM staff was contacted by FEMA this month about reimbursement from the winter storm and they will be providing us with additional information.

Regarding the mediation sessions with Demarest Farm our Borough Attorney and representatives of the Hillsdale Police Department and myself have been attending these mediation sessions that were agreed to by the Farm and a local resident group. All parties attending mediation sessions have committed to keeping the content and details of those discussions confidential as required by the State appointed Mediator. The last mediation session was held a few days ago and it possibly might be the last mediation session depending upon the intent of the two parties. If the two parties can finalize an agreement, it is their intent to release it to the public; if the mediation session does not cause the two parties to come to an agreement, then the dispute will resume its previous tract and resident complaints that have been filed will go before the County State Agricultural Regulators over the next several months for a decision. That is all he is at liberty to say about that process.

With regard to the Eagle Scout Project Update, he meant to bring a picture tonight of the revised sign; it will be the sign outside of the Borough Hall, we received approval and he signed the approval for the Council. The Borough Administrator approved it and his troop has approved it. It will be beautiful; a green background with the emblem of Hillsdale and on either side of that emblem will be 1898 which is the year that Hillsdale was incorporated as a township. In 1923, it was incorporated as a Borough. Website information will be available at the bottom of the sign; there will be a self-watering planter in front of the sign. They plan to finish this by the end of October.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Eagle Scout Project Update – Councilmember John Ruocco
2. Stonybrook Pool Dome Enclosure – Councilmember Abby Lundy
3. Sports Agreements – Councilmember Anthony DeRosa
4. Removal and replacement of Elm Tree in Veteran’s Park

Councilmember Lundy said we covered the Stonybrook Pool Dome Enclosure.

Sports Agreements – Councilman DeRosa said we will be voting tonight on adoption of a Resolution to accept the Sports Agreements between the Rec Commission and five main sports associations in town; Hillsdale Football Association, Hillsdale Soccer, Hillsdale Baseball Softball Association, Hoops Basketball and Pascack Lacrosse. The Agreement is fairly common in most municipalities for sports not run directly by the town; it spells out things that the Sports Associations will do for the youth in the town and also spells out what the town will do for the associations and our youth. Some of the highlights are that all volunteers must meet the Borough ordinance for fingerprinting, Rutgers Safety Certification, Concussion training, lightening training and Coaches Code of Conduct. The associations will also provide by-laws and prove they are non-profit to the Borough and designate a representative to the Rec meetings. The Borough will provide portable bathrooms and we will not charge for field lighting and will continue to maintain the fields and the associations will have priority over scheduling on those fields. He thanks members of the Sports Associations, Devin Flanagan, R. Gladio, Abby Lundy, Rob Harris, Scott Perlman, Andy Pearson, Jim Rawley, Mike Loughlin, Bob Disoski and R. Cohan. They all acted in a professional manner in balancing the needs of their associations with those of the Borough. He also thanked members of the Rec Commission especially Director Patty Hughes and President John Coring and thanked the Mayor and Council for being open minded on the requests that the associations made. This agreement has survived three different Council Liaisons, two Mayors, two Borough Attorneys, two Rec Commissions and has been somewhat of a marathon. Council President Pizzella started it, Chris Lewis ran a leg of it and he did as well. It is finished and an opportunity for the Rec Commissions and Associations to work closely together as one group towards common goals like facility improvements. He cannot vote on it because he is also a member of the Baseball Association and will be abstaining.

Mayor Frank said he was very pleased.

Removal and Replacement of Elm Tree in Veterans Park. Borough Administrator DeJoseph said the tree is directly across the street from Ronnie's, it was repaired and cabled approximately 10 years ago, we have gotten a lot of additional light out of the tree, but the DPW Superintendent, myself, and an arborist looked at it and there is a large hollow hole in the middle as well as a fungus around the bottom so it is recommended that the tree be removed and work in conjunction with our DPW and PSE&G and relocate a new Elm Tree or a tree of the liking of the Mayor and Council and Environmental Commission. The tree is at least 100 years old. The Environmental Commission was made aware of this about a month ago. We will work with our contractor; he assumed a month or two. It will be removed but in the fall he would recommend picking a new location and a new tree.

Mayor Frank said if it is deemed unsafe, it needs to come down.

Mayor Frank said we talked about a Do Not Knock Ordinance at our June meeting. We have agreed to go forward with it. We will have that for introduction in September.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter dated July 29, 2016 from Mayor John Birkner, Jr. Borough of Westwood regarding Shared Service Opportunities.

Motion to receive and file by Council President, Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Looes, and unanimously carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Frank said we are at the second Public Comment section. He opened the meeting to the public on any topic, come up, identify yourself.

Kevin O'Brien, 61 Parkview Drive –

He complimented our Deputy Borough Clerk, Denice Kohan. She has done an outstanding job. From the public side, when we ask for items, we don't have to go through a long drawn out process, not getting things when we request them. We are met with a friendly, polite approach; it is really nice to see. He has received the same feedback from people in borough hall as well as the DPW. The changes that have been implemented have been reflected within the community, within your employees. He wanted to share that with the Council.

Overnight parking has been raised by a few residents to him, some are older folks who don't come to the meetings and he sees them at Shop Rite. They talk about parking on Manson, on Conklin, Baylor and wonder why the overnight parking regulations are not implemented; not for enforcement but get people to move. Just give them warnings.

He received an email from John Pathe, related to a fireman; the Police and Firemen session of January 11 where a past, previous Hillsdale Police Officer was denied retirement and it was alleged that he had cultivated an intimate relationship with a 17 year old girl while acting as the school Resource Officer. He finds this disturbing, it goes back to 2006. This is not reflective of the police officers that he knows in New Jersey or officers we have in our town. When he read this, he did not know if the Council was aware of it and how much of it is true, but it came up as a result of internal affairs complaints that were reviewed by the State Retirement Fund and they denied him based on these allegations.

