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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023
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 4th day of April, 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)

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

[Parkinson's Awareness Month](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Sundial Garden Club requesting to hold their Annual Plant Sale at the Hillsdale Train Station on May 13, 2023

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

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Monthly Report – March 2023](#)
[Hillsdale Department of Public Works – March 2023](#)
Borough Administrator Report

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia
DPW Superintendent David Hayes
Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

DISCUSSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

BUDGET ORDINANCES

PRESENTATIONS

[2023 Budget Presentation](#)

Finance Chairperson Abby Lundy

[2023 Introduced Budget](#)

BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTIONS

[R23095](#) Waiver of Reading in Full the 2023 Budget

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

[R23096](#) Self-Examination of Budget

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

[R23097](#) Introduction of 2023 Budget

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

ORDINANCES:

23-08 (Introduction)

Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Chapter 138, Fees of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-08 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 May 2, 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 Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

23-09 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance to Appropriate the Sum of \$104,000 for the Undertaking of Improvements to the Bathrooms at Memorial Field 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 Federal Grant and From the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-09 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 May 2, 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

23-10 (Introduction)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-10 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 June 13, 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

23-06 (Adoption)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, Authorizing the Installation of New Playground Equipment at Glendale Park in, by and For the Borough Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$35,000 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from a State Grant

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-06_____ Second _____
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-06, 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. 23-06 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 23-06_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-06_____ Second _____
Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, 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): R23098 through R23108:

- [R23098](#) Resolution Determining that Certain Properties, Set Forth Herein and Further Designated in Resolution 23073, Constitute “An Area in Need of Rehabilitation” (“AINRH”) and determining that a Program of Rehabilitation may be Expected to Prevent Further Deterioration and Promote the Overall Development of the Community
- [R23099](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Part-Time Fire Inspector
- [R23100](#) Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Tax Assessment
- [R23101](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow – 6 Deer Trail Road
- [R23102](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow – 237 Raymond Avenue
- [R23103](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow – 110 Lawrence Street
- [R23104](#) Resolution to Amend the Award of the Contract for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Park Field
- [R23105](#) Resolution to Confirm Endorsement of 2022 Community Development Project
- [R23106](#) Amend 2023 Temporary Budget

[R23107](#) Resolution to Appoint Marlena Sanfilippo to the Position of Administrative Assistant

[R23108](#) Resolution of Intent to Apply and the Approval to Submit a Grant Application for the 2023 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Municipal Program for Park Improvements

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

OFF-CONSENT:

[R23109](#) 2023 Temporary Budget Emergency

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

[R23110](#) Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2020 Municipal Park Improvements Program – Memorial Park

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23111](#) 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*

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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