

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 9th day of November, 2016. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella  
(Mayor Frank, Borough Attorney Madaio, CMFO Jonathan DeJoseph, Acting Borough Clerk Kohan)

Absent: Borough Attorney Madaio

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Presented Brendan McCauliff – Eagle Scout Presentation

Councilmember DeRosa presented Brendan McCauliff who is working towards Eagle Scout and he will present his project to the Council and will ask if he may proceed with his project.

Brendan McCauliff, Troop 109, 161 Clinton Avenue –  
Regarding his project, he has been discussing it with the Hillsdale Football Association and his project is to build a table for wet weigh-ins. They need a TV stand and the walls are in need of paint. They also requested him to paint a light board to enable them to do films and write on the board as well. The reason for this project is not only for the Eagle Project but also in commemoration of Alex Albert. Mr. Flanagan requested this.

Councilmember DeRosa asked if he knew of Albert's background.

Brendan McCauliff said Albert had cancer and he passed away at an early age.

Mayor Frank asked if this project is at the field house.

Brendan said it was at the field house at Memorial Field. He has a letter from the Football Association.

Councilmember DeRosa said he knows Brendan, he knows his parents, and he is sure he will do a very good job.

Mayor Frank said it sounds like a great project and wished him good luck.

Brendan thanked the Council.

Mayor Frank said we have a public hearing which is publicized for 8:00 P.M. We will proceed with the rest of the Agenda and come back to this.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND – OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECT -19 GLENDALE DRIVE, BLOCK 1111 LOT 5 @8:00 p.m. as advertised**

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Open Space Acquisition Project - 19 Glendale Drive, Block 1111 Lot 5, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Open Space Acquisition Project - 19 Glendale Drive, Block 1111 Lot 5

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Looes, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Frank said this is an acquisition program with one of the properties on Glendale Avenue which has been flooded numerous times and is vacant will be acquired by the use of no Hillsdale funds, acquired using Green Acres and Blue Acres. This is for us to apply so this individual can get the relief.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said this application is just for Bergen County, Green Acres applications are not available yet and anticipate them over the next two or three months. He will advise the Mayor and Council when we proceed with the application for the remainder of the grants.

Mayor Frank said this is just a start of the process to help this person to sell the house, knock it down. This would be available to other residents as well. They have to go through the process for applying. The homeowner would initiate the process through the Borough. The lot next door has been vacated and this will make it a larger lot.

Administrator DeJoseph said the lot next door directly west is owned by the Borough currently. There is roughly 2.2 million dollars available from the County for funding for this, it already exceeded that amount based on direction so there is a possibility that property there can be fully funded, so he wanted the Council to be aware of that as well as the resident.

Councilmember Ruocco said the end result is the razing of the building and the land goes back to its natural state.

Mayor Frank said we have already done three houses there.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Open Space Acquisition Project - 19 Glendale Drive, Block 1111 Lot 5 be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the Letter of Intent and the completed Grant Application was available to the public at Borough Hall

Motion to close public hearing on Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund Beechwood Park

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Looes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

R16239 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit an Application for the 2016 Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Open Space Acquisition Project - 19 Glendale Drive, Block 1111 Lot 5

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Bergen County Trust Fund”), provides grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition of lands for open space conservation purposes and/or outdoor recreation facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of \$188,800.00 from the Bergen County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Acquisition of Private Property – 19 Glendale Drive, Block 1111 Lot 5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body has reviewed the Bergen County Trust Fund Program Statement, the County Program Open Space Policy and Procedures Manual, and the open space application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of the application process, the governing body will held the required public hearing on November 9, 2016 at 8:00 pm to receive comments prior to the submission of said application(s); and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Bergen County Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the Bergen County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project(s); and

**WHEREAS**, if the applicant is successful in acquiring said project through the use of a County Trust Fund grant, then the applicant will permanently preserve said project for open space conservation and/or outdoor recreation purposes though a recorded deed of easement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by this year's deadline established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a Bergen County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the applicant has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and,
3. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to Adopt R16239

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

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

Mayor Frank opened the time limited, new topics only, one speaker per topic. Seeing no one, he closed this portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 18, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

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

October 18, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

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

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

*(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa  
Councilman - Scott Karcich  
Councilwoman - Chris Looes  
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy  
Council President - Frank Pizzella  
Councilman - John Ruocco

Councilmember DeRosa said the Regional Board of Education met on Monday and approved the policy to arm their current security guards and now changed their titles to Security Officers. As of yesterday, the officers at Pascack Valley and Pascack Hills are now carrying weapons. The Board is reevaluating the recording of their meetings and he expects to have an update by the next Council meeting. Not directly related to Hillsdale, but it is related to spending; the Board is proposing a \$3.8 million dollar improvement to the Pascack Hills facility which includes a girls softball field which they do not currently have, they play their games at another location. They will demolish and rebuild their tennis courts to include five courts so that they can carry tournaments which they can't do now. There is a deteriorating business office structure and eliminate that plus they have to make the field handicapped accessible.

Mayor Frank asked if they are moving the business office from the back because they were looking for space.

Councilmember DeRosa said they will eliminate that and build another structure. They are losing the present space to pick up space for the field. The Recreation Commission said registration is now open for basketball and wrestling and information is available on the website. The sports associations have been sending representatives to the Recreation Commission meetings and it has been working out very well. Questions come up and they can be answered right away by the sports association representatives and they are providing valuable input into decisions the Commission is making. New lightning detector systems will be in place by the end of this month. The Recreation Commission is planning the tree lighting event which is Wednesday, December 7, at Veterans Park. There will be DJ, choir and a visit from Santa escorted by the Hillsdale Fire Department.

Councilmember Karcich said the men are out doing leaf removals. We had a slight breakdown with one of our backs and are trying to get it repaired quickly.

Mayor Frank said it is back on the road today.

Councilmember Karcich said all the lights are in the trees at Veterans Park.

Councilmember Looes said the turkey drop off is at the Hillsdale Food Pantry. If anyone wishes to drop off a turkey, this can be done on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the United Methodist Church which houses the Hillsdale Food pantry. Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale Organization is having their gift drive again; there are two locations, one here at Borough Hall which has a box in the lobby and you can put in an unwrapped gift there or at the post office, there will be the Giving Tree with tags with more specific items and gift cards are always accepted.

Councilmember Lundy said none of here committees have met this month so she has nothing to report.

Council President Pizzella said he would like to appoint Bob Cinic, Jenny Frantin and Jerry Miano to the Historic Preservation Commission and he would like them sworn in at the next meeting. The Environmental Commission has provided a recommendation for the opening on their Board and was sent to the Council.

Regarding the Woodcliff Lake and Park Ridge and Hillsdale Reservoir Walk, we have been provided with a revised Agreement and the attorney is reviewing it. This is a Lease Agreement for us to utilize the area around the reservoir and become part of a walk that Hillsdale residents have the ability to use.

Mayor Frank said the walkway will be two miles in length and run from the dam all the way up through Woodcliff Lake, through Park Ridge, into when Park Ridge finishes it to the sports fields.

Councilmember Ruocco said tomorrow the seniors are having their pot luck lunch at United Methodist Church from 11:30 AM. The Finance Committee met November 3<sup>rd</sup>, our next meeting will be held on November 29. The Police Committee will be meeting November 28 and we have some items to be reviewed with the Chief and his staff.

## **DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Frank opened the meeting to the public, seeing no one, the public comment portion was closed.

**ORDINANCES:**

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**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R16240 through R16244:**

R16240 Appointment of Tax Collector

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142 every municipality in the State of New Jersey is required to have a Tax Collector; and

**WHEREAS**, Candace Schaefer, a certified Tax Collector of the State of New Jersey, was granted tenure as Tax Collector of the Borough of Hillsdale, commencing January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Candace Schaefer is retiring from such position effective November 30, 2016, leaving a vacancy in the position of Tax Collector; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body that Dawn Wheeler be and hereby is appointed Certified Tax Collector # T-1434 for the Borough of Hillsdale to fill the vacancy, for the term of December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 based upon the terms set forth in the Employment Offer Letter to Dawn Wheeler dated October 18, 2016, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

R16241 Payment of Bills

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bill in the sum of \$224,252.47 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Certified Municipal Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

R16242 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for Supplemental Snow Shoveling

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2016, the Borough of Hillsdale received one (1) sealed bid for Supplemental Snow Shoveling; and

**WHEREAS**, Downes Tree Service Inc., 65 Royal Avenue Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506, was the lowest and only responsible bidder with the Base Bid of \$85.00 per shoveler and or snow blower with operator rate, and under Alternate Bid #1, Piece of Equipment #1 \$125.00/per piece of Equipment with an Operator, Piece of Equipment #2 \$150.00/per piece of Equipment with an Operator and Piece of Equipment #3 \$250.00/per hour/per Piece of Equipment ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator and the DPW Superintendent recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest and only bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid package and found it to be in order; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid submitted by Downes Tree Service Inc., 65 Royal Avenue Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 for Supplemental Snow Shoveling, be accepted and it be awarded the contract, in a contract amount listed in the bid specifications.

R16243        Resolution Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for Information Technology Consulting, Support and Installation of Hardware

**WHEREAS**, on October 27, 2016, the Borough of Hillsdale received four (4) sealed bids for Information Technology Consulting, Support and Installation of Hardware; and

**WHEREAS**, Quikteks, 373E US Highway 46, Fairfield, NJ 07004, was the lowest responsible bidder with File Server Management at \$250.00/month, Managed Care Services at \$40.00/per month per workstation, Datto Cloud Back Up Per Month for 500 GB at \$150.00/month, hourly labor rate for any additional services not included in the managed services listed previously at \$135/per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid package and found it to be in order; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid submitted by Quikteks, 373E US Highway 46, Fairfield, NJ 07004 for the Information Technology Consulting, Support and Installation of Hardware, be accepted and it be awarded the contract, in a contract amount listed in the bid specifications.

R16244        Designating Time and Place for the 2017 Council Meetings

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council that the first and second Tuesday of each month, except for conflicts due to holidays/elections as noted on the schedule below or in July, August and September when there will be one meeting per month, in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, at the hour of 7:30 P.M. be designated as the time and place of Council meetings for the year 2017; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sine Die meeting has been set for January 7, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. and Reorganization Meeting at 1:00 p.m.; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 Et Seq.) that:

**Section 1.** Except as provided by Chapter 4, Section 10:4-12B, all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public at all times.

**Section 2.** At every meeting, the public may actively participate during the time designated for that purpose in the order of business and the Council may take formal action.

**Section 3.** The meetings of the Council shall be held on the dates and times set forth in the scheduled annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

**Section 4.** Within seven (7) days following the adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at all business hours at or near the entrance to the Council's meeting room and shall remain so posted until replaced with a duly adopted resolution setting forth any revision thereof. A copy shall be mailed or sent by electronic means to two (2) official newspapers.

**Section 5.** Upon receipt by the Borough Clerk of a written request setting forth the name and address of the person making the request, the Clerk shall send to such person by regular mail, or by electronic means, between the date of such request and December 31<sup>st</sup> next ensuing, a copy of the meeting schedule referred to in section 3.

## 2017 COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>January</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Sine Die Meeting 12:30 p.m.
	7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Reorganization 1:00 p.m.
	17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>February</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
	14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>
	14 <sup>th</sup>
<b>April</b>	11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>May</b>	2 <sup>rd</sup>
	9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>June</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
	13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>July</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>August</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>September</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>October</b>	10 <sup>th</sup>
	17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>November</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
	9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday

<b>December</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
	12 <sup>th</sup>

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

**OFF-CONSENT:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember Lundy congratulated Council President Pizzella and Council-Elect Steven Segalas.

Councilmember Ruocco congratulated Frank and Steven on their election yesterday. With respect to parking at Demarest Farm, absent new information, the main problem is how to square their marketing plans with the limited on-site parking. It is vital that we move ahead as a Council to adopt a strategy that protects the neighborhood and residents. The farm’s past practice of using residential streets to offload their access parking proved non-sustainable due to the large volume of cars. It jeopardizes the safety of the residents and patrons and in a way, it can be viewed as an inappropriate subsidization of a commercial enterprise for a town to allow that to happen. As a Council we should be moving as expeditiously as possible to come up with a longer term solution; what we did those three weeks was temporary. He is prepared to help in any way he can.

Mayor Frank said we have to come up with a legal strategy of what we do. The farm ownership has a responsibility to meet with us and explore more opportunities of how they can address their customers and the safety of their customers. We will attempt to do that between now and the next season.

Councilmember Ruocco wished his neighbors and friends a Happy Thanksgiving. It has been celebrated nationally since 1789 with a Proclamation from George Washington and has been a federal holiday since 1863 when President Lincoln, during the Civil War, proclaimed a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our Beneficent Father Who Dwelleth in the Heavens.” It spans all types of citizens, all religions and you can celebrate it as a family event.

Council President Pizzella thanked everyone for their support last night; it was a very interesting evening. He thanked his running mate, Steve Segalas, who put himself out there. I’m sure he will do a good job. Many people ask why do anything, you ran uncontested; did put up signs. We did that to respect the residents of Hillsdale, we wanted to introduce ourselves, make ourselves available, create an awareness of the issues, and so we did put up some signs, we had a face book page and we interacted with people. He is humbled and honored to be able to continue to represent his community; please call any time with any questions about his position on issues.

Councilmember Karcich thanked Denise and the polling staff for all the hard work yesterday, it was a long day. There was a big turnout, more than we thought. He congratulated Council President Pizzella and Council-Elect Segalas on the election. He thanked all the voters who came out and participated and for their patience at the voting booth. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Looes thanked the Board of Health and the volunteers who are currently finishing up now. There was a free rabies clinic at the DPW for residents. You can come for licenses starting tomorrow, November 10 or mail it in.

Councilmember DeRosa reminded everyone that during this holiday season to shop small, shop local. He encouraged everyone to patronize our businesses in town; a dollar spent at a local hardware store, Marsala’s or Sherwin Williams Paint Stores generates 97% more local economic activity than a dollar spent at a big home improvement center on the highway. He reminded everyone that on November 15 will be the Rutgers Safety Course. Once again, if you plan on coaching any sport in Hillsdale or in the State of New Jersey, you need to be Rutgers certified. We are making it easy for Hillsdale residents by holding it here in Borough Hall; information is on the website. He congratulated Council President Pizzella and Council-Elect Steven Segalas and looks forward to working with them. Like the results or not, the election is over and we have a President –

Elect. The election revealed a divided country that needs to heal and come together as one nation. A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand from Scriptures. We have so many things that unite us rather than divide but we are all rooting for the success of the same candidate, the President-Elect. His success is our success. We should take a moment to celebrate our form of government; it may not be perfect but it beats a lot of other forms out there, people don't have to fear for their lives to go to the polls to cast a vote. Free elections and the peaceful transfer of power are cornerstones in our democratic form of government and encouraged everyone to take a moment to appreciate that fact and support our president in January. Many Americans fought and gave the ultimate sacrifice for it which leads to the reminder that this Friday, November 11.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said Hillsdale Avenue paving project from Kinderkamack to Everdell will begin Friday with concrete before the rain, but once we get a firm date it will be on the website. They will begin the AVA ramps which will take about three days so they anticipate milling and paving starting next Wednesday and complete by next Friday; Hillsdale Avenue from Kinderkamack to Everdell and Trinity from Hillsdale Avenue to Liberty.

Mayor Frank thanked Frank and Steve Segalas and congratulated them on being elected to the Council and willing to make the commitment that it takes to serve up here. It is a big commitment and a lot of work if you do it right and most of the people here do it right and generally everyone has the best intentions even if we all don't agree. The disagreement is good, it is good for government and it is good for us. This is probably the ugliest election season he has ever experienced at the Presidential level and House of Representatives level. That has been a trend in elections and the problem is it scares people off because people don't want to be involved in anything where they would have to go through a process like that and you have to work unbelievable hours for either nothing or next to nothing. We hope this trend doesn't continue and we can continue to get good people who are willing to go through the process and serve on government.

He thanked Denise who worked on the Presidential election which is not the same as a local election. The hours were quite a task and she did a tremendous job. It worked out well. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving which is still a few weeks away.

He was glad Councilmember Ruocco made his comments on the Farm; we do have to come up with a solution but realize that the number one, primary interest of the Borough of Hillsdale is the safety of our residents and visitors on those streets. There is no other agenda other than safety and anyone who has been up there at peak time knows that safety is something that goes by the wayside with the tremendous amount of traffic and people coming into the town. There is a solution that will protect the farm and protect the town and we just have to find it.

The Meeting Resolution schedule we passed for 2017 looks like a good schedule. He wanted to renew his commitment and everyone knows he does not like going into Closed Session. Transparency in government is so important that we should be doing as much if not everything we do and discuss we should discuss in public. When it comes to certain personnel issues or legal issues, we have to go into closed, but we should be careful and make sure that we keep our government as transparent and available to the residents and I think we are trying to set an example for other governing bodies and other boards within the town as to how we think it the best way to run it.

November 11, Friday, is Veterans Day which is when Veterans are recognized. Memorial Day is for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The number of Vets in our country is dwindling, of the population of 325 million there are only 22 million people who have ever served in the military. That means 93% of Americans have never served in the military. Think of that 7% which includes all the people in active duty right now that are serving think of what they have done for the country and the commitments they have made. In the last couple of years he has seen in the last couple of years an appreciation of veterans that certainly did not exist in the '70's and '80's. He is very pleased to see that. This week the American Legion Post and others are into the schools, he was at Smith School Monday and Tuesday, Meadowbrook and George White this week, Pascack Valley next Monday, St. Johns tomorrow, giving the kids a chance to meet some of the veterans and hearing some of the stories. It is a great practice and commended the schools for doing it; many of the kids have no veterans in their families and never had a conversation or the ability to ask anybody about what is like to be in the military. The Legion is also running the annual letters for the troops program when we ask residents, kids in Scouts and schools to write post cards or greeting cards for the holidays and write letters. There is a list of about 20 members on active duty around the country and the world and that list will be given out to the schools; collection points are the Hillsdale Post Office, Hillsdale Library, Borough Hall, and American Legion Post. Please drop everything off by December 10 to allow the Legion to mail them out in time for the holidays to all those who are serving.

Today he was invited by Chief Francaviglia and Captain Smith to go with them; they put together a program to recognize the World War II veterans who live in town which is a fast, dwindling group. All the people we

visited today are probably 90 years old plus; we went to eight homes, no prior notice, we surprised them, knocked on the door which is scary and they had a nice plaque to give them. The feeling of appreciation that we got from them was worth spending hours for and it was a great thing. These World War II Vets won't be with us too much longer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** @

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2016** ~BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk