

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Ruocco called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This meeting is for the purpose of conducting the Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 4th day of January, 2023. Public Notice of this meeting was given to The Ridgewood News and the Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room, a copy was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a copy was posted on the Borough web site.

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Mayor Ruocco recognized the Dignitaries in the audience which consisted of the Mayor of Montvale, Michael Ghassali, Police Chief Robert Francaviglia and Police Captain Sean Smith and Council Member Elect Justin Fox

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE:

Janetta Trochimiuk – Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/25	Joseph D’Urso, Esq.
Justin Fox – Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/25	Nicholas C. Ponzini Esq.

Councilwoman Trochimiuk came forward with her family and Joseph D’Urso, Esq. administered her Oath.

Councilman Elect Justin Fox came forward with his family and Nicholas C. Ponzini, Esq. administered his Oath.

Borough Clerk Denise Kohan took the Roll Call of the 2023 Hillsdale Municipal Council

ROLL CALL OF 2023 HILLSDALE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Mayor John Ruocco
Councilmember Anthony DeRosa
Councilmember John Escobar (attended via Zoom)

Councilmember Justin Fox
Councilmember Zoltan Horvath
Councilmember Abby Lundy
Councilmember Janetta Trochimiuk

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS:

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco gave his State of the Borough Address by starting off with the statement that due to the By Law Changes in 2022 by the Council, he as the Executive Officer of the Municipality has had his access to information not as easily accessible as it has been in the past years which in turn makes him rely on retrieving information from Borough Professionals. He intends to comment more on financial matters once the Finance Committee, the borough administrator, and the municipal finance officer complete their work on a budget.

Mayor Ruocco thanked all the Borough employees, volunteer and professionals for their services despite many challenges. In addition, he thanked David Franz, the Library Director and the Stonybrook Pool Commission for their efforts in increasing membership and other sources of revenue that they have made. He has requested that the Borough Finance Committee produce a financial report clearly shows the profit and loss that the pool has sustained this past year.

The mayor reflected on several events that occurred in 2022 in the Borough. A Redevelopment Agreement was signed allowing of the departure of the Waste Management Transfer Station and then bringing in the construction of several hundred market rate and affordable housing units, and a community center which will bring in a substantial cash flow to the Borough over the next 30 years from improved property tax assessments. Council has voted to install a turf field at Centennial Field at the cost of approximately 4-4.5 million dollars. In addition, Council has voted to build a second community center at the Stonybrook Pool facility at the cost of approximately 3 million dollars.

The Borough experienced flooding that affected properties along the Pascack Brook including the DPW Facility, as well as several road closures due to work being done by PSE&G and Veolia to upgrade their gas and water lines.

Lastly, the Borough Taxpayers were made aware of an upcoming Referendum as to whether to move and reconstruct the George White Middle School with a substantial impact on the average homeowner's property tax bill.

Mayor Ruocco also reported that the transfer of the Police Dispatch, a project in which he supported has continued to be a benefit to the town as it has reduced expenses to the Borough and the residents are better served by allowing our police officials to spend time on other matters.

He was encouraged by the resolve shown by Hillsdale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake officials to work with Veolia to complete the reservoir nature trail, but discouraged by the state of the roads in Hillsdale, urging action to devise and finance an extensive road improvement plan.

The mayor stated that Council will need to decide on funding for some projects that are transpiring. The Suez-Veolia Nature Trail that runs along the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir will need to be funded by the council as well as passing ordinances regarding the implementation of 5G Cell Strategies by providers like Verizon. An Ordinance was introduced by the previous council but tabled.

He has numerous concerns over the Councils transparency when it comes to Borough issues like the downtown rehabilitation, the debt that the Centennial Field project will cost the taxpayers as well as adding a second community center. In addition, there are concerns over how the flooding at the DPW will be addressed without a substantial budget impact, the increasing costs of health insurance for Borough Employees, the expected

enormous increases in the cost of garbage pick up now that our contract is coming to an end this year and especially how to address the growing regional crisis regarding ambulance coverage in the area.

The mayor hopes that the council will reverse the By Law changes that they made last year that directly affected his access to information, and change its approach to making information on resolutions available to the public prior to actual Council action. ..

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Ruocco asked for a nomination put forward to be elected as Council president for the year 2023.

Nomination(s) has/have been made for: Councilman DeRosa

Motion: Lundy Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Nays: None

Abstain: DeRosa

The Oath of Office was administrated by Borough Clerk, Denise Kohan to the Council President.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: *(Mayor appointment with advice and consent of Council)*

Mayor Ruocco presents the name of Mark D. Madaio, Esq., 29 Legion Drive, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 as Borough Attorney for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Motion: Horvath Second: Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

[R23000](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Attorney

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Attorney under a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Mark D. Madaio, Esq. of 29 Legion Drive Bergenfield, NJ 07621 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Mark D. Madaio will provide such services at the rate of \$115.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Mark D. Madaio, Esq. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such a contract with Mark D. Madaio as Borough Attorney through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

BY~LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Council Members propose changes to the By-Laws for the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2023.

[Proposed 2023 By-Laws](#)

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa

Councilmember Horvath made a motion to amend the By Laws by adding Section 12 Article 2 and a related motion to replace and substitute new language for Article 8 and Section 4. Section 12 Article 2 should read as that the mayor shall be an Ex-Officio member of all committees both standing and special and shall be informed in advance of all meetings and receive any agenda material similar in fashion to other members. The mayor can exercise his ex-officio role providing it does not put a committee into a position where it constitutes a public meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act. The new Article 8 Section 4 would read as follows; if a Committee Member is unable to attend a scheduled committee meeting, this shall be communicated to the mayor and the Committee Chairperson and allow the mayor to attend the meeting as an ex-officio member.

Mayor Ruocco is looking for a second to the motion to amend the By Laws per Councilman Horvath's statement, not hearing a second, the proposal is not accepted.

Mayor Ruocco stated that the changes made by the council to the By Laws last January substantially changed what they had been for many years which stated that the mayor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees both standing and special and shall be informed of all meeting and receive any agenda material similar in fashion to other members. The mayor could exercise his ex-officio role providing it does not put a committee into a position where it constitutes a public meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act. The changes made a year ago by Council deleted the mayor's ex-officio role and required that the committee would first go to other council members if one could not attend. The mayor would obtain information from the BA or from each Committee Chair.

Borough Attorney Madaio reminded everyone that there is a motion and a second on the table for a by law change of one sentence that pertains to Zoom Meeting.

Councilmember Trochimiuk agreed that in the past the mayor had a role that allowed him to be an ex-officio member of a committee. A committee already consist of 3 councilmembers. If 3 councilmembers attend then the mayor could not attend anyway as this would be a public meeting. Last year instead of asking the mayor to attend a meeting if a councilmember on the committee could not attend, they changed it to have another councilmember attend instead of the mayor attend because a councilmember who has a vote, as the mayor does not.

Council President DeRosa asked the mayor to ask himself how is it that 5 councilmembers took the extraordinary action to change the by laws to have more of an opportunity to speak?

Mayor Ruocco stated that this was done in 2021 after he questioned the cost of the turf field. As an Ex-Officio member of the committee, you are treated as an equal member of the committee and you get agendas and are made aware of what is going on.

Borough Attorney Madaio again reminded everyone that there is a motion and a second on the table for a one sentence by law change of the by-laws. The mayor disagreed, saying that motion on the floor was not merely to make a one sentence change, but to adopt a whole set of ByLaws .