Marie Cefali, 6 Manson Place –

She noticed that we received a letter from the Mayor about Waste Management and petition signing which is awesome. She lives very close to Waste Management and has been around when the smell was horrible and it was Sal Car and anything we could do to get that eliminated. Apparently Public Service bought the property to the end of Knickerbocker and asked if anyone knew about this and is it true.

Mayor Frank said it is not finalized yet.

Ms. Cefali (contd).

She also noticed that the fence company moved and asked if that was because of Public Service in any way?

Mayor Frank said the fitness center will be moving into that building or expanding.

Ms. Cefali (contd).

With the Sal Car situation as it is now, our town was already hosting a transfer station and this transfer station will be made larger. Whoever our representative is who speaks to the County about Waste Management, remind them we are already hosting a utility, a big utility, and a transfer station. How many things do they want us to host in a small area. This is her thought on it. She also read in the Record and our town paper that the Governor is looking for a fairness formula for education and was shocked to see how many taxes we can save if this fairness formula goes through. We are looking over \$2700 a year in taxes reimbursed to us. In this article there is a website [New Jersey.gov/tax relief](http://New Jersey.gov/tax relief) and it also has a petition and you might want to include that in our town, notification in addition to the Waste Management petition. This is something that our town should be aware of. For senior's \$2700 taxes is a lot of money. It is a fair formula and it is about time that we as a community step and say enough. She did not know how many seniors have access to computers to sign petitions on websites; we are having a big thing at Veterans Park tomorrow and if someone could be there telling people to get on to sign these petitions. If there are any meetings for Waste Management, she would be happy to go and give her two cents.

Mayor Frank said we anticipate a public meeting at some point in time before they make their final decision and we will make sure everybody knows about that.

Ms. Cefali (contd).

There is an application before the Planning Board and one of things suggested was that the Patterson Street "S" turn be straightened. This would be done with money from the person who is looking to build some that we can't talk about and Public Service. Why are we asking Public Service to give us money to straighten out a road so that it can help build something? Where Public Service is building, they don't need a straight road. We are hosting them and the money we are asking them to donate or put towards straightening out a road that really doesn't need to be straightened could be better used to fix the band shell in Beechwood. We have all these big arenas are named by companies and with all we are doing for Public Service, if we ask them to put money towards doing something for the town and Mr. Statile said he works for the town, he has to suggest what is best for the town. Straightening out a road that isn't giving us a problem vs. taking money or asking for a donation for us opening our town to them to use the money for band shells and things that we are trying to come up with money to fix the band shell, it could be the PSE&G band shell.

Elizabeth Ward, 47 East Liberty Avenue –

She is here to provide an update on the summer concerts, six in all so far and have been going very well. The weather has been good and we are crossing our fingers for good weather tomorrow. The attendance at some of the events has really gone way up, we literally had hundreds of people there. Tomorrow night is one of our premier nights, family fun night, at 6:00 PM we have Lisa LaLa, a children's entertainer. The kids squeal with delight when she performs and along with that, we have Patty Hughes and the summer staff coming with face painters, hair braiders, and temporary tattoo artists. We will have a balloon clown coming and the project sponsored by Loving Touch Nursery School. At 6:30 to 7:30 we will have a free Yoga Class and every week we have the Yoga Studio that puts on a free class anyone, regardless of level of experience, all are welcome. There has been a change in the name band for tomorrow night; we will be hosting the Larry Stevens band which came up unexpectedly and we were able to sign on for tomorrow night. There will be two more concerts after tomorrow, we have a tribute to Carol King on August 17 and the Allen Quinn band perennial performer for the finale on August 24. We hope you get out the word and we hope to pack the park.

Kevin O'Brien, 61 Parkview Drive –

He wanted to share if you haven't gone down Lake Street, or down Patterson Street, the residents have voiced their First Amendment Right by putting out big signage with respect to the apartment complex. It is a well thought out effort and he had absolutely nothing to do with it. The second aspect to it is the Planning Board meeting and will be hearing that application Thursday night for those home viewers. He said for those who are home please feel free to come and join in, it should be a packed house and we look forward to it.

Inaudible, 473 Kinderkamack Road, Westwood –

She comes to towns and does volunteer work with regard to Puppy No Advocacy Group, she works for a municipality as well. She emailed an Attorney who is head of the Puppy Mill Advocacy Group and did her usual thing and told the Council why she was here. The same day we received wonderful notes from Wyckoff, New Milford Mayor and Woodcliff Lake telling us they are going to adopt the ordinance as written and as we sent to them. She went to those towns to speak with them and be there when they adopt the ordinance; New Milford and Woodcliff Lake are still in second reading; they said the same day they got those emails they got an email from someone in Hillsdale who said thanks but no thanks and was curious. We are very careful to email to the town clerk and Mayor and Council and asked if the entire Council be cc'd on it. It is a hot topic in New Jersey and nationwide right now and is curious if this has been discussed, if whoever said no and are not interested just did that upon themselves.

Mayor Frank said he believed that correspondence came in earlier this year; it was received by the Council and was filed. Everyone got an opportunity to look at it; anything that comes in to the Mayor Council everyone gets to see.

Westwood resident (contd).

It was sent as initial information, it was sent again. She was in the middle of what was happening in Emerson. Again, another stronger letter said don't let your town be embarrassed. That is what will happen; stores like this will show up in towns where the ordinance is not in place. We can't sit back and it could take a year. In New Milford she got smiles and thumbs up and people seemed pro the animals and anti the abuse of what goes on in this industry and if anybody has any questions or curiosity what this is all about.

Mayor Frank said we know what this is about, it has been in the papers; we had no pet shops in town and anyone wanting to bring something in would have to go to the Board of Health. The Board of Health has regulations and inspections and recommendations. He thought the topic is hot enough and the whole puppy mill issue is one that has gotten enough attention and probably needs to be a state issue where the state should ban it and doing it piecemeal by towns just creates redundant laws and it costs us money to pass ordinances. It is totally up to our Council.

Westwood resident (contd).

