

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:43 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, in the Council Chamber, Borough of 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 6th day of October 2015. Notice of 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 roll call those in attendance were Councilmembers DeGise, DeRosa, Looes, Myerson, Ruocco, and Council President Pizzella. Also in attendance were Mayor Arnowitz, Borough Attorney Madaio and Borough Administrator/Borough Clerk Witkowski.

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE:

There were no appointments this evening.

RECOGNITION:

There were no recognitions this evening.

PRESENTATION

Capital Alternatives Corp – Grant Writing

Mayor Arnowitz introduced Len Carney, who lives in Ramsey, and his partner Marlene Casey, 618 River Road, New Milford, N.J. They are grants consultants who have been working under the name of Capital Alternatives since 1986. At the present time they have twenty two clients mostly in Bergen County with several other clients in Morris and Passaic County. Mr. Carney reported that to date Capital Alternatives has raised over \$115 million mainly for infrastructure projects. Mr. Carney said that Ms. Casey came from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and there is another grant writer on staff who is a former manager at DOT. Capital Alternatives pursues grant money to fund streetscapes, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, community development projects relating to senior housing and senior centers among many others.

Mr. Casey stated that their expertise lies predominantly with infrastructure. He asked for any issues the municipality might have that are infrastructure related that could be addressed by Capital Alternatives. Mayor Arnowitz said that the Borough Engineer has been successful in obtaining grants for the municipality every year. The Borough is lacking in the area of historic preservation and they would like to have 100% grants rather than matching grants. Mr. Casey stated their strongest areas are bigger projects such as downtown improvements, issues around schools, and problems relating to infrastructure and drainage. Capital Alternatives is involved in discretionary aid and Mr. Casey described a new federal program called Transportation Alternative Program or TAP which will become available in January. This program covers any infrastructure program that is not done through municipal aid. He anticipates that these types of projects will be very competitive. He stated that last year they were successful in obtaining 23% of the State money awarded for street scape, and 17% of all the money given by the State for school safety. Mr. Casey pointed out that they are very good and very successful at what they do.

Council President Pizzella stated that they recently began work on a redevelopment plan for the downtown and the industrial area. They are also revising the COAH plan to meet new requirements. He asked what Capital Alternatives would propose relative to these items. Council President Pizzella added that Hillsdale recently received a matching grant for restoration of the train station from Bergen County Open Space. The grant will fund a new roof, but not much else. Ms. Casey asked about the time frame for this grant and Council President Pizzella said they have two years to get the work under contract. Ms. Casey explained that the TAP project would be worth looking into for the funding the remainder of the project. She added that there is a special category for historic buildings and anything transportation related.

Councilmember Myerson asked about compensation. Mr. Carney explained that Capital Alternatives is paid 10% of the value of the grant only when grants are successful. No money is paid up front or before the grant is received, and compensation is paid out of the operating expenses, and not from the grant. The amount charged is on a sliding scale meaning that the percentage received by Capital Alternatives would decrease as the grant money received increases.

Council President Pizzella inquired about whether the municipal pool would be considered a recreational facility. Ms. Casey said that Capital Alternatives could be involved with grants for items such as improved handicapped facilities or other safety improvements at a recreational facility. Council President Pizzella said he would be interested in hearing more about the downtown streetscape especially the recreational facilities. He added that they are in the process of working with the Planning Board to develop an affordable housing plan. He suggested setting a time to meet with the Borough Administrator and the Economic Advisor

Councilman Ruocco asked about opportunities regarding the flooding situation that is prevalent in Hillsdale. Ms. Casey said that there are grants available from the DOT to alleviate flooding conditions, but she would have to speak to the Borough Engineer to determine whether it is something that should be referred to FEMA as a hazard mitigation application. Councilman Ruocco questioned the possibility of buying property that is under a flood threat, and Ms. Casey indicated that this would be a FEMA application. In that case, money is only available if there is a declaration of a major disaster.

Mayor Arnowitz said that he did not anticipate any decision on the hiring of Capital Alternatives until the new year. Mr. Carney said that grant applications relative to street scape won't be submitted until middle to late January, but there needs to be adequate lead time to develop the application.

PROCLAMATIONS

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, October 10, 2015

The proclamation was read by Mayor Arnowitz

October 10, 2015, has been declared "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day" by the Borough of Hillsdale

- WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused approximately 32,675(est.) fatalities in 2014, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,
- WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 556 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2015; and,
- WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 27.0 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and,

- **WHEREAS**, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,
- **WHEREAS**, 60 motorcyclists, 11 bicyclists and 170 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2015; and,
- **WHEREAS**, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Max Arnowitz, Mayor of the Borough of Hillsdale, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2015, Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October 13, 2015

Closed Session June 9 (2), July 7, 2015

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerk's Office)

Department of Public Works

Dan O'Rourke, Interim Superintendent of Public Works, reported that the front loader broke down, but they were able to do repairs necessary to get it up and running. He is looking into the possible rental of another machine for leaf season because he doesn't want leaf collection doesn't fall behind. The department recently lost another employee and presently the department consists of a seasonal employee, mechanic, and two full time employees. He recommended the hiring of four new employees. He has conducted interviews and will offer the position to the top two candidates if approved by the Mayor and Council. After some discussion the Mayor and Council indicated that Mr. O'Rourke should offer the positions to the two people he has in mind. Pending the outcome of Closed Session discussion, the Mayor and Council will most likely recommend the hiring of two more applicants. Several Councilmembers questioned the possibility of part time workers. Mr. O'Rourke pointed out that anyone working in excess of thirty hours a week must be offered health insurance. He added that based on past experience very few are interested in part time work because they are looking for medical insurance.

Councilmember Looes asked if the two people Mr. O'Rourke intends to hire have Class A licenses. Mr. O'Rourke said that they do, and one of the individuals has a Class B license with a tanker license meaning that he could drive the sewer jet. He hopes that the additional two hires will also have a Class A licenses because this will give him the ability to cross train all of the employees in the department.

Councilmember Ruocco asked when the new hires could start work. Mr. O'Rourke said that one has to give two weeks' notice, and the other is doing carpentry work and might be able to begin immediately. Another potential employee is working towards getting his Class A license. He is a part time employee in Hillsdale at the moment, and very familiar with the Borough. The final person works for a construction company, and is familiar with the type of work done in the DPW. He has not made any of these people job offers yet until pending approval by the Council.

Council President Pizzella asked how Mr. O'Rourke would make up for the part time positions that are being lost. Mr. O'Rourke said that he and the mechanic will handle the additional work load. Mayor Arnowitz questioned supplemental personnel for snow removal. Mr. O'Rourke said that a bid was put out for snow plowing and side walk shoveling, and he hopes to get

someone to help with shoveling. Mayor Arnowitz said that they have always had temporary help in the past to assist with leaf and snow removal along with salting. He has been contacted by people who have done plowing for the Borough, and he will call on them as necessary. Mr. O'Rourke said that he is considering the purchase of a Tink Claw which claws up the leaves rather than pushing leaves.

Mayor Arnowitz questioned the status of the equipment. Mr. O'Rourke said that the bids specs should go out tomorrow for the front end loader. He is waiting for bid specs on the garbage truck, and the bid specs for the J hook truck have been finalized. Councilmember DeGise asked about leasing a front end loader. Mr. O'Rourke has a price, but there is a setback relative to the license plates. Councilmember DeGise recalled a grievance issue associated with the DPW Superintendent helping with leaf pickup. He asked if this would happen again this year. Mr. O'Rourke indicated that he has questioned employees regarding this issue and they have no problems. Mr. Madaio recommended consulting the labor attorney about this; however, several Councilmembers said that residents expect both the leaves and the snow to be cleared so they can go about their daily lives. They will address any grievances if and when they occur.

Councilmember Looes was confused because she thought that hiring could be done as long as the DPW was within budget. The hiring process is now two weeks behind and she asked what has to be done to move forward. Council President Pizzella explained that the Hillsdale code requires the Borough Administrator to give notice at a prior Council meeting before an offer is presented to a potential candidate, but approval by the Council is not necessary. Councilmember Myerson recalled that they were given the names of two potential employees last month, and they were told that the DPW would have to submit two other names for future hiring. Council President Pizzella commented that the Borough Administrator has the right to hire and fire employees. He reiterated that the Borough Administrator must notify the Council of potential employees at the meeting prior to the hiring of the individuals.

Mayor Arnowitz congratulated everyone for the wonderful job they did while Mr. O'Rourke was away. Mr. O'Rourke agreed that his staff did a phenomenal job. Councilmember Ruocco reminded Mr. O'Rourke that any equipment purchases he makes must be covered in the capital budget.

Borough Engineer - dated September 29, 2015

Greg Polyniak highlighted the report and referred to grant submissions. He is preparing the Hillsdale Avenue Municipal Aid grant for submission when the endorsing resolution has been received. After the meeting of October 13th, the grant will be forwarded to the State. There is a Community Development Block Grant application for ADA compliant doors openers at the Firehouse and the endorsing resolution is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Polyniak spoke about the Bergen County Community Development Block Grant application for the ADA compliant restrooms at the Hillsdale Train Station. The grant was filed last year and was received in the amount of \$48,000 with no match requirement. The Borough received the agreement package on September 14th, and the Borough must take action including signatures. and an endorsing resolution within thirty days.

Mr. Polyniak spoke about the Hillsdale Train Station grant for historic preservation. The Borough received that grant agreement consisting of \$100,000 from the County which requires a match of \$100,000 from the Borough. The project must be completed and closed out entirely by July 15th, 2018, and the work must be substantially underway by July 15th, 2017. The agreement requires the hiring of a historic architect. The bid documents are to be reviewed by the County and their historic board. Mr. Polyniak recommended that the governing body begin to solicit historic architects in order to begin this process early in 2016.

Mr. Polyniak reported that the methane sensors have been installed at the Hillsdale land fill. A training session occurred on September 24th. The contractor was present and the auto dialer successfully dialed into the police desk which is the process that would take place if a leak were to be detected. There will be an annual maintenance cost to calibrate the methane sensors and ensure they are working correctly. The wiring relative to the field methane sensors has been completed by the contractor, and the monitoring system calibration will be completed by the end of October. At that time the methane system will be functioning and the field will be compliant.

Mr. Polyniak stated that New Jersey Department of Environment Protection (NJDEP) will be conducting an inspection meeting on either September 13th or 20th to review compliance as it relates to the land fill. He noted that typically the NJDEP does not notify the municipality of compliance inspections; however, the Borough has been very cooperative submitting documents demonstrating compliance. NJDEP have indicated that they would like representatives of the Borough to be present to review any outstanding issues so that there is no cause for future enforcement action.

Mr. Polyniak stated that the bid opening for the 2015 Road Program is scheduled for October 15th at Borough Hall. Mayor Arnowitz expressed some concerns about concentrating the Road Program so late into the year and he questioned contingency plans. Mr. Polyniak said that are notes on the documents stating that construction will not proceed until April 1, 2016. This process will help to secure favorable prices because contractors are looking for work in the spring.

Councilmember Myerson asked when Church Street will be reopened, and when the dam project will be complete. Councilmember Looes said it will be finished at the end of December. Council President Pizzella asked how the monitoring session went at the landfill. Mr. Polyniak reported that sensors were installed and registered when the doors to the rest rooms, the storage room, and the office were opened. There is a reset button in the mechanical room that will sound if anything is faulty, and there is an auto dialer directly to the police desk warning of a methane leak. Council President Pizzella questioned who has access to the building. Councilmember Looes said she attended the training session and Officer Busser explained that Police Department policy is that the sensor is to be reset by the Fire Department. The Fire Department indicated that they would like to have a knox box containing the keys installed outside of the field so that whoever responds has access to the rooms. Councilmember Looes said that the Fire Chief has contacted the Borough Administrator and the Fire Official about this. She reiterated that notice of the activation of the alarm goes to the Police Station and the Fire Department will respond. Council President Pizzella stated that PSE&G should not be contacted because there is no gas lateral to the building on site. Councilmember Looes indicated that the alarm is related to the methane and the engineer should be notified as well.

Ambulance Corp

John Beatty, Captain, 213 Oak Avenue, River Vale

Mr. Beatty reported that the Ambulance Corp currently has three people in EMT school. Three new members who are certified have been brought on. Two individuals are EMTs, and the other has been a paramedic for twenty-five years. Mr. Beatty said that the call volume of 951 this year closely resembles last year, and surpasses Westwood by 150 calls.

Mr. Beatty announced a Joint Emergency Services Open House this Sunday between the Fire Department, Police Department, and Ambulance Corp from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and everyone is welcome. The Ambulance Corp is sending out the annual fund drive letters, and he encouraged everyone to donate generously. The department is 100% volunteer driven providing emergency transportation at no cost. He warned that anyone receiving a bill for ambulance transportation that it is a scam; however, you should double check the bill because it could be

from the paramedics or the hospital. Mr. Beatty said that unfortunately every call cannot be answered due to the number of members. They are in service every weeknight, and haven't missed a weekend shift in the past two and a half months. They are also in service during the day on three out of five days, and they try to field a crew at 3:00 P.M. on the other weekdays.

Mr. Beatty asked if the correspondence could be discussed. Mayor Arnowitz suggested discussing it with Councilmember DeRosa who is liaison who will bring concerns to the Council.

Fire Department

Councilmember Looes also noted the Open House at the Fire Department this weekend. Councilmember DeGise announced that the new extrication equipment has been received. He thanked the Council on behalf of the Fire Department for stabilization kit that has already been used at a rescue call with Woodcliff Lake. The Fire Department is waiting for the balance of the package to arrive.

Board of Health – dated September 2015

Councilmember Looes reported that the Stigma Free Campaign has begun. The Board of Health is working with the Hillsdale Coalition to bring mental illness to the forefront, and to indicate that there is no stigma attached to it. The Coalition is active in the high school, and the public will be invited to an education forum in the near future.

Hillsdale Library

Councilmember Looes reported that over the summer the library had received a generous donation from Allan Atchinson who recently passed away. The Trustees and Friends of the Library have dedicated the reading room in his name. Councilmember Looes stated that Mr. Atchinson was very generous with his time and had dedicated his life to Hillsdale.

Police Department – dated September 29, 2015

Chief Francaviglia will update the Council on the situation at Demarest Farms at the next meeting.

Recreation/Stonybrook

Councilmember DeRosa reported that Bingo and the Seniors Hot Lunch on Tuesday had been moved to Holy Trinity Church. The next lunch is October 21st at St. Johns and is sponsored by Demarest Farms. He said that Men's and Youth basketball sign up begins on October 2nd including military bridge which is ongoing. Halloween in Hillsdale is scheduled for October 24th and funds collected will go towards the Train Station Renovation. Councilmember DeRosa referred to Stonybrook and stated that the four pools are closed, but competition is open until October 14th. New doors were installed on the bathrooms and six new pumps will be needed next year.

Paul Muller, 10 Catherine Court, and Rosemarie Metz, 105 Baylor Avenue, introduced themselves. Mr. Muller said that they wanted to address the Mayor and Council about the recent politicization of Stonybrook. They felt it was important for the Council and the public to have a clear understanding of the facts. Mr. Muller stated that on January 5th, 2014, he was unanimously appointed to the Stonybrook Swim Commission by the Mayor and Council. His appointment was not political, but Jay Campbell did vote no. Mr. Muller explained that he is one of five commissioners and he does not see the day to day operation of the pool and neither does Commissioner Metz. It was said that he was a turnaround king who would fix Stonybrook, but he did not recall any serious problems when he was appointed. It has been insinuated that the commission does not hold meetings; however; there have been meetings every month he has

been on the Commission with the exception of June of this year due to a death, and in August because there was not a quorum.

Mr. Muller said that a claim has been made that the tax payers are subsidizing Stonybrook because it is losing money. He asked the Chairman of the Finance Committee if the pool was losing money. The Chairman of the Finance Committee said that pool is not losing money because every year the pool has been able to turn over PILOT funds or excess revenues over expenses. These funds have been decreasing, and the final number is not in for this year. Mr. Muller recalled that the Swimming Pool Commission gave the town \$186,000 last year, and he anticipates \$120,000 this year, meaning that claims that the pool is being subsidized are factless.

Mr. Muller stated that the demographics in Hillsdale and the surrounding towns have changed substantially over the past six years. Information from the Hillsdale School District indicates that from 2009 through 2015 the enrollment in Hillsdale schools has decreased by 18%, and from 2009 to 2015, the enrollment from pre-K through 5th grade is down 25.6%. Birthrates in Hillsdale are down 42.9% over the same period. This demonstrates that declining membership at Stonybrook has nothing to do with mismanagement or political appointments, but everything to do with the demographics, increased competition from other types of facilities, and life style changes relative to the way in which people chose to spend their money. Mr. Mueller pointed out that Bergenfield and Oradell recently closed their swimming facilities proving that this problem is not unique to Hillsdale.

Mr. Mueller spoke about changes that had taken place at Stonybrook since 2010. He said that in 2010 a \$1 million renovation was completed which included a competition pool, and in 2014, \$125,000 was spent on improvements to the kiddie pool. When he joined the commission, a \$300,000 renovation had begun to the clubhouse which was cancelled as a result of declining membership in 2014. In the spring of 2014, they considered the installation of a bubble over the competition pool. Due to the decline in membership, a survey was sent to both past and present membership to find out what the commission could do to improve membership. There was mention of pricing which they addressed in a detailed marketing plan developed by Rosemarie Metz in the spring of 2015. The commission reviewed the results of the survey and decided to be pro-active. They adopted several concepts including an Earlybird Discount; the adoption of a payment plan over three months for those who couldn't make a one-time membership payment; an open house; email blasts, mailings; and advertisements. Mr. Muller stated that as a result in April of 2015, membership was up by 10% year over year, and they were encouraged that the marketing plan was paying off.

Mr. Mueller recalled that in April 2015, Don Wagner presented his concept for a bubble to the Mayor and Council in Woodcliff Lake. A detailed proposal was received two weeks later. In June, at the request of the Mayor and Council, the Commission met with the Economic Development Committee to discuss declining membership. They again met with the Economic Development Committee, including Bob Benecke, in July and September, to develop a plan to present to the Mayor and Council at the end of 2015. The Commission agreed with Mr. Benecke's conclusion that the number one recommendation is that the Borough Council should view the swimming pool as a utility that the Borough should hope will be successful at breaking even.

Council President Pizzella recalled recent meetings relative to the pool. He said there is no written or legal obligation for the pool to make payments to the town. The payments have been made in good faith and Bob Benecke has indicated that they should view the pool in the same way as they view the recreational facilities which are that the pool is an asset that attracts people to the town. Hopefully the pool commission and the town will come up with improved programs so that the pool will be revenue generating, and they should work together to ensure that the pool is self-sustaining.

Councilmember Myerson said that he is not convinced that the pool has made strides to try and reverse the negative trend. He is aware of the demographic problem and he asked Mr. Mueller about attempts to combine with River Vale. Mr. Mueller said that there have been numerous discussions about ways to make Stonybrook more attractive, and one of the proposals was a joint membership between the golf course and the swim club. There have been numerous attempts to contact the Mayor of River Vale and he has never received a return phone call. Mr. Mueller has concluded that there is no interest in this plan.

Mayor Arnowitz referred to membership fees, and said that when Stonybrook Pool was purchased in the 1970s it was clearly stated that the pool could not go on the general tax rate. He said that every municipal pool in Pascack Valley is supplemented by tax payers with the exception of Stonybrook. There are other privately owned clubs on municipal properties in the area that are trying to get municipalities to help out financially. Mayor Arnowitz said that the pool has been successful over the past ten years until membership became to decline. Mr. Mueller pointed out that Stonybrook is still making a positive contribution to Hillsdale to date. Mayor Arnowitz pointed out that having a swim club helps real estate values in Hillsdale.

Councilmember Ruocco asked about updated numbers. Mr. Mueller said that there will be a contribution but he is not sure of the exact amount. Councilmember Ruocco indicated that the Council was concerned about the payments and this was the reason for the meeting with the Commission. It was agreed to develop a long term plan, and they would go forward with the RFQ for the bubble over the pool.

Mr. Mueller reported that he met with the Commission Chairperson, the Economic Development Committee Chairperson and the Economic Advisor to the Borough to come up with a plan. The Pool Commission will meet on October 14th, and a long term plan will be presented to the Council before December 31st. Council President Pizzella asked if this year would be a breakeven year, and Mr. Mueller reiterated that he could not comment at this time. Mr. Mueller noted again that there is a 30% drop-off in children and membership goals are being missed by 50. This will obviously have a dramatic impact on their budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember DeGise – There was no report this evening.

Councilmember DeRosa –

Regional Board of Education - Councilmember DeRosa said that the Board of Education was considering taping and broadcasting their meetings. The Superintendent would like to improve communication with the four municipalities. He has requested time to speak to the Council, and he will contact Ms. Witkowski to be placed on the agenda.

Councilmember Looes

Local Assistance Board – Councilmember Looes met with the Local Assistance Board who have indicated that they are trying to raise funds due to a decline in donations. They will be putting signs in the hallway relative to a collection of gifts for local residents. They are happy to accept checks or direct donations at any time.

Councilmember Meyerson

Shared Services – Councilmember Meyerson spoke about an upcoming meeting with the subcommittee regarding shared services with the Woodcliff Lake DPW prior to October 13th.

Councilmember Ruocco

Finance Committee – Councilmember Ruocco reported that in August approximately \$12,000 was spent in legal fees for defense litigation related to 150 Magnolia. He asked everyone to keep

this in mind when moving forward. Upon questioning by Councilmember Myerson, Councilmember Ruocco said they are paying \$95 per hour for legal fees.

Council President Pizzella

Business Affairs/Economic Growth & Public Relations – Council President Pizzella said that they have been working with Mr. Benecke to create the Redevelopment Area which is consistent and supportive of the Borough’s COAH obligation.

Chamber of Commerce – Council President Pizzella announced that the Historic Preservation, Chamber of Commerce, and the Recreation Commission are sponsoring Halloween in Hillsdale. A movie will be shown and there will be a concession stand. The event on October 24th runs from 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., and will be the first fund raiser for the train station.

Environmental Commission – Council President Pizzella said that the Borough lacks a tree maintenance program. He noted that trees in stress usually go by the wayside unless the DPW steps in. He is working with Ms. Witkowski and Mr. O’Rourke to create tree maintenance program for the Borough. Councilmember Looes recalled that the Environmental Commission had indicated at one time that they didn’t want to be involved with tree maintenance because they didn’t have the resources to undertake this job. Council President Pizzella said that the Commission has a member who is an arborist and will monitor the trees. The goal is to take the appropriate steps if a tree is dying.

Council President Pizzella said at the last meeting he was asked to look into an application for an apartment complex that is pending in front of the Planning Board. He reported that to date he hasn’t found that anything was done incorrectly. He noted that in order for an application to be deemed complete in front of the Planning Board requests must be sent to all Borough professionals. The applicant will not hear back from the professionals unless they have a comment. Council President Pizzella suggested that a form be developed where comments can be noted and there would be a box that could be checked indicating “no comment”. The form would then be forwarded back to the Planning Board to be kept in the applicant’s file.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sports Agreement - Councilman DeRosa reported that the Sports Agreement is moving along. A review was done at the meeting last week, and there was a discussion relative to who should pay for portable bathrooms. He is working with Pat Hughes, and he has questions for the Borough Attorney relative to whether referees are required to be fingerprinted and clarification is needed on certain language. Councilmember Looes asked if some of the associations could get their contracts signed in order to move forward. Councilman DeRosa explained that they are required to settle on a universal language for everyone.