Councilman Escobar called for a point of order Borough Attorney Madaio offered his legal advice that we should refocus on the motion and the second on the proposed ByLaws.

Councilman Horvath asked for clarification of the By-law change for missing 3 consecutive meetings. Councilmember Lundy stated that if a council member cannot miss or attend 3 consecutive council meetings remotely or they will no longer service on any committees.

Mayor Ruocco read Article 4, Section 13 of the proposed ByLaws which states that councilmembers shall not attend more than three consecutive council meetings remotely. Should a councilmember fail to attend three in person meetings in a row, that person will be removed from serving on committees.”

Councilmember Lundy reiterated that there is only one change to the proposed 2023 By-laws, which the mayor just read. When you were an ex-officio member, if a third council person could not attend then you as mayor were asked to attend. When there was a rotation, there was no change to this.

Hearing no further discussion, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan called the roll for a the vote.

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar
Nays: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Ruocco announces the proposed **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES** for the year 2023.

(With advice and consent of Council)

	Chairperson		
Ambulance	Anthony DeRosa	Abby Lundy	John Escobar
Economic Growth & Development	Janetta Trochimiuk	Abby Lundy	Justin Fox
Finance	Abby Lundy	Janetta Trochimiuk	Zoltan Horvath
Fire Department	Zoltan Horvath	John Escobar	Justin Fox
Historic Preservation	Zoltan Horvath	Janetta Trochimiuk	Anthony DeRosa
Police Department/OEM	John Escobar	Abby Lundy	Anthony DeRosa
Public Works	Justin Fox	Janetta Trochimiuk	Anthony DeRosa

Motion: Lundy Second: Trochimiuk

Councilmember Horvath asked who made the committee decisions and why he wasn't consulted in the decision. Councilmember Lundy stated that it was emailed to the full council, the mayor and the Borough Attorney. The mayor stated that he received this on December 16, 2023

Councilmember Trochimiuk stated a response to the email of December 16th would have been the time to respond as there was never any other meeting regarding this.

Mayor Ruocco said he had contacted the Borough Attorney about a possible change to the Police Committee to avoid a potential conflict of interest, and that change was made. It was here that he saw there we no longer had rotating committees seats as had been the case in 2021 and 2022.s.

Councilmember Horvath asked to be removed from the Finance Committee and leave everything else in place.

Council President DeRosa reminded Councilman Horvath that being on the Finance Committee is an integral part of the boroughs function.

Mayor asked if council would like to replace Councilman Horvath now or later. Councilmember Escobar suggested that this be discussed and updated at another meeting.

Borough Clerk Denise Kohan took a roll call for the vote.

Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Nays: None

Mayor Ruocco announces the proposed **COUNCIL LIAISONS** for the year 2023.
(with advice and consent of Council)

Access to All	Justin Fox
Board of Education: <i>Regional</i>	Anthony DeRosa
<i>Local</i>	Anthony DeRosa
Board of Health	Justin Fox
Environmental Commission	Abby Lundy
Library	Janetta Trochimiuk
Local Assistance Board	John Escobar
Planning Board, Building & Zoning	John Escobar
Parks & Recreation Commission	Anthony DeRosa
Senior Citizens	Zoltan Horvath
Swimming Pool Commission	Abby Lundy

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Nays: None

Mayor Ruocco announces the proposed **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** for the year 2023.

Public Relations & Communication	DeRosa, Horvath, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Mayor
Flood and Disaster Committee	Borough Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Captain, OEM Director, Board of Health President, Environmental Chair, Mayor
Insurance Fund Commissioner/Liaison (JIF/MEL)	Borough Administrator Borough Clerk (Alternate)
Negotiation Committee	Escobar, Horvath, Trochimiuk, Borough Administrator, Mayor (ex-officio)
Our Town/Naming & Recognition	Horvath, DeRosa, Recreation Director
Fields Committee	DeRosa, Lundy, Escobar, Borough Administrator, Recreation Director
Community Space Development Area	Mayor, Borough Administrator, Recreation Director, DeRosa, Horvath, Hanlon

Community Space Stonybrook	Lundy, Escobar, Trochimiuk, Borough Administrator, Pool Director, Pool Commission Chair, Mayor (ex-officio)
Shared Services	Borough Administrator, Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Mayor Ex-officio
Sustainability and Resiliency	Borough Administrator, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Environmental Comm Member

Mayor Ruocco asked how these Committees were determined? Councilmember Lundy stated that basically they removed Councilman Pizzella and replaced those spots with Councilman Fox and the one that change that the he asked for on the Negotiation Committee.

Mayor Ruocco asked why he is not a part of the Flood Disaster Committee and the Public Relations & Communication Committee and the Negotiation Committee.

Mayor referred back to the minutes for past meetings and that he was on these committees.

Councilmember Lundy stated that was not the intent to omit the mayor from the Flood and Disaster Committee and she may have been using an old chart. Mayor Ruocco stated that under our current by-laws the mayor is able to appoint himself to Special Committees so he will be adding himself to the Public Relations & Communication Committee, and the Flood & Disaster Committee as a full member. He will add himself to the Negotiating Committee and the Community Space Stonybrook Committee as an ex-officio member because he would otherwise have to bump an existing Council member and he preferred not to do so out of civility respect.. As the mayor he can add to and create special committees. All of these changes are reflected in the above chart.

Motion to record Horvath Second Lundy _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following 2023 Officers of the Hillsdale Fire Department:

2023 BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS	
Chief	Dan Schuster
Deputy Chief	William Farrell
Senior Captain	Christopher Kelley
Junior Captain	Joseph Solda III
1 st Lieutenant	George Lucia Jr.
2 nd Lieutenant	Joseph Solda II
3 rd Lieutenant	Raymond DeGroat
4 th Lieutenant	Thomas Dunn
2023 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS	
President	Peter Hard
Vice President	Paul Muller
Secretary	Keith I. Durie
Treasurer	Patrick Doody
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	William Becker

Motion to approve, receive and file Horvath Second: DeRosa
 Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk
 Nays: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Ruocco presents for Council confirmation, the following appointments to the Police Department Special Officers, Auxiliary Officers and Police Matrons for the year 2023 as recommended by Police Chief Francaviglia:

2023 POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

- #53 Chief Robert Francaviglia
- #59 Capt. Sean Smith
- #75 Lt. Mike Camporeale
- #62 Sgt. Chris Donaldson
- #64 D/Sgt. Adam Hampton
- #73 Sgt. Alex Kaplan
- #76 Sgt. Matt Buesser
- #77 Sgt. Travis Woods
- #66 P.O. Dave Sayers
- #79 P.O. Brian Considine
- #80 Det. Corey Rooney
- #82 P.O. Matt Soltes
- #84 P.O. Joe Messner
- #85 P.O. Amanda Turrin
- #86 P.O. Ryan Cottrell
- #88 P.O. Joe Roma
- #89 P.O. Sean Marro
- #91 P.O. Kevin Gadomski
- #92 P.O. Jordan Bruce

Motion to approve, receive and file: Horvath Second: Lundy
Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa
Nays: None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Scott Raymond	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Owen Peacock	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Steve Goodman – Alt #2	Term Expiring 12/31/24

Motion to Record: Lundy Second: Horvath

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar
Nays: None

Borough Attorney Madaio left the meeting

ACCESS FOR ALL COMMITTEE:

Anjali Daftary	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Sanny Yoon	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Diana Nimmo	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Jennifer Romanoff	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Laszlo Horvath - Appointee	Term Expiring 12/31/24

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Meredith Kates – Class II	Term Expiring 12/31/23
John MacEwen – Class IV	Unexpired Term 12/31/24
Seth Griep – Alt #1	Unexpired Term 12/31/23

Motion to Record: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath
Nays: None

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Jon Najarian, OEM Deputy Coordinator Term Expiring 12/31/23

Motion to Record: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy
Nays: None

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Judy Atchinson, Mayor’s Alternate Term Expiring 12/31/23

Motion to Record: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk
Nays: None

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following individuals for appointment, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Dr. Susan Kushner	Term Expiring 12/31/25
Elaine Meyerson	Term Expiring 12/31/25
John Klein	Term Expiring 12/31/25

Motion: DeRosa Second: Horvath

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa
Nays: None

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER-CLASS III:

The Council under the law is permitted to nominate the Class III Member of the Planning Board as its representative of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2023.

I now ask for a nomination to be put forward to be elected as the Class III Member of the Planning Board:

Nomination(s) has/have been made for: John Escobar by Councilmember Lundy
Mayor Ruocco did not hear any other nominations

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar
Nays: Horvath

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Elizabeth DiLorenzo Term Expiring 12/31/27

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox
Nays: None

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:

Karen O'Reilly Term Expiring 12/31/26
Jack Gray Term Expiring 12/31/26

Motion: Horvath Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath
Nays: None

HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION:

Roseann Heytink Term Expiring 12/31/25

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa
Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy
Nays: None

Councilmember Lundy added that she did not see any of the resumes for Access for All so she wanted to clarify that is why she voted no for those new members.
Mayor Ruocco responded that he put the names forward on the basis that the Committee itself did the interviews and put forth these names and he went with their recommendations as he was not involved in the interviews. The appointments do not require Council consent.

All appointees are required to subscribe to their Oath of Office before entering upon their duties, and they are therefore asked to present themselves at the office of the Borough Clerk for this purpose on or before Friday, January 13, 2023 or prior to their first meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (time limited, items on the agenda only, one topic per speaker)

Mayor Ruocco did not see anyone wishing to speak at the public Comment Period so this portion of the meeting was closed.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda) R23001 through R23044:

[R23001](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Auditor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Auditor under a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. 285 Division Avenue and Route 17 South, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Garbarini & Co. P.C. for audit services for the Borough and Swimming Pool Utility; plus, fees for additional engagements if needed as set forth in their previously submitted engagement letter dated September 21, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23002](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Appraiser

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Appraiser under a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of McNerney & Associate, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc., at the same rate as per their proposal of September 21, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23003](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Risk Management Insurance Consultant

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Risk Management Insurance Consultant as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the Burton Agency Inc. 44 Bergen Street, P.O. Box 270, Westwood, NJ 07675 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Burton Agency Inc. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Burton Agency Inc., at the rate of 6% of the Borough’s JIF/MEL assessment, rate set by JIF; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the Burton Agency Inc. through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23004](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Attorney for Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain An Attorney for Tax Appeals as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Harwood Llyod, 130 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Harwood Llyod has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Harwood Llyod at the Attorney Rate of \$175.00 per hour and \$100.00 per hour for a Paralegal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Harwood Llyod through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23005](#) Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Public Defender

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Public Defender as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Albert Wunsch, 400 Sylvan Avenue #2, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Albert Wunsch, has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Albert Wunsch at the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00/year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Albert Wunsch through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23006](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Municipal Bond Counsel as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Rogut McCarthy LLC has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Rogut McCarthy LLC at the same rates as per their proposal of September 23, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Rogut McCarthy LLC as Municipal Bond Counsel through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23007](#) Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Prosecutor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Prosecutor under a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Harwood Llyod, 130 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 as be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm Harwood Llyod, has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Harwood Llyod, at the rates specified in the proposal submitted December 14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Harwood Llyod as Borough Prosecutor through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23008](#) Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Planner

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Planner as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Colliers Engineering & Design located at 53 Frontage Road Suite 110 Hampton, New Jersey 08827 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Colliers Engineering & Design at the rates per their proposal received on December 14, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design as Borough Planner through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23009](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Labor Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Labor Attorney as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. 345 Kinderkamack Road. Suite E., Westwood, NJ 07675 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Wiss & Bouregy, P.C at the rate of \$115.00 per hour; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Wiss & Bouregy, P.C as Borough Labor Attorney through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23010](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Special Counsel – PVRHS Withdrawal

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Special Counsel for the Pascack Valley Regional High School Withdrawal as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Law Offices of Vicky Flynn, 15 Grandview Drive Holmdel, NJ 07733 be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Vicky Flynn has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Vicky Flynn of the Law Offices of Hill Wallack, LLP at the rate of \$175.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Vicky Flynn of the Law Offices of Hill Wallack, LLP as Special Counsel for the Pascack Valley Regional High School Withdrawal through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23011](#) Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Engineer

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Engineer as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Colliers Engineering & Design located at 53 Frontage Road Suite 110 Hampton, New Jersey 08827 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Colliers Engineering & Design as per the proposal of December 14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Colliers Engineering & Design as Borough Engineer, for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23012](#) Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Alternate Public Defender

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain an Alternate Public Defender as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Pearce Law, LLC 25 Main Street Suite 602 Hackensack, NJ 07601 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Pearce Law, LLC, has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Pearce Law, LLC at the rate of \$200.00 per case; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Pearce Law, LLC through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23013](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Special Counsel for Waste Management Issues

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain Special Counsel for Waste Management Issues as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Trenk, Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C. located at 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue Suite 2350, Livingston, New Jersey 07601 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm Trenk, Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Trenk, Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C for Special Counsel for Waste Management issues at a rate of \$150.00/hour plus reimbursements for reasonable expenses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Trenk, Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian, P.C through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23014](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Special Counsel for Redevelopment

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain Special Counsel for Redevelopment as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann 75 Livingston Avenue #201, Roseland, NJ 07068 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann for Special Counsel for Redevelopment issues as set forth in the engagement letter dated September 23, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23015](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for a Financial Advisor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Financial Advisor as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Acacia Financial Group, Inc. located at 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Acacia Financial Group, Inc. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Acacia Financial Group, Inc. as a Financial Advisor for the Borough at the rates stated in their proposal submitted on August 30, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Acacia Financial Group, Inc. through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23016](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for a Grant Research Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Grant Research Services under a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale determined that Millennium Strategies located at 60 Columbia Road, Suite 230, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 is the most advantageous to the Borough to provide Grant Research Services in connection with all grants available on the federal, state, county, corporate and philanthropic levels, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Millennium Strategies has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute such a contract with Millennium Strategies as per the rates submitted on their proposal submitted July 7, 2022; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a contract with Millennium Strategies as described herein; and,

