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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 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 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](#). Zoom is no longer available.**

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 November, 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 Escobar, Council Members Colletti, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[24278](#) 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 – Affordable Housing, Borough Professionals

Motion _____ Second _____
Councilmember Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion _____ Second _____
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:

Nicholas Najarian – Full Membership Hillsdale Fire Department Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Motion _____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes October 1, 2024
Council Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024
Closed Session Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024
Special Council Meeting Minutes October 23, 2024
Special Council Meeting Minutes November 1, 2024

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, 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:

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

[Borough Engineer Report – October 2024](#)

Borough Engineer Nick Chelius

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 – Robert Colletti Jr.
Councilman – Justin Fox
Councilman – Clemente Osso
Councilman – John Ruocco
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

ORDINANCES:

24-15 (Adoption)

Exhibit A

Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Adopting an Amendment to the Hillsdale-Patterson Street Redevelopment Plan

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-15 _____ Second _____
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso,

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-15, 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. 24-15 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 24-15 _____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-15 _____ Second _____
Councilmember Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

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

24-16 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance to Appropriate the Sum of \$185,000 for the Improvement of Melville Road 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 State Grant and From the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-16 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 December 3, 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 _____
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24279 through 24297:

24279 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Contract for the Stonybrook Swim Club – Spring/Summer Pool Lease Program

24280 Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Contract for Landscape Maintenance, Grass Cutting and General Landscaping Services on Borough Owned Property

- [24281](#) Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Contract for Landscape Maintenance, Grass Cutting and General Landscaping Services at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [24282](#) Resolution Authorizing the Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Township of River Vale, with Respect to the Use of the Hillsdale Indoor Police Pistol Range
- [24283](#) Resolution Authorizing the Interlocal Services Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Old Tappan, with Respect to the Use of the Hillsdale Indoor Police Pistol Range
- [24284](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Deputy Registrar
- [24285](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Durie as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute an Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with Keith Durie to Serve as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Year 2025
- [24286](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison
- [24287](#) Resolution Authorizing the Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning
- [24288](#) Resolution Authorizing the Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV Inspection Services for Sewers
- [24289](#) Resolution to Authorize a Contract for CDL Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Services
- [24290](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc.
- [24291](#) Resolution Amending Resolution 24009 that Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Bauman for Special Council for Redevelopment
- [24292](#) Resolution Amending Resolution 24000 that Awarded a Fair and Open Contract to Mark Madaio Esq. for Borough Attorney Services
- [24293](#) Resolution Designating Time and Place of 2025 Council Meetings
- [24294](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for the Property Located at 67 Vincent Street, Block 1504 Lot 9
- [24295](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Approval of a Bid Award for Hillsdale Borough Home Improvement Program Case #HILDL-2409
- [24296](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the Purchase of Equipment for the Department of Public Works
- [24297](#) Payment of Bills

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

[24298](#) Resolution to Authorize Transfer Between Budget Appropriations (requires 2/3 vote)

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[24299](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Engineering Services for the Construction Oversight and Coordination Regarding Centennial; Athletic Complex Renovations

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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 _____

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**