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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 6:00 P.M.

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](#). 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 3rd 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)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[24301](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – *Borough Personnel, Borough Professionals*

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:

William Franklin

Mayor Michael Sheinfield
Jon Najarian

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:

1. Email received on November 21, 2024 from the Environmental Commission requesting use of the West Lot on January 11, 2025 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm for a Styrofoam Recycling Drive

Motion to approve, receipt and file _____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar,

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

Borough Engineer Report – [November 2024](#)

Borough Engineer Nick Chelius

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:

[24-15 \(Re- Introduction\)](#)

Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Hillsdale-Patterson Street Redevelopment Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-15 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 2

Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on December 17, 2024 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24-17 \(Re-Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 310, To Create Part 9 “Protection of Critical Slope Areas” of the Borough Code

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-17 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 December 17, 2024 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24-18 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance to Provide for and Determine the Maximum Rate, Amount and Method of Payment of Compensation to Persons Holding Certain Office and Positions of Employment in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey – Update 24-10

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-18 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 December 17, 2024 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24-19 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey – Update to 24-03

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-19 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 December 17, 2024 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24-20 \(Introduction\)](#)

Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Approving an Application for a Long-Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Piermont Avenue Urban Renewal Related to the Redevelopment of Block 1208, Lot 1 on the Tax Maps of the Borough

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-20 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 December 17, 2024 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24-16 \(Adoption\)](#)

Capital Ordinance to Appropriate the Sum of \$185,000 for the Improvement of Melville Road In, By and For the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised From a State Grant and From the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-16_____ Second _____

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

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-15, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-16 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 24-16_____ Second_____

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-16_____ Second _____

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24302 through 24314:

[24302](#) Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances

[24303](#) Resolution Authorizing the Increase in Permitted Payments to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc

Pursuant to the Riverside Cooperative Master Contract for Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Services

- [24304](#) Resolution Recognizing November 30, 2024 as “Small Business Saturday” and Supporting the Efforts of the Small Business Administration to Increase Awareness of the Value of Locally Owned Small Businesses
- [24305](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals – Planning Board Engineer
- [24306](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Shared Services Agreement Between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Hillsdale for the Provision of Secure High Speed Fiber Optic Internet Services
- [24307](#) Resolution to Correct Resolution 24298
- [24308](#) Resolution Approving the Purchase of Radio Communication Equipment and Accessories from the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
- [24309](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Street Sweeping Services by and Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Paramus
- [24310](#) Resolution Awarding the Contract for the Operation of the Concession Stand at Stonybrook Swim Club for the 2025 Season and up to Two-One Year Options to Mellsworth Foods, LLC
- [24311](#) Resolution Awarding the Contract for Emergency Light Repair of Traffic Signals
- [24312](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale Qualified Purchasing Agent to Award Contracts below the Bidding Threshold of \$44,000.00
- [24313](#) Resolution to Authorize Transfer Between Budget Appropriations
- [24314](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract with RER Supply for the Use of the Leaf Disposal Facility

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

- [24315](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, In the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Designating Piermont Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper of Block 1208, Lot 1 on the Tax Map of the Borough and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Respect Thereto

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024**