This ordinance is a boiler plate, all you have to do is take a look, legally it looks good, it gets passed by this town and someone can make a motion to adopt it like it is and it will go through. She understands redundancy. Nancy of New Milford is a travel client of hers and is careful not to go to towns where she has relationships with people like that and had one of her associates go there and speak to them. She told them in March that we already have an ordinance on our books, no pet stores, no live selling of any kind of animals in New Milford. This is redundant. When things started getting hot, when the van was found in Paramus, all the violations in Emerson, when all this started going on in all these stores, she reached out and asked for the ordinance again and we want to look at it. She said at a Council meeting, we already have an ordinance, no living selling of any kind of animals in New Milford, however, people could fill out a variance and say this is the reason we want to open a pet store. She said we are putting this ordinance in as a safety net to back up the other. She understands state level, but that has to go through all the different channels. This is the voice of each individual town saying we will not stand for this kind of abuse; we will not put a business in our town that is based in that kind of

abuse, because 99% of dogs in puppy stores come from puppy mills or commercial breeders. These dogs are mentally insane being in a little box their whole lives and being bred over and over again. Then they are usually dropped off at a local shelter or shoot them or drown them and they are done. They are a commodity.

Councilmember DeRosa said we could move to ban the sale of puppy mill puppies in their town, why isn't someone going after the puppy mill.

Westwood resident (contd).

The USDA recently tightened up some of their requirements; their idea was going from 4" to 6" and that would be putting you and your bathroom for the rest of your life. Leaving you in your bathroom for the rest of your life, that is how much space you have. That is USDA and fighting the government, you know there are channels everything has to go through. This is a huge industry; commercial puppy farms were originally started by the government. The local little pet store had Mrs. Smith's dogs and she put them in the window and sell them and there was no such thing as a commercial breeding facility. Men coming back from the war, if you can raise corn you can throw a couple of chickens in there and also have some puppies and they found out puppies sell for two grand. You then see people throwing 65 puppies in a van, taking three days to drive up here and parking it in back of a store. They don't care. If two are dead when they open the truck that is the cost of doing business.

Councilman Ruocco asked the rationality of going municipality by municipality as opposed that if this a state-wide issue, to go Trenton.

Westwood resident (contd).

Senator Lesniak has gotten it through Senate, it is called Bill S63. It is exactly that state-wide and each individual municipality putting it in place first; it could take forever, getting S63 through.

Councilman Ruocco said it strikes him that it is far less efficient to go municipality by municipality; look at the effort and the manpower you have to expend.

Westwood resident (contd).

We are volunteers and we feel that strongly. If she could wave a magic wand and have it passed through the state level tomorrow that is what she would be doing. Because it takes so long; basically it will not go through the Assembly until possibly September or October and sit on the Governor's desk for a while. It will not be anything big for you other than joining the ranks of these other towns that will not stand for this. It is a boiler plate.

Council President put his dog to sleep last week and came from a puppy mill, always neurotic and never leaves her cage. He applauds with what she is working on; she has a passion about it and he thought it great that she goes town to town. He believed everybody here has heard her and if we didn't look at it the first time and is sure everyone will take a look at it again. He appreciated what she is doing.

Westwood resident (contd).

She appreciated the Council looking at it again.

Seeing no one else, Mayor Frank closed the meeting to the public.

#### **ORDINANCES:** *(Introduction)*

16-12            **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"**

**WHEREAS**, the Chapter 292 of the Borough Code of the Borough of Hillsdale pertains to Vehicles and Traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 292-55 establishes specific locations within the Borough where parking is prohibited at all times; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 292-57 establishes certain locations where parking is prohibited at certain times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to add specific locations and/or time restrictions to each of the aforesaid sections.

**NOW BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

The following are a list of additions to the Comprehensive Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance. Please note that the corrections are indicated by bold type or stated as to add, remove or change the following.

***INDUSTRIAL AREA:***

292-57 XVI: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.

REMOVE:

**Prospect Place**, south 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Tues & Thurs) west from Paterson St

**Prospect Place**, north 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Mon, Wed, Fri) west from Paterson St

**Brookside Place**, south 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Tues & Thurs) west from Paterson St

**Brookside Place**, north 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Mon, Wed, Fri) west from Paterson St

**Piermont Ave** south 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Tues & Thurs) west from Paterson St

**Piermont Ave**, north 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Mon, Wed, Fri) west from Paterson St

292-55. Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

ADD:

**Prospect Place:** entire length (north side) from a point of 150 feet west from Paterson St

**Brookside Place:** from Paterson to Prospect Pl (north side)

**Piermont Ave:** from Paterson to Prospect Pl (north side)

***DEMAREST FARM AREAS:***

292-57 XVI: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.

**Royal Park Terrace**, Both sides from Wiermus Rd to a point of 10 feet south of the driveway of 39 Royal Park Terrace

292-57 XVI: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours

REMOVE:

Langerfled Rd, North 9am to 5pm Saturday & Sundays ( 8/30 thru 10/30)

Paul Ct, east 9am to 5pm Saturday & Sundays ( 8/30 thru 10/30) from Hillsdale Ave to a point of 500 feet south

ADD:

Langerfled Rd, **SOUTH** 9am to 5pm Saturday & Sundays ( 8/30 thru 10/30)

Paul Ct, east 9am to 5pm Saturday & Sundays ( 8/30 thru 10/30) from Hillsdale Ave to Buff Lane

**(SEE CHART)**

<b>Name Of Street</b>	<b>SIDE</b>	<b>Time Limit; Hours/Days</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
APPLETREE LN	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Hillsdale Ave
HILLSDALE CT	East (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Hillsdale Ave to Ell Rd
MOUNTAIN VIEW TERRACE	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	Entire length
HORIZON TERRACE	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	Entire length
SHADY SIDE PL	South (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Horizon terrace to Mountain View Terrace
ALPINE TERRACE	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	Entire length.
SIERRA CT	South (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	Entire length
PLYMOUTH RD	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Fairhaven Dr to Lynn Pl
WINTHROP RD	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays /Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Fairhaven Dr to Lynn Pl
STANDISH RD	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Fairhaven Dr to Bedford Rd
BEDFORD RD	West (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Fairhaven Dr to Standish Rd
BEVERLY RD	East (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays /Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	Entire Length
AIRIGOT CT	South (residential side)	<b>9am to 5pm Saturday &amp; Sundays/Holidays</b> <b>( 8/30 thru 10/30)</b>	From Beverley Rd

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 16-12 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 September 6, 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 by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R16170 through R16191:**

R16170 Resolution to Authorize the Hillsdale Police Department to Acquire and Accept Delivery of Demilitarized Equipment Utilizing the 1033 Program, Specifically a 2008 Haulmark Trailer

**WHEREAS**, the 1033 Program was created by the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 1997 as part of the U.S. Government's Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services (DLA) to transfer excess military equipment to civilian law enforcement agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 15239, dated November 10, 2015, The Borough of Hillsdale council finds that Hillsdale Police Department has acquired Demilitarization (DEMIL) A (non-controlled) property in the RTD system without restriction, and certain DEMIL B thru H (controlled) property in the RTD system without restriction and additional resolution from the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2008 Haulmark Trailer, Model # TSC85X16WT2, Vin # 16HGB16289P071207 has been delivered to the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale has now accepted a 2008 Haulmark Trailer, Model # TSC85X16WT2, Vin # 16HGB16289P071207; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Hillsdale Council shall be in accordance with all terms, conditions, and requirements set forth by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management-Law Enforcement Support Office State Plan of Operations and Memorandum of Agreement

R16171 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector of the Borough of Hillsdale to Extend the Grace period for Payment of the Third Quarter Taxes 2016 Tax Bills

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 provides that the third installment of current year taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-fifth calendar date after the date that the tax bill was mailed or otherwise delivered; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the late approval of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County 2016 Budget by the State and the subsequent certification of the tax rate by the Bergen County Tax Board, Tax bills were mailed on July 20, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Twenty-five calendar days from the mailing date of the tax bills are required by New Jersey Statute would be August 15, 2016; and

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County that:

The Grace Period for the payment of the third quarter 2016 real estate property taxes that were due August 1, 2016 shall be extended to **August 19, 2016**.

Interest shall be charged back to August 1, 2016 for all payments made after the grace period date of August 19, 2016.

R16172 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Payment Block 1412 Lot 5, B/K/A 160 Clinton Avenue

**WHEREAS**, John J. Bill III, 160 Clinton Avenue., Hillsdale, NJ 07642, totally exempt veteran as of April 17, 2015 and paid 1<sup>st</sup> qtr 2016 taxes in error;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorize the Tax Collector to refund John J. Bill III, the following taxes:

Property – 160 Clinton Ave.

Block 1412 Lot 5 \$3,261.35

R16173 Resolution Authorizing Reduction in Assessment Due to County Board Judgements for Various Blocks and Lots

**WHEREAS**, County Board Judgments have corrected the property land assessment for various blocks and lots resulting in a reduction in assessed value; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in assessment created a reduction in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Tax Collector to adjust the various blocks and lots on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes to reflect the judgment and adjust 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2017.

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ORIG ASSESS</u>	<u>JUDGMENT</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMT 2017</u>
503	8	438,200	400,000	38,200	1,036.75	518.38
708	5	1,059,400	1,025,000	34,400	933.62	466.81
908	1	598,400	560,000	38,400	1,042.18	521.09
1109	2	440,100	406,100	34,000	922.76	461.38
1111	10	270,100	225,000	45,400	1,232.16	616.08
1205	2/C0004	261,200	250,000	11,200	303.97	151.99
1526	25	388,300	358,300	30,000	814.20	407.10
1706	3	451,200	417,500	33,700	914.62	457.31
1804	17	487,600	474,900	12,700	344.68	172.34
2002	35	445,500	402,400	43,100	1,169.73	584.87

R16174 Resolution Authorizing and Confirming Application for Technical Assistant Grants for Flood Plain Protection Planning Activities

**WHEREAS**, Bergen County has announced the availability of funds for Technical Assistance Grants to Bergen County municipalities for Floodplain Protection planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, said Technical Assistance Services will be managed on a shared services contract basis with the County; and

**WHEREAS**, grants are available to 1) develop a Floodplain Acquisition Plan (“FAP”) for a municipality to document and map past flooding events, flooding impact, and identify areas of greatest need of assistance for

the removal of existing structures and homes; and 2) develop conceptual design plans to restore and/or conserve the natural functions of floodplains once structures are removed; and

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Interest was required to be submitted no later than July 25, 2016, and was in-fact, submitted by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Hillsdale Council desires to authorize and confirm its application for said grants and to assure its participation in this program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Hillsdale Council hereby authorizes and confirms the application for the Technical Assistance Grants, and all appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to assist in the application.

R16175            Confirming Resolution Awarding Electrician Job Order Contracting Installation of Emergency Standby Generator for an OEM Shelter at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the installation of an Emergency Standby Generator at the OEM Shelter at the United Methodist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the pricing provided by Facilities Solutions Group, Inc., of 224 Washington Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862, \$54,465.14 (Fifty four thousand four hundred sixty five dollars and fourteen cents) Purchase Order #15-02930 dated December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract was awarded by the Middlesex Regional Educational Cooperative # 65MCECCPS, RFP# MRESC-15/16-14 contract valid 6/6/2015 to 6/5/2017 is in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and

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

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts and/or documents pursuant to the award of this contract.