[R23017](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services

WHEREAS, The Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Community Grants Planning & Housing, whose address is 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as “CGP&H”), a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs approved Affordable Housing Administrative Agent that specializes in all aspects of affordable housing, planning, affordable housing compliance, and the procurement of grants and loans, will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants Planning & Housing has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Community Grants Planning & Housing at the rates as per their proposal of November 4, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Community Grants Planning & Housing as Administrative Agent for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23018](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for an Affordable Housing Compliance Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain an Administrative Agent to provide Affordable Housing Compliance Services on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale as a Non-fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of Piazza & Associates, Inc., of 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Piazza & Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Piazza & Associates, Inc. as Administrative Agent to provide Affordable Housing Compliance Service for the Borough at the rates stated in their proposal submitted on December 12, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, that the Borough of Hillsdale hereby appoints Piazza & Associates, Inc. as its designated Administrative Agent in accordance with the proposal to provide Affordable Housing Compliance Services, through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R23019](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Planning Services for Rehabilitation/Revitalization in the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale desires to hire DMR Architects for Planning Services in connection with Rehabilitation/Revitalization in the Borough of Hillsdale as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that the firm of DMR Architects located at 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607 Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 will be the most advantageous to the Borough for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, the DMR Architects has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a contract with DMR Architects as described herein; and,

[R23020](#) Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2023

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 a Public Agency must annually designate an officer to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Public Agency Compliance Officer is responsible for assuring that no public contract may be awarded nor any monies paid until the contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with the approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the Public Agency (the Borough of Hillsdale) shall designate an officer or employee to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.), whose name title, business address, telephone number and fax number shall be forwarded to the State Affirmative Action Office by January 10, of every year; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. is the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and should have the authority to make the appropriate correction(s) to the Borough of Hillsdale's contracting procedures if required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby appoint the Borough Administrator as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2022, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office, CN-209, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209.

[R23021](#) Designate Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council desire to designate the following listed newspapers as official news media for the Borough of Hillsdale for 2023:

The Ridgewood News
The Record
Star Ledger
Community Life
Pascack Press

[R23022](#) Temporary Investments of Excess Funds in All Accounts

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale for the use of modern techniques of money management of excess funds in all accounts; and

WHEREAS, one such acceptable and sound technique is the use of cash flow when balances become available in secure legal investments and certificates of deposit; and

WHEREAS, it has further been determined that the CFO has strongly recommended, due to the instability of the financial market, that she be hereby authorized to invest current excess funds in all accounts, as she deems necessary, in order to obtain the highest interest rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale that the CFO be, and is, hereby authorized and directed to invest all excess cash funds in all accounts in Certificates of Deposit of Money Market Accounts at the highest interest rate, as he/she deems necessary, when the Borough has funds available, with the approval of a Finance Committee. However, no such obligation or investment shall have a maturity date greater than twelve (12) months from the date of purchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CFO is further authorized and directed to report, in writing, to the Governing Body of the meeting next succeeding the date when any investment is made pursuant to this resolution and such report shall include the amount, description, interest rate, financial institution and maturity date of such investment.

R23023 Establish Change Funds

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, to establish a change fund for the following offices as listed:

DEPARTMENT	DESIGNEE	AMOUNT
Stonybrook Swim Pool Commission	Patricia Hughes	\$200.00
Finance	Gioia Cassidy	\$200.00
Municipal Court	Jennifer Lacey	\$200.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and governing body hereby authorizes such action.

R23024 Authorize Approval of JIF/MEL Risk Management Agreement

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Funds require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicate a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for this Fund; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant’s duties renders comparative bidding impractical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Hillsdale does hereby appoint Burton Agency Inc. 44 Bergen Street, P.O. Box 270, Westwood, NJ 07675 in accordance with the Fund’s bylaws for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 or until a successor is qualified or appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the consultant’s agreement annexed hereto, subject to approval of the Borough Attorney as to form and substance, and to cause notice of the decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I).

Resolution to Affirm the Borough of Hillsdale’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that come into contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Hillsdale (hereinafter called the “Borough”) to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Hillsdale by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person’s constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough’s business or using the facilities or property of the Borough.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough. This communication shall

include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

[R23026](#) Award and Execution of Contract for Animal Control Services Contract

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale received one (1) quote for animal services for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator reviewed and evaluated said quote; and recommends an award of contract to:

Tyco Municipal Animal Control Service
1 Stout Lane
Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey 07423

In the amount of \$13,680.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the mayor be authorized to execute said contract between the Borough of Hillsdale and Tyco Animal Control Services.

[R23027](#) Approve Organizations to be included in the Quasi Entities

BE IT RESOLVED that the following list, by class be included in the insurance program for the Borough of Hillsdale as Quasi Entities:

QUASI I: Hillsdale Public Safety Associations and Auxiliaries

QUASI II: Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Fire Department

QUASI IV: Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association
Hillsdale Football Association
Hillsdale Soccer Association
Hillsdale Hoops Association
Pascack Lacrosse

[R23028](#) Appointing the Borough Administrator as Representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale must appoint an individual as the representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, that the Borough Administrator is hereby appointed as the representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund and that the Borough Clerk is hereby appointed as the alternate to Borough Administrator as representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund.

[R23029](#) Resolution Appointing an Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is in need of an individual to perform the services of Animal Control Officer and Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and the Borough of Hillsdale has recommended the appointment of Police Officer Corey Rooney to take over the roll as the Borough's Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Detective Corey Rooney is hereby appointed as the Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Hillsdale commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Police Department for their records.

[R23030](#) Establishment of Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and Borough charges shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 remaining unpaid, until the entire delinquency is satisfied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a six (6) percent penalty shall be levied on all delinquencies, including interest thereon, in excess of \$10,000 after December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Office of the Collector of Taxes is closed on the tenth day of the month in which taxes are due, the interest grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter. Any tax payments received after the close of business on the last day of the grace period shall be considered delinquent, and interest will be due and payable calculated from the date the tax was payable (prior to the application of the grace period) until the date of actual payment.

[R23031](#) Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2023
[2023 Cash Management Plan](#)

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local unit's monies; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Hillsdale is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that they hereby adopt the attached Cash Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of the Mayor, Certified Municipal Finance Officer and, Borough Clerk are hereby authorized as Official Signatories

[R23032](#) Designated Drivers of Borough Vehicles

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, those being a volunteer firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of fire vehicles of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, that in the event of an emergency requiring the driving and operation of any fire vehicle of the Borough of Hillsdale in the absence or disability of any of the aforementioned persons every other firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale in good standing and active, be and the same is hereby authorized and appointed as a driver of said fire vehicle for and during the duration of such emergency and for and during the absence of other disability of the foregoing named persons; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Police Department, including Special Officers and Police Matron, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of police vehicles of the Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Department of Public Works, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being employees of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution may, from time-to-time hereafter, be amended and supplemented by resolution or resolutions amending or supplementing the schedules filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and that this resolution shall hereupon be effective with respect to the persons named upon such amendatory and supplementary resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons hereinbefore designated as drivers of motor vehicles be instructed that in the event, they have been convicted of a motor violation, had their license suspended or revoked, they shall not drive Borough Vehicles and they shall immediately give written notice of said suspension or revocation to the Department Head and the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said appointments to be for the period commencing as of the date hereof and terminating on December 31, 2023, and thereafter until their successors shall be appointed and qualify.

R23033 Re-establishing Annual Petty Cash Funds for Borough Clerk's Office, Police Department and General Public Assistance

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen to establish such a fund as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Borough Clerk	Denise Kohan	\$ 500.00	Supplies, postage.
Hillsdale Police Dept.	Robert Francaviglia	\$ 300.00	Supplies, hardware, etc.
Detective Bureau	Adam Hampton	\$ 300.00	Investigative Expenses

WHEREAS, the custodian for these funds is the Borough Clerk who is bonded for the amount of \$1,000,000; such custodian shall maintain records for their respective fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services for approval.