Council President Pizzella commented that every contract and contracting party is unique, but the basic terms remain the same. He suggested moving forward to sign agreement with the entities that have completed negotiations. It is necessary to set a date for all the agreements to be signed because this has been going on since he became part of the Council. Councilmember DeRosa said that he understands Council President Pizzella’s concerns, but feels that one document is necessary. They will be close to the end after some clarification and another meeting with the Borough Attorney.

2. Letter from the Humane Voters of New Jersey – Councilmember Looes said that there is a proposal to allow hunting with a bow in Saddle River. Mayor Arnowitz suggested removing this item from the agenda. Councilmember Ruocco recalled that the Council did agree to hear Ms. Stanko from the Division of Fish and Wildlife who objected to the recommendations of Hillsdale’s Environmental Commission. Ms. Witkowski said she learned that the Division of Fish and Wildlife would address the Council but because their presentation was lengthy she

suggested meeting with the Environmental Commission and another small group of volunteers to include the Administrator and the Police Department.

Councilmember Myerson said he would not support hunting in Hillsdale. After more discussion, Mayor Arnowitz suggested moving forward with the recommendations of the Environmental Commission. Councilmember Ruocco said that Ms. Stanko should be given the opportunity to present other facts. After more discussion, it was determined that Ms. Stanko would meet with the group noted above.

3. Letter from Neglia Engineering Associates, Inspection Report, Drainage Conditions Vicinity of 93 Queen Court – Mr. Polyniak stated that the Mayor and Council had asked Neglia Engineering to conduct a site inspection at this location. Three separate solutions from the most economical to the least economical were outlined in a report from Neglia Engineering. The most economical will only address the problem slightly, and Mr. Polyniak recommended that one of the other two alternatives be considered. Mr. Polyniak was asked to review the costs. He said that the first alternative would cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 which would include the restoration and repair of a curb and apron, and it could be the responsibility of the property owner. The second alternative is the construction of a trench drain and a pipe to be located seventy-five feet away to catch the run-off that ponds in the area at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000. The other alternative is the reconstruction of the roadway which would cost six figures to complete. Mr. Polyniak explained that it is the gutter line slope and the slope of the roadway that is causing problem

4. Sign Ordinance – It was noted that the Borough Planner has been very involved in COAH work and she will revisit the sign ordinance as soon as time permits.

5. Senior Van Update – Ms. Witkowski has surveyed all the municipalities in Bergen County in the hopes of finding a town that might be of assistance. Unfortunately, no one has any open time to share with Hillsdale. She received a call from Mr. Eli of Scholastic who has a vehicle he is willing to donate to the town, but the engine leaks and there may be transmission issues. She indicated that she would want the vehicle inspected by a Borough mechanic before taking it one. There is a possibility of sharing a recently purchased vehicle with a neighboring town. This vehicle is about ten years old and she will have more information next week. The person she spoke with who had been a County employee at one time stated that from his experience it could be up to five years before they are successful with a grant from the County. Ms. Witkowski said that \$2,000 was budgeted for maintenance on the van and as of now \$1,200 remains. Ms. Hughes has indicated there is some money available in her budget which could go towards a transmission. Ms. Witkowski hopes to have some more information and options from surrounding towns at the next meeting.

Councilman Ruocco agreed that it was prudent to wait until Ms. Witkowski completes her investigation of available options. He hoped the Council would make a decision by next Tuesday. Councilmember Myerson asked if the van was required to be handicapped accessible. Mayor Arnowitz said he checked with Old Tappan and their attorney said as long as there are people assisting people to enter and exit the van it does not need to be handicapped accessible. Councilmember Myerson asked about the donation of a Jeep or similar SUV type of vehicle. Mr. Madaio said he would have to research this because the handicapped code would need to be addressed. Councilmember Loes asked if residents are using the County van for doctor's appointments. Councilman Ruocco said that people have difficulty using this service because it has to be booked ten days in advance.

6. Code Violations (Midland and Hazelwood) – Ms. Witkowski stated that in the spring a resident noted possible code violations involving trailers and boats at Midland and Hazelwood. The new per diem zoning code official found that one of the vehicles on Midland has been removed and the other is behind the front of the property. He will revisit another tarped vehicle.

Today, at Hazelwood, the zoning officer spoke to the resident about the boat and the trailer. The resident indicated that these items belong to a spouse who will be asked to remove them within the next week. Ms. Witkowski will follow up with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilmember Myerson questioned why this was being discussed at the Council level since he thought it should be handled by the judiciary branch. Councilmember Ruocco recalled that the same resident has asked several times about violations on these streets. Councilmember Ruocco felt that there was no resolution to these problems and he wanted to know the status of the two violations. He said that when the same violations come up over and over it appears that Hillsdale is not doing their job. Councilmember Myerson said that this is not the appropriate forum for code violations and they are interfering with prosecutions. Councilmember Looes asked if the per diem person handling code violations would be a permanent hire. Ms. Witkowski indicated that this person will become permanent. Mayor Arnowitz asked that this item be removed from Old Business.

7. Borough Electrical Contracts – Councilman Ruocco said that there are multiple PSE&G contracts that expire at the end of November. He has been told that the rate jumps up over market price if the contracts are not renewed before that date. Ms. Witkowski said that this had been approved under the Banks Utility Audit and she is not happy with a third party audit. They are having another tour of banks as well as a utility audit for assistance.

Mr. Madaio referred back to the issue of the ability of the Administrator to hire and fire per the code. The code indicates that the Borough Administrator shall hire and fire when necessary, and for the good of the Borough discharge any employee under her supervision provided that the Administrator report at a prior meeting to the Mayor and Council any action to be taken by the authority of this subsection. As stated by Council President Pizzella, there does have to be a notice to the Council of the action that the Administrator would like to take. The ordinance does not indicate that anyone has to be named and resumes are not required for review. The extent of the notification is not indicated in the ordinance. The notice of the intention to take action to fill a position, and notice of the interview process is adequate. Mr. Madaio indicated that the Council should have a reasonable sense that a diligent effort has been taken.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business this evening.

DISCUSSION

1. Demarest Farms – Councilman Meyerson said that last year the Council attempted to alleviate the traffic problems associated with Demarest Farms by altering traffic patterns and parking restrictions. He lives in this area and has received numerous complaints because it appears that last year's solution has created unanticipated problems. The complaints seem reasonable based on his observations, and he asked that the matter be turned over to the Police Chief and Sgt. McLaughlin who is the Borough's traffic expert.

