

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 26, 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 26th day of November, 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, Mayor Ruocco, (Borough Attorney Mark Madio, Borough Administrator Gallione, Borough Clerk Kohan). Absent: Council Member Segalas.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R19293](#) 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 – *Personnel/Hiring*

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 –

___(7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege –

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

___ (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.

[Proposed Contract for Christopher Tietjen](#)

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Segalas

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene by Council Member DeRosa, Second by Council Member Escobar, and unanimously carried.

OFF-CONSENT:

[R19294](#) Resolution Appointing Christopher Tietjen as Borough Administrator and Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Christopher Tietjen to serve as Borough Administrator and Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

WHEREAS, Christopher Tietjen wishes to serve in the position of Borough Administrator and Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement upon such terms as set forth in a certain Agreement dated November 26, 2019, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein” 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 Christopher Tietjen is hereby appointed Borough Administrator and Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

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 Christopher Tietjen to serve as Borough Administrator and Interim Qualified Purchasing Agent effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Mayor Ruocco said the Council discussed this contract. There will be one change in the contract that we discussed in closed and that is to delete on Page 4, Paragraph 9, the date by which Christopher Tietjen will obtain his QPA.. There is every indication that he will pass that exam but to make it fair, in case any issues come up, or he cannot take the exam or not pass on the first exam, he will have more time and not be hamstrung by the date as indicated in the contract. With the Council's permission he will delete the date.

Attorney Madaio said we will have the contract signed and initialed where the strike out is.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Segalas

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Public Comment period at this time. Seeing no one, the Public Comment was closed.

DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED