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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025, 7:00 pm**

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month. Please refer to our town calendar for dates and times and any special meetings or date changes. Borough Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32. You can now also view our meetings LIVE on YouTube. Subscribe to view our meetings on youtube.com: hillsdalenj5879. Link to our YouTube page: [click here](#).**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Michael Sheinfield, Council President Osso, Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Ruocco, Trochimiuk (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:**

National First Responders Day – October 28, 2025

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025 (Fox Absent)

Motion to Approve \_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Council Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025

Motion to Approve \_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

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

**DISCUSSION:**

Tree Plantings – Environmental Commission

Councilman Colletti

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Borough Engineer Report – September 2025

Borough Engineer Nick Chelius

[Hilldale Fire Department – August 2025](#)

Fire Chief William Farrell

Hillsdale Police Department – September 2025

Police Chief Travis Woods

Hillsdale Department of Public Works – September 2025

DPW Superintendent Barry Peterson

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

- Council President – Clemente Osso
- Councilman – Robert Colletti Jr.
- Councilman – Justin Fox
- Councilwoman – Melissa Mazza-Chiong
- Councilman – John Ruocco
- Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
- Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

**ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25244 through 25249**

[25244](#) Resolution Amending Resolution No. 25190 that Awarded a Non-Fair & Open Contract with Van Martin Productions, LLC for Entertainment Services for the Hillsdale Recreation Department

[25245](#) Resolution Increasing the Price for the Northeast Roof Maintenance Company for the Roof Replacement at the Hillsdale Public Library – Change Order #1

[25246](#) Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS; Bid #ESCNJ 24/25-39 (Pool

Equipment/Supplies and Repair & Maintenance) for the Purchase of a Water Chemistry Controller/pumps and various valves/parts as needed for Stonybrook Swim Club

[25247](#) Resolution Approving Submission of the Best Practices Checklist Inventory to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale

[25248](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds – 329 Ell Road

[25249](#) Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status Disabled Veteran

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

Councilmember Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

**OFF-CONSENT:**

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn \_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Osso, Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.