

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:31 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnowitz who also led the Salute to the Flag.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 14th day of October 2014. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

On a roll call those in attendance were Council Members DeGise, Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson and Pizzella. Also in attendance were Mayor Arnowitz, Borough Attorney Bernstein, and Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Witkowski.

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE:

1. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Mark Savino, Jr., to the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Abstain: Council President Kelley and Council Member DeGise

2. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Matthew Dinnell as a Cadet of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Abstain: Council President Kelley and Council Member DeGise

3. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Samantha Cooke as a Cadet of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Abstain: Council President Kelley and Council Member DeGise

4. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Joseph Solda, Jr., as a Member of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Abstain: Council President Kelley

5. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, from Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department Requesting Approval of Membership for Daniel McLaughlin as a Member of the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Frank, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella

Abstain: Council President Kelley

The oath of office was administered by Mayor Arnowitz.

Mayor Arnowitz commented that the Cooke family has been associated with the Hillsdale Fire Department for a long time; her grandfather has been a member for 43 years, and is a former Chief. Samantha Cooke's grandmother has served on the Ladies Auxiliary for a very long time, and her aunt is also a firefighter. Her brother is part of two fire departments, as well as several ambulance corps, and her mother is also a part of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Chief Durie spoke about the department. He welcomed all of the new volunteers aboard. Mark Savino comes to Hillsdale from Emerson; his father is an ex-chief of the Emerson Fire Department. Joe Solda has a leading role in the Hackensack University Medical Center helicopter program, and has been a firefighter for more than 18 years. Dan McLaughlin, the son of Sergeant McLaughlin, could not be here tonight. Chief Durie noted that the Fire Department needs volunteers. Volunteer firefighters are a dying breed throughout the United States. He invited anyone who is interested to come to the Fire Department Headquarters any Monday night after 7:00 PM, when they meet, and pick up information and an application.

Recreation Commission: Mayor Arnowitz appointed (with advice and consent) Abby Lundy to a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Motion to approve by Council Member Frank, Second by Council Member Pizzella.

Council Member Frank said he has not been the liaison to the Recreation Commission during his time on the Borough Council, but over the past three years he felt very pressured to get the agreements between the various sports associations and the Borough formalized and strengthened, as required by the ordinance. In the past year, he has gotten to know Abby Lundy, who is the President of the HBSA. Council Member Frank believes Ms. Lundy has done a great job with that association, including executing the agreements, as well as overseeing their activities. Their government filings are in order, and he believes she has would be a tremendous asset for the Recreation Commission. In fact, it would seem that the members of the Recreation Commission agree with that assessment, because based on the minutes of their June 5, 2014, meeting, it was suggested that a representative from each sports association should be a member of the Commission, the purpose of which would be to strengthen the Commission. The independent sports associations are a major part of the Hillsdale recreation programs, yet none of them has a seat on the Recreation Commission. That is why Council Member Frank believes this would be an excellent employment, and he supports it.

Council Member Meyerson recalled that this issue arose at the previous Borough Council meeting, and at that time, Council Member Meyerson pointed out that he thought it was a bad idea. He believes that the whole point of these agreements is to get some oversight of the various sports activities, and if the president of an association is on the Commission that is charged with overseeing all of those associations, Council Member Meyerson believes that is a conflict of interest.

Council Member Frank believes that, going by past history, the fact that there has never been someone on the Recreation Commission from one of the sports associations, and the impact that has had on oversight, it is not a positive. That is why Council Member Frank strongly feels that it would make sense to have at least one of the presidents of the non-profit associations sitting on the Recreation Commission to provide input. Apparently, the Commission agrees.

Council Member Looes noted that in her conversations with the Commission, and in their discussions about the various agreements and the makeup of the Recreation Commission, the subject has arisen that more representation from the sports associations needs to be on the Recreation Commission, not so much to run the daily operations in Hillsdale, but to be a source of communication. Council Member Looes has always supported that, but she does not know she supports the idea of that representative having a vote, because the activities that the Commission engages in what directly benefit or affect all of the sports associations. Council Member Looes has always felt that the Recreation Commission should be reorganized, and a non-voting seat given to a representative of one of the sports associations, as a source of communication with the Commission.

Council Member Pizzella stated that Abby Lundy has been an outstanding member of the community, who was very proactive and gets involved in many different things around Hillsdale, and she would breathe new life into the Recreation Commission, which meets rarely, and usually does not have all of

its members in attendance when it does meet. Council Member Pizzella does not believe there is a conflict because Ms. Lundy is not employed by the Borough, and is not paid to be the president of the Association. There are many volunteers sitting on various boards, including some Council Members, and they simply recuse themselves when a conflict arises, just as Council Member Pizzella recuses himself or abstain from voting on anything to do with St. John's. Therefore, if Ms. Lundy were appointed, and some issue arose concerning the HBSA, she can recuse herself. However, Council Member Pizzella does not believe there is a conflict, and he thinks she would be a good selection for the Recreation Commission.

Mayor Arnowitz said he does not put names forward without putting a lot of thought into the person being considered, and he met Ms. Lundy a couple of years ago. Mayor Arnowitz cannot think of anyone who could do a better job than Ms. Lundy could. She is extremely independent-minded, and she and Mayor Arnowitz have disagreed on many issues over the past several years. However, he believes that she has been and will continue to be one who considers what is good for the children of Hillsdale, and what is good for Hillsdale. She would be a phenomenal asset in any position.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank and Pizzella

Nays: Council Members Looes and Meyerson, and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Member DeGise

Mayor Arnowitz noted that Borough ordinance requires a 30-day cooling-off period, so there will be no other person recommended tonight. He asked that it be put on the agenda for the November 12 Borough Council meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

There were none this evening.

RECOGNITION:

Police Department – Lifesaving Awards

Max Arnowitz, Mayor

Sergeant Donaldson, Police Officer Norton, Police Officer Buesser

Mayor Arnowitz commented that two of these police officers just started with the Hillsdale Police Department, and he has known one of them since he was born. Saving a life is a great accomplishment.

Police Chief Francaviglia said it is a great pleasure to recognize three of his police officers, as well as the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps under the direction of Captain John Beatty, Chief Francaviglia stated that the Hillsdale Ambulance Corps is second to none in the State of New Jersey, and deserves the highest praise. In this particular incident, the professionalism and experience were put to the test and passed yet again, bringing back another precious life. To a police officer, no medical call is over routine, and this call was no exception. On the evening of August 22, 2014, Sergeant Donaldson, Officer Norton and Officer Buesser were dispatched to a residence where it was reported that a 40-year-old woman was having difficulty breathing. When they arrived, they found the victim in full cardiac arrest. The officers wasted no time in setting up the AED equipment, and within a minute, the victim regained her pulse, and she had her family were in attendance at this meeting. What made this particular incident extra stressful was the fact that the rest of her family was looking on, hoping that the officers would bring her back. The officers and the Ambulance Corps did not disappoint. If not for the quick and immediate response of these officers and the Ambulance Corps, the outcome could have been different. Chief Francaviglia presented each officer with the Hillsdale Police Department CPR Award, and he thanked the Ambulance Corps for their service to the community, and commended them for a job well done. The Borough of Hillsdale is very fortunate to have such a fine and dedicated squad.

Petra Mueller, 204 Knickerbocker Avenue, said she was standing in front of everyone tonight knowing that she could not take this for granted. Ms. Mueller was very thankful because she owes her life to several members of the Police Department and Emergency Medical Services, who saved her life eight weeks ago. She never thought at that time that she would be sitting watching a movie with her family, and a moment later, she would need CPR, and a week later, she would walk out of the hospital with a defibrillator and a pacemaker. Now she is healthy, happy, and very grateful. In Germany, they have an expression that says "the police, your friend and helper," and she has come to understand what that means. It is good to know that wherever you are, whatever you do, there are friends and helpers, and she extended that gratitude not only to the Police Department, but also to the members of the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, and everyone else who works helping people and saving lives.

Mayor Arnowitz, on behalf of all of Hillsdale, thanked the Hillsdale Police Department for everything

they do for the citizens of Hillsdale. There is no finer Police Department in the State of New Jersey.

Beechwood Park Cleanup Committee:

Mayor Arnowitz explained the project for Beechwood Park. Beechwood Park is on the east side of town, and there is a path in the park that is constantly in a state of disrepair. Council Member Pizzella, with the help of the Environmental Commission and the Green Team and other volunteers, have been able to fix the path and limited expense to the community.

Council Member Pizzella commented that there is a nature trail in Beechwood Park that winds through the park, which has a boardwalk that has been in disrepair. A group of community volunteers, led by the Environmental Commission, applied for and received a grant which was used to repair the boardwalk planks; expand the trails to areas that previously did not have any trails; and the volunteers pulled together as a community to show what can be done when a community comes together and works as a unit. A group of those volunteers are at this Borough Council meeting, to be recognized for their efforts. Council Member Pizzella noted that many people helped with this project. One specific gentleman and his organization recently received the Jefferson award for public service, which is the nation's highest honor for community service. One of the helpers in the cleanup efforts and a recipient of this award was MEVO, the Mahwah Environmental Volunteer Organization, and that person is Eric Fuchs Stangl. Mr. Stangl lives in Mahwah, and he thanked Hillsdale and the Mayor and Council for the recognition. All of the members of MEVO are unpaid volunteers, and most of them are college or high school students who do this because they believe they are creating a better future for their children and grandchildren. They also believe that when open space is available in places like Hillsdale, the residents must be stewards of that open space. The goal of the members of MEVO is to focus on being stewards of these environmental treasures, and Mr. Stangl commended the residents of Hillsdale for their efforts. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped in this project, and although he was the recipient of the award, it belongs to the whole organization.

Council Member Pizzella read the names of the recipients of this recognition. They included: Ed Snieckus, Gary Kuhl, Joe Zanini, John Stepe, Michael Schoelles, and Robert Sandt. Council Member Pizzella also thanked the DPW and Mr. Russell for delivering all of the wood chips, which helped to create more trails. In addition, Council Member Pizzella noted that a trust account has been created for anyone who wishes to make a donation to sustain the Beechwood Park trails. The money will be used for that purpose.

Mayor Arnowitz said he was surprised that Meredith Kates was not included in the recognition, because she has been speaking to him about this for several years. He pointed out to her that the trail in question has been repaired many times over, but she was very persistent.

Finally, the Council recognized Elizabeth Ward as one of the recipients of the Bergen County 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award. She was one of the people nominated by Mayor Arnowitz and Council Member Frank for this award; the other recipient was the Captain of the Ambulance Corps, who will be recognized at a later Council meeting. Mayor Arnowitz pointed out that Ms. Ward runs the Hillsdale summer concert series, as well as doing many other things for the Borough. Ms. Ward and former Council Member Marie Hanlon started the summer concert series some years ago. In the past, the Borough paid for the groups that performed in the concert series, but due to budget constraints, it could no longer be done. Ms. Ward and former Council Member Hanlon were able to raise funds to keep the series going, and Ms. Ward has continued the tradition on her own. She has also expanded the series, and it is much better than it was in the past. Mayor Arnowitz recommends everyone should try to attend at least one of the concerts, especially if they have not already done so. Council Member Frank presented the certificate of recognition as the 2014 Volunteer of the Year from Bergen County for Hillsdale to enjoy. Council Member Frank reiterated that several years ago, the program was in trouble due to funding issues, and Ms. Ward was instrumental in getting funds and continuing the concert series, as well as moving them from Beechwood Park to Veterans Park. That has enhanced attendance, as well as helping the local merchants. The variety of music provided is tremendous, according to Council Member Frank. Ms. Ward thanked the Mayor and Council for nominating her for the award. She has always maintained that the summer concerts are gifts to the residents of Hillsdale, because they bring family, friends, neighbors together on warm summer nights to enjoy music in the park. She is looking forward to enjoying concerts every Wednesday next summer.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hillsdale Girl Scout Troop #4321

Max Arnowitz, Mayor

Council Member Looes explained that the troop toured Borough Hall, the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, Police Department, DPW, and the Hillsdale Library. The girls wondered what they could do as a contribution to Hillsdale, and Council Member Looes discussed some of her duties, including that she is a member of the Welcome Committee that was recently started in Hillsdale. The members of Troop #4321 decided that they would donate something that could be included in the Welcome Packet to new residents.

