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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12th day of September, 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:

Reconstitution of the Field Committee – Special Committee

Mayor John Ruocco

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

[Recognizing the Month of September as Hunger Action Month](#)
[List of Food Pantries](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 8, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali

Taxpayers for Aircraft Noise Solutions Committee

Mayor John Ruocco

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Gerry Beatty, from the 125th Anniversary Committee asking for permission to bury a time capsule in front of the Police Station on 11/4/2023 at 2pm. They are also requesting to be allowed to connect the Centennial Pathway in Veterans Park to the main path in the park with bricks that they intend to sell.

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 – August 2023

[Department of Public Works- August 2023](#)

Engineering Report – August 2023

Administrator Report – August 2023

Chief Robert Francaviglia

DPW Superintendent David Hayes

Borough Engineer Carl O’Brien

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:

[Ordinance 23-15 \(Introduction\)](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

An Ordinance Vacating and Extinguishing the Public Rights in a Portion of Brookside Place in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-15 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 October 3, 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 Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Ordinance 23-16 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$56,250 for the 2022 Beechwood Park Improvements, In, By and for the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to be Raised from a Grant in the Amount of \$56,250 from the Bergen County Open Space Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-16 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 October 3, 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 Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Ordinance 23-17 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$578,818.78 for the 2023 Road, Curb, Sidewalk, Culvert, Sewer and Drainage Improvement Program, In, By and for the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to be Raised from a Grant in the Amount of \$578,818.78 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-17 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 October 3, 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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23222 through R23236:

- [R23222](#) Resolution Increasing the price for the Services of D&L Paving for Additional Work – Change Order #1
- [R23223](#) Resolution to Cancel Capital Balances
- [R23224](#) Resolution to Cancel Capital Grant Balances
- [R23225](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor/Borough Administrator to Enter into and Sign an Agreement with Catalis for a Multi-Year Service and License Agreement for Website Services
- [R23226](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Borough Hall Renovations
- [R23227](#) Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

- [R23228](#) Resolution Approving the 2022 Annual Audit Corrective Action Plan
- [R23229](#) Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 for Replacement of Fire Truck Pumper
- [R23230](#) Resolution Endorsing County of Bergen Recommendation to Reduce the Speed Limit on Piermont Avenue to 35MPH
- [R23231](#) Payment of Bills
- [R23232](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Project Bid – 2023 Fall Capital Paving Program
- [R23233](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 2500 Lot 1
- [R23234](#) Resolution Authorizing the Refund of Tax Overpayment Due to 2023 County Tax Board Adjustment
- [R23235](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – Block 1521 Lot 5.01
- [R23236](#) Chapter 159 – Spotted Lanternfly Reimbursement Program

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

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, OCTOBER 3, 2023