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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 7:00 pm**

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 can now also view our meetings LIVE on YouTube. Subscribe to view our meetings on youtube.com: @hillsdalenj5879. Link to our YouTube page: [click here](#).**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 4th day of March, 2025. 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:

Mayor Michael Sheinfield, Council President Osso, Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Ruocco, Trochimiuk (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Sheinfield presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Zarah Thanasides

Term Expiring 12/31/27

David Cooper – Alternate #2

Term Expiring 12/31/26

Motion to Record: _____ Second: _____

Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes February 4, 2025

Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2025

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmembers Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

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:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email received from Glenn Morton requesting travel through the Borough for their annual go the Distance for Autism Charity Bike Ride

Motion to Receipt and File _____ Second _____
Councilmembers Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

[Borough Engineer Report – February 2025](#)

Colliers Engineering

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 – Clemente Osso
Councilman – Robert Colletti Jr.
Councilman – Justin Fox
Councilwoman – Melissa Mazza-Chiong
Councilman – John Ruocco
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

2025 BUDGET

2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION

ORDINANCES:

[25-07 \(Adoption\)](#)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Undertaking of Various Improvements to Stonybrook Swim Club In, By and For the Swim Pool Utility of the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$93,000.00 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Swim Pool Utility Capital Fund Balance

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-07_____ Second _____

Council President Osso, Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-07, 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. 25-07 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 25-07_____ Second_____

Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-07_____ Second _____

Councilmembers Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco

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): 25086 through 25091:

[25086](#) Resolution to Support Publishing Legal Notices on Official Government Websites

[25087](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection for the Blue Acres Program

[25088](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds

[25089](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract with RER Supply for the Use of the Leaf Disposal Facility

[25090](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Organic Recycling, Inc for Use of the Leaf Disposal Facility

[25091](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management for Grants under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Public Assistance And/or Hazard Mitigation Programs for Presidentially Declared Major Disasters

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

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 _____

Councilmembers Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.