The members of the troop are Emily, Maia, Mary, Emma, and Bella. Their Troop is from George White School. The girls worked together to make a brochure for families who are new to Hillsdale. Each one of them made a contribution to the project. The booklet includes information about places to eat; fun things to do in Hillsdale; information about the public library; and information about the schools. The girls hope that the brochure will be included in the Welcome Packet.

In addition, the girls said that they are doing a food drive for the Hillsdale Food Pantry. Food can be dropped off at the Public Library and George White Middle School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 2, 2014, and September 9, 2014, Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve August 12, 2014, session #1; September 2, 2014, and September 9, 2014, Closed Session by Council President Kelley, second by Council Member Meyerson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeGise, Looes, Pizzella, and Council President Kelley

Nays: Council Member Frank

Abstain: Council Member Meyerson

PROFESSIONALS REPORTS/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Borough Engineer – dated August 26, 2014

Ambulance Corps –

Construction Department – July 2014

DPW –

Fire Department – Fire Chief Jason Durie provided the report. Once again, Hillsdale had a very successful Fire Prevention Week. The program in Hillsdale was started in the late 1970s-early 1980s by Rudy Appeld and George Lucia, Sr., and Bob Blinn, and has gotten better over the years due to the technology available. In addition, Chief Durie recognized Tracy Jeffery from the Building Department, who puts in many extra hours on the weekends and at night for the Fire Department. He also acknowledged Jack Costello, who takes a week-long vacation during every Fire Prevention Week to talk about fire prevention in the Hillsdale schools. Every school in Hillsdale, both public and private as well as the Pascack Valley High School preschool program, was visited. The annual Open House, held this past Sunday, was also very successful. Chief Durie thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their participation, attendance, and organization of that event. He also thanked the Police Department for their continued efforts to hold their Open House the same day. The chief Durie noted that they are trying to get the Ambulance Corps to do the same thing.

The Fire Department responded to a Call approximately 2 weeks ago on Vincent Street at 7:00 AM; the report was that there was smoke in the house. It was confirmed that it was a structure fire upon arrival, in which there was an electrical fire somewhere between the meter and the panel that extended into the dwelling. Chief Durie recognized Sergeant Donaldson, Police Officer Kaplan, and Police Officer Dietrich for their efforts and assistance in getting into the house and making sure that the residents were evacuated. The assistance of the second alarm assignment was also needed, and the units that responded were from Westwood, Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge, and River Vale. Chief Durie thanked them, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary for all of their help.

The response time from PSE&G to an electrical fire has been a concern. Chief Durie said he will be working with the Fire Commissioner and his Board of Fire Officers to draft a letter to PSE&G asking why it took more than an hour and 40 minutes for electrical supervisor to arrive on scene at an electrical fire. That never happens when there are issues with gas.

Another major incident was the collapse at 321 Broadway, which was due to the catastrophic failure of a beam and stud of the parking deck. This type of incident has not been seen in this area; the last one Chief Durie could remember occurred in Hackensack approximately 6-7 years ago. Chief Durie pointed out that the Fire Department must have a plan for all types of situations, including guidelines and procedures. Four years ago, the Board of Fire Officers in Hillsdale recognize that need, and adopted an SOG regarding collapse, trench rescue, and confined space. Fire Department personnel are trained minimally in those three areas when they go through Fire Academy training. They can go in and shut off the utilities; assess scene security and perform the initial size-up; and become the reporting agency for people who are trained in those types of rescue operations. Therefore, part of the current SOG is to request from Hackensack, where there is a collapse team, all of the members of which are part of the

urban area search initiative group led by the State Police, for assistance in dealing with the situation. Their team responded, under the direction of Deputy Chief Matt Wagner of the Hackensack Fire Department. The first thing Deputy Chief Wagner said upon arrival was that he would not take over the scene, but Chief Durie and the Hillsdale Fire Department would work with the Hackensack team as a unified command. That is what they did for the next 12 hours. Chief Durie said his report on the incident would be brief due to the fact that it is still under investigation, and the prolonged business closures will raise concerns of the business owners and the building owner, and Chief Durie anticipates a legal action in the future. He did thank the people who came out in support of the Borough: the Fire Department; Police Chief Bob Francaviglia; the Police Department staff, especially Police Officer Camporeale, who performed an initial assessment of the collapsed area under the instruction of Chief Durie and reported back in a timely fashion; the Ladies Auxiliary, who embody the meaning of the word teamwork; the mutual aid departments of Westwood, Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge, and River Vale; the UWASI group (consisting of 11 departments statewide, five of which responded to this incident, including Hackensack, Paterson, Jersey City, Newark, and North Hudson Regional); the EMS task force (including Washington Township/Triboro/River Vale/Hillsdale/Norwood); Jody from MyCom, one of the lead paramedics; the Emergency Response Unit at Hackensack University Medical Center, who stayed on scene for 10 hours; the Bergen County Police; the Teaneck Box 54 canteen unit, whose members stayed for over 11 hours providing beverages and food to the respondents; the Bergen County OEM, who was instrumental in getting lighting, and road barricades. In addition, Chief Durie thanked PSE&G for their cooperation; United Water; and a private contractor, Dale Cramer, and the towing service, for their assistance during the incident. No one was injured and there was no loss of life in the incident. The building is still considered a non-safe structure, and if there is a fire call there, the Hillsdale Fire Department is to do a minimal investigation. Chief Durie urged all Hillsdale residents to stay away from the building until it has been deemed safe for occupancy. The sprinkler system is working. Chief Durie also thanked Mayor Arnowitz and Ms. Witkowski for their response that day, as well as the Building Department and Borough Engineers.

Mayor Arnowitz thanked Chief Durie personally, noting that Mayor Arnowitz is a former Fire Chief, and understands the implications of responding to such an emergency. He also thanked the men and women of the Hillsdale Fire Department. The situation was very well handled, and proceeded extremely smoothly. He added that the Borough Council is not responsible for keeping any of the businesses closed; that building will be re-opened when the professionals say that it can be opened. It is hoped that the stores will be opening as soon as possible, but safety is the primary concern, and the rules and regulations established by the State and County must be followed. Mayor Arnowitz added that Chief Durie upheld the tradition of the Durie family. Chief Durie responded that a leader is only as good as his followers, and without the men and women of the Hillsdale Fire Department, it might have been a very different situation.

Health Department – August 2014

Hillsdale Library –

Police Department –

Recreation/Stonybrook – October 2014

Council Member Looes provided an update with the situation regarding the summer camp. She stated that she spoke to Jim Pfeifer, the head custodian at George White School, and the Hillsdale Schools will allow the camp to use Smith School. Mr. Pfeifer was working on that prior to the Borough Council meeting to try to get a location, because the camp is not the only activity that is affected by this, but also the instrumental music program that is normally held at George White School during the summer. The music program will be at Meadowbrook School.

Motion to receive and file by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter of Resignation Dated September 29, 2014, from Bob Darcey, from the Hillsdale Recreation Commission, Effective Immediately

Motion to receive and file by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

2. Letter Dated September 29, 2014, 49 Oak Street, Block 702, Lot 11, Donation of Property

Motion to receive and file by Council Member Frank, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

This will be put on an agenda to receive the donation.

3. Letter Dated September 15, 2014, from Hillsdale Library Requesting Moving of the Fence

Ms. Witkowski said she had a question, and possibly Council Member Frank could explain the situation. The letter from Mr. Franz, Director of the Library, stated that he does not want parking at the bottom, and she is not sure exactly what he wants for the Library. Council Member Frank explained that the basic request is to move the fence and having the gate for traffic be placed so that it will move right out onto Hazelwood Avenue, which will open up the entire grassy area along the brook for picnic tables or usage by visitors to the Library. The intention is that it will not be turned into a parking lot, but is intended to be an area for moving snow when there is a heavy snowfall. There is no intention to do any additional paving, or even placing any gravel there, but there would be a strip of asphalt along Hazelwood Avenue that will remain. Mayor Arnowitz asked if Chief Francaviglia has agreed to any of this, and Ms. Witkowski responded that she does not heard from him yet. Council Member Frank reminded Ms. Witkowski that she wanted to check with the Borough Attorney about any restrictions that might prevent any of this from being done, and light of the Blue Acres situation. Mayor Arnowitz asked who would be responsible for moving the fence, and Council Member Frank responded that the DPW would do that. The situation will be left in the hands of Ms. Witkowski, who will stay in touch with Mr. Russell, the Borough Attorney, and Council Member Frank about the situation.

4. Electronic Message Dated September 29, 2014, from Abby Lundy, Hillsdale Baseball/Softball Association (HBSA), Requesting Conversion of Field to Multi-Use Field

Motion to approve, receive and file by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

5. Letter Dated September 5, 2014, from Hillsdale Public Schools regarding 2015 Summer Recreation Program

Motion to receive and file by Council Member Looes, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

6. Letter Dated September 9, 2014, from Bo Petkovich, Hillsdale Holiday 5K, December 8, 2014, 8:00 AM

Mayor Arnowitz noted that this was discussed at the previous Borough Council meeting, and the Police Chief did not support it. Ms. Witkowski noted that no one has supported it so far. Therefore, Mayor Arnowitz said he would not ask for approval; he would only ask for acknowledgment of the receipt and filing, unless one of the Council Members wanted to get this approved. Council President Kelley asked if the Chief of Police disapproves of the idea, and Ms. Witkowski responded that he does, according to an email she received from Chief Francaviglia, as well as an email from Mr. Russell of the DPW, who both felt that the time frame is too soon, and does not give them enough time to do the necessary planning for such an event. They said it is not a bad idea, but they need more lead time. Council Member Meyerson asked if it would be possible to get the schedule for the following year so that the same situation is not encountered at that time. Ms. Witkowski said that was suggested by Chief Francaviglia and Mr. Russell. Council Member Pizzella said he does not understand why so much lead time is necessary. He understands about leaf season, but he believes this is a great event, and a lot of residents are interested in it. Mayor Arnowitz explained that the problem is that when an event is held on the streets, it is necessary to consider traffic control, barricades, officials to man the barricades, and a lot of other coordination and organization, requiring a lot of manpower. Sometimes it is necessary to ask for additional help from the County and/or surrounding towns. There are also budgetary considerations if over time is involved, as well as other departments. Closing down public streets requires a lot of preparation and organization. Council Member Pizzella asked if it would be possible to have Chief Francaviglia come to the next meeting to explain the situation, and see if there is anything that can be done to accommodate this event. Mayor Arnowitz recommended against prolonging this, because it is only six weeks away. There is a lot of preparation involved in such an event.

Motion to receive and file by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Status of Sports Agreements

Council Member Looes said she emailed the Recreation Commission members, and they all have a copy of the agreements. She asked them to provide input by Friday, October 17. She also provided a hard copy of the agreement to Abby Lundy and a representative from the Soccer Association, and explained that they would hear from her next week after the Recreation Commission gets back to her. Mayor Arnowitz thanked Council Member Looes for her efforts on this. Council Member Frank asked Council Member Looes if she

would send the final copy of what was sent to the sports associations to him. He also asked if there was a Recreation Commission meeting this month. Council Member Looes answer that a meeting was scheduled, but there was not a quorum. Council Member Frank asked how many times that is happened in the past five months, noting that the last minutes were published from the month of June. Council Member Looes commented that there were no meetings in July or August, and the Commission did meet in September. Council Member Frank suggested that there might be some problems with the Recreation Commission, and Council Member Looes agreed. She stated that she has been saying for the past six months that the Recreation Commission needs to be reorganized, and the Council Members must address what they want from a Recreation Commission and draft an ordinance accordingly. Council Member Frank stated that he was very disappointed that the Mayor's appointments to the Recreation Commission have been rejected. New blood is needed on the Commission, and the Mayor had an opportunity to provide that new blood, which was shut down, and that seems very shortsighted to Council Member Frank. Council Member Looes responded that she is always said that she believes a member of each Association should be on the Commission as a liaison, and for communication purposes, but they should be non-voting members, due to the fact that many boards and commissions are set up with members of committees are other groups who have an interest in the outcome, and they should not have a voting role. Council Member Frank asked if the two high school students on the Commission have a vote, and the answer is no. Council President Kelley noted that Council Member Frank seems to be implying that the rejection of the Mayor's appointment was political, which he does not believe is the case. He spoke to the chairman of the Recreation Commission, asking him what he wanted, and it seems that there are representatives from the HBSA on the Commission now, although no one from the Soccer Association is represented. The Commission would like to have someone from the Soccer Association on the board. Council Member Pizzella said he is confused, and he wanted to respond to the implication that the vote was a political one. Council Member Pizzella worked on the agreements when he was first on the Council, but because he was not the liaison for the Recreation Commission, someone else took it over. From experience, Council Member Pizzella noted that Council Member Frank pressed him, just as he is doing with Council Member Looes. That is why Council Member Pizzella believes it is not political, but it is something that is very important to Council Member Frank. Many times, he and Council Member Frank did not see eye to eye. The Recreation Commission has many issues, including not being able to hold meeting and members not showing up. Council Member Pizzella says confusion stems from the statements that it is not desirable to have people from the Sports Associations on the Recreation Commission, but there are other officers of the Recreation Commission from HBSA. At the same time, it was said that it would be desirable to have someone from the Soccer Association on the Recreation Commission. Council President Kelley pointed out that members of any other Sports Association should not serve as President of the Recreation Commission. Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council Members to stay on topic, and discuss the agreement. Next month, he will put Abby Lundy's name forward again, and the discussion will be held again. Mayor Arnowitz believes that having a liaison that does not have a vote would help with the quorum problem, but he is not sure about that. He asked Council Member Looes to speak to the Commission members about attending their meetings. If the members are come to meetings, they should be asked to resign so that people can be put on the Commission who will attend the meetings and do what needs to be done.

2. Status of Hillsdale Football Association (HFA) – IRS Filing

Council Member Looes noted that there was an insurance issue, which is now been resolved. It does not affect the Borough's insurance standing or coverage. The HFA is not a 501(c)3 organization, but they are a non-profit. Their New Jersey annual filing report has been filed. The status of their IRS issue regarding their 990 filing has not changed from last week; it is with their accountant, who will file it. Council Member Frank thinks it is great that their insurance is intact, because that means that football can continue this year. However, the New Jersey filing does not need anything, because it is simply an annual report that can be done online with the payment of \$50. In addition, if they are not a 501(c)3, Council Member Frank would like to know what they are, because they have to have some kind of IRS classification in order to be a non-profit organization. Council Member Meyerson pointed out that it is possible for an organization to be a non-profit without being a 501(c)3, and Council Member Frank should ask the Borough Attorney for that information. Council Member Frank listed several other classifications that organizations can have in order to be non-profit organizations, and Council Member Meyerson pointed out that Council Member Frank said that it was necessary to be a 501(c)3 to be a non-profit, which Council Member Frank said was a mistake. He said an organization must have some type of designation in order to be considered a non-profit organization. Council Member Frank continued by saying that in dealing with the HFA and their filings, it is a serious issue. According to what he has read, if an organization is not qualified as a charity, all donations that are received from sponsors are not tax-exempt, and must be claimed as income. Council Member Frank believes there are enough issues to raise serious concern, and he also stated that Council Member Meyerson should recuse himself. Council Member Meyerson answered that this is not a Borough issue with respect to whether or not a corporation has to claim income because they are not a 501(c)3; it is an IRS issue, and has nothing to do with the Borough. Council Member Frank pointed out that they are collecting fees. Council Member Meyerson said that Council Member Frank stated that they are not paying taxes, and he should find out what the facts are.

Borough Attorney Bernstein noted that the State of New Jersey recognizes non-profit corporations pursuant to Title 15 and 15(A) of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, and there is not necessarily an inter-relationship between that and Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The issue of whether or not they are a tax-exempt organization, and whether or not they have tax obligations, is an issue between the Association, the Internal Revenue Service, and potentially the donors. The Borough's concern regarding any of its sports associations is are they able to provide the necessary service; are they covered by insurance when they use Borough fields; and are they legitimate organizations for purposes of the programs they run. Regarding the taxation issue, any organization that is not a Section 501 entity will have to deal with the IRS in terms of their tax obligations, and their donors will also have to deal with that accordingly. However, it is not an admissible issue per se in terms of whether or not they are tax-exempt organizations, unless they are holding themselves out as such to the municipality. That is a separate issue, but Mr. Bernstein does not believe they have made such representations. Council Member Frank clarified that the fact that they may not be qualified as tax-exempt organizations, and they may potentially be incurring liability with the IRS, puts no responsibility on the Borough with respect to oversight, and the Borough should let the associations work those situations out themselves. In addition, the money paid by all of the parents of the children who participate in those programs are not the Borough's concern. Mr. Bernstein answered that he was suggesting that the issue being raised regarding whether or not they are tax-exempt is not a municipal determination. Making such statements is not the bailiwick of the municipality, but is something that each Association must address with their own members/donors. Council Member Frank noted that HBSA seems to have all of its filings in place, as does the Soccer Association. Mr. Bernstein commented that in every meeting he has attended, Council Member Frank mixes those issues as if they are the same thing, and they are not. The tax-exempt issue is not a municipal issue, because the municipality does not grant such status. Council Member Frank answered that he is not saying that such is the case. Borough Attorney Bernstein noted that the municipality also does not give approval or authorization to any Association based on its tax-exempt status. Mayor Arnowitz asked if the Borough incurs any type of liability with respect to insurance, or any other responsibility if, in fact, these organizations are not tax-exempt. Borough Attorney Bernstein responded that if the organizations are tax-exempt, or they are not tax-exempt, the insurance carrier has advised him that that they are covered for purposes of using the fields under the Borough's insurance policies. The Borough has no liability. Council Member Pizzella asked if, whether the organizations are non-profits or not, they are required to file documentation with the IRS, and they failed to do so, they are considered quasi-government entities, and are listed as such. Therefore, when they are fundraising, could that be considered fundraising for the Borough, because they are not necessarily fundraising for Hillsdale, but for the children who participate in those programs. Borough Attorney Bernstein responded that they are fundraising for the particular organization that provides a service to the residents and citizens of Hillsdale. Because they are listed as quasi-governmental entities does not make that true. They are private organizations providing a service to the youth of Hillsdale, using the municipal fields as approved by the Borough for purposes of certain sports activities. If a group of people were to decide to form a for-profit sports organization, paying all the necessary taxes and fees, and wanted to use municipal fields for that sport, and wanted to be included under the auspices of the Borough insurance policy that could be allowed, as long as the organization meets all of the other necessary criteria. Council Member Pizzella clarified that if an organization has any issues with the IRS, those issues are between that organization and the IRS, and would not have an impact on the Borough. Borough Attorney Bernstein answered that the particular association and its Board of Directors are ultimately responsible for that association's obligations to the IRS, and to the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation, if there are tax issues. Council Member Pizzella stated that the town would have no liability, and Borough Attorney Bernstein said that unless the Borough somehow provided income that, in and of itself, is specifically set forth for that association. However, the Borough is a tax-exempt entity by its own existence, not a 501(c)3 organization, or one with any other specific IRS classification. Council Member Pizzella said his concern is that the Borough should not be subjected to any unnecessary exposure. Council Member Frank said his concern is not with the Borough's liability, but the continuation of the program in the future if the associations are not properly structured, and if they have problems with the IRS, and he wondered what would happen to all of the different sports programs if that should prove to be the case, particularly the HFA. Mayor Arnowitz said it is his understanding that they are currently in the process of correcting the problem. Council Member Loes confirmed that, as far as she knows, they have hired an accountant who has the paperwork, and is now preparing to file the paperwork with the IRS. Mayor Arnowitz stated that this matter will be left under old business for a future agenda.

3. Status of Sign Ordinance

Mayor Arnowitz stated that this issue has been around for some time, and has never been settled. When the sign ordinance was initiated, it was found by some people to be deficient, and nothing has been done about it. Council President Kelley thought that money had been budgeted this year to have the Borough Planner take care of this, which Mayor Arnowitz confirmed, although he did not remember budgeting any funds for. He did remember a conversation about that. Council Member Frank confirmed that approximately \$5,000 was set aside for this. Council President Kelley thought that the Borough Planner had already taken care of this.

Council Member Meyerson stated that money was budgeted for the Borough Planner to take a look at this. Council Member Frank said he thought it was \$5,000 to take care of the whole thing, and he thought that Jason was the one who came up with the estimated cost. Mayor Arnowitz suggested that this be taking care of as soon as possible. Council Member DeGise offered to contact Maser. Ms. Witkowski asked if Council Member DeGise wanted to make any comments, because he had some concerns when this was discussed. Borough Attorney Bernstein said he provided a number of comments, and at this point, if the Council wants to move the process along, they should provide the comments to Maser, as well as the existing ordinance and the report, which could all be given to Mr. Bernstein, and he will review it again. Council Member Meyerson said he remembered the comments made by the attorneys, and he read them very carefully. However, he did not know what the next step was to be. Council President Kelley thought that Ms. Jeffery should be involved in the conversation, because she knew some of the old problems dealing with enforcement. Council Member DeGise noted that the process had moved past that stage, and it is time to move on with Maser's comments, and the comments made by Borough Attorney Bernstein, and take action. Council Member Meyerson wanted to know if businesses would be asked to come in to discuss this proposal. Mayor Arnowitz said that he was willing to do whatever the Council Members want to do, but he had been asked by several business owners about the status of this situation. Council Member DeGise pointed out the one of the things included in the Maser contract is that once everything is presented, the contract includes public hearings, and a public meeting with a representative from their firm. Borough Attorney Bernstein suggested that the ordinance should be drafted, which will not be introduced or adopted this year. If the Council Members find that satisfactory, they can then meet with the business owners to review the ordinance before it is introduced to get their input, and it can then be introduced in 2015.

4. Harassment Training

Council Member Frank said he thought Ms. Witkowski would be scheduling this. Mayor Arnowitz said this is extremely important for all Borough employees and volunteers who deal with the public. This will stay on the agenda until it is scheduled. Council President Kelley asked if this is a class that must be attended, or if it is an online training. Mayor Arnowitz said he believes it is a class that must be attended, but he will get more information. Council President Kelley pointed out that there are so many requirements for the volunteers already in place, and some of the things are available online, which makes it easier. Mayor Arnowitz said he understands that, but this is very important. Council Member Looes asked who is sponsoring the training. Ms. Witkowski responded that she has reached out to the JIF and she has asked BGIA, and has not heard back from either of them. Council Member Looes said she has a JIF meeting coming up, and she will ask them. Council President Kelley noted that the JIF has some wonderful online courses available, and he is curious if this is one of them. Mayor Arnowitz asked if this could be scheduled, and even if it is offered online, he would not mind hosting a class, as well.

