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**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please refer to our town calendar for dates and times and any special meetings or date changes. Borough Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32**. **You 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](#). Zoom is no longer available.**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:**

New Fire Department Full Members:

- Matt Austin
- Greg Stalb
- John Stalb
- Alex Naylis

Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

## **PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

### **ORDINANCES:**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24316 through 24325:**

- [24316](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 1205 Lot 2 C0046
- [24317](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 203 Lot 28
- [24318](#) Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of a Lawsuit Captioned the Borough of Hillsdale v. 273 Broadway LLC
- [24319](#) Resolution Amending Resolution 24296 That Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the Purchase of Equipment for the Department of Public Works
- [24320](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Service Agreement with Tyco Animal Control Services
- [24321](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 1621 Lot 6
- [24322](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 1116 Lot 6
- [24323](#) Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing Participation in the 2024 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program

[24324](#) Resolution Authorizing to Enter into a Service Agreement for Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report

[24325](#) Payment of Bills

Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

**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:**

[24326](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – Matters relating attorney-client privilege –  
*Borough Personnel*

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

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to reconvene \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**