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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 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 13th day of May, 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:

[25149](#) 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 – *Police Personnel*

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:

[Department of Public Works Week – May 18-24, 2025](#)

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

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:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

Hillsdale Police Department
Hillsdale Department of Public Works

Chief Travis Woods
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:

[25-19 – Introduction](#)

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220, “Parks and Recreation Areas”, of the Borough Code to Modify Section §220-3 “Unlawful Acts” to Modify §220-3(J) Prohibiting Leashed or Unleashed Dogs on Municipal Fields

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-19 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 June 17, 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 Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

[25-20 – \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance by the Mayor and Council amending the borough of Hillsdale Code of Ordinances to Repeal Chapter 154 Sections 1 to 20; To Adopt a New Chapter 154 Sections 1 to 88; to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps; To Designate a Floodplain Administrator; and Providing for Severability and an Effective Date

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-20 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 June 17, 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 _____

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

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25150 through 25153:

[25150](#) Resolution Appointing Police Chief of the Hillsdale Police Department

[25151](#) Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills, Due August 1, 2025

[25152](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract with Quikteks, LLC for Computer Support Services for the Borough of Hillsdale

[25153](#) Payment of Bills

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

Council Meeting
May 13, 2025