5. Tandy and Allen Property

Council Member Meyerson recused himself from the discussion, and left the room at 9:00 PM. Mayor Arnowitz recalled that there was a long discussion about this at the previous Council meeting, and a number of concerns were noted. One of those concerns is how to determine what is in the soil. Council President Kelley said he has had many conversations over the past week about this issue, as well as receiving a plethora of emails. He was able to get information indirectly from Terrence Nolan, Senior Vice President of the Open Space Institute. Mr. Nolan is the person who puts these types of deals together, acting as the go-between among the owners and the group who wants to gain control over these types of properties. Mr. Nolan is an expert on open space issues. Council President Kelley commented that there were some serious misunderstandings as a result of the Closed Session meeting last month to the meeting last week. When this issue was first raised in June 2014, and the basic concept was explained, the Council Members were asked if there was any interest in obtain the property, and they seemed to be interested. No more discussion was held until September 2014. Borough Attorney Bernstein cautioned Council President Kelley that the merits of a Closed Session discussion are ongoing in nature, and are not allowed to be discussed in public. Based on his conversation with Mr. Nolan, Council President Kelley said that it was his understanding last week that a decision had to be made immediately, and he did not have the necessary information to make that decision. Mr. Nolan said that is not the case; a decision does not have to be made immediately. The Council Members are simply reiterating what they said in June, which is that they are interested in moving forward with this. That is all Mr. Nolan needs from the Council Members. Mr. Nolan is asking that the Council Members allow this to move forward toward getting a grant to buy the property. No formal commitment from the Borough is necessary at this time, other than the willingness of the Council Members to pursue a possible acquisition with the Open Space Institute. The Institute will be responsible for ensuring that environmental concerns are addressed, as well as a title search, and the Council will not have to make any decision until all of that is accomplished. That is how was explained to Council President Kelley by Mr. Nolan. All that is necessary is to have the Borough Administrator, Ms. Witkowski, contact Mr. Nolan, who will help the Borough get through the process. The Borough is not being asked to make any type of commitment until all of the information is provided by the Open Space Institute. Mayor Arnowitz stated that, according to the Borough

Attorney, and he contacted between Mr. Nolan and Ms. Witkowski must be in writing, especially regarding what is to be discussed next by the Council.

Council Member Pizzella said that he has been a proponent of this from the beginning, and when he first raised this issue in June, there was a unanimous consensus that this project would be supported. At that time, Council Member Pizzella explained that there would be a point in time when an application would need to be filed, and that is the open space application that needs to be submitted by October 31. He also noted that the Borough would have to endorse the application, because the County Open Space Trust Fund does not really like to give money to agencies that are looking for grant money, particularly the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and Bergen SWAN. The way it was explained to Council Member Pizzella was that the two agencies would work together and negotiate with the property owners on a price, and when those negotiations were completed and a final price was determined, they would come back to Council Member Pizzella, who would come back to the Borough Council (which Council Member Pizzella did in a Closed Session meeting, because he was asked not to disclose any information about the negotiations or the price) to confirm that the Council Members still supported the project, because at the next meeting (which was on October 7), the application would have to be endorsed in order to meet the deadline. However, there was a lot of discussion and confusion at the last Borough Council meeting, as well as many questions. Council Member Pizzella said he agreed with almost everything Council president Kelley stated, except for one thing: the application must be endorsed immediately so that it can be submitted. The Borough is the applicant in the process. The two groups who are negotiating the price are the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and Bergen SWAN. Once the price is finalized, and the other negotiations are complete, the land deal can be cut, and the groups will attempt to assign the property to the Borough, if the Borough wishes. The Borough is necessary in this endeavor, because that is who must apply for the grants which will be used by the two groups to purchase the property. During the application process, three things are required by the Open Space Institute: one is the boundary survey; another is the phase 1 investigation; and the third is an appraisal. All of that information would be available before the Borough would make any determination about accepting the property, and before a final contract between the property owner in the purchasers would happen. Therefore, if the Council Members are truly interested in supporting this endeavor, they should be endorsing the application so that Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, who have prepared the application at no cost to the Borough, can meet the October 31 deadline. If an application is not submitted by the deadline, the opportunity will be lost for this year, and the Borough will be forced to wait until next year. The only commitment that is being requested from the Council Members at this time is the endorsement of the application. If the grant is offered, the Borough is not required to take the money. Council President Kelley said one of the things he learned today is that the Council Members were being asked to make an immediate commitment to one way or the other, and that was how it was explained by Council Member Pizzella. It seemed that no one was ready to make a commitment at that time, because there was not a lot of information available. However, it is now understood that such a commitment is not being requested, and Council President Kelley believes that the Council Members might be ready to move forward at this point. Council Member Pizzella reiterated that the only commitment that would be made by the Council Members at this time is endorsement of the application. There is no commitment to accept any grant money that might come as a result of the application, nor is there a commitment to accept the property if the land deal is completed. There is also no commitment to pay for anything.

Mayor Arnowitz said he had some comments to make based on some issues that he found rather offensive. He had heard from various people via letters, email, and telephone who are not Hillsdale residents. Residents from Woodcliff Lake and Montvale have threatened Hillsdale about the importance of not accepting the property. Mayor Arnowitz questions the audacity displayed by the residents of these other towns, asking how much open space is available in Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, and how many farms are left in those towns. Last week, considerable amount of time was expended discussing the one remaining farm in this area, Demarest Farms, and the inherent problems that come from it. However, it is open space, and the Borough has acquired it because it is important to Hillsdale. The second comment that Mayor Arnowitz wanted to make was about the miscommunication that is occurring. He reminded the taxpayers of Hillsdale that we all face it extremely difficult 2015 due to the losses that have been experienced and the increasing costs for next year. The property in question does generate approximately \$26,000 per year in taxes as vacant land. Out of the 12 acres of land on that property, nine acres cannot be used, because it is dedicated wetlands under the State wetlands requirements, which require buffers. It has been said that the impact of building three houses there will seriously impact Hillsdale. Mayor Arnowitz contradicted this, saying that there will be no impact on the school system with three houses. The average is 1.5-2 children per house, which would total six children in those homes, who would most likely attend Smith School, due to the location. That would not make any serious impact on the school.

On the other hand, Mayor Arnowitz noted that there will be expenses that the Borough will have to incur. The grass on the property will have to be incorporated into the Borough's mowing program, which is not a

great amount of money. The second responsibility is, due to the lack of manpower for snow shoveling in Hillsdale, that parcel of land would have to be included in the sidewalk clearing program. That is also not a great deal of money, but it would have to be added to taxpayers' expenses.

When Mayor Arnowitz spoke to a number of residents who live in that area about the feasibility of the Borough acquiring the nine acres, several of the residents on Pascack Road said that they do not really trust the Borough to maintain the property, due to past experience. However, they are not very concerned, as long as the land is maintained as open space, but there is cleanup required periodically. It is a beautiful plot of land, and it would be nice to be able to keep it as open space, but it will continue to be open space. Access to the land if it is purchased by someone else is unknown. All of those points have to be taken into consideration when a piece of property is acquired. Finally, Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough Attorney what information would be required, and what approvals would be necessary, before any final steps could be taken. He also asked if the Council endorses the application, does the Borough relinquish any power or control. Lastly, Mayor Arnowitz asked what is in the ground on that tract of land, and what might be a cause for concern.

Borough Attorney Bernstein stated that it is his understanding that what has brought this issue forward is a deadline established by Bergen County's Open Space Trust Fund of October 31 for filing the application. Borough Attorney Bernstein believes this is merely an endorsement, or the Council Members simply stating that they support the concept of an open space purchase for donation. The Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund will not pay 100% of the acquisition costs. That is clearly set forth in the application. Therefore, the Borough Council is also endorsing the setting aside of some amount of money for the acquisition of the property to reimburse whoever ultimately acquires the parcel of land for some of the acquisition costs. The Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund requires an appraisal to be done by November 21 as part of the application. Borough Attorney Bernstein does not know, because he has not yet been able to obtain that information, who intends to file a comparable required Green Acres-type appraisal, and who will pay for it. If the Borough is the applicant, and is required to submit the appraisal, Borough Attorney Bernstein assumes that the Borough will have to spend the money for that appraisal. Council Member Pizzella responded that Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey will cover those costs, as well as some residents who will be contributing toward the costs. The Borough is not being asked to pay for anything. Borough Attorney Bernstein continued by saying that so far, nothing has been obtained in writing, other than the assurances made by Council Member Pizzella. Without an appraisal, the County will not consider the application. There are also other requirements that must be met, including an assurance that the applicant will comply all of the requirements in the application. The Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund does not limit its recipients to municipalities, but also provides grants to charitable organizations.

Council Member Pizzella noted that representatives from Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey specifically stated that, in their discussions with the County, the money is available from the settlement with United Water. They desire to spend the money in this area to protect the watershed. The County would like the Borough to be the applicant because normally things proceed more smoothly when grant money is being given to a municipality. The two organizations will make all the preparations, and will cover all of the soft costs. The Borough is only being asked to sign the application. Borough Attorney Bernstein noted that Hillsdale is also being asked to ostensibly certify the application, because signing the application is not merely an endorsement of the application, but makes the Borough the applicant in accordance with the proposal. Therefore, it is the Borough who bears the obligation to ensure that the application being submitted is correct, proper, and in accordance with the provisions of the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund. Borough Attorney Bernstein stated that if the Council Members are willing to "sign over" that obligation to another party, which requires a great deal of trust between the parties, and represents an authorization of those two organizations to proceed on the Borough's behalf, no one knows what is in the application.

Council President Kelley asked if submitting the application commits the Borough to accepting the grant. Borough Attorney Bernstein stated that no such commitment ever exists based on application. Council President Kelley asked if at any time, the Council Members decide that things are not progressing as expected, can the application be rescinded. Borough Attorney Bernstein responded that that is certainly an option with every application for every grant. However, when making a grant application, the assumption is that the Borough is interested in accepting the grant. Otherwise, expending the time, effort, and money to submit the application becomes a waste of time. In addition, when making an application through a third-party entity, that is generally giving the third-party entity the belief that there is a significant, sincere desire to do exactly what the funds will allow, which is to acquire the land, in this case. That is true for any grant application that is made. Endorsement of the grant application indicates that the Borough of Hillsdale is applying for the grant funds. Council Member Pizzella said that he had pointed out that this would be a commitment to signing the application, and Borough Attorney Bernstein corrected him, saying that it is a

commitment to signing, filing, and supporting the application, and that all of the provisions of the application are agreed to by the Borough. That includes any appraisal requirements, COAH issues, compliance issues, and any other provisions of the application. Borough Attorney Bernstein also noted that this portion of the Borough Council minutes would have to be submitted as part of the application, and there will have to be a formal resolution for this Council to adopt and provide as part of the application.

Council Member Pizzella asked if the Council Members would like to hear from Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, representatives of which were currently in the audience. Mayor Arnowitz noted that they had already made comments last week, but they are free to address the Council during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz stated that he wanted to set the record straight about what is going on with the land. It is not a simple task, as Borough Attorney Bernstein indicated. There are losses that would be absorbed or covered by the Borough. An application was made to the Planning Board, but it is not yet complete, for three homes on 12 acres. Those three homes could generate approximately \$50,000-\$60,000 in taxes, which would help to offset costs associated with the wetlands. However, Mayor Arnowitz wanted all of the Council Members to understand the consequences of the vote. Everything that is undertaken has concerns, and open space is extremely important.

Council Member Frank asked for clarification that all of the soft costs in terms of filing and preparing the application will be borne by the two organizations. Mayor Arnowitz confirmed this, but said he had not yet seen anything in writing agreeing to that. Council Member Frank asked if that could be made part of any agreement, and based on that, the application would be endorsed. Mayor Arnowitz responded that all of that would have to be included as part of the motion or resolution. Council Member Frank also wondered about future maintenance of the property, noting that the sellers are getting a significant increase over what the land might be worth if they developed it themselves, and Council Member Frank asked if they would be interested in creating a trust for maintenance on the property out of the proceeds. Borough Attorney Bernstein said that is a separate issue and a separate point. He advised the Council Members to try to keep the motion/resolution as simple as possible. All that is being asked tonight is for a motion to endorse and file an open space trust application with the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for this property. Any and all costs related to the filing of the application will be borne by Bergen SWAN and/or the Land Conservancy of New Jersey. The Borough Council will have the opportunity to review the application prior to its filing, as well as the appraisal report prior to its filing. The Mayor and other appropriate Borough officials are authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Council Member Pizzella asked what if the appraisal is not completed by October 31. Borough Attorney Bernstein responded that his comment was that the Borough has the right to review the application and the appraisal. The appraisal must be done by either October 31, or, at the latest, by November 21. Council Member Pizzella asked if he is dealing with the Open Space Trust Fund, would he be able to review the application, or can a committee be set up to review it with him. Borough Attorney Bernstein suggested that the Council Members make the motion and second it, and take action. If they choose to endorse the application, the next step is to decide how they want to review the application prior to its filing.

Borough Attorney Bernstein: The Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby endorses an application to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund for Block X, Lot Y, for the filing of an application for the 2014 Open Space Trust. All soft costs related to the filing and the preparation of the application will be borne by entities other than the Borough of Hillsdale. The Borough of Hillsdale, or its designee, shall review the application prior to its filing, and the appraisal for the property prior to its filing.

Council President Kelley: So moved.

Mayor Arnowitz: Second?

Council Member Looes: Second.

Council Member Pizzella: OK, so while we have a motion on the floor, and it's seconded, we have people who will be writing the application. They have an issue with this appraisal – the appraisal is done later; it is not done when the application is submitted.

Borough Attorney Bernstein: Yes, it is. If you read the application – I know how much the Mayor hates electronics up on the dais. I am staring at the website relative to the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund application, and on their website, it clearly states in the application instructions: "Appraisal questionnaire: provide the pertinent information. Appraisal reports are required as part of your application. Both of these documents –" and there are appraisals

to be done in accordance with the appraisal documents of the County “– must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Economic Development by 4 PM on November 21, 2014.”

Council Member Pizzella: Right, not October 21.
Borough Attorney Bernstein: Fourteen. Fourteen. So – I did not say it had to be with the application; I said it had –
Council Member Pizzella: I – I think they thought you did, that is all.
Borough Attorney Bernstein: I believe in the discussion I said that it had to be – there was an October 31 date, and a November 21 date. If the appraisal went on the 31st, fine; if it went by 21st of November, fine. But an appraisal needs to be submitted, which was not what we discussed at one point along the way. We have a motion and a second.
Council Member Pizzella: Motion and a second.
Mayor Arnowitz: Okay? Roll call.
Ms. Witkowski: Councilman DeGise?
Council Member DeGise: No.
Ms. Witkowski: Councilman Frank?
Council Member Frank: Yes.
Ms. Witkowski: Council Member Looes?
Council Member Looes: Yes.
Ms. Witkowski: Council Member Meyerson?
Borough Attorney Bernstein: He abstains – he recused himself.
Ms. Witkowski: Council Member Pizzella?
Council Member Pizzella: Yes.
Ms. Witkowski: Council President Kelley?
Council President Kelley: Yes.
Borough Attorney Bernstein: Now, Your Honor, the other question which Mr. Pizzella raised, and it is part of the motion, is Borough or designee for purposes of review. Is the Governing Body going to review this – not necessarily at a meeting, but distribute for their comments – or is the Governing Body going to designate a subcommittee of the Governing Body for purposes of review and comment?
Mayor Arnowitz: Well, since my signature goes on it, I will tell you, I will not sign it unless the Borough Attorney tells me I can sign. I do not have a problem with Frank or anyone else up here reviewing it; I think everyone should look at it, but I need the Administrator and the Borough Attorney to give me a blessing to sign something like this. I am not going to put the town in any difficulties by signing something that they do not approve.
Borough Attorney Bernstein: And Sue, make sure the motion – I think I said that at one point – authorizes the Mayor and the appropriate Borough officials to execute.
Ms. Witkowski: I am going to listen to it and do it verbatim.
Council Member Pizzella: So, that being said, what about if I liaison with the group that I have been liaisoning with, and then I get the application to Eric and disseminate it to the members of Council?
Mayor Arnowitz: I want everyone on Council to look at it. I do not have a problem, unless Mr. Meyerson has a problem, with him seeing it, also.
Borough Attorney Bernstein: Mr. Meyerson cannot see it. He has recused himself, he should not see it.
Mayor Arnowitz: So he should not see it?
Borough Attorney Bernstein: No.
Council Member Pizzella: I offer myself only because I’m Open Space. I mean, other than that...
Mayor Arnowitz: But I want everyone to know what I am going to be signing, okay?
Council Member Pizzella: Yes.
Mayor Arnowitz: So, I will seek – unless you have a problem, and you relay your problems to the Administrator, but the ultimate decision-maker will be the Borough Attorney on the authenticity and contents of this agreement, okay? All right? So, we are done with that?
Borough Attorney Bernstein: We’re done with it.
Mayor Arnowitz: Can I get Mr. Meyerson back in here, and we will continue with the meeting.
Council Member Meyerson re-entered the meeting at 9:34 PM.

6. Military Vehicles Surplus

Mayor Arnowitz asked if anyone had a problem with getting the deuce and a half repaired, and no one seemed to have a problem with that. Ms. Witkowski said she shared some concerns with the Chief, including the fact that it is necessary to make sure that Dennis or the County can repair the machine. In addition, Ms. Witkowski was told that if it does not work, it can be sent back, but she is not sure she believes that. Another question raised was where the machine will be stored, and Mr. Russell stated that it would be stored in the DPW building. Ms. Witkowski also pointed out that she saw a news segment discussing the fact that another town had obtained some military surplus vehicles, and some of the townspeople were concerned, because they did not like the idea of having military vehicles in their town. Ms. Witkowski shared this concern with the Chief, who explained that the vehicles are not limited to Humvees and military vehicles, but also could include generators and perhaps a lift truck that might be useful to the DPW. Mr. Russell and one of his mechanics will go and see what else is available in addition to military vehicles. Mayor Arnowitz pointed out that the listing specifically said vehicle, and Ms. Witkowski said it is her understanding that there is a wide range of vehicles and other equipment actually available. Council President Kelley pointed out that the deuce and a half does have possibilities for usage by emergency services departments. In addition, Hillsdale has flooding issues, and a truck like that could provide a much more stable platform to evacuate people than what is currently used. Mayor Arnowitz said this would be kept on the agenda for updates under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lori Charkey, 141 Demarest Avenue, stated that land preservation issues are never easy, and she has had 27 years of experience behind her. They are always very contentious and difficult to follow. She apologized for any confusion that she may have caused. Ms. Charkey corrected some mistaken assumptions. First, the Open Space Trust Fund at the County level does fund non-profit organizations (501(c)3 entities), and they recognize them equally as they recognize municipalities as deserving of funding. Second, she is on the Advisory Committee for the Open Space Trust Fund, and they do accept a lot of the peripheral documentation after the application is accepted, including the appraisal, as well as some of the other documents, like the Phase I study. A Phase I study must be done before a Phase II study is done. Ms. Charkey understands that there is some concern about what is “hidden” on that property, and given the time that has passed, perhaps some of it is not as toxic as might have been thought. Something would have to be found that is jeopardizing to public health, such as hydrocarbons, which Ms. Charkey hopes is not the case. At the beginning of this process, Bergen SWAN was working with the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, and they were in regular contact with the property owners. David Epstein of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, who was in contact with the owners, has ceded his part in this process to Terrence Nolan of the Open Space Institute. Mr. Nolan is willing to work with the Borough, and offered to meet with the Council Members and Administrator, in an effort to work cooperatively and openly with them on the application. In addition, the Open Space Institute will be shouldering most of the soft costs involved in the application.

Bergen SWAN does have a small amount of money, and Ms. Charkey said they are willing to contribute all of it to whatever costs are not otherwise covered. There is also a fund that will match the County level funding that was the result of the 2009 settlement that Ms. Charkey’s organization and Hackensack River Keeper were parties to, which created a million-dollar fund that needs to be spent in the immediate future. Ms. Charkey has contacted Lisa Stern, who heads the northeastern division of Green Acres, and she is very anxious to spend all or a significant part of that funding on this project. Therefore, Ms. Charkey does not believe there will be too many out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Borough up front, if any.

Council Member DeGise noted that the Council Members were told that everything would be paid for, and it seems that Ms. Charkey was saying that all the cost might not be covered. As Council Member DeGise was doing research on this application, he discovered that a 501(c)3 organization can apply for funds, and does not need the municipality to sign an application for the organization. That is why Council Member DeGise voted against the proposal, because he is still hearing different things. Ms. Charkey pointed out that the problem is that there is no willing 501(c)3 organization that has the resources to take on ownership of the property. If Ms. Charkey had a large endowment, she said she would take on ownership herself. She approached the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, and they were not interested in ownership. Ms. Charkey also spoke to someone at the Meadowlands Conservation Trust, and they are not interested in ownership, either, although there is a possibility of additional funding from that source. She cannot speak on behalf of the county, but she did indicate that that door is not closed. The Open Space Institute typically does not get involved in ownership of this type of property; they look for larger properties, usually upstate in New York. That leaves the Borough for now as the only potential owner of the property. As far as the out-of-pocket expenditures are concerned, Ms. Charkey said she does not know where that would come from, because to her knowledge, all of the costs are covered. She asked Council Member DeGise where he thought the Borough might have to pay for something. Council Member DeGise responded that he does not know how much it will cost, and he does not know any of the other ancillary costs, but he had not seen any information that answered his questions, such as how much the Phase I study will cost; how much the appraisal will cost; and does Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey have enough money to pay for all of that.

Ms. Charkey responded that it is her understanding that the Open Space Institute will front the money for the soft costs, and Mr. Nolan indicated that in his email today. Council President Kelley said he is not sure that that is spelled out in the email, although Mr. Nolan did say it to Council President Kelley. Mayor Arnowitz stated that that information must be in writing. Ms. Charkey agreed that everyone needs all of it in writing, because she needs to know what she must do to complete the financial puzzle. Council President Kelley commented that he thinks that is why Mr. Nolan wants to have a meeting with the Council Members and the other parties involved. Ms. Charkey reminded everyone that the application can be pulled at any point if the Council Members change their minds based on information.

Finally, Ms. Charkey noted that everyone in Hillsdale is proud of Hillsdale, and is very possessive of it, and she feels the same way about the watershed, which encompasses all of the towns surrounding Hillsdale. When it comes to water, there are no political boundaries, and Ms. Charkey pointed out that when it comes to appreciation of open space, people from adjoining communities do care. That is why she hopes that the Council Members can honor the love of the land that many people from many different communities have, and the concerns people have about flooding, especially downstream, because it really is one interconnected system.

Marty Ward, 47 East Liberty Avenue, announced that there will be a groundbreaking on Friday morning, October 17, for the senior citizen housing in River Vale. Last month, people were asking Mr. Ward why this is being done. At the time this was proposed, it was to be 50 units, with 50 parking spaces. At the time, it was considered to be insignificant, with insufficient parking. In addition, there is a no parking ordinance on the east side of River Vale at night. Mayor Sapanara agreed that the parking ordinance had to be enforced, because it was planned that people would be taking occupancy there by the end of 2015. That would place a big parking burden on Cedar Lane, East Liberty Avenue, and Hillsdale Avenue when more than 50 cars were trying to park at the new housing.

Captain Bill Sheehan is the Hackensack River Keeper, and Chairman of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust, a Statutory Trust of the State of New Jersey that holds many easements on properties in the northern watershed of the Hackensack River. The Meadowlands Conservation Trust has the authority under the statute to hold land, and to hold easements on land throughout the watershed of the Hackensack River. That was granted to them by the legislature in 1998, when it was formed. Captain Sheehan is also the Chairperson of the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee, which was discussed earlier tonight, as well as part of the process that was discussed earlier tonight. Captain Sheehan and Ms. Charkey have been members of the Trust Fund Committee, which is the committee that advises the Bergen County Freeholders on how to spend the very limited open-space dollars that the County collects, to make sure that everyone gets the most for their money. He has visited the property in question in Hillsdale, and he encouraged the Council Members to move forward with the application. He is glad that they voted to do so, and he could not be too enthusiastic about how important the land is, because as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, he has to maintain some objectivity. However, he guaranteed that the application would be heard fairly, and Captain Sheehan is ready to move that application forward as soon as it comes to the committee. He thanked the Council Members other positive vote tonight, and hoped that all the details could be ironed out.

Kevin O'Brien, 71 Parkview Avenue, said that he took the opportunity to go through some of the past meeting minutes with respect to this topic, as well as a couple of other topics, and wanted to make some points. At the June 4 Borough Council meeting, Council Member Frank expressed a concern with respect to the taxes, mentioning approximately \$25,000-\$26,000 for that 12-acre parcel. Borough Attorney Bernstein asked about a Phase I study to be done on the property. Mr. O'Brien noted that the town of Woodcliff Lake went through a similar scenario with the Galaxy Gardens business, and their acquisition of that property, and they spent \$3,500 for their Phase I study, which was done within the 130-day time period between the time that this was discussed in the Hillsdale Council open session on June 4. It seems that Woodcliff Lake has been able to expedite their process. Council President Kelley mentioned the necessity for due process to ensure that the best interests of the Borough were represented, and Mr. O'Brien noted that the Borough Council has a strong team behind them, with many people who were more than happy to help. He also noted that it would have been nice if some of the questions that arose could have been addressed between the June 4 meeting and the situation today. With respect to taxes, Mr. O'Brien came back to the point made earlier by Mayor Arnowitz. Looking at the possibility of three homes being built on the property, and Mayor Arnowitz's estimate of \$55,000-\$60,000 in tax revenue, Mr. O'Brien also researched the cost to educate students in Hillsdale, as well as in the Hillsdale school system, going back to 2010. Estimating that there would possibly be two students per home in three houses with four bedrooms each, that would make an approximate cost of \$30,000-\$31,000 to educate them, versus the cost of \$20,000, which is a net loss of \$10,000 per home, assuming those parameters. Therefore, from a cost standpoint, it would appear that, based on the information available from the State, it would be better to leave the property as a wooded area, rather than building on it. Regarding another wooded area that existed in Hillsdale, Mr. O'Brien recalled that there

was a discussion at a Planning Board meeting with respect to the tennis courts, where 2.1 acres were lost for five tennis courts, as well as more than 100 trees. It appeared to Mr. O'Brien, who was in the audience at the Planning Board meeting, that the Board members were not aware, nor was the Environmental Committee aware, of the construction project taking place behind Pascack Valley High School where the woods are. The lack of transparency was a surprise to Mr. O'Brien. He also stated that he could appreciate the comments made by Council President Kelley with respect to the political issue of the Planning Board, but Mr. O'Brien is more concerned with the transparency issue. It seemed to be known to the Planning Board and the Council Members, and Superintendent Gunderson mentioned having conversations with them. Council President Kelley interjected that Superintendent Gunderson said he had a conversation with Mayor Arnowitz, and it was never brought before the Borough Council. Mayor Arnowitz said it was brought to the Council, and Council President Kelley said it was not brought to them while he was a Council Member. He also pointed out that the property in question is County property, over which the Borough has no control. Mr. O'Brien asked if, looking at this from a proactive perspective, there is a way to share this type of information with people on the Planning Board in the Environmental Committee, so they may be able to offer their input in advance. Council Member Meyerson suggested that Mr. O'Brien was talking to the wrong body, because this is a Board of Education issue. He asked Mr. O'Brien if he had expressed these concerns to the Board of Education. Mr. O'Brien responded that he did speak to Superintendent Gunderson, and Council Member Meyerson said that was not his question. He asked if Mr. O'Brien went to any Board of Education meetings when they were discussing this project. Mr. O'Brien said he did not. Council Member Meyerson noted that this was their decision, and it was all taking place on County property. This was not an issue for the Hillsdale Mayor and Council. Mr. O'Brien continued by asking where people are supposed to park to gain access to the tennis courts. If people park on Saint Nicholas Avenue, which is a quiet residential street, cars will have to come down to the bottom of the hill where the bridge is for the garden area. The tennis courts are approximately 300 feet from that bridge, and it appears that it will be farther for them to walk from the parking area at the high school to get to the tennis courts, so they will most likely use the woods as a parking area to gain access to the courts. Mr. O'Brien noted that the five tennis courts will be opened as a County recreational venue. Council President Kelley noted that, as was mentioned that the Planning Board meeting, the main use intended for the tennis courts is for students at the high school. As with any other school facility, when the school is not using the courts, they can be used by anyone. However, Council President Kelley pointed out that this is an issue for the Pascack Valley Regional Board of Education. If parking becomes an issue, the Borough Council will have to deal with that problem at that time. It was also stated at the meeting that the parking area for the tennis courts would be the north side of the football field.

On August 12, 2014, Mr. O'Brien commented that Mayor Arnowitz made reference to the Fornazor property, and Mr. O'Brien was curious as to whether there was a pre-determination that the property on Hillsdale Avenue, which is now designated as COAH, will be allocated to Mr. Fornazor. Borough Attorney Bernstein said that it would not.

In the Closed Session minutes of April 3, 2012, on the Gassib property, there was a discussion about the value of the property being sold at \$5,000, with Tax Assessor showing a net worth of \$55,000 for that property. Yet, from what Mr. O'Brien read about the Fornazor property, that could be up for auction, and he cannot understand why the Borough would want to sell one property for the assessed value, as opposed to another one, which might simply be auctioned. Borough Attorney Bernstein cautioned the Council Members that they should not respond, because it is an ongoing issue, and an ongoing potential negotiation and legal issue.

Regarding the sign ordinance, Mr. O'Brien said he is aware that there is an ordinance stating that horrible signs cannot be put up. However, there is one business owner who is putting signs in the sidewalk, causing pedestrians to try to maneuver around the signs. Mr. O'Brien asked if that could be resolved and addressed. Finally, Mr. O'Brien commented that 50 Pascack Road was a construction project that began more than a year ago. The variance was denied for that particular work that was done, yet the work that was done in violation of the variance still remains in place, and he wondered if it would get updated. Council President Kelley asked if the work was done in the backyard, to which Mr. O'Brien responded yes. Council President Kelley asked if Mr. O'Brien had been in the backyard, because Mr. O'Brien stated that the violations remain. Mayor Arnowitz advised that Council President Kelley should not get into a conversation about this, because it is a Building Department/Zoning issue. Borough Attorney Bernstein stated that the Borough Administrator would deal with the matter with Ms. Jeffery.

Anthony DeRosa, 280 Cambridge Road, commented on the appointment for the Recreation Commission. Mr. DeRosa said he has known Abby Lundy for several years, and while he is not always agree with her, he has always found her to be fair and never questioned her motives regarding the programs. Mr. DeRosa stated that if he reads the Council Members correctly, they do not have an issue with Ms. Lundy as a person, but the issue seems to be that she is President of a sports association that is governed by the Recreation

Commission. Mr. DeRosa believes that is exactly what the Council Members wants, and that it might be a good idea for the President of each of the sports associations to serve on the Recreation Commission. He and Ms. Lundy attend the Recreation Commission meetings regularly; it seems that they attend the meetings more often than some of the members of the Commission do. Invariably, questions arise which could be answered if the responsible party was in attendance, and the question is almost always answered by Ms. Lundy, who is in the audience. Other questions that come up must wait until the next meeting to be resolved. Therefore, Mr. DeRosa asked the Council Members to reconsider their vote on Ms. Lundy’s appointment.

Prem Ramachandran, 64 Royal Park Terrace, noted that last week was the big discussion about the parking at Demarest Farms, and what Mr. Ramachandran considers their over-expansion, which has caused traffic issues on his street and many of the other streets in the western part of Hillsdale. (Council Member DeGise recused himself at 10:01 PM.) Mr. Ramachandran wanted to make sure that the Council Members understand that this is a very personal issue. As a resident since 1974, he has seen the farm grow and grow, and he thinks it has now outgrown its boundaries, causing many traffic issues. Mr. Ramachandran noted that approximately 20-30 cars per hour turn around in his driveway so that they can go back to Demarest Farms. He asked if the Council Members could do something about the parking and traffic situation. Mayor Arnowitz responded that Mr. DeGise offered to hold a meeting with the affected residents. Mayor Arnowitz offered the use of Borough Hall to hold that meeting. The Chief of Police and his Traffic Officer have agreed to participate in that meeting. He also pointed out that in 1974, when Mr. Ramachandran moved to Hillsdale, the Farm Act was not in effect, but it is today. That limits the Borough as to what can or cannot be done. People cannot drive in Mr. Ramachandran’s driveway, but that is an enforcement issue. The Hillsdale Police Department will do everything possible to try to alleviate the problem in the affected area, as allowed by law. However, the Borough is limited in what can be done. The Police Department is recommending placing permanent “No Parking” signs in that area due to a problem with the temporary signs; people are removing them. That became an issue when Mayor Arnowitz asked if anyone had a problem with placing permanent signs. Many people do not want the signs on their properties. Another problem is that the ordinance would be in effect all year, and any restriction on the people visiting Demarest Farms would also be placed on the residents in that area. Council Member Frank came up with the idea of making the parking restrictions effective during the picking season, and Sergeant McLaughlin pointed out that other special events are held at Demarest Farms, like the wine tastings and barbecues, but he will enforce whatever parking restrictions are decided upon by the Council Members. The consensus among the residents in the Council Members seems to be that the parking restrictions should be enforced during the picking season. Mayor Arnowitz assured Mr. Ramachandran that the Borough will do everything possible within the law to protect the rights of the residents, while at the same time honoring their obligation to protect the rights of the owners of Demarest Farms. These problems will only increase once DePiero’s Farms closes, as Mayor Arnowitz noted before, and he wants to be proactive about this situation. He forwarded Mr. Ramachandran’s email to Chief Francaviglia, which he has received and forwarded to Sergeant McLaughlin, the Traffic Officer. Ms. Witkowski and the rest of the Council Members also have copies of the emails. (Council Member DeGise returned to the meeting at 10:06 PM.)

ORDINANCES: *Introduction and Adoption*

14-16 (Introduction)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 292 “TRAFFIC AND PARKING” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, BERGEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Be it ordained by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey as follows:

Article VII Schedules; Section 292-57, Schedule XVI: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours; is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following designated locations:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit: Hours/Days	Location
Liberty Avenue	South	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. School Days	From Trinity Place to Grove Street

Article VII Schedules; Section 292-59, Schedule XVIII: Time Limit Parking; is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following designated locations:

Name Of Street	Side	Time Limit: Hours/Days	Location
Magnolia Avenue	West	2 hours; 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Except Saturday/Sunday & Holidays	Cross Street to Liberty Avenue
Trinity Place	West	2 hours; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Days	North from 58 Trinity Place to Liberty Avenue

Article VII Schedules; Section 292-59, Schedule XVIII: Time Limit Parking; is hereby amended and supplemented to remove the following designated locations:

Name Of Street	Side	Time Limit: Hours/Days	Location
Trinity Place	West	2 hours; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Days	Hillsdale Avenue to Liberty Avenue
Trinity Place	East	2 hours; 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School Days	From a point of 100 feet north of Hillsdale Avenue to a point 60 feet north thereof

Article VII Schedules; Section 292-55, Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited at All Times; is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following designated locations:

Name Of Street	Side	Location
Trinity Place	West	From Hillsdale Avenue to Liberty Avenue

Article IV Municipal Parking Lots; Section 292-34:B, Schedule XIV, Identification Stickers; is hereby amended and supplemented to add the following designated locations:

Name Of Street	Side	Time Limit: Hours/Days	Location
Magnolia Avenue	West	Permit Parking School Days	North from Hillsdale Avenue to Liberty Avenue
Magnolia Avenue	East	Permit Parking School Days	North from Hillsdale Avenue to the south driveway of 120 Magnolia Avenue
Trinity Place	East	Permit Parking School Days	North from Hillsdale Avenue to the south driveway of 58 Trinity Place

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 14-16 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 November 12, 2014, 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 by Council Member Frank, Second by Council President Kelley, and unanimously carried.

14-15 (Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14-13, TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE 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 ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereafter named offices and positions of employment, which compensation shall be on an annual basis unless otherwise specified, is hereby fixed and determined to be as set opposite the title of each of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment. Whenever there shall be set forth a minimum and maximum rate of compensation the employee or officer shall be compensated at an annual rate within such range.

SECTION 2. Each employee set forth in this Section shall receive annual compensation as set forth below.

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Police Lieutenant	\$135,000	\$152,000

SECTION 3. If an employee performed a unique assignment of exceptional value to the Borough requiring significant time and effort in addition to his/her usual responsibilities, the Borough Council may grant a bonus not to exceed \$5,000 to this employee.

SECTION 4. The compensation fixed and determined by this Ordinance for the persons holding the respective offices and positions of employment herein named, shall, except as otherwise provided by statute, ordinance or resolution, be in lieu of all other fees, costs and charges received and collected by such offices and employees shall remit such funds promptly to the Borough Treasurer.

SECTION 5. All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage (adoption), approval and publication of notice thereof as required by law, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING:

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 14-15, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone, and state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 14-15 by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Loes, and unanimously carried.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-15 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. Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance be adopted and the Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 14-15 by Council Member Meyerson, Second by Council Member DeGise, and unanimously carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-15 by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA: R14210-R14219:

R14210 Authorize Lawn Maintenance for 15 Wilts Avenue, Block 1524, Lot 9, in the Amount of \$450
(pulled hold until 11/12)

R14211 Authorize Overpayment of 2014 Taxes on Various Blocks and Lots

WHEREAS, the homeowner or mortgage company, paid 4th quarter taxes on various blocks and lots; resulting in an overpayment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor & Council authorize the Tax Collector to transfer the 4th quarter overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$834.29 to the 1st quarter of 2015.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Paid By</u>
604	1	\$3.72	Homeowner
1206	5	\$34.69	Mortgage Company
1625	8	\$693.98	Mortgage Company
1804	23	\$49.95	Mortgage Company
1910	26	\$51.95	Mortgage Company

R14212 Authorize the Mayor to Execute License Agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP), for the Term of One Year from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2015, in the Amount of \$330

WHEREAS, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers is an organization preserving the copyright interest of material owned and written by composers, authors, and publishers, and;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 56:3-A-1 the New Jersey Music Licensing Practices Act provides for agencies who perform music the ability to acquire a permit, and;

WHEREAS, THE Borough of Hillsdale from time to time holds events in which music and theatrics are performed using copyrighted material, and;

WHEREAS, ASCAP provides a fee structure based on population as the yearly fee to be paid in order that copyrighted material can be played and performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hillsdale governing body hereby authorize the Borough to enter into an agreement with ASCAP for a yearly fee of \$330.00.

R14213 Approve and Authorize Submission of a Grant Application and Execute Grant Contract with the NJDOT for Saddlewood Drive – Section II Project (2015 Road Program)

WHEREAS, Saddlewood Drive has developed significant areas of cracking, erosion and pot holes due to weather patterns, traffic and aging, and

WHEREAS, the condition of the road poses operational and safety concerns for motorists as well as pedestrians,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale formally approves the grant application for the above stated project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified MA-2015-Hillsdale Borough-00249 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

R14214 Authorize and Enter into a Grant Agreement for 2014-2015 CDBG Funds for Public Service Senior Activities, \$4,500

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$4,500.00, four thousand five hundred dollars in 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant, contract number PS-HILLSSR14, contract period of 07/01/14 through 06/30/2015, funds for:

PUBLIC SERVICE SENIOR CITIZENS GRANT

HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor Max Arnowitz to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Susan Witkowski to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Hillsdale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

R14215 Endorsing 2015 Community Development Projects for AAH of Bergen County, Inc., \$13,903

WHEREAS, a 2015 Bergen County Community Development grant of \$13,903. has been proposed by AAH (Alliance Against Homelessness) of Bergen County, Inc. for permanent supportive housing for the homeless mentally ill in the municipality of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CDBG funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirm endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

R14216 Authorize Interlocal Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and River Vale for the Use of the Indoor Police Pistol Range, \$2,274.20

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (Hereinafter Hillsdale) and the Township of River Vale (Hereinafter River Vale) are desirous of entering into an Interlocal Services Agreement under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:8-1 for the use by River Vale of the Hillsdale indoor police pistol range located at 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Hillsdale and River Vale have determined that this agreement and the payment of the costs and equipment is an appropriate for use of this facility and would promote shared services between the local units and would be beneficial to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Bodies of these municipalities that they hereby enter into and execute this Inter-local Services Agreement generally under the terms and conditions of the agreement which shall be executed by the respective Mayors of Hillsdale and River Vale.

R14217 Authorize Agreement with Bergen County Municipal Employee Benefits Fund (Medical) for the Term of January 1, 2015-December 31, 2017

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund, hereafter referred to as "FUND", as permitted by N.J.S.A. 11:15-3, 17:1-8.1, and 40A:10-36 et seq., and;

WHEREAS, the FUND was approved to become operational by the Departments of Insurance and Community Affairs and has been operational since that date, and;

WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund, contain certain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a FUND;

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, hereinafter referred to as "LOCAL UNIT" has determined that membership in the FUND is in the best interest of the LOCAL UNIT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT hereby agrees as follows:

- i. Become a member of the FUND for the period outlined in the LOCAL UNIT's Indemnity and Trust Agreements.
- ii. Will participate in the following type of coverage:
 - a.) Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the FUND's Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- iii. Adopts and approves the FUND's Bylaws.
- iv. Execute an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the LOCAL UNIT is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the FUND as required by the FUND's Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the FUND's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

- i. Approval of the LOCAL UNIT by the FUND.
- ii. Receipt from the LOCAL UNIT of a Resolution accepting assessment.
- iii. Approval by the New Jersey Department of Insurance and Department of Community Affairs.

R14218 Resolution Calling for Certain Real Safety Measures in Bergen County

WHEREAS, nationwide, rail shipments of crude oil rose from 5,000 carloads in 2006 to 400,000 carloads last year; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that at least 7 million gallons of highly flammable Bakken crude oil travels through the County of Bergen per day; and

WHEREAS, the CSX River Line travels through 11 Bergen County towns, Northvale, Norwood, Harrington Park, Closter, Haworth, Dumont, Bergenfield, Teaneck, Bogota, Ridgefield Park and Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation reported data shows that crude oil from the Bakken region in North Dakota tends to be more volatile and flammable than other crude Oils; and

WHEREAS, the safety of every single resident and first responder across Bergen County is of paramount concern to this Freeholder Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board also sees any potential rail accident as a potential environmental disaster; and

WHEREAS, the concerns over the crude oil on our railways has mounted in recent months after a series of accidents and derailments in the States of North Dakota, Alabama and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, despite the National Transportation Safety Board finding the tankers inadequate for transporting such flammable materials, federal officials continue to refuse banning companies from shipping crude in the older-model tank cars; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board advises that older models of the type of tank car used to transport crude oil and ethanol, known as the DOT-111, are not safe to carry hazardous liquids; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that all new and existing tank cars in crude oil and ethanol service be equipped with additional safety design features, including enhanced puncture resistance systems, top fittings protection and bottom outlet valves that remain closed during accidents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,, this Freeholder Board recommends that DOT-111 Tanks not be used to transport shipments of Bakken oil through the County of Bergen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Freeholder Board further recommends that any rail cars that pass through Bergen County be equipped with these enhanced features; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board recognizes that emergency responders from our local municipalities are the first to respond to any public safety incidents we urge CSX, Federal and State Public Safety Officials to more proactively share necessary data and product information to our local first responders so that they can best be properly trained and prepared for any incident; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board see this issue as a major safety concern for our residents across our State, we urge our colleagues in Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties to enact similar resolutions. We also urge our colleagues in Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer counties, to urge their state and federal officials to enact meaningful rail-safety actions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the offices of Senator Robert Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, congressman Bill Pascrell, Congressman Albio Sires, Congressman E. Scott Garrett, to effect federal legislation to make these changes, Governor Chris Christie, County executive Kathleen Donovan, the members of Bergen County's State Legislative Delegation, the Freeholder Boards of Hudson, Essex, Union, Middlesex, Somerset and Mercer Counties, and all 70 Mayors of the municipalities in the County of Bergen for their support.

R14219 Award of Contract Supplemental Snow Plowing Services, Year 2014-2015 Season
(pulled off consent agenda)

R14220 Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Supplemental Snow Removal – Sidewalks

WHEREAS, the governing body sees a need for supplemental snow removal services of Sidewalks for the 2014-2015 snow season; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that they governing body authorizes the Borough Clerk to advertise for

Supplemental snow removal services of sidewalks for 2014-2015 snow season.

R14221 Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for IT Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for Requests for Proposals (RFP) for IT Service and maintenance of desktop computers.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA: R14192, R14193, R14197, R 14219 and R14222

R14219 Award of Contract Supplemental Snow Plowing Services, Year 2014-2015 Season

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2014 the Borough of Hillsdale received bids for Supplemental Snow Plowing Services; and,

WHEREAS, (2) sealed bids were received w from the following vendors:

- 1) *Downes Tree Service Co., Inc.* – Base Bid - \$125.00 per hour/per plow-truck; Alternate Bid #1- \$165.00 per hour/per plow-truck for additional trucks in excess of trucks proposed under Base Bid; and,
- 2) *Greenscape Landscape Contractors, Inc.* – Base Bid - \$189.00 per hour/per plow-truck; Alternate Bid #1- \$189.00 per hour/per plow-truck for additional trucks in excess of trucks proposed under Base Bid; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is satisfied with the proposals submitted by Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. and Greenscape Landscape Contractors, Inc. as being responsible proposals and being in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Hillsdale has certified that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that it hereby awards and authorizes the contracts for Supplemental Snow Plowing Services to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. and Greenscape Landscape Contractors, Inc., at the rates as set forth above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contracts for supplemental snow plowing services for the rates as set forth above and in accordance with the bid specifications and proposals submitted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Meyerson was made to take R14219 separately.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella, and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Member DeGise

R14192 Authorize Redemption and Premium Tax Sale Certificate 647 Hillsdale Avenue

WHEREAS, The Tax Collection held a Tax Sale on September 29, 2010 and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 704 Lot 2, also known as 647 Hillsdale Ave., Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2009 delinquent taxes and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #10-00002 was sold to NER Family Associates, LLC, PO Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07507 for 0% redemption fee and a \$7,100 premium and,

WHEREAS, Brian Giblin, Atty, 240 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652 has effected redemption of Certificate #10-00002 in the amount of \$39,843.22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$39,843.32 payable to NER Family Associates, LLC for the redemption of this certificate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$7,100 (Premium) to the aforementioned lienholder.

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Pizzella and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Meyerson

R14193 Authorization Redemption and Premium Tax Sale Certificate 101 West Street

WHEREAS, The Tax Collection held a Tax Sale on May 28, 2014 and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 1205 Lot 10, also known as 101 West St., Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2013 delinquent taxes and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #13-00003 was sold to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC, 21 Robert Pitt Dr., Suite 202, Monsey, New York 10952 for 0% redemption fee and a \$53,000 premium and,

WHEREAS, the above homeowner is in bankruptcy as of October 2013 and the properties should not have gone to tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$33,246.79 payable to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC for the refund of monies paid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$53,000 Premium to the aforementioned lienholder.

Motion to approve by Council Member Frank, Second by Council President Kelley.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Pizzella and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Meyerson

R14197 Authorization Redemption and Premium Tax Sale Certificate 100 West Street

WHEREAS, The Tax Collection held a Tax Sale on May 28, 2014 and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 1205 Lot 11, also known as 100 West St., Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2013 delinquent taxes and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #13-00004 was sold to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC, 21 Robert Pitt Dr., Suite 202, Monsey, New York 10952 for 0% redemption fee and an \$11,000 premium and,

WHEREAS, the above homeowner is in bankruptcy as of October 2013 and the properties should not have gone to tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$9,499.14 payable to Stonefield Investment Fund III, LLC for the refund of monies paid.

Be it further resolved, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$11,000 Premium to the aforementioned lienholder.

Motion to approve, receive, and file by Council Member Frank, Second by Council Member Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Pizzella and Council President Kelley

Abstain: Council Members DeGise and Meyerson

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bills in the sum of \$3,206,907.08 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Chief Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

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5089	09/30/14	PSE03	PSE&G (STONYBROOK)	3,652.46	7120
5090	10/01/14	DEE04	DEER PARK DIRECT INC.	2.97	7122
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5096	10/14/14	BEL06	BEL-AQUA POOL SUPPLY, INC	256.91	7138
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Motion to approve by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Meyerson, and Unanimously Approved (Council Member DeGise and Council President Kelley vote aye, abstained from Fire Department bills).

