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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 9th day of November, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023
Closed Session Meeting Minutes October 3, 2023
Council Meeting Minutes October 10, 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:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Email from Phil Guidry regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)
2. [Email from Lisa Clark-Kahn regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)
3. [Email from Tom Leach regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)
4. [Email from George Mainescu regarding the need for pickleball courts in town](#)
5. [Email from Julie Bulatov regarding the adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)
6. [Email from Scott Perry regarding the Adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)
7. [Email from Jane Murphy regarding the Adoption of Ordinance 23-18](#)

Motion to 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)

[Department of Public Works- October 2023](#)
[Engineering Report – October 2023](#)
[Ambulance Report – October 2023](#)
 Administrator Report – October 2023

DPW Superintendent David Hayes
 Borough Engineer Nick Tamara
 Ambulance Chief Justin Eliopoulos
 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 23-18 (Adoption)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 96, Animals, of the Borough Code to Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Retail Stores

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-18_____ 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 23-18, 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. 23-18 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 23-18_____ Second _____
 Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-18_____ 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.

Ordinance 23-19 (Adoption)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the county of Bergen, New Jersey authorizing the Replacement of the Pump in Engine 33 Operated by the Hillsdale Fire Department, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$70,000.00 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-19_____ 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 23-19, 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. 23-19 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 23-19_____ Second _____
Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-19_____ 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.

Ordinance 23-20 (Introduction)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing the Undertaking of Various Improvements to the Municipal Building in, by and for the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$180,000 and Providing that Such Sum so Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-20 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 5, 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 23-21 (Introduction)

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 63 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, In Order to Revise the Table of Organization of the Police Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-21 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 5, 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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23252 through R23277:

- [R23252](#) Resolution Designating Time and Place of 2024 Council Meetings
- [R23253](#) Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Balances
- [R23254](#) Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Treatment Works Application with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- [R23255](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Street Sweeping by and Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Paramus
- [R23256](#) Resolution Approving Submission of the Best Practices Checklist Inventory to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale
- [R23257](#) Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bid Submissions for the 2024 Spring Lease of the Stonybrook Swim Club and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-advertise the same
- [R23258](#) Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bid Submissions for the 2024 Fall Lease of the Stonybrook Swim Club and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-advertise the same
- [R23259](#) Resolution Awarding the Contract for Stonybrook Swim Club Pool Opening/Closing/Maintenance for 2024-2025 to Lehmann Pools and Spa
- [R23260](#) Resolution to Approve Transfer of Service Weapon
- [R23261](#) Resolution Approving Petition to FAA to Reduce Air Traffic Noise
- [R23262](#) Resolution Authorizing Veteran Deduction – 19 Arden Place
- [R23263](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 1405 Lot 1 – 178 Magnolia Ave
- [R23264](#) Resolution Increasing the Price for Services of D&L Paving for Additional Work – Change Order #2

- [R23265](#) Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS; Bid #ESCNJ 22/23-12 (Grounds Equipment) for the Purchase of a 4-Ton Falcon RME Asphalt Hot Patcher Dump Trailer
- [R23266](#) Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS; Bid #ESCNJ 22/23-12 (Grounds Equipment) for the Purchase of a 3 Point Hitch Auger Drive M Duty
- [R23267](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Plumbing & Heating Services with Hodges & Son Plumbing & Heating
- [R23268](#) Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bid Submissions for the 2023 Borough Hall Renovations and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-advertise the same
- [R23269](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Bergen for a Short-Term Rental of a County Owned Street Sweeper
- [R23270](#) Authorize Transfer Between Budget Appropriations
- [R23271](#) Authorizing Award of Emergency Contract Under New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 for Remediation of Flood Damage in Police Department
- [R23272](#) Resolution Canceling Capital Balances
- [R23273](#) Payment of Bills
- [R23274](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Police Department Repairs and Renovations
- [R23275](#) Resolution Increasing the Price for the Services of American Asphalt & Trucking for Additional Work – Change Order #1 – Fall Capital Paving Program
- [R23276](#) Resolution to Submit a Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Funding under the 2024 Stream Stabilization Grant Program
- [R23277](#) Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of All Bid Submissions for the 2023 Borough Hall Renovations and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-advertise the same

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

- [R23278](#) Resolution Rescinding any Approval or Authorization to Install a Turf Field at Centennial Field

Motion _____ Second _____

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

[R23279](#) Resolution Rescinding the Authorization of Borough Professionals to Seek Out a Second Community Center at Stonybrook Swim Club

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23280](#) 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 – *Borough Professional Positions/Personnel, Police, Administration/Shared Service/Solid Waste*

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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