R23034 Designating Tax Search Officer for 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that Kelly Lombardi, Tax Collector, being a duly bonded Official of the Municipality, be and he is hereby designated as Official Tax Search Officer (N.J.S.A. 54:5-11) of the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2023.

R23035 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Disburse Funds in Case of Emergencies

WHEREAS, during each fiscal year emergency situations arise which necessitates the immediate disbursement of funds; and

WHEREAS, there is no procedure by which the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make disbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, that the Chief Financial Officer be, and hereby is, authorized to make said disbursements and to report the circumstances to the said Governing Body at the next regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body shall ratify, at that said meeting, the amounts so disbursed.

[R23036](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough to Enter into a Service Agreement for Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report

WHEREAS, it is required to submit a mandated Annual Recycling Tonnage Report as required by the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act (“REA”) P.L. 2008, Chapter 6; and

WHEREAS, such report is to be submitted via email to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) on or before April 30th of each year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is desirous of entering into a Service Agreement for retaining and providing CRP services of the Authority for signing and submitting of said Annual Recycling Tonnage Report; and

WHEREAS, the Borough shall retain the services of the Authority for a CRP that will be responsible for signing and submitting of said report to the NJDEP on or before April 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Borough designates the Superintendent of Public Works as the preparer of the report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the term of this Service Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to enter into such agreement with the Bergen County Utility Authority for such services.

[R23037](#) Resolution Approving Interlocal Services Agreement – Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force

WHEREAS, the police departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Hillsdale Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign

officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

[R23038](#) Resolution Approving a Mutual Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale Fire Department and the Borough of Oradell Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Fire Departments of the Boroughs of Hillsdale and Oradell, in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, have mutually established a Cover-up and Assistance Program for better fire protection in the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to continue to participate in said program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that this mutual agreement between the Fire Departments of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Borough of Oradell by hereby approved, details of which are in in the possession of the respective Fire Chiefs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oradell and to the Fire Department.

[R23039](#) Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

[R23040](#) Resolution Authorizing Continuation with the County of Bergen in the Cooperative Purchasing

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 80-24 entitled, "An Ordinance authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a corporate pricing agreement with the County of Bergen hereinafter referred to as 'Lead Agency' for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work, materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions" was enacted on August 12, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to continue to participate in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes continuation with the County of Bergen in the Cooperative Purchasing Program.

[R23041](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale Adopting A Form Required to be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough in Accordance With The Provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6, provides that a public entity may adopt a form to be completed by claimants seeking to file a Notice of Tort Claim against the public entity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a public entity covered by the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale deems it advisable, necessary, and in the public interests to adopt a Notice of Tort Claim form in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the State of New Jersey assembled in public session on the 4th day of January, 2023, that the attached Notice of Tort Claim form be and hereby is adopted as the official Notice of Tort Claim form for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all persons making claims against the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-1, et. seq., be required to complete the form herein adopted as a condition of compliance with the notice requirement of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act.

[R23042](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Sale

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Borough of Hillsdale conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

WHEREAS, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2023 for municipal delinquent charges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council further finds and declares that the annual Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Municipal Tax Collector, is hereby authorized to conduct the Annual Tax Sale during the calendar year 2023 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for his/her records.

[R23043](#) Resolution Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2023

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2023 Budget, temporary appropriates for the purpose and amounts in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2023; and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations in the 2023 Budget is not greater than 26.25 percent of 2022 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that following temporary appropriation be made:

CURRENT FUND OPERATING BUDGET

ACCOUNT LINE	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
3-01-20-100-011	Salary and Wages - Regular	42,000.00
3-01-20-100-026	Computer Maintenance	6,562.50
3-01-20-100-028	Contractual Services	2,100.00
3-01-20-100-036	Office Supplies	1,312.50
3-01-20-100-042	Education & Training	787.50
	Memberships /	
3-01-20-100-044	Subscriptions	393.75
3-01-20-100-045	Travel	131.25
3-01-20-100-136	Other Supplies	131.25
3-01-20-100-207	New Equipment	262.50
3-01-20-103-022	Postage	262.50
3-01-20-103-023	Printing Services	525.00
3-01-20-103-028	Contractual Services	1,050.00
3-01-20-103-058	New Equipment	262.50
	Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2023	

	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-20-110-011	Regular	11,812.50
3-01-20-110-030	Recognition/Awards	2,625.00
3-01-20-110-036	Office Supplies	131.25
3-01-20-110-042	Education & Training	183.75
	Memberships &	
3-01-20-110-044	Subscriptions	656.25
3-01-20-110-045	Travel	525.00
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-20-120-011	Regular	31,237.50
3-01-20-120-021	Legal Advertising	1,050.00
3-01-20-120-022	Postage	2,625.00
3-01-20-120-027	Legal Miscellaneous	39.38
3-01-20-120-028	Contractual Services	315.00
3-01-20-120-036	Office Supplies	525.00
3-01-20-120-041	Conferences & Meetings	341.25
3-01-20-120-042	Education & Training	262.50
	Memberships &	
3-01-20-120-044	Subscriptions	144.38
3-01-20-120-058	New Equipment	210.00
3-01-20-120-100	Election Expense	3,675.00
3-01-20-120-101	Ordinance Codification	1,312.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-20-130-011	Regular	40,687.50
3-01-20-130-026	Computer Maintenance	1,575.00
3-01-20-130-028	Financial Management	8,400.00
3-01-20-130-029	Payroll Services	4,725.00
3-01-20-130-036	Office Supplies	262.50
3-01-20-130-041	Conferences & Meetings	262.50
3-01-20-130-042	Education & Training	157.50
	Surplus Equipment	
3-01-20-130-045	Auction Fees	157.50
3-01-20-130-058	New Equipment	157.50
3-01-20-130-100	Fixed Asset Inventory	367.50
3-01-20-130-101	Professional Services	157.50
3-01-20-130-102	Banking/CCard Charges	52.50
3-01-20-135-028	Audit Services O/E	7,350.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-20-145-011	Regular	6,562.50
3-01-20-145-021	Legal Advertising	105.00
3-01-20-145-022	Postage	1,260.00
3-01-20-145-023	Tax Bills	1,050.00
3-01-20-145-026	Computer Maintenance	997.50
3-01-20-145-027	New Equipment	262.50
3-01-20-145-036	Office Supplies	157.50
3-01-20-145-041	Conferences & Meetings	131.25
3-01-20-145-042	Education & Training	131.25
	Memberships /	
3-01-20-145-044	Subscriptions	105.00

