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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 5:30 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

[25127](#) 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, Affordable Housing*

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:**

[Municipal Clerks Week May 4-May 10](#)

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

April 1, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025 Closed Session Minutes

April 15, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

**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**

[25128](#) Waiver of Reading in Full the 2025 Budget

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:** @7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter as advertised

[2025 Amended Budget](#)

Motion to open public hearing on the 2025 Municipal Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the 2025 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 2025 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 2025 Municipal Budget \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION**

[25129](#) Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND – MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:** @7:30 p.m. as advertised

Motion to open public hearing on the 2025 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Beechwood Park Pavillion

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

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

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the 2025 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Beechwood Park Improvement Program, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on the 2025 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Beechwood Park Improvement Program be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the Letter of Intent was available to the public at Borough Hall

Motion to close public hearing on 2025 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Beechwood Park Improvement Program

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

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

[25130](#) Trust Fund Application – Municipal Endorsing Resolution – Beechwood Park Improvement Program

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1. Letter received April 18, 2025 from Bryan Ennist regarding Religious and secular displays on public property

Motion to receipt and file \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:**

[Borough Engineer Report – April 2025](#)

Nick Chelius – 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

**ORDINANCES:**

**25-13 (Adoption)**

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 138, of the Borough Code Entitled “Fees” Pertaining to Soil Movement**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-13\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-13, 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. 25-13 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 25-13\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-13\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

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

**25-14 (Adoption)**

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-14\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-14, 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. 25-14 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 25-14\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_ Council President Osso, , Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-14\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

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

25-15 (Introduction)

**Bond Ordinance to authorize the Undertaking of the Memorial Park Recreation and Athletic Facilities Project In, By and for the Borough of Hillsdale, in the county of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$5,100,000 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to Make a Down Payment, To Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation and to Provide For The Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-15 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 Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco

25-16 (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. 25-16 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 Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

25-17 (Introduction)

**An Ordinance Replacing Chapter 310, Article XXVI “Site Plan Design Standards” Section 107 “Stormwater Control” of the Borough Code**

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

[25-18 \(Introduction\)](#)

**Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillside, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey authorizing Various Public Improvements and Acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$1,250,500 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised From the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund, From the Borough's Uniform Construction Code Penalties Trust and From the Borough's Forfeiture Trust Fund**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 25-18 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 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, 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

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25131 through 25148:**

[25131](#) Chapter 159 – Stormwater Permitting Assistance Grant

[25132](#) Municipal Alliance Grant – Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2020 – June 2025 – Fiscal Year 2025

[25133](#) Resolution authorizing the Execution and Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Janitorial Services to Tropical Cleaning Services LLC

[25134](#) Resolution Amending No 24006 & 25064 that Awarded a Fair and Open Contract to Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. for Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Hillside

[25135](#) Resolution Amending No 24009 & 24291 that Awarded a Fair and Open Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Bauman for Special Counsel for Redevelopment for the Borough of Hillside

[25136](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds – 289 Wierimus Lane

[25137](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of the Agreement with the Hillside Board of Education for Security Camera System Access

- [25138](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of the Agreement with Pascack Valley Regional High School to Assign Class III Special Law Enforcement Officers
- [25139](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2025-2026 School Year – Linda McNulty-Bunie
- [25140](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2025-2026 School Year – Kevin Doyle
- [25141](#) Resolution Appointing Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer to the Hillsdale Police Department for the 2025-2026 School Year – Anthony Piccinich
- [25142](#) Resolution Authorizing Contract for 2025 Road Improvement Program: Riverside Cooperative Program
- [25143](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Municipal Representatives to the Bergen County Development Regional Committee
- [25144](#) Chapter 159 – Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant
- [25145](#) Resolution Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities
- [25146](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Electrical Power Systems, Inc for Maintenance for the Standby Generators at the Hillsdale Police Department, the Hillsdale Fire Department and the Hillsdale Ambulance Building
- [25147](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds – 371 Washington Avenue – Cell Tower
- [25148](#) Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Billing

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

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

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**