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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 11 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 11th day of July, 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)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23173](#) 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 –*Garbage Recyclables & Refuse*

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion _____ Second _____

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

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

[R23174](#) Recommendation of Hiring a Probationary Police Officer – Ryan Heiser

Motion _____ Second _____

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Closed Session Minutes June 13, 2023

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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

DISCUSSION:

Alexander Cleaners Site

NJDEP & Staff from H2M

Drone Study

Mayor John Ruocco

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email received from 125th Anniversary Committee asking for permission to use the West Lot on October 7, 2023 for a car show.

Motion to receive and file _____ Second _____

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

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Department – June 2023](#)

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

[Engineering Report – June 2023](#)

Administrator Report – June 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:

[23-12 \(Adoption\)](#)

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND

MACHINERY, AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE TRUCK, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$4,154,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-12_____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-12, 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. 23-12 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 23-12_____ Second _____
Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-12_____ Second _____
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

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

23-13 (Adoption)

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS REGARDING DEPLOYMENT OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE BOROUGH

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-13_____ 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 23-13, 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. 23-13 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 23-13_____ Second _____
Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-13_____ 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.

23-14 (Introduction)

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 02-13 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-14 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 August 8, 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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23175 through R23181:

[R23175](#) Payment of Bills

[R23176](#) Waiver to Serve Alcohol at Special Events Located at Stonybrook Swim Club

[R23177](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return if Unused Escrow to Four Brothers Landscape for Block 719 Lot 3 (10 Oak Street)

[R23178](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return if Unused Escrow to Jason Caldwell for Block 1805 Lot 103 (27 Homestead St)

[R23179](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return if Unused Escrow to Catherine Kaminski for Block 2307 Lot 25 (318 Ruckman Road)

[R23180](#) Resolution Rescinding the Appointment of Chief Financial Officer David Young in Order to Clarify His Services Pursuant to the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Oakland

[R23181](#) Resolution Hiring Part Time Yard Attendant for the Department of Public Works – Joey Leone

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

[R23182](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Overriding the Mayor's Veto of Portions of Ordinance 23-11 – An Ordinance to Provide for and Determine the Maximum Rate, Amount and Method of Payment of Compensation to Persons Holding Certain Office and Positions of Employment in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

[Veto Notification](#)
[Ordinance 23-11](#)

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[R23183](#) Resolution to Improve Transparency at Borough Council Meetings by Modifying the Borough's Default Policy Regarding Public Access to Agreements, Exhibits & Attachments Referred to in Resolutions Contained in its Public Agendas

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[R23184](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids Regarding an Antenna Array at 383 Hillside Avenue

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[R23185](#) Resolution for Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Melville Road and Douglas Drive Improvements Project

Motion _____ Second _____

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**