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council Member Meyerson reminded everyone to vote. The next two Borough Council meetings will be on Wednesdays: November 5 and November 12.

Council Member Meyerson mentioned that he had guests from Chicago this weekend, who did not know that much about volunteer fire departments, and one of the questions they asked was how a volunteer fire department operates. Council Member Meyerson tried to explain the process (with the help of Council President Kelley), and his guests were amazed that there are people in this town who are willing to spend their time in these efforts. Hillsdale residents have a tendency, like all human beings, to take things for granted. However, when someone from another town points out the sacrifice made by these volunteers, it makes one appreciate even more what one has, and Council Member Meyerson has a new appreciation for the Hillsdale Fire Department.

Council Member Looes congratulated the new members of the Fire Department, saying that it is nice to see that people continue to join the Fire Department and there can never be too many volunteers to support the Department. She also congratulated Elizabeth Ward for her award as the Volunteer of the Year in Hillsdale. Ms. Ward does an excellent job with the concert series. Council Member Looes also mentioned the senior luncheon, which will be held tomorrow at St. John's church. She also thanked Troop #4321 for the packet that will be included in the Welcome Packet to all new Hillsdale residents. Council Member Looes also commended the members of the Welcoming Committee, saying that they always get a positive reception when they visit new residents to drop off the Welcome Packet. The committee members are Pat Morrissey, Marty Ward, and Patty Hughes.

Council Member DeGise also thanked the Girl Scouts Troop #4321, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for coming to the meeting, as well as for all of the things that they do for Hillsdale. He also reminded everyone that leaf season is beginning, and the vacuum truck has already begun making its rounds. Council Member DeGise mentioned the shortage of CDL drivers, and hope that Ms. Witkowski was aware of the situation. That issue has not yet been addressed, and he is concerned that the Borough does not have the manpower to staff all of the leaf removal trucks. Ms. Witkowski noted that Frank just received his license, and there are several potential drivers who might be hired. Council Member DeGise noted that as we

move into the snow season, Mr. Russell had a meeting with the supplemental snow plow contractor, and Council Member DeGise thinks it would be a mistake to think that the streets of Hillsdale can be plowed using only the eight DPW employees. The Borough needs to be proactive on this issue, and routes must be established now. He asked Ms. Witkowski to arrange a meeting with the DPW and the contractor to make these arrangements.

Council President Kelley noted that four new members of the Fire Department were sworn in tonight, and there will be one more sworn in tomorrow. It is great to have two new cadets, because that helps to build the Department. However, what was unique this evening was that three State-certified firefighters were sworn in tonight. That means that they can go out on calls immediately, because no training is necessary. Council President Kelley invited everyone who is interested in joining the Fire Department to come any Monday night after 7:00 PM; it is one of the most rewarding things he has ever done. More members are always welcome. One of the Fire Department activities that Council President Kelley enjoys is the Santa Claus detail, which was changed for this year. It will be done at night; instead of having four trucks go around Hillsdale during the day, there will be one Santa Claus going around Hillsdale, with a truck going in front playing music, and Santa in the truck behind with all the lights on. It will be on the nights of December 16-18, barring weather or emergency issues. Council President Kelley also encouraged everyone to find the Hillsdale Fire Department's Facebook page, or their Twitter account. Information will be on those pages about which parts of town will be visited each day of the celebrations. It will also be posted on the Borough website. He also reminded everyone to get out and vote.

Council Member Pizzella updated the situation with the train station. He noted that he, Ms. Witkowski, Council Member Frank, and Mayor Arnowitz were present at a meeting with New Jersey Transit. The meeting was very positive, and no commitments were made, but contact has been established. There is a strong possibility that NJT might pay for some of the repairs to the train station. Nonetheless, Ms. Witkowski and Council Member Pizzella agreed to move forward with the grant application, so Council Member Pizzella has submitted the letter of intent to apply, which was done within the deadline. He has now started to complete the application, as well as soliciting a preservationist, as is required by the grant. When the grant application is done, a draft will be distributed to all of the Council Members for their review.

Council Member Pizzella thanked everyone in the emergency services departments for everything they do to keep everyone safe, and he thanked the individuals who were honored tonight for what they do for Hillsdale. He also reminded everyone that Pack 81 and 331 are hosting Fright Night at Beechwood Park on Saturday, October 18. Council Member Pizzella also referred to the conversation about the Tandy and Allen houses, and he noted that that is what the Council Members are here to do and discuss, and that everyone will not always agree, but he thinks the outcome will be fine, and while the Borough is not committed, everything can be reviewed every step of the way. He thanked Bergen SWAN and the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, and the Open Space Institute, as well as the residents for being a voice in these proceedings. In addition, he thanked the Fire Department for the new Santa Claus idea, because it sounds like a great idea to do that at night.

Council Member Frank noted that tonight, a payment of \$23,000 to Waste Management for tipping fees was approved in the bill list, which is something new for Hillsdale. That means that the Borough is now paying for all garbage that has to be dumped in town. However, the Borough does not have to pay for recyclables. In fact, the Borough gets money back for recyclable garbage, although it is not as much as it used to be. Council Member Frank continues to drive around Hillsdale on recycling days, and he does not see enough barrels out at the curbs. He believes that many people are putting recyclable items in the regular garbage, which is costing everyone money. Council Member Frank wonders what could be done to further encourage people to think of the environment and recycle. He also urged people to talk to their neighbors, especially if they never put out barrels for recycling garbage.

Council Member Frank also encouraged everyone to get out and vote, and to please learn what the issues are. People around the world would love to have the opportunity to select their leaders, and it is too important to take it for granted. He also thanked all the volunteers who worked at the collapse at 321 Broadway, saying that it is amazing how many people do so much for Hillsdale as volunteers. Council Member Frank was very happy to be given the opportunity to hand this certificate to Elizabeth Ward, and there are many other wonderful volunteers like her in Hillsdale. He also mentioned the volunteers on the Recreation Commission, and he discovered in working with the American Legion that it is necessary to create environments to make them want to do what they need to do. For the past three years, Council Member Frank said he has been working on what he believes are the weaknesses that need to be fixed. For the 10 years before he retired, Council Member Frank directed the implementation of quality systems, and he managed to squeeze out the sloppiness from all of his operations. When he went into local government, he felt like he was back in the Stone Age. That is why he will continue to fight about getting people who are willing to do the job and do it

right, even though they are volunteers.

Ms. Witkowski reminded everyone that today was the last day to register to vote in the General Election on November 4. Anything left in the box outside will be taken down to Hackensack tomorrow. There was a discussion last week about the gazebo. Council Member Frank had raised the issue, and he was concerned about how it looks. It has now been sanded down, and workers are now working on making it look better. There was also a conversation about the Stonybrook leaves for the Condominium Association. Ms. Witkowski and Mr. Russell have decided to implement for a trial period the placement of leaves on the right side of Drake Drive. If that does not work out, they will come up with something else. Finally, Ms. Witkowski noted that the pre-construction meeting for the roads program, because everyone could not attend the previous meeting due to the collapse at 321 Broadway.

Mayor Arnowitz stated that he spoke to the ex-Superintendent of the DPW, Keith Durie, who said that the plaque will be unveiled on Saturday, October 18, but he did not know the time. Mayor Arnowitz also reminded everyone that the Halloween parade would be held on Saturday, October 25, at 9:15 AM, starting at Borough Hall. The parade will end at George White School. If it rains, the children will go directly to George White School. Mayor Arnowitz also mentioned that the Borough is still below the necessary amount for the Legion program to finally recognize the Fallen Five. Five Hillsdale residents who never came home from Vietnam are to be honored with plaques, and donations are being solicited for the plaques. The Legion needs financial support. Information on how to donate will be available in the quarterly newsletter. Council Member Meyerson asked what percentage of the funds have been raised so far, and Mayor Arnowitz responded that they are still short approximately \$8,000 out of the \$20,000 that is needed. Mayor Arnowitz also apologized to Abby Lundy for not being able to appoint her to the Recreation Commission tonight, and thanked her for her time and willingness to serve. He also encouraged everyone to help the Fire Department, and to join them, because it is very rewarding. Mayor Arnowitz noted that it is a commitment, but the rewards are great. Young people can join as cadets at 16 years old. Finally, Mayor Arnowitz noted that former Mayor Al Murphy is at home and recuperating from rehab and serious surgery.

Mayor Arnowitz also made some corrections to statements made during the discussion tonight. Regarding the tennis courts, the high school came before the Mayor and Council because they were putting some additions on the school building. At that time, when Mayor Arnowitz questioned the roads, they pointed out the tennis court project, which would be Phase II. He reminded everyone that that is a high school/County project. As far as parking in that area, that is their concern. If the parking does not meet the needs of the community, the Council will address it. Regarding school costs, Mayor Arnowitz noted that if 6-10 students are added to Smith School because of the location, or one school is added to the population at Smith School, the cost of educating that child is not increased. The children go into existing classes, according to the former Superintendent and the current Superintendent; there is no impact on the school. It could have an impact on the school if too many children are added to the population at one time, because it could affect class size. It is not a simple formula.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: @10:43 PM

R14223 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 B4, collective bargaining units; Teamster Local 125; DPW.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and designated below:

- (1) Matters required by law to be confidential.
- (2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- (3) Matters involving individual privacy.
- (4) Matters relating to collective bargaining agreements *DPW Teamsters Local 125*
- (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- (6) Matters relating to public safety and property.
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege
- (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship.
- (9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for

discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council President Kelley, and unanimously carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: @10:50 PM

Motion to reconvene regular session was made by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

Borough Attorney Bernstein said let the record reflect all members of the governing body present for commencement of the executive session and are present for the recommencement of the open session, as well as the Borough Clerk/Borough Administrator and the Borough Attorney.

There was a brief discussion with the governing body relative to initial negotiations with Teamster Local 125 of the DPW. The Borough Attorney/Labor Counsel outlined the next process. The governing body gave the attorney instructions accordingly.

Council Member Meyerson noted that he asked for the Police Department issue to be placed on the agenda, for either Closed Session or a public session, and he wanted to know what the status of it was. Mayor Arnowitz said he pulled it from the agenda at the request of the Borough Administrator. Council Member Meyerson noted that Mayor Arnowitz certainly has the prerogative, and he asked what the procedure is to have something placed on the agenda. Mayor Arnowitz responded that he would have to get it to the Borough Administrator, and if it is a proper item for the agenda, or if she does not have a problem with it, it can be included. Ms. Witkowski stated that the Borough Attorney said he would not rather address that week, so Mayor Arnowitz pulled it. The Borough Attorney indicated that the item will be handled by the Borough Administrator. Council Member Meyerson stated that he does not have a problem with the Borough Administrator handling the matter, but he thought that when a Council Member asks for something to be placed on the agenda, even if it is just to discuss the fact that the Borough Administrator will handle the matter, a certain procedure should be followed, and the issue should be put on the agenda. Mayor Arnowitz responded that Council Member Meyerson is saying that the advice of the Borough Professionals should be disregarded, and Council Member Meyerson disagreed. He said that he was only going to discuss how the decision was going to be made, and he intended to support the Borough Administrator in whatever decision she made, because he believes it should be her decision. However, the point is that its status with the Police Committee was that it would be placed on the agenda to be discussed, because Council Member Meyerson believes that everyone needs to know what the procedure is to move forward with this decision, and he intended to make it known that he believes it is a Borough Administrator's decision, because he believes it is within her purview to do so. He was not aware that something could be taken off the agenda without any discussion. Borough Attorney Bernstein noted that the agenda is established in accordance with the bylaws by the Mayor and the Borough Administrator. Council Member Frank asked when the Borough Administrator will update the Council Members about what is happening. Ms. Witkowski responded that they would be informed by the end of this week.

Motion by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: @10:53 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Kelley, Second by Council Member Frank, and unanimously carried.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014 – BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.**

Susan Witkowski, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

November 12, 2014

Susan Witkowski, Borough Clerk