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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 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. 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 9th 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:

Fire Department Full Members
Matt Cuippa

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Motion to approve____ Second_____

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

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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:

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

[24126](#) Waiver of Reading in Full the 2024 Budget

Motion _____ Second _____

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: @7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter as advertised

[2024 Municipal Budget](#)
[2024 Budget Presentation](#)

Motion to open public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget _____ Second _____

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

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the 2024 Municipal Budget, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the 2024 Budget Introduction was available to the general public at the Hillsdale Free Public Library, Borough Hall and on-line.

Motion to close public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget _____ Second _____

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

[24127](#) Adoption of the 2024 Municipal Budget

Motion _____ Second _____

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

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:

[24-09 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 71, “Swimming Pool Commission” of the Borough Code to Modify Section 71-3- “Meetings” and to Modify 71-3(C)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-09 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 May 7, 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 _____

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

[24-10 \(Introduction\)](#)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-10 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 May 7, 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, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24128 through 24133:

[24128](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Right-Of-Way and Indemnity Agreement Between Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc., the Borough of Hillsdale, and the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department at the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir

[24129](#) Resolution to Cancel Capital Balances

- [24130](#) Resolution – Chapter 159 – Recycling Tonnage Grant
- [24131](#) Resolution Updating Resolution 24050 – Authorizing the Transfer of the Borough of Hillsdale’s Local Welfare Board to the County of Bergen Social Services (Updating the Transfer date from January 1 to June 1)
- [24132](#) Payment of Bills
- [24133](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment – 197 Lincoln Avenue Block 1625 Lot 6

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, MAY 7, 2024**