	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-20-150-011	Regular	6,562.50
3-01-20-150-022	Postage	210.00
3-01-20-150-026	Computer Maintenance	603.75
3-01-20-150-028	APPRAISAL SERVICES	1,575.00
3-01-20-150-036	Office Supplies	78.75
3-01-20-150-042	Education & Training	39.38
	Memberships /	
3-01-20-150-044	Subscriptions	65.63
3-01-20-150-045	Travel	26.25
3-01-20-150-046	Assessment Notices	551.25
3-01-20-155-112	Borough Attorney	18,375.00
	Special Counsel -	
3-01-20-155-113	PVRHS	1,312.50
	Special Counsel - Bond	
3-01-20-155-114	Counsel	787.50
	Special Counsel -	
3-01-20-155-115	Labor Attorney	7,875.00
	Special Cnsl - Tax	
3-01-20-155-116	Appeal Attorney	2,625.00
	Special Counsel -	
3-01-20-155-117	Transfer Station	2,625.00
	Special Cnsl -	
3-01-20-155-118	Redevelop Counsel	6,562.50
	Planning Board	
3-01-20-155-121	Attorney	11,812.50
3-01-20-165-101	Borough Engineer	18,900.00
	Special Projects	
3-01-20-165-102	Engineer	7,350.00
	Planning Board	
3-01-20-165-121	Engineer	6,562.50
3-01-20-166-036	Office Supplies	65.63
3-01-20-166-042	Education & Training	65.63
	Memberships &	
3-01-20-166-044	Subscriptions	105.00
	Planning Board - S&W	
3-01-21-180-011	Regular	3,937.50
3-01-21-180-021	Legal Advertising	525.00
3-01-21-180-029	Contractual Services	525.00
3-01-21-180-036	Office Supplies	446.25
	Memberships /	
3-01-21-180-044	Subscriptions	78.75
3-01-21-180-100	PLANNING BOARD PLANNER	15,750.00
3-01-21-180-200	Borough Planner	2,625.00
	Borough Redevelopment	
3-01-21-180-201	Planner	3,937.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-21-185-012	Regular	7,087.50
3-01-21-185-029	Contractual Services	627.38
3-01-21-185-036	Office Supplies	15.75

3-01-21-185-041	Conferences & Meetings	39.38
3-01-21-185-042	Education & Training	39.38
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-22-195-011	Regular	44,625.00
3-01-22-195-022	Postage	47.25
3-01-22-195-029	Contractual Services	328.13
3-01-22-195-036	Office Supplies	196.88
3-01-22-195-042	Education & Training	131.25
	Memberships /	
3-01-22-195-044	Subscriptions	31.50
3-01-23-210-101	Liability - Flood	7,087.50
	Liability - Train	
3-01-23-210-102	Station	787.50
	Insurance -	
3-01-23-210-103	Liability/Auto	23,560.69
3-01-23-210-104	Insurance - Property	16,215.41
	Insurance -	
	Environmental	
3-01-23-210-105	Liability	787.50
	Insurance - Public	
3-01-23-210-106	Officals / EPL	12,337.50
	Insurance - JIF Sewer	
3-01-23-210-107	Back Up Claim	2,223.90
3-01-23-215-100	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	51,187.50
3-01-23-220-100	Insurance - Life	525.00
3-01-23-220-101	Insurance - Disability	1,312.50
3-01-23-220-102	Insurance - Medical	321,772.50
3-01-23-220-103	Insurance - Dental	17,062.50
3-01-23-220-104	Fire - Life	1,890.00
	Insurance - NJ SHBP	
3-01-23-220-106	Waiver	5,775.00
3-01-23-225-100	Unemployment O/E	9,187.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-240-011	Regular	615,953.10
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-240-014	Overtime	26,250.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-240-016	Senior Bonus	4,725.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-240-017	Holiday	6,860.18
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-240-018	Crossing Guard	44,811.90
3-01-25-240-022	Postage	52.50
3-01-25-240-023	Copier Usage	446.25
3-01-25-240-026	Computer Maintenance	918.75
	Maintenance of Other	
3-01-25-240-027	Equipment	656.25
3-01-25-240-029	Contractual Services	10,696.88
3-01-25-240-030	Other Supplies	787.50

3-01-25-240-032	Clothing & Uniforms	3,281.25
3-01-25-240-036	Office Supplies	787.50
3-01-25-240-037	E-TICKETS	525.00
	AMMUNITION AND RANGE	
3-01-25-240-040	FEES	2,231.25
3-01-25-240-041	Chief/Director Expense	144.38
3-01-25-240-042	Education & Training	2,625.00
	Memberships /	
3-01-25-240-044	Subscriptions	656.25
3-01-25-240-045	Travel	918.75
3-01-25-240-058	New Equipment	6,037.50
3-01-25-240-092	Medical Expense	1,312.50
3-01-25-240-100	Miscellaneous	459.38
3-01-25-240-101	R&M - Traffic Lights	157.50
3-01-25-240-102	R&M - Other Equipment	196.88
	R&M - Radio	
3-01-25-240-103	Maintenance	393.75
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-25-252-011	Regular	1,312.50
3-01-25-252-036	Office Supplies	26.25
3-01-25-252-041	Chief/Director Expense	65.63
3-01-25-252-060	New Equipment	656.25
3-01-25-260-101	Cash Support	10,500.00
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-25-265-011	Regular	7,612.50
	Maintenance of Other	
3-01-25-265-027	Equipment	1,575.00
3-01-25-265-029	Contractual Services	787.50
3-01-25-265-030	Other Supplies	603.75
3-01-25-265-032	Clothing & Uniforms	4,987.50
3-01-25-265-036	Office Supplies	236.25
3-01-25-265-042	Education & Training	1,312.50
	Memberships /	
3-01-25-265-044	Subscriptions	236.25
3-01-25-265-054	Radio Renovation	656.25
	Replacement Exist Fire	
3-01-25-265-056	Equip	1,312.50
3-01-25-265-058	New Equipment	1,312.50
3-01-25-265-090	Car Insurance	105.00
3-01-25-265-093	Medical Expenses	131.25
3-01-25-265-102	Equipment Testing	1,443.75
3-01-25-265-103	M&R Fire Extinguisher	157.50
3-01-25-265-104	Breathing Equipment	892.50
3-01-25-265-105	Turnout Gear	1,050.00
	Fire Prevention	
3-01-25-265-106	Supplies	787.50
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-25-266-011	Regular	12,600.00
3-01-25-266-022	Postage	52.50

3-01-25-266-026	Computer Maintenance	288.75
	Maintenance of Other	
3-01-25-266-027	Equipment	131.25
3-01-25-266-036	Office Supplies	131.25
3-01-25-266-042	Education & Training	26.25
	Membership /	
3-01-25-266-044	Subscriptions	13.13
3-01-25-266-058	New Equipment	131.25
3-01-25-266-100	Miscellaneous	52.50
3-01-25-268-022	LOSAP Ambulance Corps	5,250.00
3-01-25-268-024	LOSAP Fire Department	7,875.00
3-01-25-275-101	Professional Services	3,281.25
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-26-290-011	Regular	162,750.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-26-290-013	Seasonal	16,537.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-26-290-014	Overtime	10,500.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-26-290-015	Standby	5,250.00
3-01-26-290-024	Building Maintenance	1,312.50
	Maintenance of Other	
3-01-26-290-026	Equipment	787.50
3-01-26-290-029	Contractual Services	3,937.50
3-01-26-290-030	Materials	15,225.00
3-01-26-290-032	Clothing & Uniforms	1,706.25
3-01-26-290-036	Office Supplies	577.50
3-01-26-290-042	Education & Training	787.50
	Memberships /	
3-01-26-290-044	Subscriptions	52.50
3-01-26-290-050	New Equipment	5,250.00
3-01-26-290-100	Miscellaneous	1,076.25
3-01-26-290-101	Equipment Rental	393.75
3-01-26-290-102	Other Supplies	656.25
	Pruning & Removal of	
3-01-26-290-103	Trees	17,062.50
3-01-26-290-104	Street & Traffic Signs	1,312.50
	Drainage Maint &	
3-01-26-290-105	Construction	393.75
3-01-26-290-106	Radio Renovation	393.75
	R&M - Misc Vehicle	
3-01-26-290-107	Repairs	131.25
	Snow Removal -	
3-01-26-290-108	Contractual	10,500.00
3-01-26-290-110	Reimbursements	131.25
3-01-26-290-111	Garbage Truck Rental	17,062.50
3-01-26-305-029	Disposal Contract	170,625.00
3-01-26-305-031	Tipping Fees	81,375.00
3-01-26-305-101	Licenses & Permits	1,050.00