R16176            Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with the Hillsdale United Methodist Church for an Emergency Standby Generator

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and Hillsdale United Methodist Church have recognized the need for an OEM shelter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the parties have reached a Memorandum of Agreement for the installation of an Emergency Standby Generator for an OEM shelter; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for the installation of an emergency Standby Generator and for use of the Church as an OEM shelter

R16177 Authorizing the Extension of Contract for Supplemental Snow Plowing

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2015 the Borough of Hillsdale received one (1)bid for Supplemental Snow Plowing; and,

**WHEREAS**, (1) sealed bid was received from the following vendor:

*Downes Tree Service Co., Inc* – Option #1: Base Bid - \$140.00 per hour/per plow truck; alternate Bid #1 - \$180.00 per hour/per plow truck for additional trucks in excess of trucks proposed under Base Bid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to extend the contract for a one (1) year period beginning December 15, 2016 through April 30, 2017 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A 11-1; as the contract service has been performed in an effective and efficient manor: and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is satisfied with the proposal submitted by Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. as being responsible proposals and being in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Certified Municipal Financial Officer of the Borough of Hillsdale has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that it hereby awards and authorizes the extension of the contract for Supplemental Snow Plowing with Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. at the rates as set forth above and in accordance with its bid proposal submission until October 16, 2015 as per submitted proposal: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for Supplemental Snow Plowing for the rates as set forth above and in accordance with the bid specifications and proposal submitted; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

R16178 Resolution Authorizing the Acting Borough Clerk to Advertise for Supplemental Snow Removal Services of Sidewalks for the 2016-2017 Season

**WHEREAS**, the governing body sees a need for supplemental snow removal services of Sidewalks for the 2016-2017 snow season; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body authorizes the Acting Borough Clerk to advertise for Supplemental snow removal services of sidewalks for 2016-2017 snow season.

R16179 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Council to approve the Settlement of Adjustment of Assessment to Block 1409 Lot 6 B/K/A 118-024 Broadway

**WHEREAS**, Haray Associates is the taxpayer of real estate property designated as Block 1409, Lot 6 on the official tax map pf the Borough of Hillsdale and better known as 118-124 Broadway, Hillsdale, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Haray associates has made application to the Tax Court of new Jersey to have the assessments of the property listed above adjusted for taxes years 2014, 2015 and 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed that the 2017 assessment shall not exceed \$1,285,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51 A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not apply.

**WHEREAS**, the parties to said action have agreed upon an adjustment of the assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and council following review and analysis find the settlement is in the best interests of Hillsdale and is fair and reasonable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the adjustments of the assessments of the properties specified above be and are hereby ratified as follows:

**Block: 1409**  
**Lot: 6**  
**Address: 118-124 Broadway**

<u>Year: 2014</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
Land:	\$ 396,900	N/A	\$ 396,900
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 988,600</u>		<u>\$ 988,600</u>
Total:	\$ 1,385,500		\$ 1,385,500
<u>Year: 2015</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
Land:	\$ 396,000	N/A	\$ 396,900
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 988,600</u>		<u>\$ 928,100</u>
Total:	\$ 1,385,500		\$ 1,325,000
<u>Year: 2016</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
Land:	\$ 396,900	N/A	\$396,900
<u>Improvements:</u>	<u>\$ 988,600</u>		<u>\$903,100</u>
Total:	\$ 1,385,500		\$1,300,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Morrison Mahoney LLP be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement memorializing the settlement of the matter on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper officials be, and hereby are, authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the assessments.

R16180          Payment of Bills

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bill in the sum of \$7,877,509.40 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Certified Municipal Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

R16181          Resolution authorizing Mayor to sign letter of intent for the 2016 Bergen County Trust Fund – Municipal Park Improvements

**WHEREAS**, Bergen County has announced the availability of funds under the Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program will award matching grants to Bergen County municipal governments for the development/re-development of outdoor recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Interest is required to be submitted no later than Wednesday, August 10, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Hillsdale Council desires to authorize and confirm its application for said grant and to assure its participation in this program.

**NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Hillsdale Council hereby authorizes and confirms the application for the 2016 Bergen County Trust Fund, and all appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to assist in the application.

R16182 Resolution Approving the Amended Bus Stop on Municipal and County Roads in the Borough of Hillsdale

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has requested additional bus stops for commuting residents in Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, that need was recognized by New Jersey Transit through adding additional bus stops in various locations; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to update the designated locations of the bus stops on County Roads that are located in the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8(e) the following described locations are **designated as bus stops:**

**HILLSDALE COUNTY ROADS**

**1. Along Broadway (CR 104), northbound on the easterly side thereof at:**

- a. Lawrence Street – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Lawrence Street and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12321).
- b. Hillsdale Avenue – (near side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Hillsdale Avenue and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom (location 12322).

**2. Along Broadway (CR 104), southbound on the westerly side thereof at:**

- a. Washington Avenue – (near side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curblineline of Washington Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12323).
- b. Lawrence Street – (far side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curblineline of Lawrence Street and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12324).

**3. Along Hillsdale Avenue (CR 112), eastbound on the southerly side thereof at:**

- a. Cherry Lane – (near side)  
Beginning at the westerly curblineline of Cherry Lane and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom (location 12332).
- b. Colonial Boulevard – (far side)  
Beginning at the easterly curblineline of Colonial Boulevard and extending 100 feet easterly therefrom (location 12333).
- c. Cedar Street – (near side)

Beginning at the westerly curblines of Cedar Street and extending 105 feet westerly therefrom (location 12334).

- d. Patterson Street – (far side)  
Beginning at the easterly curblines of Patterson Street and extending 100 feet easterly therefrom (location 12335).
- e. Between Central Avenue and Magnolia Avenue – (mid-block)  
Beginning 175 feet east of the easterly curblines of Central Avenue and extending 135 feet easterly therefrom (location 12336).

**4. Along Hillsdale Avenue (CR 112), westbound on the northerly side thereof at:**

- a. Kinderkamack Road – (far side)  
Beginning at the westerly curblines of Kinderkamack Road and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom (location 12338).
- b. Between Central Avenue and Magnolia Avenue – (mid-block)  
Beginning 175 feet east of the easterly curblines of Central Avenue and extending 135 feet easterly therefrom (location 12339).
- c. Broadway – (far side)  
Beginning at the westerly curblines of Broadway and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom (location 12340).
- d. Patterson Street – (far side)  
Beginning at the westerly curblines of Patterson Street and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom (location 12341).
- e. Saddlewood Drive – (far side)  
Beginning at the westerly curblines of Saddlewood Drive and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom (location 12342).
- f. Briarcliff Road – (near side)  
Beginning at the easterly curblines of Briarcliff Road and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom (location 12343).
- g. Cherry Lane – (far side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the westerly curblines of Cherry Lane and extending 100 feet westerly therefrom (location 12344).
- h. Pascack Road – (near side)  
Beginning at the easterly curblines of Pascack Road and extending 105 feet easterly therefrom (location 12345).

**5. Along Kinderkamack Road (CR 503), northbound on the easterly side thereof at:**

- a. Liberty Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblines of Liberty Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12346).
- b. Large Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblines of Large Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12347).
- c. Piermont Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblines of Piermont Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12348).
- d. Knickerbocker Avenue – (far side)(prolongation)

Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curblineline of Knickerbocker Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12349).

- e. Clinton Avenue – (far side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curblineline of Clinton Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12350).
- f. St. Nicholas Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of St. Nicholas Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12351).
- g. Ralph Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Ralph Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12352).

**6. Along Kinderkamack Road (CR 503), southbound on the westerly side thereof at:**

- a. Ralph Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Ralph Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12353).
- b. St. Nicholas Avenue – (near side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of St. Nicholas Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12354).
- c. Clinton Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Clinton Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12355).
- d. Knickerbocker Avenue – (near side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Knickerbocker Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12356).
- e. Piermont Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Piermont Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12357).
- f. Large Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Large Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12358).

**7. Along Pascack Road (CR 63), northbound on the easterly side thereof at:**

- a. Ell Road – (near side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Ell Road and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom (location 12359).
- b. Hillsdale Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Hillsdale Avenue and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12360).
- c. Saddle Ranch Lane – (near side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Saddle Ranch Lane and extending 105 feet southerly therefrom (location 12361).
- d. Wierimus Lane – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Wierimus Lane and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12362).
- e. Saddlewood Drive – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Saddlewood Drive and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12363).

- f. Jolen Drive – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Jolen Drive and extending 100 feet northerly therefrom (location 12364).
- 8. Along Pascack Road (CR 63), southbound on the westerly side thereof at:**
- a. Jolen Drive – (far side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curblineline of Jolen Drive and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12365).
- b. Saddlewood Drive– (near side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the northerly curblineline of Saddlewood Drive and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12366).
- c. Wierimus Lane – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Wierimus Lane and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12367).
- d. Saddle Ranch Lane – (far side)(prolongation)  
Beginning at the prolongation of the southerly curblineline of Saddle Ranch Lane and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12368).
- e. Hillsdale Avenue – (near side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Hillsdale Avenue and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12369).
- f. Hillsdale Avenue – (far side)  
Beginning at the southerly curblineline of Hillsdale Avenue and extending 100 feet southerly therefrom (location 12370).
- g. Ell Road – (far side)  
Beginning at the northerly curblineline of Ell Road and extending 105 feet northerly therefrom (location 12371).

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

R16183 Resolution Awarding Contract to Gotham Analytics for Early Flood Warning System

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is desirous of hiring a contractor for the installation of equipment and technical support necessary to prepare an early flood warning system for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) recommends that the Borough move forward with the 24 month proposal from Gotham Analytics which specifies the following:

- The system will take 4 months from executed contract to be installed
- There is a minimum two-year commitment for monthly monitoring services and the instrumentation of two locations;
- Installation fee per location is \$1,200.00, for a total of \$2,400.00
- Maintenance is \$400.00 per month, for a total amount of \$9,600 over twenty four (24) months (which includes both sites); and
- Billing does not commence until they are installed and operational.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby award the contract for the early flood warning system to Gotham Analytics for a 2-year contract.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to Gotham Analytics.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Mayor Frank is hereby authorized to sign said Agreement and all other appropriate Borough professionals, employees, elected, and appointed officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of said Agreement.

R16184 Resolution for Renewal of Membership Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2016 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Hillsdale agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

R16185 Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise Bids Regarding Supplemental Garbage Truck Rental (2) for 2016 Leaf Removal

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to utilize two (2) supplemental garbage trucks and operators for leaf removal throughout the Borough during the leaf season; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effectuate such use, the Borough desires to rent two (2) supplemental garbage trucks and hire two (2) operators for these trucks, which would serve this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to publicly advertise for bidders for the rental of additional garbage trucks and operators during the leaf season; and

**WHEREAS**, bid specifications shall be prepared and utilized in connection with this matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Acting Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for Bids regarding the rental of two (2) supplemental garbage trucks and two (2) operators of those trucks for the upcoming 2016 leaf season.

R16186 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System Vendors Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-11 – Automotive Parts & Accessories

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System ("CPS") and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer.

R16187            Resolution Endorsing the Submission of a Joint Grant Application with the Borough of Woodcliff Lake to NJ Transit 5310 for Operating Project Costs

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, along with the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wish to submit a joint application to NJ Transit for Operating Project through the 5310 program for a Senior Van; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale and the governing body of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake wish to utilize monies from the Grant Program to initiate funding the Transportation Assistance Program in the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; now,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Hillsdale Mayor and Council, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to submit a joint application with the Borough of Woodcliff Lake to the NJ Transit 5310 Grant Program for Operating Project for a Senior Van.

R16188            Appointment of Anthony Merlino to the position of Part-time Zoning Official/Property Maintenance Officer

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Part-time Zoning Official/Property Maintenance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Merlino has meet all the requirements for the position of Part-time Zoning Official/Property Maintenance Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale desires to appoint Anthony Merlino to the position of Part-time Zoning Official/Property Maintenance Officer at the salary rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed 19 hours per week for the first two months of employment, then not to exceed 15 hours per week thereafter - effective August 15, 2016; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Anthony Merlino is hereby appointed to the position of Part-time Zoning Official/Property Maintenance Officer effective August 15, 2016.

R16189            Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 for Installation of a Lightning Detection System

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System ("CPS") and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the above system has been funded in the operating budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase a new Lightning Detection System from Commercial Recreation Specialists, 415 Investment Court, Verona, Wisconsin 53593 in the amount not to exceed \$59,687.35 pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Certified Municipal Financial Officer.

