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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 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 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](#). Zoom is no longer available.**

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 August, 2024. 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 Escobar, Council Members Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

Matt Soltes – Sergeant
Chris Miller – Police Officer
Gianellys Mena – Police Officer

Mayor Sheinfield

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Closed Session Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024
Council Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024

Motion _____ Second _____

Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk,

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:

Joan D’Alessandro – Presents her book - Joan’s Story to Mayor Sheinfield

CORRESPONDENCE:

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

[Borough Engineer Report – August 2024](#)

Borough Engineer Nick Chelius

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 - John Escobar
- Councilman – Justin Fox
- Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
- Councilman – Clemente Osso
- Councilman – John Ruocco
- Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
- Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

ORDINANCES:

[24-13 \(Adoption\)](#)

An Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to Replace §286, Trees, in the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-13_____ Second _____

Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-13, 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. 24-13 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 24-13_____ Second_____ Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-13_____ Second _____ Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

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): 24222 through 24238:

- [24222](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Professional Planning Services to Prepare a New Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Pursuant to the Recently Enacted Legislation
- [24223](#) Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status Disabled Veteran and Authorizing Refunding Property Taxes Paid - 28 Magnolia Avenue
- [24224](#) Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status Disabled Veteran and Authorizing Refunding Property Taxes Paid – 89 Chadwick Road
- [24225](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for a Joint Feasibility Study Regarding Ambulance Services (Update Resolution 24220 – adding the Township of Washington)
- [24226](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for the Purchase of Equipment for the Department of Public Works
- [24227](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, New Jersey Referring an Amendment to the Hillsdale-Patterson Street Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 Et Seq.
- [24228](#) Resolution Authoring Refund of Tax Overpayment and Cancelation of 2025 Preliminary Tax Billing
- [24229](#) Resolution for Renewal of Membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- [24230](#) Resolution Amending and Adopting the Employee Handbook for the Borough of Hillsdale
- [24231](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds
- [24232](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Laborer Tyler Bisig – Department of Public Works
- [24233](#) Authorize the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for Bids Regarding (2) Supplemental Garbage Truck Rental and (2) Operators for 2024 Leaf Removal
- [24234](#) Resolution Appointing Police Department Records Custodian for all Police Records
- [24235](#) Resolution Authorizing Affidavit of Discharge of Tax Lien 1 – Block 1805 Lot 11

[24236](#) Resolution Authorizing Affidavit of Discharge of Tax Lien 2 – Block 1805 Lot 11

[24237](#) Payment of Bills

[24238](#) Resolution Decreasing the Price for the Purchase Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Organization, Omnia Partners to Provide Goods/Services from an Authorized Vendor – Safeware, Inc.

Motion _____ Second _____

Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, 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:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**