3-01-26-306-100	Vegetative Waste Disposal	24,937.50
3-01-26-306-102	Recyclable Material Disposal	13,125.00
3-01-26-306-103	Leaf Disposal	18,375.00
3-01-26-310-021	Building Maintenance Borough Hall	3,937.50
3-01-26-310-022	Building Maintenance DPW	1,837.50
3-01-26-310-023	Building Maintenance FD	2,625.00
3-01-26-310-024	Building Maintenance Other	1,168.13
3-01-26-310-025	Building Maintenance PD	1,050.00
3-01-26-310-026	Maintenance of Other Equipment	1,050.00
3-01-26-310-029	Contractual Services	5,775.00
3-01-26-310-058	Other Equipment & Supplies	1,575.00
3-01-26-310-101	Licenses & Permits	984.38
3-01-26-310-102	Building Improvements	210.00
3-01-26-310-221	Train Station	879.38
3-01-26-315-101	Police Dept - Vehicle Maintenance	3,937.50
3-01-26-315-102	Police Car #276 2016 Ford Explorer	3,937.50
3-01-26-315-103	Police Car #273 2019 Ford Explorer	315.00
3-01-26-315-105	Police - Car #279 2010 Ford CV	131.25
3-01-26-315-107	Police Car #277 2016 Ford Explorer	157.50
3-01-26-315-117	Police Car #274 2017 Ford Explorer	262.50
3-01-26-315-120	Police Car #271 2019 Chevy Tahoe	262.50
3-01-26-315-201	Fire Dept - Vehicle Maintenance	2,362.50
3-01-26-315-203	Fire R&M - Engine #33 1996 Pierce Pumper	262.50
3-01-26-315-204	Fire R&M - Chief #352 2017 Ford Explorer	525.00
3-01-26-315-205	Fire R&M - Chief #351 2014 Chevy Tahoe	262.50
3-01-26-315-301	Road-Veh Parts & Acc Vehicle Maintenance	14,490.00
3-01-26-315-504	Contingent NJDEP Stormwater	656.25
3-01-26-490-021	Permit O/E	393.75

	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-27-330-011	Regular	24,150.00
3-01-27-330-029	Contractual Services	17,285.63
3-01-27-330-036	Office Supplies	78.75
3-01-27-330-041	Conferences & Meetings	39.38
3-01-27-330-042	Education & Training	26.25
	Memberships /	
3-01-27-330-044	Subscriptions	39.38
	Access for All	
3-01-27-330-046	Expenditures	210.00
3-01-27-330-060	New Equipment	393.75
3-01-27-330-101	Laboratory Testing	52.50
3-01-27-330-102	Medical Supplies	118.13
3-01-27-330-103	Public Health Programs	131.25
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-27-345-011	Regular	4,725.00
3-01-27-345-042	Education & Training	78.75
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-28-370-011	Regular	14,175.00
3-01-28-370-029	Contractual Services	656.25
3-01-28-370-036	Office Supplies	91.88
3-01-28-370-066	Recreation Supplies	2,349.38
3-01-28-370-102	Fish	315.00
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-28-370-411	Regular	5,250.00
	Senior Citizen	
3-01-28-370-425	Activities	2,625.00
3-01-28-370-426	Trips	918.75
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-28-375-011	Regular	17,062.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-28-375-013	Seasonal	1,837.50
	Maintenance of Other	
3-01-28-375-026	Equipment	1,837.50
3-01-28-375-029	Contractual Services	17,587.50
	Fertilizer, Stone, Clay	
3-01-28-375-031	Etc.	4,200.00
3-01-28-375-038	New Equipment	2,625.00
3-01-28-375-101	Grounds Improvements	1,312.50
	R&M - 1994 Infield	
3-01-28-375-102	Machine	262.50
	Salary & Wages -	
3-01-29-390-011	Regular	95,287.53
3-01-29-390-024	Building Maintenance	7,008.75
	Cash Support of Public	
3-01-29-390-281	Library	35,106.75
3-01-29-390-300	PERS	10,631.25
3-01-29-390-310	DCRP	735.00
3-01-30-415-021	Accumulated Absences	6,562.50

3-01-30-420-021	Memorial Day Parade	1,312.50
3-01-30-420-022	Town Day	1,706.25
	Gas & Electric -	
3-01-31-430-020	Police	5,250.00
3-01-31-430-021	Gas & Electric - Fire	2,625.00
	Gas & Electric -	
3-01-31-430-022	Centennial	525.00
	Gas & Electric -	
3-01-31-430-023	Buildings & Grounds	49,875.00
	Gas & Electric - Train	
3-01-31-430-024	Station	525.00
	Gas & Electric -	
3-01-31-430-025	Condos	262.50
3-01-31-440-020	Telephone - A&E	6,300.00
3-01-31-440-021	Telephone - Police	4,725.00
3-01-31-440-023	Telephone - Fire	787.50
3-01-31-440-024	Telephone - Ambulance	236.25
3-01-31-445-021	Water - Fire	1,050.00
3-01-31-445-023	Water - B&G	1,837.50
3-01-31-445-024	Water - Train Station	787.50
3-01-31-445-025	Water - Beechwood Park	5,512.50
	Water - Centennial	
3-01-31-445-026	Field	1,575.00
3-01-31-445-027	Water - Fire Hydrants	49,875.00
3-01-31-455-021	Operating	199,500.00
3-01-31-455-022	Debt Service	75,337.50
3-01-31-460-021	Gas & Diesel - Police	7,875.00
3-01-31-460-023	Gas & Diesel - Fire	1,050.00
	Gas & Diesel -	
3-01-31-460-024	Ambulance	1,575.00
	Gas & Diesel - Street	
3-01-31-460-025	& Road	14,962.50
	Gas & Diesel - Garbage	
3-01-31-460-026	& Trash	7,612.50
	Gas & Diesel - Fire	
3-01-31-460-027	Prevention	262.50
	Recycling Tax Other	
3-01-32-465-021	Expenses	3,675.00
3-01-35-470-020	CONTINGENT	26,250.00
	PUBLIC EMPL RETIREMENT	
3-01-36-471-000	SYSTEM	60,520.43
3-01-36-472-000	SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	59,587.50
3-01-36-474-000	DCRP	4,200.00
	POLICE & FIREMAN'S	
3-01-36-475-000	RETIREMENT	186,420.68
	PISTOL RANGE -	
3-01-42-100-020	RIVERVALE	656.25
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-42-200-011	Regular	52,500.00