**REFERENCED COOPERATIVE PRICING  
SYSTEM CONTRACT VENDOR**

**Item #1**

Lightning Detection System

Price \$59,687.35

Quantity: 1

Total cost **\$59,687.35**

Vendor:

Commercial Recreation Specialists  
415 Investment Court  
Verona, Wisconsin 53593

Index #: T0103

NJ State Contract #: Various

Solicitation #: 22409

Contract Period from: 05/15/2012 to: 08/14/2016

R16190      Authorizing the Acting Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for Bids to Provide a Non-Exclusive Lease to Permit Parking in the Borough Owned "West Lot" (Block 1105 Lot 2) on Sundays During the Month of September and October 2016

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale maintains a parking lot within the Borough which is more commonly known as the "West Lot" for public parking purposes: and

**WHEREAS**, The Governing Body desires to Lease the "West Lot" to persons interested in securing parking on Sundays in the months of September and October, 2016:

**WHEREAS**, any such Lease will require public bidding and full compliance with the Local Public Contract's Law (NJSA 40A:11-1, et seq.)

**WHEREAS**, the Borough advertised for bids to be accepted by August 3, 2016 and no bids were received at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to re-advertise for the same bid to provide a non-exclusive lease to permit parking in the Borough owned "West Lot (Block 1105 Lot 2)" on Sundays during the month of September and October 2016; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Acting Borough Clerk is authorized to prepare bid documents and advertise for bids for the non-exclusive use of the Borough owned “West Lot” located at 425 Hillsdale Avenue; Block 1105 Lot 2 for parking on Sundays only during the months of September and October, 2016.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all such bid documents shall specify a minimum bid price per day and such other conditions that in the determination of the Borough Staff and Professionals is required.

R16191 Resolution Approving the Sports Agreements between the Recreation Commission and the Sports Associations.

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Recreation Commission of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Soccer Association (HSA), the Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association (HBSA), the Hillsdale Football Association (HFA), Hillsdale Hoops and Pascack Lacrosse have entered into an agreement that would be in the best interest of the youth who reside in Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties have negotiated, stipulated and agreed to the terms within the agreement, and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement shall commence with the effective date that each agreement was signed by each separate association and shall remain in force unless and until canceled, in writing, by either party; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Mayor to approve the Sports Agreement between the Hillsdale Recreation Commission of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Soccer Association (HSA), the Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association (HBSA), the Hillsdale Football Association (HFA), Hillsdale Hoops and Pascack Lacrosse.

Mayor Frank said we will pull R16191 for Off-Consent.

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**OFF-CONSENT:**

R16191 Resolution approving the Sports Agreement between the Recreation Commission and the Sports Associations.

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second by Council President Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Karcich, Looes, Ruocco and Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmembers DeRosa and Lundy

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember DeRosa said he is an animal lover and did read that ordinance. He is not a fan of cookie cutter things so there were things he read that he was not certain of and is not ready to make a full comment on it. That was his pause; he noticed other towns were doing cookie cutter things; he was concerned with people who wanted to breed on their own in town and would they be able to do that or not do that, so those were his concerns.

In the news, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association recently requested that the White House light the White House in Blue in the wake of the Dallas shooting of the police officers. In the past the White House has lit the White House for breast cancer awareness, Supreme Court legal licensing sex marriage, to name a few, this request to light the White House in blue was denied. Here is some perspective and taken from stats from the New York Times this year: So far there were 66 Officers that were killed that includes Federal, State, Local officers across the country. Thirty two to thirty five of them were shooting related deaths. The average age of the fallen was 39 years old. These are fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, grandparents in the prime of

their lives. It sadden me the White House decided to deny the simple request to light the White House in blue in honor of our fallen officers and it has gotten me thinking; why not encourage our fellow residents here across the Pascack Valley in the State to place a simple blue light in their house to honor the fallen, wouldn't it be great for officers to visibly see the appreciation of their service in commitment to our community as they patrol our streets to keep us safe. This could also be a simple way to honor our fallen.

Councilmember Looes said thank you to the Police Officers for their National Night Out, especially Alec Kaplan. It was the second Annual and it was well received. It was great seeing all the police officers within our community and seeing how everybody's response to them was. She also thanked everyone who has been working on things this summer like Elizabeth with the concert series, DPW doing their clean up,.

Councilmember Karcich thanked the Chief for the National Night Out. He thanked the Board of Health for deferring the money they had allocated towards the adult equipment for lighting detection. The system is highly unreliable and see the bright red flashing lights on during a sunny day when there is no rain sight He works in Cranbury and a couple of weeks ago the four alarm went off and everyone exited, went to the designated spots. We waited about 10 minutes for the first apparatus to show up, a rescue truck from Cranbury which is an area of several retirement villages and a lot of warehouses. Five minutes later another tower ladder came from a neighboring town and an engine came about 20 minutes later. It is rather large town and the response was delayed and limited and how lucky we are to live in a Borough where if the whistle goes off, we have enough people in around town to respond much faster than that.

Councilmember Lundy thanked the Police Department for the National Night Out, it was a fantastic event and it showed us how you keep us safe and all the other things you do for our community to make it a great town to live in. She congratulated Dave and his staff for being recognized by the state and our Council.

Councilmember Ruocco said he is happy that the Council has moved ahead with the application to apply for assistance from the county in the land conservancy and Rutgers to develop a long term flood plain acquisition plan. He thanked the Borough Administrator and Mayor for their efforts. It is the least we can do for the residents who live in the flood prone areas. If we do get the grant, it doesn't commit Hillsdale and any further action gives us some valuable information should we want to proceed with land acquisitions and any other actions. Without this you can't proceed any further.

