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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 6:30 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](#).**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 14th day of January, 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)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[25055](#) To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 –*Borough Personnel – Police Department*

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene _____ Second _____

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

RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:

Hillsdale Hawks Junior Football/Cheer Team 2024 Superbowl Champions

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Special Council Meeting Minutes December 17, 2024

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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 from Majid Mohammed requesting the placement of a crescent during Ramadan in the park along with a small celebration and kickoff.
2. Letter received from the Hilldale Fire Dept requesting use of the West Lot for their annual carnival from May 5, 2025 – May 10, 2025.

Motion to approve, receipt and file _____ Second _____

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

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

[Borough Engineering Report – December 2024](#)

Police Department
Department of Public Works

Colliers Engineering
Lt. Travis Woods
Interim 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
Councilman – Melissa Mazza-Chiong
Councilman – John Ruocco

ORDINANCES:

25-01 – Introduction

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-01 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 February 4, 2025 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 _____

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

25-02 – 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-02 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 February 4, 2025 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 _____

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

25-03 – (Introduction)

An Ordinance Establishing Recreation Department Program and Summer Camp Fees in the Borough of Hillsdale

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-03 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 February 4, 2025 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 _____

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

[25-04 – Introduction](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Recreation Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-04 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 February 4, 2025 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 _____

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

[25-05 – 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. 25-05 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 February 4, 2025 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 Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

[25-06 - Introduction](#)

Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of 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. 25-06 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 4, 2025 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 _____

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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25039 through 25054:

- [25039](#) Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Agreement to Whalen & Ives for HVAC Repairs and Supplies
- [25040](#) Resolution Supporting Amendment to the Fair Housing Act (FHA) as Proposed by the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys (NJILGA)
- [25041](#) Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the Purchase of New Body Armor and Outer Carriers for the Hillsdale Police Department
- [25042](#) Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Purchase of More Inclusive and Updated Playground Equipment for the Borough
- [25043](#) Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Plumbing and Heating Services with Hodges & Son Plumbing & Heating
- [25044](#) Resolution Authorizing the Release of a Performance Bond Totaling \$3461.00 Provided by 305 Patterson Street, LLC in Connection with the Development Located at Block 1212 Lot 15.02, Commonly Known as 305 Patterson Street
- [25045](#) Resolution Approving a Waiver to Serve Alcohol at Special Events Located at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [25046](#) Resolution Approving a Waiver to Serve Alcohol at Special Events Located at Beechwood Park
- [25047](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds
- [25048](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Duplicate Payment
- [25049](#) Surplus Policy
- [25050](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Snow Plow Operators for the Department of Public Works
- [25051](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Hillsdale Police Department to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment
- [25052](#) Resolution authorizing Renewal of the borough's Participation in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Program
- [25053](#) Resolution Authorizing Purchases from Certain Approved State Contract Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12(A) and Authorizing Participation in and Contracts with Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:11-11(6)
- [25054](#) Resolution Appointing Hearing Officer

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

[25056](#) Payment of Bills

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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 _____

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.