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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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 8th day of August, 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:

Appointments of Jack Cummings & Abhiram Pathri & Thomas Donaldson 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
- Thomas Donaldson

Mayor John Ruocco

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023

Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023
Closed Session Minutes July 11, 2023

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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

DISCUSSION:

Drone Study

Mayor John Ruocco

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Bonnie Stevenson requesting renaming of a street in Honor of Ida & Bert Garrabrant

Motion to receive and file _____ Second _____

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

2. Event request from John D'Alessandro to hold a Child Safety Fest in front of the Train Station on September 30, 2023 (rain date of October 1, 2023)

Motion to approve, receive and file _____ Second _____

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

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

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

Chief Robert Francaviglia
DPW Superintendent David Hayes
Borough Engineer Carl O'Brien
William Becker - Secretary
Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

ORDINANCES:

[23-14 \(Adoption\)](#)

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 07-12 Which Established Rules and Regulations for the Use of the Municipal West Parking Lot by Not-for-Profit Organizations of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-14_____ 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 23-14, 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. 23-14 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 23-14_____ Second _____

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-14_____ 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.

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23186 through R23220:

[R23186](#) Dedication by Rider – Park Improvement Donations

[R23187](#) Dedication by Rider – Summer Concert Series Donations

[R23188](#) Waiver to Serve Alcohol at Special Events Located at the Hillsdale Free Public Library

[R23189](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 501 Lot 17 – 20 Appletree Lane

[R23190](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 502 Lot 7.01 – 3 Beechnut St

[R23191](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 602 Lot 20 – 35 Oak Trail Rd

[R23192](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1210 Lot 6 – 100 Prospect Pl

[R23193](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1405 Lot 1 – 178 Magnolia Ave

[R23194](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1602 Lot 13 – 155 Dwight Ave

[R23195](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 2306 Lot 6 – 12 Arcadia Way

[R23196](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 502 Lot 2 – 20 Chelsea Court

[R23197](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 602 Lot 9 – 100 Stony Ridge Rd

- [R23198](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 808 Lot 8 – 232 Saddlewood Dr
- [R23199](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1401 Lot 4 – 184 Broadway
- [R23200](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1612 Lot 4 – 153 Arthur St
- [R23201](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1704 Lot 6 – 42 Buena Vista Dr
- [R23202](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Engineering Services Associated with the 2023 Fall Capital Paving Program – Various Streets
- [R23203](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Engineering Services Associated with the Proposed Magnolia Avenue Improvements
- [R23204](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Engineering Services Associated with the Beechwood Park Nature Trail Improvements
- [R23205](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open contract for the Purchase of a Portable Variable Message Sign Board – Police
- [R23206](#) Resolution Authorizing a Partial Summer Camp Refund for the 2023 Summer Camp Season
- [R23207](#) Resolution Authorizing a Stonybrook Pool - Kids Korner Camp Splish Splash Refund for 2023
- [R23208](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Laborer Juan Fiorez - Department of Public Works
- [R23209](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Landscaping Services for Borough Property and Stonybrook Swim Club
- [R23210](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Shade Tree and Stump Removal for Borough Property and the Stonybrook Swim Club
- [R23211](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Seasonal Opening and Closure of Stonybrook Pools
- [R23212](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the 2024 Stonybrook Pool Rental at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [R23213](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for an RFQ for a Qualified Licensed Professional to Provide HVAC Services for Various Borough Locations Located in the Borough of Hillsdale
- [R23214](#) Payment of Bills
- [R23215](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Seasonal Laborer Gavin Stewart – Department of Public Works

- [R23216](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1706 Lot 23 (39 Hopkins Street)
- [R23217](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Accounts Payable Clerk – Elizabeth Tecza-Kasica
- [R23218](#) Resolution Hiring Part-Time Planning Board Secretary – Tonya Janeiro
- [R23219](#) Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESSCCPS; Bid# ESCNJ 20/21-09 (Cars, Crossovers, Class 1-3 Pickup Trucks/Chassis, SUV and Vans) for the Purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe SSV 4WD
- [R23220](#) Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESSCCPS; Bid# ESCNJ 21/22-26 (Signs and Graphics, Design, Purchase & Installation) for the Purchase of a Single Sided Electronic Message Center Full Color

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

- [R23221](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale to Fix and Determine Annual Stipend Compensation to be Paid to the Mayor and Council

Motion _____ Second _____

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**