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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 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 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 9th day of January, 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 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:

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes December 27, 2023

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:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Year End Report from the Environmental Committee](#)
2. [Year End Report from Access for All](#)

Motion to Receive and File _____ Second _____
 Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[December 2024 Engineering Report](#)

Colliers Engineering & Design

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:

[24-01\(Introduction\)](#)

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-01 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 6, 2024 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, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

24-02(Introduction)

An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Recreation Department

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 24-02 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on February 6, 2024 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 Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Lundy

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24047 through 24056:

- [24047](#) Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Assessment – 80 Westdale Avenue
- [24048](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 424 Magnolia Avenue
- [24049](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return if Unused Escrow for Block 605 Lot 17 – 271 Pascack Road
- [24050](#) Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of the Borough of Hillsdale’s Local Welfare Board to the County of Bergen Board of Social Services
- [24051](#) Authorize the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for the 2024 Spring/Summer Lease of the Competition Pool at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [24052](#) Authorize the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for the 2024 Fall Lease of the Competition Pool at Stonybrook Swim Club
- [24053](#) Resolution Authorizing a County Tax Board Judgement
- [24054](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of an Agreement with Colliers Engineering & Design for Environmental Consulting Services Associated with the Centennial Athletic Complex
- [24055](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Lease Agreement for the Property 150 & 160 Broadway Located in Woodcliff Lake
- [24056](#) Payment of Bills

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, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**