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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
7:00 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 12th day of March, 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 Council President Escobar, Council Members Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

[24112](#) Resolution Promoting Brian Considine to the Position of Detective Sergeant in the Hillsdale Police Department

Motion _____ Second _____

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

Fire Department Full Members
Landen Morgan
Joseph O'Connor

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Motion to approve _____ Second _____

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 21, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, 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:

PROFESSIONALS REPORT:

[Engineering Report – February 2024](#)

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 – Justin Fox
- Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
- Councilman – Clemente Osso
- Councilman – John Ruocco
- Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
- Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

BUDGET ORDINANCES

[24-07 \(Introduction\)](#)

Borough of Hillsdale Calendar Year 2024 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-07 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 April 2, 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, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

2024 BUDGET

[Updated 2024 Budget Presentation](#)

[2024 Introduced Budget](#)

BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTIONS

[24098](#) Waiver of Reading in Full the 2024 Budget

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24099](#) Self-Examination of Budget

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24100](#) Introduction of 2024 Budget

Motion _____ Second _____

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

ORDINANCES:

24-08 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, In the County of Bergen, New Jersey authorizing the Making of Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions in, By and for the Swim Pool Utility of the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$102,000 and Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Swim Pool Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-08 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 April 2, 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 Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24101 through 24111:

- [24101](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for the Property Located at 273 Broadway – Block 1205 Lot 8
- [24102](#) Payment of Bills
- [24103](#) Resolution Objecting to Assembly Bill A-4 and Senate Bill S-50 with Respect to Affordable Housing Regulations and Law
- [24104](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for 185 Riverdale Street, Block 1621 Lot 7
- [24105](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for 108 Chadwick Road Street, Block 807 Lot 6
- [24106](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for 147 Oakland Avenue, Block 1616 Lot 4
- [24107](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for 27 Clayton Street, Block 1514 Lot 20
- [24108](#) Resolution Authorizing Assignment – Lienholder
- [24109](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Engineering Services Regarding the Proposed Centennial Athletic Complex Renovations
- [24110](#) Resolution Appointing Kathy Elgert to the Position of Part-Time Social Services Liaison
- [24111](#) Corrective Resolution Amending Award Amount for the Contract for Grass Cutting on Borough Owned Property

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Lundy

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 _____
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Lundy, Osso

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**