Mayor Arnowitz said that the Police Chief is aware of the problem; however, the problem seems to be that when one traffic problem is addressed, another one is created. They can discuss the traffic and the road but they are limited with what they can do relative to the farm.

Mr. Madaio said that the activities at the farm are governed by the "Right to Farm Act" through the County and Farm Board. The Borough has no zoning control pertaining to the activities of the farm which is handled through the County. He stated that the next meeting of the Bergen County Agriculture Development Board is November 19th and they handle all issues relative to the activities of the facility. Residents of the Borough could file a complaint to this Board, or they could file in the context of mediation free of charge which would provide an opportunity to discuss these matters with the owner of the farm. Mr. Madaio explained that it seems like the efforts to solve the parking problems have created problems on the site unrelated to actual

farming activities. The governing body has made good faith efforts to mitigate parking issues and school parking issues.

Council President Pizzella thought there had been mediations last year with the Agriculture Development Board. Mayor Arnowitz said there were not mediations; however, the police, residents and owners of the farm did have a meeting. He received a packet of information which Ms. Witkowski will put on the website. He has received complaints about events such as barbeques and wine tastings at the farm. He pointed out that these events are controlled by the County, and only the streets are controlled by the Borough. Mayor Arnowitz said that the traffic issues last year were worked on by the Police Chief and Sgt. McLaughlin and that plan was submitted to the Council at a public meeting. He reiterated that the Borough is limited as to what they can do. Parking cannot be restricted on a public street unless there is a safety issue. The plan called for parking to be restricted to one side of the street because emergency vehicles could not navigate a street with parking on both sides. Temporary signs were installed; however, residents moved the signs and in some cases removed the signs.

Mayor Arnowitz indicated agreement with Councilmember Myerson that when traffic that is rerouted it will move somewhere else causing new problems. He will speak to the Police Chief before next week and ask him to come up with a solution. The Police will hold meetings, and he encourage residents to attend and present their ideas. There were suggestions of busing people; however, Higgins, the Temple, and BMW indicated that they will not allow use of their property for parking and busing.

Council President Pizzella questioned the solution that had been developed by Sgt. McLaughlin. Mayor Arnowitz explained that some of the traffic issues on Wierimus Road were eased but drivers felt that the problem was pushed and spread out further. Residents are experiencing people trespassing on their lawns and driveways who leave garbage. Mayor Arnowitz said he has experienced the same type of problem in the part of town where he resides, and no one should have to put up with rudeness in this community.

2. Leaf season (DPW Supt) previously discussed.
3. DPW equipment updates (DPW Supt.)
4. Stonybrook Pool Commission meeting update previously discussed.

BUDGET

1. Accept comments and recommendations 2014 Audit/Group Affidavit – Reviewed at least the recommendations of audit.
2. COAH amended shared service agreement (MSSDA) with Econsult Solutions, Inc. – Mr. Madaio said that this will be adopted next week and will enable work to continue.
3. Authorize submission of grant application NJDOT project, Hillsdale Avenue Improvements.
4. Interlocal Agreement with River Vale, Indoor Police Range – The rate has been increased.
5. Dedication by rider, train station donations – Council President Pizzella explained that this will create a trust so people will be able to donate to the train station restoration fund. He will speak to the CFO about the title of the trust.
6. Cancellation of outstanding checks.

7. Execution of grant agreement between Borough of Hillsdale and NJ Transit, and County of Bergen, 2014 Historic Preservation Trust, Roof Repair, Hillsdale Train Station, \$200,000.
8. Enter into Grant Agreement with County of Bergen for Handicapped Accessible Bathrooms at Train Station.
9. Award non fair and open contract to JHM Signs for Electronic Message Board.
10. Refund Metro PCS funds for decommissioned temporary cell tower.
11. Authorize CFO to spend amount NTE \$17,000 on services related to HEFSP.
12. Bid threshold monitoring – Ms. Witkowski said that the CFO will have the ability to monitor requisitions through the Edmonds System.

POLICY

1. Employee Handbook update.
2. Civil Rights Resolution – annual approval.
3. Creating a curfew for October 30-October 31, Zero Tolerance.
4. Amending appointing resolution for CFO, Michael Kaufman.
5. Amending Chapter 363, Tobacco Sale.
6. Mandating direct deposit for municipal employees.
7. Approval of Quasi Entities (annual).
8. Establish Access for All Advisory Board and By-Laws.
9. Identify foreclosures property amounts per 2014 Audit recommendation.
10. Approval of corrective action plan, Audit 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter of resignation dated September 24, 2015 from Christopher Wheeler, DPW laborer – Mayor Arnowitz asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Wheeler thanking him for his services.
2. Electronic message from John Beatty, Captain HVAC, regarding vehicle. -
3. Letter dated September 22, 2015 from Element Architectural Group, regarding condition of DPW building.

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS: R15201 - 15202

- R15201 Endorsing resolution of Community Development Project – new Concepts Living, Inc.

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$52,000. has been proposed by New Concepts for Living, Inc., 80 Ruckman Road, for kitchen and bathroom renovations 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 the municipality 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 CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the municipality of Hillsdale hereby confirms 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.

Motion made by Councilmember Looes, second by Councilmember Myerson.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Councilmembers DeGise, DeRosa, Looes, Myerson, Ruocco, and Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

R15202 Endorsing resolution of Community Development Project – Firehouse
 ADA Door Openers

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$38,400.00 has been proposed by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale for the Hillsdale Firehouse ADA Door Openers in the Borough 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 the Borough 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 CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the Hillsdale Firehouse ADA Door Openers, 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.

Motion made by Councilmember Looes, second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Looes, Myerson, Ruocco, and Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: DeGise

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Burellis, 93 Queen Court, thanked the Mayor and Council for the quick response to her letter. She stated that she spoke to Macchoine Contractors about refurbishing the curb, and they

advised that this would be a waste of money and that they needed to speak with the Borough. Mr. Polyniak of Neglia Engineering indicated that there was a problem with severe degrading of the road. Ms. Burellis stated that the area is on an incline, and the catch basin is 90 feet away. The catch basin is unable to receive most of the water resulting in pooling into her garage. This problem is getting worse with time and she asked that the Council to consider Queen Court during budget discussions. The street has a very high slope and been patched excessively. She suggested that the street be milled before it is paved which means that when the paving is reapplied the grade of the street would be restored. She hopes that the Borough will be able to address the problems on the street next spring when the rains can become excessive.

Paul Muller, 10 Catherine Court, spoke about impact of the variable rate PSE&G bills at Stonybrook. He stated that utility costs have increased by 25% which was included in the budget. The Commission has tried to work make changes and Mr. Muller suggested separating the meters at Stonybrook out of the contract in order to move to a fixed plan. He asked the Administrator and Finance Chairperson to find out if this would be possible when setting pricing for next year because it would have a positive financial impact. Upon questioning by Mayor Arnowitz, Mr. Muller said that PSE&G provides the infrastructure at Stonybrook, and the commodity is purchased from a third party. He explained that the variable rate contracts are boosted during high demand periods from June until August. Ms. Witkowski said that they will be reviewing these expenses in the hopes of alleviating the high costs.

Angie Metler, League of Humane Voters of New Jersey and the Animal Protection League of New Jersey, said that her letter was not meant to demonize the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Ms. Metler has seen Carol Stanko speak in Englewood and Saddle River, and many things she said were outrageous lies. She is in Hillsdale to offer non-lethal deer management solutions that are working in other municipalities. Statistics show that the number of hunters in the United States is decreasing. Bow hunting is the cruelest form of hunting, but municipalities can enforce a more restrictive rule of 450 feet rather than the 150 feet allowed by the State. Ms. Metler asked that their in-house expert be allowed to present non-lethal solutions to the Mayor and Council if Ms. Stanko is allowed to make her presentation.

Kevin O'Brien, 61 Parkview Drive, addressed statements made by Council President Pizzella relative to his concerns about the forty-nine unit apartment proposed for Paterson Street. Mr. O'Brien stated that the applicant has the loading and unloading zone directly in front of the fire lane which is not acceptable according to State Fire Code. Mayor Arnowitz said that these are Planning Board issues not governed by the Mayor and Council. Mr. O'Brien said he has spoken with the State about this situation and they advised him to speak to the Mayor and Council. He asked why the Fire Official doesn't provide input during the Planning Board meetings to ensure that the twenty-five foot radius will be made available in the parking lot, and that the loading and unloading zone is illegal. There is a concern over the collapse zone of the building but the Planning Board hasn't heard any of this information. Mayor Arnowitz said that the Planning Board is aware of the collapse zone. He indicated that he didn't understand why the State would want Mr. O'Brien to come to the Mayor and Council about these items. He added that the Planning Board can make a request to have the Fire Official or one of his officers attend their meetings.

Mr. O'Brien made reference to a paper road owned by the town at the same development. The soil sampling for the perc tests was done on the paper road which would be the buffer area. The Borough ordinance requires a 20 foot buffer area from Savali's property to the adjacent property. Mayor Arnowitz said he has walked the paper street with the Planning Board Engineer. He commented that this is another example of something that is a Planning Board issue, and not within the purview of the Mayor and Council. Mayor Arnowitz said that the reason Mr. O'Brien keeps coming to the Mayor and Council is because he can't get the answers he wants from the Planning Board. Mr. O'Brien said he would like to nip these problems in the bud.

Councilmember Myerson said that Mayor and Council is powerless in this situation and has no authority over the Planning Board.

Mr. O'Brien said that a group of residents recently got together to discuss 30 Lake. This is an area where the fire zone is noted to be twenty feet, and they wonder how two feet for a fire zone became acceptable. Mr. O'Brien pointed out that Mr. Statile agrees that it is twenty feet. Councilmember Myerson suggested that Mr. O'Brien check the file to see when this business was approved because there could be several reasons why the two feet was approved. It could be part of a variance or may have been approved before the code was enforced. Mr. O'Brien was surprised that the State code could be offset by a variance granted by a local Zoning Board. Councilman Myerson advised Mr. O'Brien to check the file. Mr. O'Brien said he had checked with the State.

Marisa Cefali, 6 Manson Place, referred to the earlier discussion on developing a form to be completed by Borough professionals on new applications for development that are pending before the Planning Board. She asked who would ensure that these applications are being reviewed correctly. Mayor Arnowitz explained that when a set of plans are delivered to the Fire Chief, the officers review the plan relative to the zone, the turning radius, sprinklers, etc. and sign off on the plan noting that it meets with Borough codes and requirements. The Department Heads review the plans including the Fire Sub Code Official and the Planning Board Engineer who is aware of fire zones which are part of the code.

Councilmember Looes said that as the liaison she has noticed that the Fire Official reviews the plans. She explained the education and constant updates that are required in order to be certified to conduct plan reviews. Fire Officials are concerned for the safety of their volunteers and she pointed out that they would not be comfortable sending people into a unsafe and inadequate situations. They are involved in making recommendations and use technology to help determine the safety of their volunteers and the safety of the residents.

Councilmember Myerson said that any time there is an application before the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment it is first reviewed by a professional planner and engineer who make determinations as to which other Borough professionals should review the application. Reports are then sent from the engineer who may include additional reports from the Borough Planner and the Fire Official to the attorney who will be presenting the application to the Planning Board.

Mr. Madaio stated that the applicant is obligated to serve the application to as many as twelve or fifteen department heads or interested personnel. The residents seem to be concerned that in several of these applications the Department Head reports have not been received which is why Council President Pizzella suggested that a form be developed so that it is noted that it has been seen by department head that may or may not feel that comments were necessary. Residents who have an interest in the application will see that the plans were reviewed and no comment was made

Ms. Celafi did not want to insinuate that the Planning Board was not doing their job, she only wanted to point out that this is a very complicated plan for a forty nine unit apartment building. Mayor Arnowitz stated that the members of the Hillsdale Fire Department, and all volunteer fire departments in the State, attend the same classes and take the same tests as those who are in paid fire departments.

Council President Pizzella explained that when the applicant sends out requests for comments, the various professionals may or may not take issue with a specific application and plans. The Planning Board cannot force Borough departments to issue a report. He said they have to be very circumspect about what is talked about by the governing body relative to open applications in front of the Planning Board due to what might happen in the future if the application is denied.

Ms. Celafi asked if the number of affordable housing units for Hillsdale has been determined by COAH. Council President Pizzella explained that the Borough Planner is working with various consultants. Mr. Madaio said that the Planner has indicated one number; however, the State Fair Share Housing Group has a conflicting number. It will most likely be left to the Courts to come up with the number. Council President Pizzella said it is up to Hillsdale to come up with both a plan and a number, and added that it is a very complicated process. Mr. Madaio said that the Borough Planner will soon be presenting a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Planning Board which will include a plan designed to meet the Borough's obligation. The Planning Board will ultimately adopt this plan as part of the Master Plan and the plans will subsequently be submitted to Court. A judge will decide whether the number presented will satisfy Hillsdale's obligations.

James Irwin, 40 Jefferson Street, Hackensack, said that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he reminded everyone to get mammograms and prostate cancer screenings. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the ordinance to raise the age for tobacco purchase to twenty-one.

Phil Cohn, 31 Royal Park Terrace, said that he and others have organized a group that will appear at the next meeting to highlight the nuisance and safety hazard to the community posed by Demarest Farms. Demarest Farms is flourishing, but Hillsdale needs to remain the type of community that everyone enjoys. He hopes that Demarest Farm and the Borough can work together to reach a solution that is amenable for everyone. Mayor Arnowitz explained that the Police Chief will address this issue earlier in the meeting, and this group will be given the opportunity to speak during the public comment section of the meeting. He added that the Council would have to vote on an ordinance to amend parking; however, a temporary change would not require Council approval. He said that Sgt. McLaughlin will spear head the research relative to an alternative approach to this problem, but the business and the resulting traffic cannot be stopped.

Mr. Cohn suggested that the Council look at this problem as a way to generate revenue downtown. Council President Pizzella recalled that they had looked at options to generate revenue downtown by means of busing customers from the downtown where they would park their cars to Demarest Farms. Because of the high volume of traffic that already exists downtown the Council decided that this was probably not the best alternative. A recommendation for a farm liaison was made and Councilmember Ruocco said he would volunteer.

Councilmember Looes explained that the public cannot make comments until the Public Comment portion of the meeting which means that the public cannot speak directly when, or directly after the Police Chief speaks.

There were no other comments from the public at this time, and Mayor Arnowitz closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES

Councilmember Ruocco reminded everyone of the Police Open House on Sunday. He announced that October is Suicide Prevention Month, and Mental Illness Awareness Week. He stressed the importance of getting mental illness under control, and he stated that the phone number for the help line supported by the National Alliance on Mental Illness is 800-950-NAMI. Councilmember Ruocco spoke about a Caregivers Conference scheduled for Thursday, October 15th from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack sponsored by the Division of Senior Services.

Council President Pizzella asked that everyone attend Halloween in Hillsdale, and he encouraged residents to donate for the restoration of the train station. He added that the Cub Scouts are sponsoring Fright Night on October 17th

Councilmember Myerson spoke about the website NICHE.com which is considered the number one rating system for schools. They have recently published their ratings for public high schools and school district. Pascack Valley Regional High School was ranked as 37th best in the nation, fourth best in New Jersey, and first in Bergen County. These are spectacular numbers and Councilmember Myerson said they should be very proud of the high school district.

Councilmember Looes spoke about Allan Edward Atkinson who recently passed away at age 89. She said that Mr. Atkinson was an integral part of Hillsdale in his roles as a teacher, administrator, and a principal and assistant superintendent in Hillsdale Public Schools from 1950 through 1984. He was involved with the Boy Scouts, Hillsdale Community Chorus, President and Trustee of the Hillsdale Public Library and a former chairman of the Hillsdale Recreation Commission, among many other organizations. Mr. Atkinson had a big impact on Hillsdale which is one of the many reasons why there is a plaque dedicated to him in the Reading Room at the Library.

Ms. Witkowski said she would be asking the Council for approval to authorize Requests for Proposals (RFP) for 2016 so they can go out before December 31st. The RFP will be for Borough professionals and she will speak to the Planning Board about this as well. The Library has asked to include their auditor servicing. She said she has been in contact with Neglia Engineering and Chris Satile about the Paterson Street Bridge. Mr. Polyniak has spoken to Tilcon who have indicated that they would like to use a form of hydro blasting to remove the asphalt from the bridge, but he doesn't have confirmation as of yet.

Ms. Witkowski said that she has been able to coordinate a Harassment Class on October 7th with the insurance company. The class is for all employees, emergency personnel, and the DPW. Borough Hall will close tomorrow at 2:30 P.M. for one class, and a second class is scheduled for 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Arnowitz reminded everyone that this is the time of year when the Food Pantries start to run low on supplies. He encouraged everyone to be generous with their donations, and added that the Food Pantry will be having a turkey drive again this year.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION @10:48 PM

R 15202 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 – Negotiations Teamsters/Crossing Guards/UPSEU/PBA, COAH litigation, shared services WCL/personnel Zoning/promotion PD/Benefits for retiree.

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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 the Borough 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 CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the Hillsdale Firehouse ADA Door Openers, 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.

Motion to adjourn to closed session made by Councilmember Myerson, second by Councilmember Looes, and unanimously approved.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING @ 11:39 P.M.

Motion to reconvene regular session was made by Councilmember DeRosa, second by Councilmember Looes and unanimously approved

Mayor Arnowitz stated that the Council had discussed COAH, negotiations, personnel and benefits for retirees. No action will be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT @11:39 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Looes, second by Councilmember Ruocco, and unanimously approved.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 2015 – BEGINNING AT 7:30 p.m.

Denise Kohan, Deputy Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Denise Kohan, Deputy Municipal Clerk