	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-42-200-014	Overtime	6,825.00
3-01-42-200-032	Clothing & Uniforms	1,575.00
	Ammunition & Range	
3-01-42-200-040	Fees	262.50
3-01-42-200-092	Medical Expense	262.50
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-42-250-011	Regular	13,125.00
3-01-42-250-032	Clothing & Uniforms	393.75
	Ammunition & Range	
3-01-42-250-040	Fees	262.50
3-01-42-250-042	Education & Training	262.50
3-01-42-250-058	New Equipment	210.00
3-01-42-250-092	Medical Expense	183.75
	9-1-1 BERGEN COUNTY	
3-01-42-300-001	DISPATCH	19,687.50
	Salary and Wages -	
3-01-43-490-011	Regular	21,656.25
3-01-43-490-022	Postage	78.75
3-01-43-490-029	Contractual Services	656.25
3-01-43-490-036	Office Supplies	525.00
	Professional	
3-01-43-490-044	/Dues/Subscriptions	236.25
3-01-43-490-045	Travel	78.75
3-01-43-490-060	New Equipment	131.25
	Capital Improvement	
3-01-44-900-100	Fund	180,731.25
3-01-45-900-102	INTEREST ON NOTES	5,246.32
3-01-45-900-103	PRINCIPAL OF NOTES	78,382.24
	RESERVE FOR	
3-01-50-899-000	UNCOLLECTED TAXES	203,437.50

**TOTAL CURRENT TEMPORARY
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS**

3,930,426.59

Pool Temporary Budget Appropriations

ACCOUNT LINE	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET
3-05-55-502-503	Salary and Wages - Regular	27,562.50
	Salary and Wages-Season &	
3-05-55-502-505	Temp	47,775.00
3-05-55-502-507	Salary and Wages - Gate	11,812.50
	Salary and Wages -	
3-05-55-502-509	Maintenance	5,250.00
3-05-55-502-511	Salary and Wages - Preseason	1,312.50
3-05-55-502-513	Salary and Wages - Secr/Book	1,312.50
3-05-55-502-515	Salary and Wages - DPW Assist	525.00
3-05-55-502-522	Advertising	1,050.00

3-05-55-502-524	Office Supplies	787.50
3-05-55-502-525	Cleaning Supplies	787.50
3-05-55-502-526	Postage	13.13
3-05-55-502-528	Maint/Repairs to Equipment	1,312.50
3-05-55-502-530	Education/Dues	262.50
3-05-55-502-532	Telephone/WiFi	1,050.00
3-05-55-502-534	Miscellaneous	78.75
3-05-55-502-536	New Equipment	1,050.00
3-05-55-502-538	Surety Bonds	0.00
3-05-55-502-540	Software Maintenance	880.36
3-05-55-502-542	Public Relations	3,937.50
3-05-55-502-544	Auditor	3,522.75
3-05-55-502-548	Utilities	18,375.00
3-05-55-502-550	Contractual Services	32,602.59
3-05-55-502-551	Sewer Repair	525.00
3-05-55-502-552	Contractual Services - Pool Maintenance	33,087.84
3-05-55-502-553	Contractual Services - Bldg. Open/Close	6,083.44
3-05-55-502-554	Payroll Charges	1,050.00
3-05-55-502-556	Uniforms	1,312.50
3-05-55-502-557	BCUA Sewage Fees	2,100.00
3-05-55-502-558	Disposal	1,575.00
3-05-55-502-559	Vegetative Waste Disposal	1,076.25
3-05-55-502-560	Pool Chemicals	6,562.50
3-05-55-502-562	Insurance - Liability Pool -New	4,541.25
3-05-55-502-564	Equip/Repair/Replace	1,312.50
3-05-55-502-565	Emergency-Pump Repair Rec - New	2,100.00
3-05-55-502-566	Equip/Repair/Replace Grnds&Bldg-New	787.50
3-05-55-502-568	Equip/Repair/Re	525.00
3-05-55-502-570	Grnds & Building Supplies	656.25
3-05-55-502-572	Swim Team	525.00
3-05-55-502-574	Engineering	262.50
3-05-55-502-575	Legal	787.50
3-05-55-502-576	Workers' Compensation	5,266.80
3-05-55-502-588	Social Security	6,879.60
3-05-55-502-700	PERS	1,758.75
3-05-55-502-701	DCRP	47.25
3-05-55-502-990	Insurance-Life	13.13
3-05-55-502-993	Insurance-Medical	2,362.50
3-05-55-502-995	Insurance-Dental	105.00
POOL TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		242,563.14

[R23044](#) Authorizing Assessor to File Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board requires a resolution from municipalities within Bergen County authorizing the Tax Assessor and Borough Attorney to file municipal appeals on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale, and to file corrections and/or stipulations regarding errors in tax assessments with the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections and/or the signing of these stipulations by the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Hillsdale will relieve the taxpayer from appearing before the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor should be authorized to file appeals when under certain circumstances the taxpayer fails to provide information to allow a proper assessment to be done;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Tax Assessor and/or Borough Attorney for Tax Appeals be and are hereby authorized to sign stipulations with the Bergen County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors are made and to file appeals when appropriate and in the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney for Tax Appeals for the Borough of Hillsdale are hereby authorized to file municipal appeals for both procedural and substantive reasons.

Motion: DeRosa Second: Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy*, Trochimiuk

Nays: None

Abstain: Lundy on 23004, Borough Prosecutor and 23007 Tax Appeal Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Klein – Hillsdale

Has read the articles in the paper and he believes that Councilman DeRosa brought up the idea of excluding the mayor from the committees. He believes 5 people are trying to hide stuff from the mayor, which in turn hides things from the residents. Either you want the mayor in the mix or you don't. He finds it really confusing why a member of the council, who was voted in by the residents of the Borough to represent the people doesn't want to sit on committees and he wants to pick what suits him.

Michael Ghassali – Mayor of Montvale

He reminded everyone that the Borough form of Government is a weak Mayor, strong council and this is where the mayor is not the sole person in charge of the town. The way for this to work is to have a mutual trust between the mayor and the council and respect of each other as well. It works this well in Montvale as there is trust within his council and his residents. He wishes Hillsdale all the best this year.

Mayor Ruocco did not see anyone else wishing to speak so he closed the second Public Comment Period.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Ruocco welcomed Councilmember Fox and extended his best wishes and any assistance he may need. His door is always open. He thanks Chairman Dewey Bureson for his service on the Planning Board as he has recently resigned from the board. He will be looking for a replacement for a place on the board. He was disappointed with the Council's decision to once again adopt ByLaws that prevented the mayor from being a full or ex-officio member of standing committees.

Councilmember Lundy congratulated Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Trochimiuk and Council President DeRosa and wished all the residents a prosperous 2023.

Councilman Fox said that it is an honor to be here and he looks forward to working with everyone. He hopes everyone gets along and he would like to thank the residents for electing him and the County Committee for their support.

Council President DeRosa congratulated Councilman Fox and Trochimiuk. He recognized the new officers of the Hillsdale Ambulance Corp as well as Dewy Burleson for serving on the Planning Board. He thanked his fellow councilmembers for nominating him as Council President. This is his 8th Reorg and this one was not as uplifting as he had hoped. He wanted to remind everyone of the positive, like getting rid of the garbage trucks that used to go through the town, a well-planned redevelopment plan, and well needed upgrade to our nature trail, Stonybrook is doing well and now we are talking about a community center. There are a lot of good things on the horizon.

Councilman Horvath wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated Councilman Fox and Councilwoman Trochimiuk on their elections.

Councilwoman Trochimiuk thanked the Republican Committee for their support and the residents for their votes. She congratulated Councilman Fox and the new Council President DeRosa. Happy and Healthy and prosperous New Year.

Councilman Escobar congratulated Councilman Fox and Councilwoman Trochimiuk and Council President DeRosa and he looks forward to a happy 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Lundy Second: DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, DeRosa

Nays: None

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED