

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 15th day of January, 2019. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella (Attorney Madaio, Borough Clerk Kohan) Absent: Council Member Segalas and CMFO DeJoseph.

PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Mayor John Ruocco

Whereas on January 9th, 2019, partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide promoted National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)

Whereas, law enforcement officers have a difficult and sometimes dangerous public service career in the pursuit of keeping all citizens safe & secure,

Whereas, the inherent nature of law enforcement exposes law enforcement officers to criticism, often unjustified, leading some to adopt sweeping negative views of law enforcement officers,

Whereas it is important for the public to understand that despite such criticism, the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers are valuable civil servants who risk their lives and well-being striving to apply the laws of our governments fairly and equitably,

Therefore, the Hillsdale Mayor and Council, on behalf of all Hillsdale residents, wish to express formally their appreciation to the members of the Hillsdale Police Department for the job they do in keeping our residents safe and our town a desirable place to live.

OATH OF OFFICE/APPOINTMENTS:

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment portion of the meeting, seeing no one, the Public Comment portion was closed.

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018

Closed Session Minutes January 6, 2019

Sine Die Meeting January 6, 2019

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas

Nays: None

Abstain: From December 11 Minutes were Councilmembers DeRosa and Lundy

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Report – December 2018](#)
[Planning Board Report – December 2018](#)

Chief Robert Francaviglia
Borough Engineer Christopher Statile

Borough Engineer Statile said on the Hillsdale Avenue, Washington Avenue, Orchard Street and Parkview Drive grade crossings, New Jersey Transit has provided two estimates out of four estimates for NJDOT and they need all four estimates for construction cost estimates in order to submit those to the Commissioner's office. We are also awaiting the railroad to provide a single estimate as well modifications to the railroad signals before they can do anything with it. Once that is completed, they get all the estimates together and we will submit that to the Commissioner and issue an order for the work to be done. We can reconstruct all those railway crossings; Hillsdale Avenue is pretty bad right now. It is probably going to happen in the summertime; that is a very slow process. We have been concentrating on the 2019 Local Freight Impact Grant Application with the DOT that was submitted on January 11 for 2.2 million dollars to make improvements in and around the industrial zone, Patterson Street which includes environmental; he appreciated the endorsement letters he received as well and it was a long process before we got it down to the State. We will await to see what happens with that. We expect midsummer before they get to those as well. The local aid grants from 2018 will be vetted in January at which time the Commissioner will make announcements on the DOT grants again probably in the March, April time frame. I am not sure if the Freight Grant will be part of the other normal package of local aid grants or not, this is a separate source of funding and doesn't come out of the highway trust fund. Public Service is continuing with the interior of the JS building, control rooms, and interior work right now and they will be driving more piles in February and March and in 2019 for other things as well.

They already approached him to be going over the Phase III program with the Planning Board to talk about the third phase of work which includes small buildings and clearing of old buildings, etc. The work will be concentrated on Patterson Street and it is really the handle that goes out on Patterson Street. They have been before the Board for site plan approval and want to come in as informal first. We are continuing with the sidewalk designs for Piermont Avenue and go out for bid in the springtime and start construction as soon as the weather clears. On Centennial Field we provided the missing documentations that are required and sent to the State as well and we want to reduce some of the tests on the methane and that is in the works and we are asking for reduction on testing frequency. We had a meeting with the State and we were forced on the transmittal of those documents. We will be inviting the State to come up and review the landfill and have them sit down and have a meeting on how to pursue the reduction in testing frequencies. We met with the League of Municipalities at Atlantic City and they did confirm yes that tests show materials are benign and they could issue reductions. We have nothing in writing to reduce the frequency of tests. We are allowed under the Air Quality Permit to reduce the constituents being tested, that has already been done. We are not testing constituents anymore. The DEP is aware of that, it is highlighted in yellow. We are not getting anything out of the methane vents and the information that has been given to the State is basically an estimate based upon barometric pressure and other parameters. It is a very quiet landfill so far. The State knows we are coming to them but the Administrator wants them up here for a final tour of the site and we can talk about how we are going to go through the reductions. We have already provided the proposal for the reduction for the modification of the air quality permit. The permit is good for five years, it expires in 2020, we like to make modifications to it which includes testing to the vents as well as testing to the surface. It is up to the Administrator to get the State up here with the inspectors.

The other projects are pretty much in the works or on hold awaiting better weather. The Recreation Trails Grant was made in 2016 and it is his understanding the draft licensing agreement has been accepted by NJDEP and the next step it has to go to the Watershed Commission which meets twice a year and their next meeting is April 1st. He expects that project to be on the agenda and he will be tracking that with the State. The DOT applications for 2019, Highway Trust Fund, will be announced in March or April. We made two submissions for grant applications St. Nicholas Avenue as well as Melville Road and Craig Road; those are through Highway Trust Fund and 25 cents per gallon extra tax on gallon went to pay for this in part. The 2019 Open Space Program – we had the public hearing on the staff recommendations on January 7 with the Board of Freeholders and the final approval is slated for the first meeting in March. Once the Freeholders approve the Open Space Grant county-wide, the contracts will be sent out to the municipalities for execution and we can get going. You can start the work before the contracts are signed. The 2020 grant applications will become available in the next few weeks; that is a match and we have to provide half and is only for use for passive recreation, no buildings or structures. We haven't heard from the State on the Safe Routes to Schools; the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Program which is a federal grant program, we don't know when they will approve that; we applied for 1.4 million dollars which would include Patterson Street, Hillsdale Avenue out towards the back road as well for street scraping improvements on that.

The Walsky property on Patterson Street, the applicant will be clearing trees in the next few weeks and they received all the approvals they require.

Police Chief Francaviglia said during December we had 93 dispatch shifts and one was covered by Police Officer overtime and the others were covered by non-sworn personnel. This past month we had 128 motor vehicle stops and 14 criminal arrests. In December, Councilman Horvath, Captain Smith and I completed a Santa Detail at Shop Rite and we raised money for the Hillsdale Food Pantry and raised over \$1000 in cash and gift cards as well as various food products. Last month Officer Rooney who is a cancer survivor, Officer Camporeale and I attended Pink Hills Campaign against Cancer in Hackensack and the event raised toys for the Hackensack Medical Center. Captain Smith and I attended a seminar at the Jewish Federation in Paramus which was hosted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office; the seminar focused on safety and how to protect various religious institutions around Bergen County. He said in the area we have experienced many car thefts and burglaries to cars so don't leave your key fobs in the car or any personal belongings, otherwise you could become a victim. He has a report on dispatch about three pages long; last year he was given \$325,000 to upgrade our communications center. He researched what other municipalities are doing with emergency services dispatching; he was aware of shared services and wanted to be fiscally responsible while at the same time providing quality service to our residents. The safety and well-being of the community is paramount for the Hillsdale Police Department. The current state of our Department's communication equipment is that it is well over 25 years old and clearly at the end of service life by some of our experts. Spare parts and replacement parts are no longer manufactured and no longer readily available. The topic of replacing our dispatch console has been ongoing almost four years between the governing body and emergency services. The topic of retaining dispatch vs. outsourcing it to a Bergen County facility has been heavily debated with Council over the past nine months or so. He has researched pros and cons regarding using County dispatch and has been educated as to the benefits and negatives. He carefully considered the financial operational considerations for the Borough of Hillsdale and emergency services; based on his research he opposes retaining County dispatch and requests that we keep our own dispatch facility for the following reasons.

After speaking with Police Chiefs who currently use County service they all expressed the same thing to me that is if you have the opportunity to retain your own dispatch center, do so. The majority of their reasons are delays for calls for service which has to do with the county call taker; they ask too many questions before the call to the actual dispatcher. This ultimately delays the response to officers arriving to the requested call; this has happened with traffic accidents which were explained to him from a neighboring town. He has spoken with Patrol Officers from these towns who stated that these residents ask why it took so long to answer the call. Recently, Mayor Ruocco and I attended a meeting with Mayors and Police Chiefs and this is one of the topics, delay in service of calls. This is still being researched. The Mayor and I also had a phone call with the County Dispatch regarding the topic of delayed calls for service and according to them it is still being worked on by County Dispatch Staff. It remains a valid concern; some of this information you may say is hearsay but I prefer to listed to Police Chiefs and Officers who have firsthand knowledge of the service rather than someone vested in selling the service to a municipality.

Our Police Department is unique in its location, we are currently located in the downtown area and are located approximately 100 yards away from the Cornerstone Bar, one of the busiest establishments in Bergen County; there is also another tavern next door. A few weeks ago our Department handled an aggravated assault call that could have potentially ended in death resulting in homicide charges. These incidents may be rare but cannot be overlooked. On past occasions, patrons and others in need of assistance came into Police Headquarters seeking help. In my opinion, headquarters should remain open and staffed in comparison to the majority of other Police Departments are located remotely and off the beaten path. Currently our dispatch deals one on one with the caller and officer simultaneously resulting in virtually no time delay. Our dispatchers deal with residents on numerous occasions at all times of the day. He would encourage Council to observe our dispatchers any time. Pascack Valley towns in our area utilize Central Dispatch, another dispatch facility and it has been explained to him by several of those Police Chiefs that they are not satisfied with the quality of service they are receiving, they are receiving complaints from residents and officers. It is frustrating to these Chiefs when they ask for an explanation and are told personnel matter that is being handled and getting no answers. I firmly believe that shared service is inevitable but these central dispatch facilities can alleviate the problems with dispatching emergency services in a timely manner, I cannot support the idea of centralized dispatch. This issue is about money savings vs. service and safety; I believe service and safety should always come first and I think you would agree. Other than failing equipment, our current dispatch staff and operations is top notch; our full-time dispatchers have been recognized by this Mayor and Council as well as officers of the Hillsdale Police Department on several different occasions. An example, one night our night dispatcher was monitoring our security cameras in real time and witnessed an assault that was taking place at the rear Borough Hall and wasted no time in dispatching unit which saved the victim from a continued assault. These isolated instances continue to occur whether we like it or not and it is our duty to be there when they do. Recently our evening dispatcher was recognized by Councilman Segalas for professionalism during a crash on Kinderkamack Road. This past year a resident from another town while en-route to the hospital with a stabbing victim stopped at our police headquarters because his condition was rapidly

declining; she later said she came to Hillsdale because she knew the building was open. A person wanted for an attempted homicide specifically came to Hillsdale to turn himself in because he knew we were open 24 hours a day and located near a train station. These are a few of the incidents our dispatchers encountered in my tenure as Police Chief. After speaking with Fire Chief Tom Kelly, he spoke to our Board of Fire Officers about the issue of County dispatch over the past several months. He explained that each member of the Board of Fire Officers has done their own individual research and a vote recently taken by the Board and there was a unanimous decision to keep dispatch in Hillsdale. They found that County Dispatch had numerous complaints and lack of service and needs not met at Fire scenes. John Beatty informed him that he would like a centralized dispatch facility in the Pascack Valley area. Pascack Mutual Aid is not supported by the county but if the point of view was to save money, he can't support the move.

We all know this is a sensitive topic and not new to Hillsdale and voted on in 2012. A public referendum voted on in 2012 with votes of 2484 in favor of keeping dispatch vs 464 of outsourcing. He believes the opinion of our residents has not changed drastically and my position is to retain dispatching services in town. This concludes my report.

Council President Pizzella asked if it was his intention to get others to use Hillsdale as a dispatch, pay for the cost to keep dispatch in house.

Chief Francaviglia plans to talk to surrounding agencies that currently use other dispatching to come to Hillsdale. He would have to look into how many, we could probably accommodate two or three; Westwood would be in competition with us because they would do the same thing. He would rather not comment on particular towns in public.

John Beatty, head of Ambulance Service. He started with our yearend report for 2018 as an update as to where we are. In 2018, we 1172 requests for an ambulance handled by Hillsdale Police Dispatch. That is a large number but it is in relation to 683 that were located in Hillsdale alone; the offset is the additional calls that come in requesting us to go out of town. Hillsdale responded to 57% of the calls that were dispatched in the Borough of Hillsdale and 75% of the total 1172 dispatches by Hillsdale Police. The remaining calls were answered by Mutual Aid as well as local hospital units. All calls handled by Volunteers in the Pascack Valley accounted for 92% of all the transports, handled by our desk with paid hospital support covered by the other 8%. This is an increase of paid ambulance support for an additional three percent of calls compared to 2017. If you compare the two years, we had to rely on a little more hospital support due to decrease in volunteer units available. Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Service answered 876 calls in 2018 that is a decrease compared to the previous year; of those 876, 489 of them occurred in towns other than Hillsdale. That is 56% of our calls. These calls accounted for 2800 man hours on actual calls but our members are scheduled to respond, it is not a free for all, so we had approximately 25,000 scheduled man hours on duty throughout the year. Our average in service time for our calls from dispatch to calling is 5 minutes and 32 seconds. The average response time is 9 minutes and 42 seconds which is well below the national average. The State has started to move to digital charting for collecting data across the State. You may hear of the report of 92 percentile response times which shocked everyone because if you look at the 92 percentile that gets reported, in some parts of the state it takes 20 minutes to get an ambulance. Our 98th percentile in Hillsdale for all responses is 13 minutes and that is actually the Bergen County average which is below the State average. We have been on par with what we are expected to be doing; it means that 9 out of 10 calls will be at your door in 13 minutes, but our average is only 9. Because we are doing so many calls out of town we are getting that extended travel time so that is why that number is higher. We currently have 53 members on the roll, 44 which are EMT's, several are in school and several are just drivers; 20 of our EMT's are on leave in one form or another whether academic or personal matters. This means just 33 people riding in shifts on a consistent basis; in 2018 we welcomed 4 new EMT's after an intensive six weeks summer course and we have 4 slated to graduate in two weeks. We went to Emerson 38 times, Old Tappan 12, River Vale 66, Triboro 11, Washington Township 161, Westwood 200 and we went to another town on one occasion.

Council President Pizzella asked what is the rest of Pascack Valley doing?

John Beatty said nothing; Emerson came to us one time, Old Tappan came twice, River Vale came 53, Triboro came 15, the only ones responded to us than us respond to them, Washington Township came 94, Westwood came 77 compared to the 200 we went to them. We did have state ambulance come 54 times. Our ambulance traveled 7,770 miles. Our agency is nearing the purchase of a new ambulance because the ambulance is completely beyond its service life. Historically we replaced our ambulances in seven years, less than 50,000 miles of travel. We purchased this ambulance in 2008 and was present when I joined the Corps in 2008. Due to a decrease in donations from the community and cash donation from the Borough over time, that purchase was unable to be made in 2015 in our 7 year time line due to under-funding. Our unit is 10 years old and has over 91,000 miles on it. We made significant changes to our fund-raising but has not closed our gap. In 2001, we received a cash contribution from the Borough for \$20,000 plus additional donations earmarked for the new ambulance of \$25,000. I am not sure who convinced the town to do that; in 2008 we received a contribution of

\$23,500 but without any additional contribution from the Borough. When we started the plan of purchase for the new ambulance, the donation was \$16,000 a year, we bumped it to \$18,000 in 2017, but in 2018 the cash contribution was \$13,000. Our ambulance is in need of financial support and we are trying to make up the money elsewhere; we send follow-up letters to patients who have used our service, explaining what an ambulance would have cost them if they had a hospital based unit. We get letters thanking us for our support but they already donated to their town. I know budgets are tight but we need to plan a little better; taking away money from an organization entrusted to save lives is not the best place to do so. We are continuing our fund raising efforts; in 2015 we had our first annual beefsteak dinner. We looked at town adopted budgets for 2018 and three of our local towns within our Pascack Valley are receiving donations upwards of \$39,000 where we are piling in comparison and we are the busiest whose three towns combined donated \$74,000.

Mayor Ruocco asked if they could donate to our Ambulance Corps.

