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**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. You can now also view our meetings LIVE on YouTube. Subscribe to view our meetings on youtube.com: @hillsdalenj5879.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 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 Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Moment of Silence – Past Hillsdale Mayor Thomas Misciagna

Mayor Sheinfield

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Council Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024
- Council Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024
- Closed Session Minutes March 5, 2024

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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:**

Fence Regulations as per Planning Board Request

Councilmember Trochimiuk

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

*(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)*

[Borough Engineer Report – March 2024](#)

**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 – Justin Fox  
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy  
Councilman – Clemente Osso  
Councilman – John Ruocco  
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk  
Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

**ORDINANCES:**

[24-07 \(Adoption\)](#)

**Borough of Hillsdale Calendar Year 2024 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-07\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-07, 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. 24-07 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 24-07\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-07\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

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

**24-08 (Adoption)**

**Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, In the County of Bergen, New Jersey authorizing the Making of Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions in, By and for the Swim Pool Utility of the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$102,000 and Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Swim Pool Utility Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-08\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-08, 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. 24-08 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 24-08\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-08\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, 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.

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24113 through 24125:**

- [24113](#) Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- [24114](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – 27 Legion Place
- [24115](#) Resolution Decreasing the Price for Services of American Asphalt & Trucking LLC for the 2023 Fall Capital Road Paving Program – Change Order #1
- [24116](#) Corrective Resolution Amending Award Amount for the Contract for Grass Cutting on Stonybrook Swim Club Property
- [24117](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Exploratory Sewer Camera Inspection

- [24118](#) Resolution Confirming Endorsement for the Bergen County Home Investment Partnerships
- [24119](#) Resolution Authorizing Emergency Purchase Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6
- [24120](#) Municipal Alliance Grant – Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Cycle June July 2020 – June 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025
- [24121](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Laborer John Oddo for the Department of Public Works
- [24122](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Engineering Services Regarding Tier-A Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) Reporting & Inspections
- [24123](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for the Property Located at 140 Oak Trail Road, Block 601 Lot 31
- [24124](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for the Property Located at 191 Wierimus Road, Block 601 Lot 63
- [24125](#) Resolution Increasing the Price for Services of TNS Construction, LLC for the Police Department Renovations – Change Order #1

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

**OFF-CONSENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (time limited to 3 minutes any topic-please state your name and town of residence for the record)

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**