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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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 5th day of December, 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:

INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limited, new topics only, one topic per speaker):

DISCUSSION:

DMR Associates - Revitalization

Fran Reiner

CORRESPONDENCE:

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Department of Public Works- November 2023](#)
[Hillsdale Police Department – November](#)
Administrator Report – November 2023

DPW Superintendent David Hayes
Captain Sean Smith
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 23-20 (Adoption)

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-20_____ Second _____
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-20, 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. 23-20 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 23-20_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-20_____ Second _____
Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

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

Ordinance 23-21 (Adoption)

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-21_____ Second _____

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

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-21, 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. 23-21 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 23-21 _____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-21 _____ Second _____
Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, 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): R23284 through R23292:

- [R23284](#) Resolution Authorizing the Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney to Execute a Stipulation of Settlement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale
- [R23285](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for Supplemental Snow Plowing – 2023-2024 Season
- [R23286](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Duplicate Zoning Permit Fee
- [R23287](#) Resolution Authorizing Transfer Between Budget Appropriations
- [R23288](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 734 Hillsdale Avenue
- [R23289](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 61 Plymouth Road
- [R23290](#) Resolution Authorizing Affidavit of Discharge of Tax Lien
- [R23291](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 293 Piermont Avenue
- [R23292](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 312 Kinderkamack Road

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

OFF-CONSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23293](#) 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/Borough Personnel – Police/Shared Service*

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to Reconvene _____ Second _____

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**