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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023
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 may also participate through the Zoom Platform. [Click here to join via Zoom](#). The meeting id is **894 566 4822** and the passcode is **07642**. You may also dial in by calling **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 894 566 4822 Passcode: 07642**. To ask a question if you call into the zoom meeting dial *9.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 13th day of June, 2023. 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 DeRosa, Council Members Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23136](#) 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 – *Personnel – Police, Finance/ Collection/Transportation Garbage Recyclables & Refuse*

Motion _____ Second _____

Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

Appointments of Jack Cummings & Abhiram Pathri as Cadets for the Hillsdale Fire Department

Motion to approve _____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Fire Department Cadets
- Jack Cummings
- Abhiram Pathri

Mayor John Ruocco

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Hilldale Fire Department – Recognition of 50 Years of Service
Keith Durie
Mark Durst
William Becker

Mayor John Ruocco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes May 2, 2023
Closed Session Minutes May 2, 2023
Council Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

Motion _____ Second _____
Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS

Public Address from the Mayor

Mayor John Ruocco

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email from George Mainescu looking for the potential of building tennis/pickleball courts in the borough.
2. Email from Jerry Yoo requesting to hold the PV Triathlon on August 13

Motion to receive and file _____ Second _____
Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Department](#) – May 2023
[Hillsdale Fire Department Report](#) – March 2023
[Department of Public Works](#)- May 2023
[Engineering Report](#) – May 2023
Administrator Report

Captain Sean Smith
Fire Chief Dan Schuster
DPW Superintendent David Hayes
Borough Engineer Carl O'Brien
Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali

DISCUSSION:

Fee Removal – Borough entities
Veteran/Active-Duty Banners

Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali
Mayor John Ruocco

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President - Anthony DeRosa
Councilman - John Escobar
Councilman – Justin Fox
Councilman – Zoltan Horvath
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk

ORDINANCES:

23-10 (Adoption)

An Ordinance Adopting a “Short Term Rental of Property Amenities Prohibition” of the Revised General Ordinances in the Borough of Hillsdale

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-10_____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-10, 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. 23-08 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 23-10_____ Second _____
Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-10_____ Second _____
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

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

23-11 (Adoption) - ~~Updated – an agreed upon change was not reflected in the attachment~~**

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-11_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-11, 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. 23-11 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 23-11_____ Second_____ Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-11_____ Second_____ Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

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

23-12 (Introduction)

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE TRUCK, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,154,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-12 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 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey, on July 11, 2023 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, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

23-13 Introduction

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING DEPLOYMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE BOROUGH

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-13 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 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey, on July 11, 2023 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 DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23137 through R23172:

- [R23137](#) Payment of Bills
- [R23138](#) Annual Appointment of Municipal Representatives to the Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee
- [R23139](#) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Tax Overpayment
- [R23140](#) Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) P.L. 1948 – Stormwater Management Grant
- [R23141](#) Resolution Authorizing the Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning
- [R23142](#) Resolution Authorizing the Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV Inspection Services for Sewers
- [R23143](#) Resolution Awarding Bus Transportation Contract for Summer Camp 2023 to First Student (Non-Fair & Open)
- [R23144](#) Resolution Supporting the Bergen County Fire Mutual Aid Plan in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey
- [R23145](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of the Agreement with the Hillsdale Board of Education to Assign Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers
- [R23146](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of the Agreement with the Pascack Valley Regional High School to Assign Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers
- [R23147](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2023-2024 School Year – Peter Martin
- [R23148](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2023-2024 School Year – Linda McNulty
- [R23149](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2023-2024 School Year – Kevin Doyle
- [R23150](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2023-2024 School Year – Chris Kelly
- [R23151](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Janitorial Services for the Borough of Hillsdale
- [R23152](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Collection of Solid Waste Services for the Borough of Hillsdale

- [R23153](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal for Domani Grill (D/B/A Bensi Hillsdale) for 2023-2024
- [R23154](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Distribution License Renewal for Hillsdale Bottle King (T/A Bottle King Discount Liquors) for 2023-2024
- [R23155](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal for 4 Palms LLC (A/K/A The Cornerstone) for 2023-2024
- [R23156](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Distribution License Renewal for Shop Rite Liquors of Hillsdale for 2023-2024
- [R23157](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal for Palisades Park Bar Liquor & Delicatessen, LLC (A/K/A Lou's Tavern) for 2023-2024
- [R23158](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal for American Viking Holdings LLC (Leblon Steak House) for 2023-2024
- [R23159](#) Resolution to Approve the Plenary Retail Consumption License Renewal for Osso Buco, LLC for 2023-2024
- [R23160](#) Resolution Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program
- [R23161](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the County of Bergen to Supersede the Cooperative Agreement Dated July 1, 2021, and Amends Thereto Establishing the Bergen County Community Development Program
- [R23162](#) Resolution Increasing the Price for the Stonybrook Swim Club Improvements for Additional Work – Change Order #2
- [R23163](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale Environmental Commission to Accept the Grant Award from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) 2023 Open Space Stewardship Project Grant
- [R23164](#) Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) P.L. 1948 – 2023 ANJEC Open Space Stewardship Grant
- [R23165](#) Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159) P.L. 1948 – Local Recreation Improvement Grant – Stonybrook
- [R23166](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Full Time Laborer Jason Ramirez – Department of Public Works
- [R23167](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Full Time Laborer Justin Ramirez – Department of Public Works
- [R23168](#) Resolution Approving Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Oakland for the Position of Chief Financial Officer

- [R23169](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) 2023 Dodge Durango (WDEE75) From the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- [R23170](#) Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Police Car Lights/Accessories from the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- [R23171](#) Resolution Appointing Daniel Teefy as Recreation Coordinator
- [R23172](#) Award State Contract Lease of Three (3) Kyocera Copiers

Motion _____ Second _____
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

OFF-CONSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**