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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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](#).** Pubic Notices can be found here on the Borough Website: [Public Notices](#)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 16th day of September 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)

RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:

New Fire Department Full Members:
Daniel Schuster

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Closed Session Meeting Minutes September 9, 2025 (Fox absent)

Motion to Approve ___ Second ___

Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President 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:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. Letter from Sapienza Gardens dated 9/10/2025 requesting to hold an event on 10/19/25 in Sapienza Gardens.

Motion to approve, receipt and file _____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

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:

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 25238 through 25243

[25238](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals

[25239](#) Payment of Bills

[25240](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Laborer Kenny Kasper – Department of Public Works

[25241](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow Funds – Block 601 Lot 32

[25242](#) Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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 _____

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

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