He thanked Eagle Scouts Ken Marrs and Matthias Stremmer of Troop 108 and their parents for allowing him to be part of their Eagle Court of Honor this past weekend at the United Methodist Church. They are two fine young men who will be making a difference in our society; they are going off to college and he presented them with the Mayor's Proclamation and gave them the full Council's congratulatory message. Ken's project involved the renovation of the Hillsdale House Library and Matthias helped with the construction of the new chapel in the Christ Lutheran Church in Woodcliff Lake. He thanked Jim Domville who responded well to the request of one of St. Johns parishioners for the possible use of sign. They are having a rummage and yard sale August 19-20 and asked for a sign and he told Jim and the Chief got on it and got together for being so cooperative.

There is a drought watch in effect, Oradell reservoirs are 10% below where they were last year and he sees neighbors and residents in town watering their lawns in the middle of day when it is 90 degrees. They shouldn't be doing that, even in the good times. In effect, you are burning the lawn, boiling the leaves and to no avail, you are using multiple times the amount of water to do the same job if you watered before 7AM or after 7PM.

He encouraged residents to go to the Ambulance Carnival the week of August 23.

Council President Pizzella thanked all the volunteers in Hillsdale as well as our employees. At the end of last year and most of this year, he was having medical issues and impacted his speech and etc. It culminated with his taking a professional exam which stressed him out and thanked the Mayor for having patience and understanding and covering for him. For all the times we disagree, you are doing a fantastic job. You came on when there was no Borough Administrator, no CFMO, a lot of turnover and you are doing a great job, you are very professional, you are handling everything and covering everything and appreciates his understanding. He also thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their patience and understanding while he went through a very difficult time. Please sign the petition and say no to renewal of the permit.

Acting Borough Clerk Kohan said there is a fund raiser at Stonybrook this Tuesday for Parkinson's. They will do a mobile painting session where you can paint. It is \$45.00, there will be snacks, free give away, Pampered Chef will be there, Parklane Jewelry will be there; bring your favorite beverage and it will be a fun night and all money will go towards Team Kohan and the Parkinson's Unity Walk which is held every year that her family attends. Go to website and sign up.

Mayor Frank said National Night Out was another reinforcement as to how effective community policing is and how our Police Department is absolutely part of the community. When he sees everything from the Junior Police Academy to the DARE Programs to the SRO, he can't say enough of the good they do in this town and is why we are always number two or three as one of the safest towns and he thanked the Chief for his leadership.

He congratulated Dave Franz at the Library; he was on the Library Board for the past three years and when you see the things that go on there and pushing the envelope with the Make or Space Program, they were shooting paper rockets up with air compress with had glow cameras on them. He was fascinated watching them go straight up and getting kids interested in science. He commended Dave.

The comments of redevelopment that Council President Pizzella is leading him on is a big task, we are continuing on it and another part of that is an ordinance review committee that he heads up and the purpose of that is to look at our ordinances and make sure they make sense. The Planning Board will come before us next month and tell us things having to do with the building code, things we need to adjust based on experience. There is one you can start construction in our town at 7AM any morning but you can't cut your lawn until 8AM. These are the kinds of things the Council and ordinance committee has to start looking at and put some common sense into them. It is a big project, the code is humongous and pick certain portions and look at them.

Waste Management which we talked about, we have to be realistic. We are fighting Goliath and a company that has a national golf tournament across the country. We have met with them; they are interested in keeping their permit alive even though we don't anticipate them opening the transfer station in the next 18 months. That doesn't mean they can't. If they get the permit, they can choose to do anything they want. This is an opportunity for us no matter what the percentage probability of winning we have to go ahead and fight it. We have chosen a very good law firm that is an expert in this area to help us to travel the path and do whatever we need to and this is our opportunity to get them to leave town. If we don't do it now there will be many years in the future before we get another opportunity. We continue to push, please sign the petition. Washington Township also wants them gone because that is where the big tractor trailers go when they leave here. Their Mayor has put the petition on their website already and put it on their electronic sign out front asking people to sign it. Feel free to get our state elected officials involved; Senator Cardinale has been very helpful and is still involved in the process and why it hasn't been approved already. Waste Management sits on five acres in the middle of our industrial zone which is a major impediment to any redevelopment we are going to do.

Regarding plane traffic overhead, he spoke to Woodcliff Lake about it and it seems commercial flights coming into Teterboro seem to be more frequent than they had been in the past. He contacted and has spoken with the regional FAA Director in New York City and is going to send him a packet of information about the flight path. The Port Authority in New York and New Jersey that operates the airport and the FAA handles some of the flight arrangements, there is also a community group that is involved with the airport a long time but they are people to the south of the airport. It is going to be a long term project and we will keep pushing, there is the test to move the flight pattern to the west of here and come down over Route 17 but it doesn't seem they have their act together and doesn't seem that is being implemented.

He was grateful to Mr. Statile who got Suez to help us repair the causeway and they are being very cooperative. He has been working with Captain Sean Smith about renaming the causeway after a World War II Flying Ace from Hillsdale by the name of Frank Hill. He got an approval from Suez last week that they will help pay for a plaque and we will do a dedication some time later this year. It will still be Church Road but a causeway to honor this World War II Ace that came from Hillsdale.

We met last week with representatives from Park Ridge; Woodcliff Lake couldn't make it and the Mayor of Washington Township and we are looking to give them whatever support they need to fix the interchange between Pascack Road and Washington Ave. The county is involved but the more muscle we can put as a group of towns, because that intersection affects Westwood, River Vale, Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake, Hillsdale and is a major area and we are working together to see if we can help the Township and support them and get them moving.

He thanked the Board of Health for being willing to work with us to help us get the lightning detectors and get that grant. The Board of Health is interested in the safety and health of our residents and lightning detectors fall right under their umbrella and appreciated their willingness to put off the grant until next year which we think we still can get.

He thanked Councilmember Looes, Council President Pizzella and Councilmember Karcich who are on the Zoning Committee who met and interviewed and helped getting us moving forward on our Zoning Official. That is an important position and if it backs up it creates more problems than we want to know about.

Our budget is about 13 million dollars a year and half of that is through purchasing; we need to make sure in today's environment that we buy everything properly and as cheaply as possible without sacrificing quality and we do that. We want to continue that and want to make sure we spend the money right. It is being properly spent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** @

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2016** ~BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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