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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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 7th day of February, 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 David Troast, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Ruocco announces the updated **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES FOR FINANCE** for the year 2023.

(With advice and consent of Council)

	Chairperson		
Finance	Abby Lundy	Janetta Trochimiuk	Justin Fox

Motion: _____ Second: _____

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

Fire Department Full Member
Mike Koons

Mayor John Ruocco

Motion to approve _____ Second _____

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

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

PLANNING BOARD:

Seth Griep – Class IV
Adam Berliner – Alt #1
Lorraine Thoms – Alt #2

Unexpired Term 12/31/2023
Unexpired Term 12/31/2023
Unexpired Term 12/31/2024

Motion to Record: _____ Second: _____
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 4, 2023 Reorg Council Meeting Minutes
Closed Session Minutes January 12, 2023

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

PRESENTATIONS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Email received 12/22/2023 from T Woodward regarding the Woodcliff Lake Water Levels](#)
2. [Email received 1/30/2023 from Don & Mary Parenta regarding Centennial Field](#)

Motion to receipt and File _____ Second _____
Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

3. [Letter dated January 13, 2023 from the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department requesting to hold its Annual Carnival in the West Lot May 8, 2023 – May 13, 2023.](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file _____ Second _____
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Report – January 2023](#)
[Engineering Report – January 2023](#)
[Department of Public Works- January 2023](#)
[Hillsdale Fire Dept Report – November/December 2022](#)
Borough Administrator – January 2023

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia
Craig Zimmerman Colliers Engineering
DPW Superintendent David Hayes

Borough Administrator David Troast

DISCUSSION:

Veolia Nature Trail License Agreement

Mayor John Ruocco

Area in Need of Rehabilitation

Borough Administrator David Troast

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President - Anthony DeRosa
Councilman - John Escobar
Councilman – Justin Fox
Councilman – Zoltan Horvath
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk

ORDINANCES:

[23-01 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Recreation Department Program and Summer Camp Fees in the Borough of Hillsdale

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-01 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 March 7, 2023 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 DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

[23-02 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-02 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 March 7, 2023 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 Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

[23-03 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 09-01 Chapter 138 “Fees” and Chapter 71 Swimming Pool Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-03 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 March 7, 2023 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, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

[23-04 \(Introduction\)](#)

An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Recreation Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-04 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 March 7, 2023 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 Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

[23-05 \(Introduction\)](#)

Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-05 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 March 7, 2023 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 Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23051 through R23060:

- [R23051](#) Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Equipment no Longer Fit for Public Use by the Department of Public Works and Whose Value is Less Than the Town’s Bid Threshold, At A Private Sale Without Advertising for Bids
- [R23052](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Mike Ghassali as Borough Administrator
- [R23053](#) Resolution Approving a Contract Between the Borough of Hillsdale and Mike Ghassali as Borough Administrator
- [R23054](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Administrator to Execute an Agreement of Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Crossing Guard Association
- [R23055](#) Resolution to Approve Certain Classes to be Included in the Borough of Hillsdale Insurance Program
- [R23056](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for the Purchase of a Quantum XL 20YD Rear Loader Through Curbtender
- [R23057](#) Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Stonybrook Swim Club Improvements
- [R23058](#) Resolution to Confirm Endorsement of 2022 Community Development Block Grant – Advance Housing, Inc
- [R23059](#) Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Award for the Stonybrook Swim Club Spring/Summer Pool Lease Program
- [R23060](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Memorial Field Bathroom Facilities Alterations

Motion _____ Second _____

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

OFF-CONSENT:

- [R23061](#) Resolution Approving Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and David Troast
- [R23062](#) Resolution to Authorize the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law as to Whether the Lots and Blocks Set Forth Herein Constitute “Area in Need of Rehabilitation”

Motion _____ Second _____

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R23063](#) 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 – *Personnel – Borough Administrator*

Motion _____ Second _____

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene _____ Second _____

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn _____ Second _____

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**