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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 6:00 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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)

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

[25116](#) 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 Personnel – Police*

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

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

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to reconvene \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 1, 2025 Closed Session Minutes

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

Councilmember 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:**

**BUDGET INTRODUCTION/AMENDMENT RESOLUTIONS**

[25117](#) Resolution Amending the 2025 Budget

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

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

[2025 Amended Budget](#)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Email from Ms. D’Alessandro regarding Police Chief dated March 26, 2025 received at 7:06 pm.

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

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

**PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Hillsdale Police Department -

Officer in Charge – Lt. Travis Woods

[Hillsdale Department of Public Works](#) -

Interim Superintendent Barry Peterson

**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

**ORDINANCES:**

**[25-14 \(Introduction\)](#)**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 258, “Storm Sewers”, of the Borough Code to Create Article IV – Privately-Owned Salt Storage**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-14 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 May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm or as soon as thereafter 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 Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25118 through 25126:**

**[25118](#)** Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Engineering Services for the Proposed Memorial Park Improvements Project

**[25119](#)** Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement

**[25120](#)** Resolution to Authorize Hiring a Part-Time Building Inspector

**[25121](#)** Resolution to Authorize Hiring a Part-Time Plumbing Inspector

**[25122](#)** Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds

**[25123](#)** Resolution Authorizing a Non-Fair & Open Professional Services Agreement with Piazza & Associates for Affordable Housing Compliance Services

**[25124](#)** Payment of Bills

**[25125](#)** Resolution to Establish the Deferred School Tax

**[25126](#)** Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and Sean Smith

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

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

**OFF-CONSENT:**

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn\_\_\_Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON  
**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**