John Beatty said the Mayors could discuss this if you look at the numbers that exist out there where you have a local town getting \$42,000 and not going on half of what we are going on. For us to survive on our donation and our amount of calls, and they are getting double donations, it is disproportionate. We plan to discuss this with our liaisons and explain our position more hopefully expanding our yearly contribution to help offset the cost of this new ambulance. Several towns have upgraded their ambulances with support from their towns.

He is new to the position of Captain but there has been discussion regarding outsourcing to the county center in Mahwah but the Ambulance Corps do not think this is an investigative idea of increasing our emergency service capabilities; rather it's been done for costing saving matters. We have a great working relationship with our police desk but the reason we feel we can't move is not the relationship alone. I started my volunteer career when I was in college and we had a regional EMS dispatch center that handled all EMS calls for the Mercer County. It was a very different model than we have here where each town is handling their own; it was great having a regional EMS dispatch center but the issue is we have 72 towns to deal with. It was good in their realm not so good for us here. The other issue is in our region, we would be the only ones in the Pascack Valley moving to the County, it does not increase our operability because we are interacting with eight other towns on a regular basis and we would not be able to talk to them directly; it is good to work face to face. It would not increase operability as there would phone calls from one area to another and we don't know what the delay in those phone calls has been. Right now if we know the town needs an ambulance they call directly to the next town and vice versa and we are getting one dispatcher dedicated to our town and being able to answer that request for them. If there was a regionalized dispatch model about enhancing emergency services to the community not just on call, potentially exploring an endeavor as more research, more from neighboring communities and neighboring agencies which we could vision a regionalized system for the Pascack Valley area. Right now moving to the county and be the first ones to jump there when we've heard of other people wanting to jump away from there, I don't think makes sense. Whatever the town decides, we go with you but over time no ambulance corps around here has made the decision themselves to move. We do provide a service to Hillsdale, we are a Borough entity, we could next week sign our own contract with Central Dispatch and when Hillsdale needs us, you have to call them but we don't see that to be a smart decision because we work so well with the agencies within our Borough and our dispatchers know everything that is going on when we are trying to communicate back and forth with each other, our Fire Department, our Police Department; there is no loss of communication. When our dispatcher says Pascack Road, we know where Pascack Road is vs. where other towns that have Pascack Roads, they are not the same Pascack Road. We do not think it would be a wise idea for us to move.

Council President Pizzella said he was at a meeting with him and asked if he had information from other towns.

Mr. Beatty said no, that was a regionalization meeting for mass purposes; he also runs the Pascack Valley Mutual Aid Group which means he oversees the availability of ambulances within the seven squads that provide to the nine towns in our region. We went in there with statistics to show the percentage of available ambulances at any given time. When we needed ambulances forty percent of the time they had a crew ready to go and that is not a good idea. We were looking at a regionalization model of that aspect which would enhance our capabilities, we would have more members to pool from, probably guarantee an ambulance 24/7 which currently we cannot do and you are bringing in donations from more than one source. Triboro Ambulance is a regional system, one ambulance system providing for three towns; they are in service 99% of the time with a dedicated crew and they handle 98.9% of their own calls. When our ambulance is out of service we have to knock on our neighbor's doors and find out what town has an ambulance we can borrow. He would say an impediment to regionalizing is the patch people wear on their shoulder. It seems some other towns feel they have been on this corps 50 years and don't want to lose that notoriety; in Hillsdale most of us have not been around for 50 years.

Councilmember Segalas said we are blessed to have such a young crew.

Mr. Beatty said we have brought in member from other towns.

Council President Pizzella said other towns are not paying their fair share and not contributing to what is going on, the need is there and Hillsdale is addressing the need. The other towns are not contributing to the cost.

Mr. Beatty said if you look at the northwest Bergen region such as Saddle River when they had increased staffing and were getting calls all the time they started sending bills saying they came to their town blank number of times last year and we think the price of a call is this and send us payment when you get a chance. Paramus is no longer a volunteer squad the difference is licensing and we are basically supported by the EMS Council of New Jersey called the First Aid Council and there is also the Department of Health. The Department of Health oversees what EMT can do and they oversee all paid ambulances. Currently we are not allowed to bill. In order for us to bill insurance companies, we would have to re-charter and become a licensed agency under the Department of Health. That would require staffing 24/7 so we don't have the people and you have to guarantee two EMT's per crew. If you regionalize this into the Pascack system I don't see how you wouldn't be able to do that. We usually have at least two ambulances at any given moment.

Mayor Ruocco said you went to the Mayor's meeting and presented it to them but it didn't produce much fruit in terms of cooperation from the others.

Mr. Beatty said we didn't have an agreement; you need an ambulance, we will come and there were never any staffing requirements, no talk of holidays, etc. At Christmas, most people are off and this Christmas out of a total of seven, there were three ambulances. People don't want to give the time anymore; we delineated in our new agreement specific days of the year namely national holidays that if you don't have an ambulance crew you can't call us. The model is on those specific days you have to call a hospital based unit from one of the local paid agencies and if they can't come, we will come, we will not deny you an ambulance but want to shift the burden a little bit. There has been no official signing of the agreement because of items in there people had issues with.

Mayor Ruocco said we have to talk more to encourage Mayors to encourage the ambulance services in their towns.

Mr. Beatty thought a conversation that is really a conversation is something we need to do. He doesn't want to cut costs when it comes to saving lives. An ambulance is a custom piece and anywhere from 240 to 300 days from date of purchase and if we purchased it now, it would be at least October or November before we would obtain it. Our organization is planning to do everything we are currently doing and are searching for new ideas. We have been able to use the Borough mechanic to offset some of our costs and that has enhanced our abilities. The main reason to keep dispatch in house is our enhanced capabilities of communication with our dispatcher, we have great reliability with usage of our house dispatcher, whether asking them simple questions, they are changing our status on the screen, and our mutual aid groups have a website that keeps track of all our ambulances. County dispatchers already have so many other assets to manage and other screens to do and he feels they would forget. We have seen agencies go to another regional center and our dispatchers called them for an ambulance and were told they don't have one and forgot to change the screen. There are issues that would be there. It is very disappointing when another agency is being dispatched and they fulfill and then it comes to us.

Mayor Ruocco thanked Mr. Beatty.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Ruocco announces the following **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** for the year 2019.

Economic Growth & Development	Frank Pizzella
Finance	Abby Lundy
Police Department/OEM	Abby Lundy

Motion: by Council Member DeRosa, Second :by Council Member Lundy, and unanimously carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa
Councilman - John Escobar
Councilman – Zoltan Horvath
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
Councilman – Steven Segalas
Council President – Frank Pizzella

Councilman Segalas said the ordinance review committee is conducting brief meeting tomorrow morning to set up our agenda.

Council President Pizzella said he has a report on Economic Development and he needs to do that in closed.

Councilwoman Lundy said the Finance Committee had a four hour meeting and we discussed a lot of items on the agenda and CFO has started to collect information for the budget and we will be setting dates for our budget meetings. The Police Committee met and there will be more discussion on items in that agenda. The Pool Commission welcomed two new members and they will have a budget meeting; fees are the same and are changing the structure a little bit.

Councilman Horvath said his committees are meeting and will give a report next week. The senior van will be lettered soon.

Councilman Escobar said the Board of Health is going on as we speak and they named the President and Vice President and will have a report next month.

Councilman DeRosa said the Regional Board of Education had an organization last Monday there was a tie and a second vote and a President and Vice President named. Park Assessment testing has been struck down and the Board of Ed was instructed to hold on that and not take any action until they hear from the Department of Education. River Vale, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake got together with the Regional Board of Ed to show unity against discrimination. On February 13 for all residents and speakers will be announced to combat hate and intolerance and will be hosting speakers and communicate messaging and how to manage hate and intolerance. This Monday is Teachers Development Day and Pascack Hills and Pascack Valley will participate. Pascack Valley named their main gym and is now known as Jasper Court. The Local Board of Ed accepted applications to fill a vacancy and the candidate has to appear in public and will be interviewed and expect to fill the vacancy by February 20. This month is Board of Education Appreciation Month and asked if there is a Mayor and Council appreciation month. The kids and faculty prepared a video which will be shown during the month. Ambulance is meeting now; Rec Commission held their Re-Org meeting Thursday. Hillsdale will be posting Rutgers Safety Clinic for anyone who wants to coach a sports club and it is being hosted February 13 at 6:30 PM in Borough Hall. The Commission will audit all our fields and get an evaluation of our recreational resources.

Council President Pizzella said for Access for All, the Borough Clerk submitted the survey and encouraged everyone to look at the notice in town, what's happening in Hillsdale and fill out the form and we will allow Access for All to understand what disabilities and what special needs are out there and allow us to understand what we need to address.

Mayor Ruocco said after we emerge from closed session the Council will consider two resolutions and if approved would allow the Borough to invest \$325,000 to maintain our current police dispatch desk. The equipment is old. Elected officials have a fiduciary responsibility to our residents. He tried his best to put forward the case for alternative shared solution with Bergen County Dispatch Service. The Police Department approached our Council last summer and asked us to consider a shared service option that they had negotiated. It would free the HPD from many administrative and staffing burdens, allowing more time for other duties. It would guarantee that we would always have state of the art technology that meets or exceeds federal and state standards. It would allow Hillsdale to keep up with other surrounding towns that entered into shared service agreements for dispatch and it would better allow us to obtain resources in a regional disaster more efficiently than we could do alone. It would save about \$150,000 annually plus avoid much of the one-time cost necessary to keep our own dispatch desk. Total savings would be about \$850,000 to \$900,000 over five years. The Mayor feels that Municipalities need to remain lean in order to meet their budget caps and rely more heavily on shared services to reduce expenses and control tax increases. Naturally, he was interested in what the Police Chief and Captain had to say when they presented a proposal for shared services to us last summer. But he told heads of all emergency response departments that if they didn't support the idea using the county facility, it wasn't going to happen. County officials were reluctant to take on Hillsdale unless we were "all in." Borough Mayors cannot adopt shared services no matter how compelling; we need the approval of Council. He knew that the majority of Council had concerns and did not want to proceed without buy-in from our first responders. So, being limited to persuasion and commentary from the dais, he teed up the issue in an interview with the Pascack Press published in November. He sent out a town notice on January 2 to residents highlighting a bi-partisan report prepared by policy & financial experts urging municipalities to do exactly what the Chief and Captain had initially come to us with and what he was hoping we would do.. He devoted a good part of last week's State of the Borough Address to highlight the financial challenges faced by this Borough and how a shared service arrangement would help us. He made plans that will now need to be abandoned to have County Dispatch officials come here to meet with residents, first responders and Council in an effort to inform our

residents and build an atmosphere that Councilmembers would be more comfortable with the idea of using County dispatch services. The efforts were unsuccessful and tonight we heard recommendations from our Police, Fire Chief and Ambulance. This Council would not and should not go forward without their support. He feels there was an opportunity here lost; we have athletic fields that needed renovation, we lack a community center, we have rising pension, garbage and salary expenses. But he doesn't think we have the luxury of being an island running our own police dispatch desk for much longer when many towns around us got off the island quite a few years ago and went to a shared service arrangement. They did so with little drama or negative consequences, according to all the mayors he spoke with in the Northern Valley and in other towns that have gone to the Mahwah facility. Eventually we can do the same. Hillsdale, like towns around us, aspires and needs to keep pace with 21st century demands. But apparently it is going to have to wait until the county facility officials can make a more convincing case to our Council and first responders.

NEW BUSINESS:
CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Letter from Lauren Bacsik, Pascack Valley High School requesting use of Stonybrook Swim Club and Borough Streets for a 5K Run/Walk on March 24, 2019.](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion by Council Member DeRosa, Second by Council Member Lundy, and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION:

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion _____ Second _____
Council Members Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Ruocco opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Ann Cron, 187 Magnolia Avenue –

She said tomorrow is the senior's luncheon, meatloaf and mashed potatoes, vegetables and a brownie. The seniors asked to keep you on your toes for a community center. She has everything we need for tomorrow but have no place to store it at St. Johns, it is in her car. It took an hour to get everything into the car. It will take a half hour to get it out and into St. Johns and another hour to get everything back to Marie Hanlon.

Councilmember Horvath said there are plans and negotiations and the senior center is part of that.

Seeing no one, Mayor Ruocco closed the meeting.

ORDINANCES: (Introductions/Adoptions)

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R19028 through R19037:

[R19028](#) Resolution Granting Approval to Submit a Grant Application with the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the 2019 UDRIVE. UTEXT. UPAY. Distracted Driving Crackdown April 9-15, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to submit a grant application with the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety for the 2019 UDRIVE, UTEXT, UPAY Grant utilizing the system for Administering Grants Electronically (SAGE); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, the Chief Municipal Finance Officer and the Project director to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2019 Crackdown from April 9 – 15, 2019 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Borough of Hillsdale declares its support for the Distracted Driving 2019 Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 9 – 15, 2019 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid grant up to the grant amount of 120 hours at an hourly rate of \$55.00 per hour for a total amount not to exceed \$6,600.00.

[R19029](#) Resolution Authorizing Investments of Idle Funds and Fund Transfers

WHEREAS, it is desirable that idle funds be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times, and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Municipal expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Municipal Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purposes and subject to all pertinent regulations and execute the application(s) and agreement(s) to participate in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund:

- 1) To or from Municipal checking or savings accounts to other Municipal accounts.
- 2) To or from Municipal checking or savings accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account.

[R19030](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Durie as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute an Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with Keith Durie to serve as Licensed Sewer Operator

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Keith Durie to serve as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

WHEREAS, Keith Durie wishes to serve in the position of Licensed Sewer Operator and to enter into an Employment Agreement to perform such duties with the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Keith Durie is hereby appointed Licensed Sewer Operator at for the Borough of Hillsdale at an annual rate of \$5000.00 effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement with Keith Durie to serve as Borough Licensed Sewer Operator and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

[R19031](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise for Qualifications for Borough Professionals – Alternate Public Defender

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the above-mentioned services for the following positions for year 2019:

Alternate Borough Public Defender

[R19032](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Together Pay for Municipal Credit and Debit Card Processing Through the Community Pass System.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale currently utilizes Authorize.net for Municipal Credit and Debit Card charges through the Community Pass System; and,

WHEREAS, Community Pass is in the process of replacing Authorize.net with TogetherPay for their credit card and e-check processing solutions that combines payment gateway and credit card processing into a single solution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough will be charged a blended rate of 1.53% + \$.015 per transaction for payments made through the Borough of Hillsdale, Stonybrook Swim Club and Hillsdale Recreation Programs via the Community Pass System; and

WHEREAS, Together Pay has also met all of the specifications for municipal credit and debit and processing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, Authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement with Together Pay for Municipal Credit and Debit Card Processing at a blended rate of 1.53% plus .15 per transaction for payments through the Community Pass System for the Borough of Hillsdale, Stonybrook Swim Club and Hillsdale Recreation Programs. A copy of the executed Agreement shall be on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

[R19033](#) Authorization 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, 2019;

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 March 1, 2019.

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

[R19034](#) Resolution Consenting to an Extension of the Lease Agreement with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the Cell Tower Located at 383 Hillsdale Avenue (Hillsdale Fire Department)

WHEREAS, on or about September 1, 1998, The Borough of Hillsdale (as “Landlord”) and New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Tenant” or “Verizon”) entered into a certain Lease Agreement (“Lease Agreement”) pursuant to which Landlord leased to Tenant certain Premises (“Leased Premises”) for the operation by Tenant of a wireless communications facility and uses incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, the term of said Lease Agreement is scheduled to expire on January 28, 2019, and the Parties are mutually desirous of extending the term of the Lease upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement entitled Amendment No. 1 to Land Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Hillsdale desires to sign said Agreement with Verizon accepting the terms and conditions therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes Mayor John Ruocco to sign said Agreement; and all other appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of said settlement.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

[R19035](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Extend the Award for Grass Cutting on Borough Owned Property

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is interested in extending their contract for Grass Cutting on Borough Owned Property with LTI, Inc, 122 Main Road, Montville, NJ 07045 in the amount of fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars, \$51,500.00 for the 2019 Landscaping season; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council at its sole discretion, in accordance with NJSA 40A 11-1 et seq., the Mayor and Council may, by adoption of resolution, extend the contract for one (1) one (1) year period if they determine; that the contract service is being performed in an effective and efficient manner; and if any price change included as part of an extension shall be based upon the price of the original contract as cumulatively adjusted pursuant to any previous adjustment or extension and shall not exceed the change in the index rate for the twelve (12) months preceding the most recent quarterly calculation available at the time the contract is renewed and the terms and conditions of the contract remain substantially similar; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The contract for grass cutting on Borough owned properties as outlined in the bid proposal is hereby awarded to LTI, Inc effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare contracts and/or other documents pursuant to the award of this contract.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts and/or documents pursuant to the award of this contract.

[R19036](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Snow Plow Laborer for the 2019 Winter Season

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Temporary Snow Plow Laborers within the Borough of Hillsdale Department of Public Works for the 2019 winter season; and,

WHEREAS, the following meet the requirements to fill the positions at the Department of Public Works:

Non-CDL Driver at the rate of \$25.00/hour

Michael Griffin Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council Borough that Michael Griffin Jr. is hereby appointed to the position of Temporary Snow Plow Laborers for the 2019 winter season for the Department of Public Works, effective approximately January 15, 2019 until approximately April 30, 2019 on an as needed basis.

[R19037](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for a Single Axle Dump Truck with Snow Plow and Salter

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have recognized the need to continue the improvements of Vehicles and Equipment at the Department of Public Works, Hillsdale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the need for a Single Axle Dump Truck with Snow Plow and Salter has been identified; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works Superintendent and the CMFO-Borough Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent have developed specifications for the public bidding of a Single Axle Dump Truck with Snow Plow and Salter; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to go out to bid for said Vehicle.

Councilmember DeRosa asked to remove R19035.

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Councilmember DeRosa said R19035 is extending the award for a landscaper for the Borough. We heard many complaints especially earlier in the year but heard that during the latter of the year they improved. His bid is substantially lower than the other bids. He will approve this reluctantly because he would rather save the money.

Motion on R19035 was made by Council Member DeRosa, Second by Council Member Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, Horvath

Nays: None

OFF-CONSENT:

Motion to adopt _____ Second _____

Council Members Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Councilmember DeRosa said last Christmas Tree pickup is January 23. Monday is Martin Luther King Day and suggested we reflect on how far we have come as a nation and how much we still need to go. His message of tolerance and non-violence is relevant today as then.

Councilmember Lundy expressed her appreciation to the Police Department for keeping our town safe.

Council President Pizzella said Economic Development is the way to get things, new fields, community center, new vitalized downtown; it is about figuring out the smart way to go out in a creative way and would tell all residents to support Economic Development in our town. He said how to figure out how to enhance our assets, such as the pool, train station; it is the only way we want to go.

Councilmember Segalas expressed his thanks for the Police Department in service to our town.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

R19038 To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – *Shared Services, Personnel, Waste Management, Redevelopment*

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

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

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

___ (1) Matters required by law to be confidential.

___ (2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.

___ (3) Matters involving individual privacy –

___(4) Matters relating to collective bargaining -

___ (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.

___ (6) Matters relating to public safety and property.

X (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege – *Waste Management, Shared Services, Redevelopment*

X (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship – *Police Personnel*

___ (9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Segalas, and unanimously carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene by Councilmember Lundy, Second Council President Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

R19039 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Determine Whether Block 1207, Lots 8,9,10 and 11; Block 1208, Lots 1,2,3,4, and 5; Block 1209, Lots 2,3,4,5,and 6; Block 1210, Lots 6,7,8,9,10 and 11; Block 1211, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 1212 Lot 13 Qualify for Designation as “An Area in Need of Redevelopment” Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 Et Seq. and to Authorize DMR Architecture to Prepare Necessary Studies for Use by the Planning Board

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*, (“LRHL”) provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments in efforts to promote programs of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to explore whether the following real property:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>
1207	8	49 Prospect Place
1207	9	55 Prospect Place
1207	10	67 Prospect Place
1207	11	73 Prospect Place
1208	1	560 Piermont Ave
1208	2	74 Prospect Place
1208	3	539 Piermont Ave
1208	4	115 Patterson Street
1208	5	123 Patterson Street
1209	2	93 Prospect Place
1209	3	93 Prospect Place
1209	4	95 Prospect Place
1209	5	107 Prospect Place
1209	6	109 Prospect Place
1210	6	100 Prospect Place
1210	7	560 Piermont Ave
1210	8	540 Piermont Ave (554 Piermont)
1210	9	550 Piermont Ave
1210	10	538 Piermont Ave
1210	11	77 Brookside Place
1211	1	145 Patterson Street
1211	2	60 Brookside Place
1212	13	270 Knickerbocker Ave

inclusive of any and all streets, “paper” streets, private drives and right of ways (the “Study Area”) may be an appropriate area for consideration for the program of redevelopment and for designation as an area in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the LRHL sets forth a specific procedure for establishing whether or not various properties constitute an “area in need of redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, prior to the Borough Council making a determination as to whether the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment, the Borough Council must authorize and direct the Planning Board, by Resolution, to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether some of all of the properties in the Study Area meet the criteria of an area in need of redevelopment set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5*, and desire to direct a Planner on behalf of the Borough to prepare necessary studies and reports to determine if the Study Area constitutes an “Area in Need of Redevelopment”; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to direct the Borough Planning Board to undertake such preliminary investigation to determine whether the Study Area meets the criteria for designation as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5* and in accordance with the investigation and hearing process set forth at *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby directs the Planning Board to conduct the necessary preliminary investigation and to hold a public hearing to determine whether the Study Area defined hereinabove qualifies for designation as an Area in Need of Redevelopment under the applicable criteria and pursuant to the public hearing process set forth in *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the redevelopment area determination shall further authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the New Jersey Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, except for the power of eminent domain, and the study area shall in no way be considered to be a “Condemnation Redevelopment Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that DMR Architecture of Heights Plaza 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607 Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604 be, and hereby is, retained and is authorized to prepare necessary studies and reports to determine if the Study Area constitutes an “Area in Need of Redevelopment” and to otherwise guide the Mayor and Council and the Planning Board in the redevelopment process, deliberations, and public hearing(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Borough Council in the form of a Resolution with all necessary supporting documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor John Ruocco has previously been authorized to sign a Contract with DMR Architecture, on behalf of the Borough, and that all appropriate Borough professionals, employees, elected, and appointed officials are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Planning Board Chairman and Secretary,

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Ruocco said the Council passed a Resolution similar to this.

Council President Pizzella made a motion to pass R19039, Second by Councilmember Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

Nays: None

Recuse: Council Member Lundy

Council President Pizzella made a motion to rescind Resolution R18092 which authorized the Planning Board to pursue an investigation of the industrial area which was in need of redevelopment which we will do by Resolution R19044 found below.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horvath, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Recuse: Council Member Lundy

R19044 Resolution to Rescind Resolution 18092 and Replace it with Resolution 19039

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale passed Resolution 18092 authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether Block 1207, Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11; Block 1208, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Block 1209, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; Block 1210, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11; Block 1211, Lots 1 and 2; and Block 1212, Lot 13 qualify for designation as “An Area In Need Of Redevelopment” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-1 Et Seq.* and to authorize DMR Architecture to prepare necessary studies for use by the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution included the authorization of the municipality to use all those powers provided by the New Jersey Legislature for in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desired to eliminate the possibility of the use of the power of eminent domain from said Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019 the Mayor and Council passed Resolution 19039, to replace Resolution 18092; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby rescinds Resolution 18092.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

[R19040](#) Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Funds to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. for Hillsdale Waste Transferred to and Disposed of in the Fairview Transfer Station and the Settlement of the Related Lawsuit

WHEREAS, Waste Management of New Jersey (“WMNJ”) operates a Waste Transfer Station located at 131 Patterson Street in the Borough of Hillsdale (“Hillsdale Transfer Station”); and

WHEREAS, WMNJ sued the Borough in Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division Docket Number BER-L-5967-18 for amounts owed for Hillsdale’s waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to a settlement for the amounts due, to wit, \$78,000.00 in a lump sum payment, which is more specifically outline in a Stipulation of Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the parties consent to the execution of the Stipulation of Settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes Borough Attorney, Mark D. Madaio to prepare and sign all documents to implement the settlement and all other appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of said settlement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the payment of \$78,000.00 to WMNJ.

Motion by Council Member Escobar, Second by Council Member DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

[R19041](#) Authorizing the Replacement of the Dispatch Console and Associated Hardware at the Police Department Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program and other approved Cooperative Purchasing Programs for any State or Cooperative Purchasing contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury and/or by the approve the Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to replace the dispatch desk console and associated hardware at the Police Station through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program State Contract #83909 valid 5/1/18-4/30/19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and sign an agreement for the replacement of the dispatch desk console and related hardware at the Police Station with Motorola Solutions, 123 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677, in an amount not to exceed \$256,045.55 in accordance with State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

Nays: None

[R19042](#) Resolution Authorizing the Construction, Labor and Materials to Replace the Dispatch Desk at the Police Department Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program and other approved Cooperative Purchasing Programs for any State or Cooperative Purchasing contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury and/or by the approve the Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, New Jersey State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to replace the dispatch desk at the Police Station through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, New Jersey State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS Purchasing Program valid 6/26/17-7/28/19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the replacement of the dispatch desk at the Police Station with Murray Paving & Concrete 17 Park Place, Paramus, New Jersey 07652, in an amount not to exceed \$62,193.57 in accordance with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, New Jersey State approved Cooperative Pricing System #65MCESCCPS.

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Segalas, DeRosa, Horvath, Escobar, Lundy, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

[R19043](#) Resolution Recommending the Hiring of Probationary Police Officer Amanda Turrin

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Hillsdale Police Department for a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has gone through the process of applications and interviews to employ the services of a police officer; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of a probationary police officer for the Hillsdale Borough Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the recommendation of Chief Robert Francaviglia to employ Amanda Turrin as a Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department is accepted and Amanda Turrin is hereby appointed to a Probationary Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department, at a salary of \$31,500.00, effective January 28, 2019.

Motion by Council Member Horvath, Second by Council Member Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council President Pizzella, Second Council Member Horvath, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED